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Kingsview student tests positive for virus

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COOS COUNTY — A family member who tested positive for COVID-19 has led to two cohorts at Kingsview Christian School in North Bend being quarantined for 14 days.

The family member is related to two students who attend the school, which is open for in-person classes for children in kindergarten to third grade this semester.

One of the students tested positive, but the other one was presumptive since they are siblings and have close contact with each other, according to Kingsview Christian School Principal Rick Wetherell.

It is not known if the stu-

dents presented with symptoms, Wetherell said, as they both left school as soon as the family member had symptoms and was tested.

Coos Health & Wellness announced the two Kingsview Christian School cases at Wednesday's weekly press briefing.

"They've done everything to the letter ... They've done an absolutely stellar job as to their school cases. We're really impressed with their response," said Coos Health & Wellness Assistant Director and Public Information Officer Dr. Eric Gleason.

Wetherell said the school has six cohorts of about 12-14 students each in grades kindergarten to third who are attending classes in person at the school. A cohort is a group of students who don't

intermingle with other students outside the cohort. Students older than third grade at Kingsview Christian School are participating in online distance learning.

According to the Oregon Health Authority's mandates for schools, if a school meets the metrics that allow them to open for kindergarten to third grade, they must keep the cohorts separate from each other at all times, including at recess and meal times.

That's how Kingsview was able to quarantine the two cohorts for 14 days but none of the other four cohorts at the school.

Though a private school, Kingsview follows the North Bend School District calendar and began in-person classes Sept. 14. The two students were

gone for a few days before their school cohorts were quarantined, Wetherell said.

No one else has tested positive or presented with symptoms and the family member contracted the virus from outside the school, Wetherell said. The two cohorts, including staff — a total of about 30 people — are due to come back to school on Monday as the quarantine ends Friday.

"We quarantined the students and all the staff that had come in contact with them," Wetherell said. "We've become close with Coos Health & Wellness and we've done a lot to control (spread). I'm pretty impressed with them. They've called each person in quarantine every day to check on them."

Wetherell said the school

screens students daily with temperature and symptom checks and sanitizes playground equipment between recesses and the entire building every night.

"I really think our students have been healthier this year than any other year because of the precautions," Wetherell said.

SWOCC COVID case

There is also a positive case that was reported with a student at Southwestern Oregon Community College who is also self-isolating, according to SWOCC.

The student tested positive on Sept. 28 and has not been on campus since Sept. 23. Members of two cohorts the student was involved with are also self-isolating.

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Girls on the Gridiron



John Gunther, The World

Volleyball players from Marshfield and North Bend compete against each other on the turf at Marshfield's Pete Susick Stadium on Wednesday evening. Players from the two schools and Powers played outdoors in the first of a series of competitions this fall that also will include baseball, softball, track and field, soccer and seven-on-seven football. Read more about the events in the sports section of today's e-edition and Saturday's print edition of The World.

Trump and Biden snipe from road and rails

Candidates hit the campaign trail again after chaotic debate

PITTSBURGH (AP) — President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden kept up their debate-stage sniping from the road and the rails, fighting for working-class voters in the Midwest while both parties — and the debate commission, too — sought to deal with the most chaotic presidential faceoff in memory.

The debate raised fresh questions about Trump's continued reluctance to condemn white supremacy, his questioning the legitimacy of the election and his unwillingness to respect debate ground rules his campaign had agreed to. Some Democrats called on Biden on Wednesday to skip the next two debates.

Biden's campaign confirmed he would participate in the subsequent meetings, as did Trump's. But the Commission on Presidential Debates promised "additional structure ... to ensure a more orderly discussion of the issues."

Less than 12 hours after the wild debate concluded, Biden called Trump's behavior in the prime-time confrontation a "a national embarrassment." The Democratic challenger launched his most aggressive day on the campaign trail all year, with eight stops on train tour that began mid-morning in Cleveland and ended 10 hours later in western Pennsylvania. Trump proclaimed his debate performance a smashing success during a Wednesday evening rally in Duluth, Minnesota.

"Last night I did what the corrupt media has refused to do," Trump said. "I held Joe Biden accountable for his 47 years of failure."

Biden balanced criticism of Trump with a call for national unity.

"If elected, I'm not going to be a Democratic president. I'm going to be an American president," Biden said at the Cleveland train station. As his tour moved into Pittsburgh, he accused Trump of never accepting responsibility for his mistakes and promised, "I'll always tell you the truth. And when I'm wrong, I'll say so."

While some Republicans feared that Trump's debate performance was too aggressive, he gave himself high marks as he left Washington. He had spent much of the day assailing Biden and debate moderator Chris Wallace on social media.

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Layoffs remain elevated; 837,000 seek jobless aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits declined last week to a still-high 837,000, evidence that the economy is struggling to sustain a tentative recovery that began this summer.

The Labor Department's report, released Thursday, suggests that companies are still cutting a historically high number of jobs, though the weekly numbers have become less reliable as states have increased their efforts to root out fraudulent claims and process earlier applications that have piled up.

California, for example, which accounts for more than one-quarter of the nation's aid applica-

tions, this week simply provided the same figure it did the previous week. That's because the state has stopped accepting new jobless claims for two weeks so it can implement anti-fraud technology and address a backlog of 600,000 applications that are more than three weeks old.

Overall jobless aid has shrunk in recent weeks even as roughly 25 million people rely upon it. The loss of that income is likely to weaken spending and the economy in the coming months.

A \$600-a-week federal check that Congress provided in last spring's economic aid package was available to the unemployed in addition to each state's

jobless benefit. But the \$600 benefit expired at the end of July. A \$300 weekly benefit that President Donald Trump offered through an executive order lasted only through mid-September, although some states are still working to send out checks for that period.

A result is that Americans' incomes and spending are declining or slowing. Total paid unemployment benefits plunged by more than half in August, according to the Commerce Department. Consumer spending did rise 1% that month, down from 1.5% in July. But that increase relied in part on consumers drawing upon their savings.

"Unless employment growth picks up, or additional (government) aid is extended, consumer spending is at risk of slowing dramatically during the second phase of the recovery," said Gregory Daco, an economist at Oxford Economics.

Other measures of the U.S. economy have been sending mixed signals. Consumer confidence jumped in September, fueled by optimism among higher-income households, though it remains below pre-pandemic levels. And a measure of pending home sales rose in August to a record high, lifted by ultra-low mortgage rates.

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Portland mayor spars with US on deputized police officers

PORTLAND (AP) — The top U.S. prosecutor in Oregon on Wednesday rejected a request from Portland's mayor to end the federal deputation of dozens of police officers as part of the response to ongoing protests, saying it was the only way to end "lawlessness."

In a joint statement, U.S. Attorney for Oregon Billy J. Williams and Russ Berger, the U.S. Marshal in the state, swatted down Mayor Ted Wheeler's request and called him out for a "lack of leadership" that they said has allowed acts of violence to overshadow more than four

months of nearly nightly protests since the death of George Floyd.

Wheeler said Tuesday that he had asked the U.S. attorney's office to withdraw the designation that deputized the officers.

