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Fallout as Supreme Court rules against Trump tariffs

Oregon started the suit that led to court decision

By Matthew Kish
The Oregonian

A federal lawsuit that Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield announced at a press conference 10 months ago ended Friday in victory at the United States Supreme Court.

Last April, Rayfield went to court to overturn many of President Donald Trump’s sweeping tariffs. Eleven other states joined the lawsuit, with Oregon as the lead plaintiff.

Trump had enacted the tariffs by declaring that trade deficits and the “hollowing out” of U.S. manufacturing posed a national emergency. Rayfield last year called that an “unprecedented misuse of emergency powers.”

On Friday, the Supreme Court sided with Rayfield’s arguments, striking down the tariffs in a 6-3 ruling.

“Today’s ruling is a big win for Oregonians,” Rayfield said Friday at a virtual press conference. “The cost of these tariffs have impacted absolutely everyone in our communities. From the food that we buy to the clothes that we wear, to the lights that we turn on in our homes, everyone has been impacted.”

Trump reacted quickly to the ruling. At a hastily scheduled press conference, he called the court’s decision “terrible” and “ridiculous” and announced his intention to impose a new 10%

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Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield speaks to reporters at the U.S. Supreme Court in November about the states’ suit against the administration’s tariffs.

Ruling brings fierce pushback from president, administration

By Lindsay Whitehurst
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court struck down President Donald Trump’s far-reaching global tariffs on Friday, handing him a stinging loss that sparked a furious attack on the court he helped shape.

Trump said he was “absolutely ashamed” of some justices who ruled 6-3 against him, calling them “disloyal to our Constitution” and “lap-dogs.” At one point he even raised the specter of foreign influence without citing any evidence.

The decision could have ripple effects on economies around the globe after Trump’s moves to remake post-World War II trading alliances by wielding

tariffs as a weapon.

But an unbowed Trump pledged to impose a new global 10% tariff under a law that’s restricted to 150 days and has never been used to apply tariffs before.

“Their decision is incorrect,” he said. “But it doesn’t matter because we have very powerful alternatives.”

The court’s ruling found tariffs that Trump imposed under an emergency powers law were unconstitutional, including the sweeping “reciprocal” tariffs he levied on nearly every other country.

Trump appointed three of the justices on the nation’s highest court during his first term, and has scored a series of short-term wins that have allowed

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Evergreen gives \$100K for YMCA pool repairs



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Grants Pass Family YMCA CEO Brad Converse (left) describes plans to carry out significant repairs at the YMCA pool to Evergreen Federal Bank Executive Vice President Kris Woodburn (middle) and President Boyd Elkins (right) on Friday.

By Vickie Aldous
of the Daily Courier

The nearly 50-year-old pool at the Grants Pass Family YMCA is in need of significant repairs, and Evergreen Federal Bank has stepped in with a \$100,000 donation to help pay for a major renovation project.

Starting before dawn, the popular indoor pool is busy with lap swimming, swim team practices and meets, swimming lessons, aquatic exercise classes, open swimming and other events.

“This pool is too nice to just let it go,” said Grants Pass Family YMCA CEO Brad Converse.

The plaster that makes up the pool’s bottom and sides is cracking, chipping away and stained by chemicals, he said.

Repairing the pool will cost about \$285,000 — so the \$100,000 contribution from Evergreen marks a significant step forward in getting donations and grants for the project, Converse said.

“Evergreen stepped up to be the first major donor. We can’t thank them enough for their generosity,” he said.

Converse said the YMCA has also raised \$80,000 so far from members.

Originally known as Swimworld, Josephine County built the pool in 1978 using shared timber revenue off federal land. But with the county hemorrhaging money on pool operations, the YMCA agreed to step in and run it starting in 1983, according to Converse and Daily Courier records.

“This facility only exists because the YMCA

agreed to take it over. We took it and ran with it,” Converse said.

In 2004 using donations, loans and grants, the YMCA made \$2.4 million worth of additions and improvements to the pool building, including adding basketball courts and a weight room, Converse said.

Over the years, the pool has undergone various repair and maintenance projects, but is in need of a serious restoration, he said.

Evergreen Federal Bank President Boyd Elkins said the pool and the rest of the YMCA is always full of people exercising, visiting with each other and having fun.

“We appreciate what they do,” he said of the YMCA. “We want to help our community when

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PacifiCorp to pay \$575M to feds for fighting 2020 fires

South Obenchain, Slater among them

By Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian

Federal authorities said Friday they have reached a \$575 million settlement with PacifiCorp to recover damages and firefighting costs on national forests stemming from six wildfires in Oregon and California.

The four fires in Oregon started on or about Labor Day 2020. They include the 242 fire, which burned 8,916 acres of federal land near Chiloquin, and the Archie Creek fire, which burned 67,000 acres of federal land in the Umpqua National Forest near French Creek. The settlement also covers the Echo Mountain Complex, which burned approximately 2,500 acres, including federal lands, near Otis; and the South Obenchain fire, which burned 14,780 acres of federal land in north Jackson County.

The California fires include the Slater fire, which ignited on Sept. 8, 2020, and burned 157,229 acres of federal land within the Klamath, Six Rivers and Rogue River Siskiyou National forests; and the McKinney Fire, which began July 29, 2022, and burned 39,000 acres of federal

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Rafter found alive after 4 icy days in the Kalmiopsis

By Chris Bristol
of the Daily Courier

A rafter missing for four days on a remote stretch of the Illinois River in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness was found alive Friday and airlifted to safety.

Gabriel J. Vaughn, 25, was found 2 miles downstream from where he was last seen Monday near a Class V rapid known as the Green Wall, Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel said.

Daniel said Vaughn was suffering from hypothermia and frostbite-like injuries to his extremities before a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter operating out of North Bend airlifted him to Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay for treatment.

“Hypothermia and cold damage to his fingers and toes,” Daniel said, adding, “He was successfully flown out and is now at the hospital.”

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