Deputizing the Portland officers gives federal prosecutors the option to charge anyone arrested by those officers with federal crimes, which often come with more severe penalties than the state crimes for which local police usually make arrests. It also allows law enforcement a route around Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt's decision not to file state charges

against hundreds of protesters arrested for lower-level and non-violent offenses, a policy that has angered some in the law enforcement community.

Portland has seen protests almost every night since Floyd was killed by police in Minneapolis. Many of them have ended with some protesters vandalizing police and other government buildings, setting fires, shining lasers into the eyes of police and throwing objects at officers.

Last week, violence reached a new level when protesters hurled three firebombs into a line of advancing police officers.

Wheeler has declined offers of assistance from federal law enforcement and Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, has declined to call up the National Guard. Trump sent U.S. agents from the Department of Homeland Security to guard a federal courthouse in July, setting of two weeks of intense protests and clashes with federal authorities in a two-block area of downtown. Those agents withdrew in late July, however, after a deal brokered by Brown that saw Oregon State Police take over crowd control.

Oregon reports 220 new COVID-19 cases

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PORTLAND — COVID-19 has claimed four more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 559, the Oregon Health Authority reported Wednesday.

Oregon Health Authority also reported 220 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday, bringing the state total to 33,509. The new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases reported today are in the following counties: Baker (3), Benton (4), Clackamas (17), Clatsop (3), Columbia (2), Coos (2), Deschutes (14), Douglas (4), Jackson (19), Josephine (1), Lake (1), Lane (29), Linn (7), Malheur (8), Marion (35), Morrow (4), Multnomah (20), Umatilla (6), Wallowa (1), Washington (35), and Yamhill (5).

Oregon's 556th COVID-19 death is a 69-year-old man in Clackamas County who tested positive on Sept. 15 and died on Sept. 24 at Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 557th COVID-19 death is an 85-year-old woman in Wasco County who tested positive on Sept. 18 and died on Sept. 27 in her residence. Presence of underlying conditions is being confirmed.

Oregon's 558th COVID-19 death is an 86-year-old woman in Marion County who died on Aug. 25 in her residence. The death certificate listed COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

Oregon's 559th COVID-19 death is a 61-year-old man in Jackson County who tested positive on Sept. 21 and died on Sept. 28 at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

OHA to report COVID-19 cases in schools

Beginning today, Wednesday, September 30, 2020 OHA will report all COVID-19 cases in schools that offer any form of in-person instruction. This information

will be published each Wednesday afternoon in OHA's Weekly Report and on an Oregon Department of Education (ODE) webpage.

For reporting purposes, OHA will treat schools that have no students being served onsite as workplace outbreaks, which are also reported in OHA's Weekly Report. The new reporting protocol applies to all public and private schools and programs.

This reporting informs Oregonians about potential exposures to COVID-19 in our schools and provides transparent and comprehensive information about the spread of the virus.

What Will Be Reported

- For schools offering any form of in-person instruction, all cases of COVID-19 among students, staff and volunteers will be reported and included in OHA's Weekly COVID-19 Report. ODE will post the school-related portion of the report on its website.
- For schools offering only the Comprehensive Distance Learning instructional model with

no in-person instruction (including offering no exceptions for K-3 or Limited In-Person Instruction) – and where staff and essential volunteers work on-site at a school location – OHA will follow the same reporting standard as for workplace outbreaks. OHA will report outbreaks of COVID-19 when five or more cases are identified in a school that has 30 or more employees.

OHA Releases Weekly Report

OHA's Weekly Report, released today, shows that the week of Sept. 21 - 27, 1,999 new cases of COVID-19 infection were recorded—up 32% from last week's tally of 1,511. The number of Oregonians newly tested rose 29%, to 24,243, while the percentage of tests that were positive was unchanged from last week's report at 6.2%. Eighteen Oregonians were reported to have died in association with COVID-19—the same number as last week. Finally, 143 Oregonians were hospitalized, up from 116 in the previous week.

Coos Bay police arrest man on arson charges

THE WORLD

COOS BAY — A Coos Bay man has been arrested on arson charges in connection with a fire Tuesday evening.

On Sept. 29 at 7:52 p.m., Coos Bay Police officers responded to a reported fire on the east side of the building at the southeast end of the Y Plaza, located at 1165 Newmark Ave. Coos Bay, according to a press release from Coos Bay Police Department.

That section of building is currently occupied by O.C. Cab Company. The 911 caller, identified as Jared Murray, reported the fire and provided information about a man who he believed had started the fire.

Murray described the male suspect. A Coos Bay officer recognized that the description matched a male he had contacted in the same area earlier on a complaint of an intoxicated person who was allegedly being vulgar and con-

frontational to customers of Bay Burger Inn. The male suspect was identified as 49-year-old Shad Scott Ebinger

Ebinger was contacted on the sidewalk in front of the Nancy Deveraux Center around 8:07 p.m. After the investigation was completed, Ebinger was taken into custody on charges of arson in the second degree, criminal mischief in the first degree, reckless endangering, and theft of mail.

Two O.C. Cab Company employees were inside the building when it was ignited, and the interior was filled with smoke. However, there were no injuries and the damage was minimized as a result of the swift actions of another cab employee named Edward Burdge, who used a fire extinguisher to slow the spread of the fire until the Coos Bay Fire Department arrived, stated the release.

Ebinger was transported to the Coos County Jail on the listed charges.

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CHW is working with the college to ensure staff and students are aware of the case and are taking necessary precautions such as self-monitoring daily.

Southwestern officials are taking measures to ensure the safety of its employees and students. As with other Oregon universities and community colleges, Southwestern's Coos and Curry campuses remain closed to the general public. Most classes are taking place online, though there are a handful of CTE classes (nursing, culinary, welding) that take place in person.

For more information visit the college's

COVID-19 webpage at https://mylakerlink.socc.edu/ICS/Administrative_Services/

Case update

As of Wednesday, there have been 161 COVID-19 cases in Coos County, according to Coos Health & Wellness. Of those, 117 are confirmed and 44 are presumptive. There are currently 17 active cases in the county, which means those people are currently in their infective period and are at home self-isolating.

In addition, there are over 150 people who are under monitoring, which means they are close contacts of those 17 cases. Those are people Coos Health & Wellness is checking in with daily,

doing temperature and symptom checks.

There are no current hospitalizations and there have been no deaths in Coos County due to COVID-19.

Case specific information

There have been three new cases in Coos County since Sunday — two confirmed and one presumptive. These include:

1. Adult 40-60, female, confirmed, linked to known cases, low exposure to others, isolating at home. Underlying health conditions. (This is not a new case and was previously reported as presumptive.)
2. Adult under 30, male, confirmed, no known epidemiological link at this time, isolating. Coos Health

& Wellness is actively tracing and monitoring. High exposure to others.

3. Adult 50-60, female, presumptive, linked to known cases. Currently under investigation.

Follow guidelines

Gleason worries that the uptick in cases in Coos County could lead the Oregon Health Authority to move the county back into Phase 1 if the metrics get worse. Lane County officials are facing that issue as cases there have increased.

"I think we're OK if we can maintain where we're at, but if we have too many spikes, we could be in the same situation," Gleason said. "It's going to be very different if we don't utilize the prevention measures in place."

Curry County has two new cases

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CURRY COUNTY — Curry County Public Health was notified by the Oregon Health Authority through the official records system of two new cases of COVID-19. One was transferred from Lane County and the other from Marion County.

Both cases are unrelated but are residents of Curry County, according to a press release from Curry County Public Health Administrator Sherri Ward. One case was verified through lab results. The other case is deemed a presumptive case even

though the individual tested negative but had COVID-like symptoms after being exposed to a positive case. This presumptive case was reported on the OHA dashboard last week as OHA considers presumptive cases as positive.

Public health has reached out to the individuals and they will be at their homes self-isolating, monitoring symptoms, Ward wrote. Investigation and contact tracing is being conducted by both Curry County Public Health and public health officials from both Lane and Marion counties.

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DEQ issues air quality advisory

Rogue Valley and Klamath Basin under advisory through Saturday

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OREGON — The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued an air quality advisory Wednesday for Southern Oregon and South Central Oregon due to smoke from wildfires in California and Oregon.

The following areas are under air quality advisories:

- Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties through Saturday. Smoke is coming from wildfires in California.

- Warm Springs Reservation through Saturday. Smoke is coming from the Lionshead Fire.

Smoke and haze will be visible throughout much of Oregon, particularly along in the Willamette Valley and the Oregon Coast. However the air quality outside of Southern Oregon and South Central Oregon is not expected to reach unhealthy levels.

Air quality is affected most in Southern Oregon and South Central Oregon, but smoke and haze could be visible throughout much of the state.

DEQ and partner agencies will continue to monitor smoke levels in these areas and air quality across the state.

Smoke levels can



Amy Moss Strong, The World

A hazy sunrise greets the morning along the Coos Bay Waterfront in early September. Smoke in the air produced a similar haze earlier this week, though the air quality is not considered hazardous on the South Coast.

change rapidly depending on weather. Check current conditions by visiting the Oregon Smoke Information Blog, downloading the free OregonAIR app on your smartphone, or going to on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Air Now.

Smoke can irritate the eyes and lungs and worsen some medical conditions. Young children, adults over 65, pregnant women and people with heart disease, asthma or other respiratory conditions are most at risk.

Protect your health when smoke levels are high:

- Avoid outdoor activities and stay inside if possible. Keep windows and doors closed.
- Be aware of smoke in

your area and avoid places with the highest levels.

- Use high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters. These can be portable filters or can be installed in indoor heating, ventilation, cooling and air purification systems. You can also create your own air purifying filter by following these easy DIY air filter instructions .

- If you have heart or lung disease or asthma, follow your healthcare provider’s advice.

Cloth, dust and surgical masks don’t protect from the harmful particles in smoke. N95 respirators that are tested to ensure proper fit and that are worn correctly may provide protection. Otherwise, they might just provide a false

sense of security. They are not available in children’s sizes and are not recommended for strenuous activities. N95 respirators are in limited supply due to COVID-19. Additional information on wildfire smoke and COVID-19 can be found on the Centers for Disease Control webpage.

DEQ’s color-coded Air Quality Index provides current air quality conditions and ranks air quality as follows: Green is good. Yellow is moderate. Orange is unhealthy for sensitive groups such as children, seniors, pregnant women and those with respiratory conditions. Red is unhealthy for everyone. Purple is very unhealthy for everyone. Maroon is hazardous.



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The City of Coos Bay’s Empire wastewater treatment plant, with outflow point into Coos Bay.

Empire treatment plant exceeds limit for fecal coliform bacteria

City assesses possible impact to shellfish

THE WORLD

COOS BAY — The City of Coos Bay’s wastewater treatment plant has not met its fecal coliform bacteria limits for September, according to a press release from the City of Coos Bay Public Works Department.

There is no danger to people, but the potential impact to shellfish at the beach outfall is being assessed by the city’s wastewater contract operator. Prior to harvesting shellfish, it is recommended that people check with the Department of Agriculture and/or Coos County Public Health for any updates.

The wastewater contract operator is investigating the cause and will perform the necessary reporting with the Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Emergency Response System and post signs at the beach access near the outfall, located at the most westerly end of Fulton Avenue, to warn people of the potential high bacteria limits.

The city must meet wastewater effluent limits per the requirements set forth in its DEQ discharge permit, the press release explained. There are two bacteria parameters that they are required to test for: enterococcus bacteria (related to human body contact with affected water) and fecal coliform bacteria (related to impact to shellfish). Both are indicators of the presence of fecal material in water, and therefore of the possible presence of disease-causing bacteria, viruses and protozoa.

“The idea is that if during the wastewater treatment process, we kill or significantly reduce these bacteria, we have removed the harmful viruses and bacteria,” stated the release.

The Empire plant (located at 490 Fulton Avenue) is currently meeting the enterococcus bacteria requirement. Therefore, the wastewater effluent entering the bay would have no impact to people who come into bodily contact with the bay water.

Anyone with questions regarding the incident can contact City of Coos Bay Public Works at 541-269-8918.

American, United to furlough 32,000 workers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

American Airlines and United Airlines say they will begin to furlough 32,000 employees after lawmakers and the White House failed to agree on a broad pandemic relief package that includes more federal aid for airlines.

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker said that if Washington comes up with a deal with \$25 billion for airlines “over the next few days,” the company will reverse 19,000 furloughs set to begin Thursday and recall the workers.

United said the impasse forced it to furlough 13,000 workers. United said it told leaders in the Trump administration and Congress that if payroll aid is approved in the next few days, it too could undo the furloughs.

The moves by two of

the nation’s four biggest airlines represent the first — and likely the largest part — of involuntary job cuts across the industry in coming days.

Airline employees and executives made 11th-hour appeals this week to Congress and the Trump administration to avert furloughs when a federal prohibition on layoffs — a condition of an earlier round of federal aid — expires Thursday.

The passenger airlines and their labor unions are lobbying for taxpayer money to pay workers for six more months, through next March. Their request is tied up in stalled negotiations over a larger pandemic relief measure.

Industry officials acknowledged that prospects were bleak for action before Thursday’s dead-

line. They said, however, they were cheered that the House this week included airline payroll help in a \$2.2 trillion relief plan that moved closer to Republicans’ preference for a lower price tag.

“It provides a glimmer of hope that something will get done,” said Nicholas Calio, president of the trade group Airlines for America.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Wednesday night that the administration wants to help hotels, airlines and schools. He said he was talking with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi but hinted that the White House doesn’t want to go above about \$1.5 trillion — \$700 million below the House Democrats’ figure.

“I don’t think we’re going to make significant

progress” until Thursday, he said on Fox Business.

Calio foreshadowed the comments of American and United by suggesting that Thursday might not be a hard deadline — airlines could undo some furloughs if a deal between the White House and congressional Democrats appeared imminent.

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

Awkward online photos put in-laws on the outs

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for 20 years, married for eight of them. He thinks his mother can do no wrong. She takes pictures of me when I least expect it, and then posts the worst ones on Facebook. She laughs and thinks it’s funny, but I am really hurt by it.

To make it worse, his sister does the same to me now. They constantly have their phones pointed toward me, and when confronted, they deny taking pictures or insist all pictures have been deleted.

I have always supported my husband’s relationship with his family, but I don’t feel like they support us being together. I have deleted his mother as a friend on Facebook and no longer go to family functions. My husband agrees that what she’s doing is wrong, but offers no support. His family prides themselves on class, but this is anything but classy. -- CAUGHT OFF GUARD

DEAR CAUGHT: It isn’t classy to willfully hurt others, as your MIL and SIL have been doing. Both appear to have a cruel streak, and this is their way of needling you.

What troubles me is that you have allowed them to drive you away from family functions, which I assume your husband is attending without you. Have another talk with him. Go to another family gathering, and when you see the cameras aimed at you, tell them to cut it out. Your spineless husband should back you up on it, tell them that it isn’t funny, and if there are any shots of you on their FB pages, HE wants them deleted immediately.

DEAR ABBY: I’m in an eight-year relationship, and we share a 3-year-old child together. We talk about marriage, but truth be told, I’m having doubts. He has a wandering eye, which is a total turn-off for me.

For instance, when we go to a restaurant and the waitress walks up to assist us, as soon as she turns around, he automatically glues his eyes on her backside. I don’t say anything about it, but it’s so annoying. Should I say anything or just continue to pretend

that I don’t see? -- BOTHERED IN LOUISIANA

DEAR BOTHERED: Many men ogle, but for most of them, it’s only their eye that wanders. Because it bothers you so much you may not want to move the relationship forward, by all means speak up. Pretending not to notice has changed nothing. After eight years of silence, I think it’s time to set the father of your child straight, don’t you?

DEAR ABBY: I have wonderful neighbors. They own a fish market in Chinatown. Since they moved in three years ago, he has given me fish almost every other week. My dilemma is, he speaks almost no English, and she speaks only broken English. Some of the fish he gives me I don’t use, so I offer it to another neighbor or throw it out.

I would like to tell him which fish I prefer, but don’t want to seem ungrateful or like it’s shopping from home. Any suggestions on how to handle this? -- GRATEFUL IN NEW YORK

DEAR GRATEFUL: You might “innocently” mention which fish you especially appreciate when he brings it to you, but other than that, I think you should be grateful for your neighbor’s generosity and forget about “placing an order” for something you’re not paying for. You should also make an effort to reciprocate in some way so the man and his wife are not doing all the giving.

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Elvis songwriter Mac Davis dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country star Mac Davis, who launched his career crafting the Elvis hits “A Little Less Conversation” and “In the Ghetto,” and whose own hits include “Baby Don’t Get Hooked On Me,” has died. He was 78.

His longtime manager Jim Morey said in a press release that Davis died in Nashville on Tuesday after heart surgery and was surrounded by family and friends.

Davis had a long and varied career in music for decades as a writer, singer, actor and TV host and was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2006. He was named 1974’s entertainer of the year by the Academy of Country Music and has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

“Thank you, dear Lord Jesus, for letting us know the man to whom you gave the most incredible talent,” said Reba McEntire in a statement. “He entertained and spread joy to so many people. What a wonderful legacy he left all of us with his music. Mac was one of a kind. I’m so blessed to have been one of his many friends.”

Born in Lubbock, Texas, and raised in Georgia, Davis was inspired by fellow Lub-

bock native Buddy Holly, but it was Elvis who gave him his first musical big break. Davis worked as a staff songwriter in Los Angeles for Nancy Sinatra’s publishing company when in 1968 Presley cut the funky “A Little Less Conversation,” which Davis had written with Aretha Franklin in mind.

Although it had a little success at the time, the song became a bigger hit after Presley’s death, being covered by more than 30 artists and topping charts everywhere from Canada to Denmark. Davis’ most licensed TV soundtrack song, “A Little Less Conversation” reached No. 1 in the UK in 2002 after it was used in a Nike commercial and was featured in the hit movie “Ocean’s 11.”

Davis also helped craft the sentimental “Memories” that was a cornerstone of Elvis’ celebrated 1968 comeback TV special, and two other songs that were key to Presley’s revival: The somber ballads “In the Ghetto” and “Don’t Cry Daddy,” both top 10 singles which marked rare times Presley covered material with any kind of political or social message.

“In the Ghetto” was the story of a young Black man raised in poverty who turns

to crime and ends up dead, a story Davis would say was based on a childhood friend. “Don’t Cry Daddy,” in which a son consoles his grieving father after the boy’s mother dies, appealed personally to Presley, who lost his beloved mother when he was in his early 20s.

“A small town boy who’d achieved the greatest kinds of fame, he remained a good guy, a family man,” said country star Kenny Chesney. “That was Mac: a giant heart, quick to laugh and a bigger creative spirit. I was blessed to have it shine on me. And Mac, who was joyous, funny and created a family around him, never stopped writing great songs, creating music and inspiring everyone around him.”

Davis got a recording deal of his own in 1970, recording “Hooked on Music,” “It’s Hard to be Humble,” and “Texas in my Rearview Mirror,” and getting crossover success on pop charts. He had his own TV series, “The Mac Davis Show” on NBC, and also acted in TV and film, including alongside Nick Nolte in the football film “North Dallas Forty.” He even starred on Broadway, in “The Will Rogers Follies” and toured with the musical.

Debate commission will adopt changes to format

NEW YORK (AP) — The presidential debate commission says it will soon adopt changes to its format to avoid a repeat of the disjointed first meeting between President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden.

The commission said Wednesday that the debate “made clear that additional structure should be added to the format of the remaining debates to ensure a more orderly discussion of the issues.”

One possibility being discussed is to give the moderator the ability to cut off the microphone of one of the debate participants while his opponent is talking, according to a person familiar with the deliberations who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The next presidential debate is a town hall format scheduled for Oct. 15 in

Miami.

Meanwhile, the Nielsen company said that 73.1 million people watched the debate on television, where it was shown on 16 networks. That’s more than any other television event since the Super Bowl, even if it fell short of the 84 million who watched the first debate between Trump and Hillary Clinton in 2016. That was the most-watched presidential debate ever.

Moderator Chris Wallace struggled to gain control of Tuesday’s debate in Cleveland because of frequent interruptions, primarily by Trump. The candidates interrupted Wallace or their opponent 90 times in the 90-minute debate, 71 of them by Trump, according to an analysis by The Washington Post.

Wallace, of Fox News, pleaded for a more orderly debate, at one point looking at Trump and saying,

“the country would be better served if we allowed both people to speak with fewer interruptions. I’m appealing to you, sir, to do that.”

“Ask him, too,” Trump said.

“Well, frankly, you’ve been doing more interrupting than he has,” Wallace said.

Biden on Wednesday called the debate “a national embarrassment.” But despite some suggestions that the final two presidential encounters be canceled, both campaigns said they expected their candidate to attend.

Trump campaign communications director Tim Murtaugh said the commission was “only doing this because their guy got pummeled last night. President Trump was the dominant force and now Joe Biden is trying to work the refs.”

ABC News’ Martha

Raddatz, who moderated one of the three Trump-Clinton debates in 2016, said Wallace was put in nearly an impossible situation. Faced with the same behavior, she said she might have called a full stop to the debate for a moment to recalibrate.

She never had the option, technically, to cut off the microphone of a candidate four years ago, she said. It also wasn’t in the rules that were agreed to in advance by the candidates and commission.

“To say, ‘He’s not going to follow the rules so we aren’t, either’ — it’s an unprecedented situation,” Raddatz said. “That was so out of control.”

Twitter was ablaze with criticism for Wallace early in the debate for losing control of the proceedings. That was illustrated by MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough, who tweeted, “What is Chris Wallace doing?

He has no control over the debate. He asks a question and let’s Trump continue yelling. This is a disgrace.”

By the time he was on “Morning Joe” the next morning, Scarborough had cooled off. He called on the debate commission to act.

“While it was extraordinarily frustrating, I think all of us need to walk a mile in his shoes before saying the morning after, ‘He could have done this, he could have done that,’” Scarborough said.

Some of the president’s supporters felt that Wallace was too hard on their candidate. Trump himself suggested he was also debating Wallace, “but that’s no surprise.”

Wallace even got some criticism from opinion personalities on his own network. “Trump is debating the moderator and Biden,” primetime host Laura Ingraham tweeted

during the debate.

Another Fox colleague, Geraldo Rivera, expressed more sympathy.

“The guy signed up to moderate a debate and he ended up trying to referee a knife fight,” he said.

Wallace, host of “Fox News Sunday,” was not immediately made available for comment by Fox.

There is some skepticism about what the commission can do that is really meaningful. “I’m not sure that there’s a format change that can solve that problem,” said Sen. Pat Toomey, Republican, of battleground state Pennsylvania.

Wallace is the only presidential debate moderator this cycle with prior experience, after receiving praise for handling the final Clinton-Trump debate in 2016. The other two moderators are Steve Scully of C-SPAN and Kristen Welker of NBC News.

Portland will fine painting contractor for lying about business

PORTLAND (AP) — The City of Portland said Wednesday it will fine the owners of a painting contractor \$20,000, saying they created a “front company” in order to qualify as a woman-owned business.

The city is accusing the business, Portland Coat-

ings, of receiving over \$1 million in contracts while falsely claiming to be owned by a woman.

Portland began investigating Terezia Nyland and her husband, Michael, in 2017 after an unspecified tip to the city’s ombudsman office, The Oregonian/Ore-

gonLive reported.

The city said Portland Coatings’ address is actually the loading dock for a business Michael Nyland owns, Williamsen & Bleid. In addition to the \$20,000 fine, the city suspended the Nylands’ eligibility to do business for the city for

three years.

The Nylands’ lawyer said Tuesday they plan to challenge the city’s findings.

“Terezia Nyland is, and has always been, Portland Coatings’ majority shareholder and chief executive,” attorney Matthew Colley wrote in an email. “She

and her husband have done nothing wrong, and they will be vindicated in the appeals process.”

This is the first time Portland enforced a 2015 state law that gives the city the authority to investigate whether businesses qualify for public contracts that

give preference to “disadvantaged businesses.” That category includes businesses owned by people who are Blacks, Hispanic, Native American, women and others who have historically had less access to lucrative government contracts.

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you have to deal with some of the toughest people in the world,” Trump said at his Duluth rally. “And Chris Wallace is very very easy by comparison.”

The first of three scheduled debates between Trump and Biden deteriorated into bitter taunts and chaos Tuesday night as the Republican president repeatedly interrupted his Democratic rival with angry jabs that overshadowed any substantive discussion of the crises threatening the nation.

Trump and Biden frequently talked over each other, with Trump interrupting, nearly shouting, so often that Biden eventually snapped at him, “Will you shut up, man?”

Trump refused anew to say whether he would accept the results of the election, calling on his supporters to scrutinize voting procedures at the polls — something that critics warned could easily cross

into voter intimidation.

Trump also refused at the debate to condemn white supremacists who have supported him, telling one such group known as the Proud Boys to “stand back and stand by.” Asked directly on Wednesday if he welcomed white supremacist support, he first said only that he favored law enforcement but when the questioner persisted, he said he had always denounced “any form of any of that.”

On Capitol Hill, Republicans showed signs of debate hangover, with few willing to defend Trump’s performance.

Utah Sen. Mitt Romney called the debate “an embarrassment” and said Trump “of course” should have condemned white supremacists.

“I think he misspoke,” said South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, the only Black Republican senator. “I think he should correct it. If he doesn’t correct it, I guess he didn’t misspeak.”

Trump did not say he misspoke when asked on

Wednesday but claimed he did not know who the Proud Boys were.

“They have to stand down — everybody. Whatever group you’re talking about, let law enforcement do the work,” he said.

The president’s brash debate posture may have appealed to his most passionate supporters, but it was unclear whether the embattled incumbent helped expand his coalition or won over any persuadable voters, particularly white educated women and independents who have been turned off in part by the same tone and tenor the president displayed on the debate stage.

With just five weeks until Election Day and voting already underway in several key states, Biden holds a lead in national polls and in many battlegrounds. Polling has been remarkably stable for months, despite the historic crises that have battered the country this year, including the coronavirus pandemic that has killed more than 200,000 Americans and a reckoning

over race and police.

While Biden distanced himself from some of the priorities of his party’s left wing — and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders — on Tuesday night, there was no sign that he had turned off his party’s grassroots activists.

Sanders said Wednesday on ABC’s “The View” that it was “terribly important” that Biden be elected, and campaign digital director Rob Flaherty said Biden had raised \$3.8 million at the debate’s end in his best hour of online fundraising

Increasingly, the candidates have trained their attention on working-class voters in the Midwest, a group that helped give Trump his victory four years ago and will again play a critical role this fall.

Biden and his wife, Jill, traveled through Ohio and Pennsylvania aboard a nine-car train bearing a campaign logo, a throwback to Biden’s days as a senator when he commuted most days via Amtrak from his family’s home in Delaware to Capitol Hill.

He drew several hundred masked supporters to one afternoon stop in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, his largest crowd since suspending traditional events back in March, according to his campaign.

Biden wrapped up his train trip with a nighttime drive-in rally in Johnstown, Pennsylvania’s poorest town. The campaign blocked off the surrounding street and erected a stage and giant screen. About 50 cars were arrayed around the area, with most attendees standing near their vehicles or sitting on the hoods and roofs. They stood close together in small groups, but nearly everyone wore masks.

Biden called Trump a “self-entitled, self-serving president who thinks everything is about him. He thinks if he just yells louder and louder, throws out lie after lie, he’ll get his way.”

Ohio Rep. Tim Ryan, a Democrat, said Trump’s behavior in the debate was exactly why suburban voters across the Midwest

and beyond have turned against him.

“I feel like he took an ax to one of the great American rituals we have in this country,” Ryan said.

Trump, meanwhile, attended an afternoon fundraiser in Shorewood, Minnesota, a suburb to the west of Minneapolis, before appearing at an evening campaign rally in Duluth on the shores of Lake Superior.

While Trump carried Ohio and Pennsylvania four years ago, he narrowly lost Minnesota, one of the few states he hopes to flip from blue to red this fall. That likely depends on finding more votes in rural, conservative areas and limiting his losses in the state’s urban and suburban areas.

To that end, the White House announced shortly before Trump’s rally in Duluth Wednesday evening that the president had signed an executive order declaring a national emergency in the mining industry, a move that could resonate with voters in northeast Minnesota’s Iron Range.

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Yet some real-time measures indicate that growth has lost momentum with the viral pandemic still squeezing many employers, especially small retailers, hotels, restaurants and airlines, nearly seven months after it paralyzed the economy. An economic index compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York grew in September at a weaker pace than during the summer months.

In its report on jobless claims Thursday, the Labor Department said the number of people who are continuing to receive benefits fell to 11.8 million, extending a steady decline since spring. That suggests that many of the unemployed are being recalled to their old jobs. Another 12 million people are receiving aid under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program, which has made the self-employed and gig workers eligible for benefits for the first time.

But the decline in the number of those receiving aid also reflects the fact that tens of thousands of jobless Americans have exhausted their regular state unemployment

benefits. Most of them are transitioning to an extended jobless aid program that provides benefits for an additional three months.

Weekly applications for unemployment benefits are typically watched as a proxy for layoffs, although the data has become muddled in recent months. The flood of laid-off workers during the pandemic recession overwhelmed state agencies.

The states’ efforts to clear backlogs and uncover fraud in the new program have made it harder to interpret the government’s report on unemployment benefits. Many economists no longer consider it a clear sign of the pace of layoffs.

Initial jobless claims are stuck above the highest levels reached in the 2008-2009 Great Recession. But last week, economists at Goldman Sachs noted that according to other government data, layoffs have fallen below the peaks of a decade ago.

Still, many large companies are announcing further layoffs.

The Walt Disney Co. said this week that it’s cutting 28,000 jobs in California and Florida, a consequence of the damage it’s suffered from the viral outbreak and the

shutdowns and attendance limits that were imposed in response.

Allstate said it will shed 3,800 jobs — 7.5% of its workforce. And tens of thousands of airline workers will lose their jobs this month as federal aid to the airlines expires. The airlines were barred from cutting jobs as long as they were receiving the government assistance.

Late Wednesday, two of them — American and United — announced that they would begin to furlough 32,000 employees after lawmakers and the White House failed to agree on a pandemic relief package that would extend the aid to airlines.

On Friday, the government will issue the jobs report for September, the final such report before Election Day, Nov. 3. Analysts have forecast that it will show a gain of 850,000, which would mark the third straight monthly slowdown in job growth. It would mean that the economy has regained just over half the 22 million jobs that were lost to the pandemic.

The unemployment rate is expected to decline from 8.4% to 8.2%, according to data provider FactSet.

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and-file law enforcement needed more support as the protests approach their fifth month.

“Importantly, the federal deputization supports front line law enforcement officers and their families in a way that they have not seen from City Hall. Portlanders, and Oregonians in general, are sick of the boarded-up and dangerous conditions prevalent in downtown Portland due to a lack of leadership,” the statement said. “We call upon citizens of this city and state to denounce violence, demand accountability, and work together to end the violence.”

Fifty-six Portland officers were deputized before a rally in the city last weekend by the far-right Proud Boys group. Portland city officials apparently did not know that their officers’ federal deputization status would last until the end of this year.

“A key feature of the designation is that anyone who assaults a federally deputized official could be subject to federal charges,” Wheeler’s statement said. “Fortunately, I am confident the Multnomah County district attorney will continue to prosecute anyone who assaults or

otherwise harms police officers or others.”

In an email to the U.S. attorney’s office obtained by Oregon Public Broadcasting, Portland city attorney Tracy Reeve wrote that city leaders had been under the impression that the deputization would end with the termination of the governor’s state of emergency declared only for last weekend’s protests, which ended Sunday evening.

During Tuesday’s presidential debate, President Donald Trump refused to condemn armed militias. When prompted about the Proud Boys, he said: “Proud Boys, stand back and stand by.” The president also referenced the Portland protests in his remarks.

On Wednesday, Wheeler condemned Trump’s statements on the Proud Boys.

“Yesterday morning, City leaders met with the Western States Center for a training about the history and tactics of white supremacy. We learned about its hallmarks, and how to recognize it,” he said. “Then, last night, we saw it in action when Donald Trump refused to denounce white supremacy, and in his not-so-veiled call for his supporters to engage in intimidation at the polls and elsewhere.”

The Proud Boys have visited the city sever-

al times since Trump’s election, often drawing a response from hundreds of counterprotesters. Alan Swinney, a member of the Proud Boys, was booked Wednesday on suspicions of a dozen charges, including allegations he pointed a revolver at counterprotesters and fired a paintball gun and mace at them on two separate occasions in August.

Swinney, who is scheduled for a court appearance Thursday, was charged in a secret indictment Sept. 11 but not arrested until Wednesday. An attorney for Swinney was not listed in court records. Swinney remained in custody Wednesday and it wasn’t immediately clear if he had retained an attorney or would be assigned a public defender.

Protests in Portland continued overnight Tuesday.

Authorities said arrests were made after police told protesters not to go on the property of a public safety building and officers towed a vehicle that had shields, helmets, gas masks and paintball guns that demonstrators may have planned to use.

Two juveniles were detained and released and a man was arrested on a charge of interfering with a peace officer, disorderly conduct, trespass and escape, according to police.

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Lakers rout Heat 116-98 in Finals opener

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — LeBron James finally got an easy Game 1 in the NBA Finals.

A very easy one, at that. Anthony Davis scored 34 points, James had 25 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists and the Los Angeles Lakers rolled past the Miami Heat 116-98 on Wednesday night.

“The bigger the moment, he’s just raising his play,” Lakers coach Frank Vogel said about Davis, who was making his finals debut and made it look easy.

The Heat left beaten and battered. Point guard Goran Dragic left in the second quarter and, a person with knowledge of the situation, said he was diagnosed with a torn plantar fascia in his left foot — which obviously jeopardizes his availability for the rest of the finals. And All-Star center Bam Adebayo left in the third quarter after apparently aggravating a left shoulder strain.

“We’re much better than we showed tonight,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “You have to credit the Lakers, and we’ll get to work for the next one.”

Game 2 is Friday night.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 13 points, Danny Green had 11 and Alex Caruso finished with 10 for the Lakers. They returned to the finals for the first time in a decade and sent a very clear message. James’ teams had been 1-8 in Game 1 of past finals, with losses in each of the last seven openers.

Not this one. “We kind of picked it up on both ends of the floor,” Davis said.

Jimmy Butler fought through a twisted left ankle to score 23 points for Miami. Kendrick Nunn scored 18 points for the Heat, Tyler Herro had 14 and Jae Crowder 12.

“I, and we, are here for him,” Butler said about Dragic. “We know how much he wants to win, how much he wants to go to war and battle with us. And obviously, we love him for that and we want him out there with us. But whatever the docs tell him to do, that’s what he’s got to do. ... He’s got to take care of himself first.”

Adebayo was held to eight points in 21 minutes, and Miami went with subs for a fourth-quarter

NBA Finals	
(Best-of-7)	x-if necessary
Wednesday, Sept. 30	
L.A. Lakers 116, Miami 98	
Friday, Oct. 2	
Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.	
Sunday, Oct. 4	
L.A. Lakers vs. Miami, 4:30 p.m.	
Tuesday, Oct. 6	
L.A. Lakers vs. Miami, 6 p.m.	
x-Friday, Oct. 9	
Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.	
x-Sunday, Oct. 11	
L.A. Lakers vs. Miami, 4:30 p.m.	
x-Tuesday, Oct. 13	
Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.	

burst that turned a total rout into something only slightly more palatable in terms of final margin.

The Lakers did whatever they wanted. They outrebounded Miami 54-36, led by as many as 32 points, and made 15 3-pointers — a big number for a team that doesn’t necessarily count on piling up that many points from beyond the arc. They’re 21-3 this season when making at least 14 3s.

The only stretch that provided hope for Miami came in the first six minutes. The Heat scored on six consecutive possessions in

what became a 13-0 run to take a 23-10 lead midway through the opening period.

So, the first six minutes were fine for Miami.

Everything else was all Lakers.

“You have to get a feel for how hard Miami plays,” James said. “They smacked us in the mouth and we got a sense of that. ... From that moment when it was 23-10, we started to play to our capabilities.”

The simplest way to sum up what happened over the rest of the opening half is this: Lakers 55, Heat 25. The Lakers came into Game 1 ranked 21st out of the 22 teams that spent time in the bubble from 3-point range, making only 33.6% of their tries from deep at Disney. They were the only team in the postseason to have two games shooting less than 25% on 3s.

Perhaps they were due. The Lakers went 9-for-11 on 3’s in the final 16 minutes of the first half. Of the nine Lakers who played in the first two quarters, eight tried a 3-pointer — and all eight made at least one.

They closed the first quarter

on a 19-3 run. Herro banked in a 3 from a sharp angle for a 43-41 Miami lead with 7:33 left in the half, and then the Lakers took off again, this time on a 24-5 burst to go into the break with a 65-48 lead.

The Lakers started the third on another run, this one 18-3, and the rout was officially underway.

“You can learn so much more from a win than you can in a loss,” James said. “I can’t wait for tomorrow for us to get back together and watch the film and see ways we can be better.”

JAMES’ RECORDS: The NBA Finals record book is basically a James scrapbook of career achievements, and he raised his spot on some of those lists Wednesday. He became the seventh player to appear in 50 NBA Finals games (he could climb all the way to a tie for third on that list if this series goes seven games) and passed Michael Jordan and George Mikan for fifth in finals free throws made.

FAMILIAR SPOT: The Heat fell to 1-5 in Game 1 of title series. All three of Miami’s championships have come after dropping the opener.



Marshfield volleyball player Kate Miles prepares to serve the ball during a game Wednesday night.

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Volleyball gets night under the lights

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The World

COOS BAY — Announcer Andrew Brainard’s voice boomed through Pete Susick Stadium at Marshfield High School on Wednesday night. North Bend’s cheerleaders performed routines on the track. And the stadium lights shined down on the action on the turf field.

High school athletes were playing their sport against athletes from another school for the first time in months.

But it wasn’t football. Instead, volleyball players from North Bend, Powers and host Marshfield played a series of matches — the first in a stretch of contests scheduled over the next several weeks.

“It’s just great to see the kids out here playing and not sitting behind a computer screen for 12 hours a day,” said Marshfield coach Tammie Montiel.

New North Bend coach Summer Sawyer agreed.

“I’m just thankful that we get an opportunity to get the girls out here and be together,” she said. “Just seeing them smiling — it’s been great.”

Three volleyball courts were set up on the football field — one for varsity matches, and two more for subvarsity matches.

Fans weren’t allowed in



North Bend’s Adrianna Frank watches the action closely while playing defense in the back row for the Bulldogs on Wednesday night.

the stadium, though a number watched from fences either at field level or up near Marshfield’s main campus.

Scores were kept (Marshfield and North Bend beat Powers and Marshfield beat North Bend), though they did not matter in the big picture — the actual regular high school volleyball season won’t begin until next winter.

“It’s always nice to be the first

to 25 points,” Montiel said. “If not, it’s a good learning experience.”

All three teams in action Wednesday night have been practicing for several weeks, and Marshfield and North Bend also had team camps.

“That was only against ourselves,” Montiel said of Marshfield’s camp, adding that she was happy her kids finally got to go

against somebody else.

“I saw some things I liked,” she said. “I saw some things that we need to work. I was happy for the first night out — we have some new kids out here.”

Sawyer said North Bend had nearly 40 girls sign up for the team. The varsity squad included about half returning players and

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Playoffs: Braves win historic opener

ATLANTA — Freddie Freeman singled home the winning run in the 13th inning, finally ending the longest scoreless duel in postseason history as the Atlanta Braves defeated the Cincinnati Reds 1-0 in the opener of their NL wild-card series on Wednesday.

The East champion Braves won the first game of a postseason series for the first time since the 2001 NL Division Series and can wrap up the best-of-three series on Thursday. If they do, it will snap a record-tying streak of 10 straight playoff round losses.

What began as a pitching showdown between Cy Young contenders Trevor Bauer of the Reds and Atlanta’s Max Fried devolved into a strikeout contest.

The teams combined for a postseason record 37 Ks — 21 by the Braves. After a couple of hits in the 13th against Archie Bradley, Freeman drove one into center field off Amir Garrett against a five-man infield with one out to end a game that dragged on for more than 4 1/2 hours.

A four-time All-Star, Freeman produced another big year in a pandemic-shortened season after a battle with COVID-19 in July so severe that he said he prayed: “Please don’t take me.”

A.J. Minter escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the top of the 13th for the win — the third straight inning the Reds pushed a runner to third but couldn’t get him another 90 feet.

CARDINALS 7, PADRES 4: Paul Goldschmidt hit a two-run home run during a four-run first inning, St. Louis’ bullpen held strong after starter Kwang Hyun Kim stumbled in his playoff debut and the Cardinals ruined San Diego’s long-awaited return to the playoffs in the opener of their NL wild-card series.

The Cardinals need one more win to eliminate the Padres from the postseason for the fourth time since 1996. They swept the Padres in the NL Division Series in 1996 and 2005, and won 3-1 in 2006, which was the last time San Diego made the postseason. Game 2 is Thursday.

Giovanny Gallegos (1-0) pitched 1 1/3 innings for the win and Alex Reyes got the last four outs for the save.

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Powers defenders prepare for a serve during a game Wednesday night.

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half newcomers, she said, but the nature of the court was new to all of them.

“This is our first turf experience,” she said before North Bend’s first match. “I’m anxious to see how this is going to work nonetheless.”

Montiel’s squad had been given a chance to practice on the turf a couple of times, but only after several attempts and revisions on how best to set up the nets — ultimately large barrels were filled with water to act as a counter-weight to keep the poles in place and keep the nets taut.

“It took a while to get the system right,” she said.

Montiel has been practicing a few days a week, but said some of her players also are playing softball or competing in track and field — two other sports Marshfield and North Bend are doing for the first few weeks of the fall.

Powers coach Heather



North Bend’s cheer team performs a routine during Wednesday’s volleyball opener.

Shorb has had her team practicing an hour at a time because a few of her players also are competing in track.

She’s excited to have 13 players — enough that she had both a varsity and JV team Wednesday night.

“The girls have been so excited,” she said. “They’ve been begging me for practices.”

“They’ve been so bored over the summer. They’re just happy to have something going on.”

While Marshfield and North Bend are only playing against each other and

Powers over the next few weeks, Powers has games scheduled against Skyline League foes Days Creek, Umpqua Valley Christian and Camas Valley.

Wednesday was a good start, Shorb said.

“Just being here — it’s low-key and it’s fun,” she said. “We talked about it being a learning experience today and we learned some things.”

While the volleyball teams played on the field, North Bend’s cheerleaders had a chance to do a few routines, much as they normally would in the

fall at football games on Friday nights.

Coaches Lena Franson and her daughter, Brittany, said the girls were having a good time, though some girls who might be on the squad were either not taking part because of softball or were waiting for the official cheer season later in the school year.

They agreed with the volleyball coaches about the value of the teams taking part this fall — the chance for the kids to be active.

It will play out over and over for the next several

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Five relievers combined for 5 1/3 innings, allowing three hits and an unearned run.

Right-hander Chris Paddock (0-1) lasted only 2 1/3 innings and gave up six runs for San Diego.

MARLINS 5, CUBS 1: Corey Dickerson hit a three-run homer off a fading Kyle Hendricks in the seventh inning, and Miami beat Chicago in Game 1 of their NL wild-card series.

Jesús Aguilar also homered and Sandy Alcantara pitched three-hit ball into the seventh as Miami

conjured up memories of past playoff magic in the franchise’s first postseason game since it won the World Series in 2003. The Marlins, who rallied past the Cubs in a memorable NLCS that year, have never lost a playoff series.

Game 2 of the best-of-three series is Thursday. Yu Darvish starts for the Central champion Cubs, while rookie right-hander Sixto Sánchez pitches for upstart Miami, looking to make an unexpected division series trip in the same season that roughly half the roster was sidelined by COVID-19.

The Marlins could be without center fielder Starling Marte after he had his left hand broken by a fastball in the ninth inning. The team says Marte has a non-displaced fracture of his fifth metacarpal. Miami is optimistic and is still considering him day to day.

DODGERS 4, BREWERS 2: Mookie Betts had two hits and an RBI, Corey Seager homered and Los Angeles beat Milwaukee in the opener of their NL wild-card series.

The eight-time West champion Dodgers capi-

talized early in a bullpen game for the Brewers and can wrap up the best-of-three series on Thursday.

Milwaukee — a playoff entrant despite a losing record — limped into the postseason as the No. 8 seed without its best starter and reliever, who are hurt.

The Dodgers took a 2-0 lead on a leadoff double by Betts and four walks by left-hander Brent Suter in the first, tying for the most walks by a pitcher in a single inning in postseason history. Betts scored when Will Smith drew a four-pitch walk with the bases loaded. Seager walked and scored on AJ Pollock’s bases-loaded walk.

Closer Kenley Jansen walked pinch-hitter Jace Peterson with two outs in the ninth. Christian Yelich came to the plate as the potential tying run, but he struck out swinging to end the game. Jansen earned the save.

American League

YANKEES 10, INDIANS 9: DJ LeMahieu’s tiebreaking single in the ninth inning off Cleveland closer Brad Hand sent New York into the AL Division Series with a wild win in a rain-delayed Game 2 that started in September and ended in October.

At 4 hours, 50 minutes — even without the delays — it was the longest nine-inning game (regular season or postseason) in major league history.

LeMahieu, the AL batting champion during the shortened, 60-game regular season, grounded his hit into center field to score Gio Urshela, who hit a go-ahead grand slam earlier. Down 9-8, the Yankees tied it in the ninth on Gary Sánchez’s sacrifice fly off Hand, who went 16 of 16 on save tries during the season.

They’ll play rival Tampa Bay in a best-of-five ALDS in San Diego next week.

Aroldis Chapman got the last six outs for the Yankees, aided by a spectacular play from Urshela at third base to begin an inning-ending double play that kept it a one-run game in the eighth.

For the Indians, a season of adversity ends with more heartache. They twice rallied to tie the Yankees and took the lead in the eighth on César Hernández’s bloop RBI single off Chapman only to have Hand give it away.

Sánchez, benched in Game 1, had a two-run homer and Giancarlo Stanton connected on a solo shot for New York, which was down 4-0 in the first.

ASTROS 3, TWINS 1: Carlos Correa hit a two-out, tiebreaking home run off Cody Stashak in the seventh inning for a two-game sweep that sent the AL Central champion Twins to a record 18th straight postseason loss.

Nine months after Houston’s rules-breaking, sign-stealing system was revealed, the defending AL champion Astros advanced to the Division Series. As the sixth seed, they’ll face Oakland or the Chicago White Sox in a best-of-five matchup starting Monday at Dodger Stadium.

Rookie Cristian Javier worked three hitless innings for the victory in his postseason debut and Ryan Pressly pitched a perfect ninth against his former team, giving the Houston bullpen a total of 9 2/3 scoreless innings in this wild card series with three hits allowed.

Kyle Tucker hit two RBI singles for the Astros and made a key throw from left field for the inning-ending out in the fifth.

Minnesota is 0-18 in

the playoffs since winning Game 1 of their 2004 Division Series at the New York Yankees.

RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 2: Hunter Renfroe hit a grand slam and top-seeded Tampa Bay completed a two-game sweep to win a postseason series for the first time in 12 years. The East champion Rays advanced to an AL Division Series against the New York Yankees or Cleveland Indians beginning Monday in San Diego.

Renfroe launched the first playoff grand slam in franchise history during a six-run second inning off Hyun Jin Ryu that also included a two-run homer by No. 9 hitter Mike Zunino. Ryu was rocked for a season-high seven runs in 1 2/3 innings, the lefty’s shortest outing of the season for the wild-card Blue Jays.

Tyler Glasnow allowed two runs in six innings, on a pair of homers by Danny Jansen, and struck out eight—

ATHLETICS 5, WHITE SOX 3: Marcus Semien and Khris Davis homered early off Dallas Keuchel, and Mark Canha made a game-saving catch against the wall as West champion Oakland tied the series 1-1 and forced a deciding Game 3 on Thursday, Chris Bassitt allowed one run and six hits in seven-plus innings to help the Athletics stop a six-game postseason losing streak dating to 2013.

Jake Diekmann walked home a run in the ninth, then retired José Abreu on a sharp grounder for the final out.

Keuchel gave up five runs — three earned — and six hits in 3 1/3 innings. Rookie second baseman Nick Madrigal’s fielding error allowed two runs to score.

Sinclair has hat trick for Thorns

PORTLAND (AP) — Christine Sinclair had three goals and the Portland Thorns beat OL Reign 4-1 on Wednesday night in a National Women’s Soccer League fall series match.

Sinclair scored her first in the 40th minute off a pass from Lindsey Horan, then added a penalty kick in stoppage time before the half.

Sinclair hadn’t scored against he Reign since 2013, a string of 18 matches. The longtime captain of the Canadian national team is the international goals record holder among men or women.

Portland’s Rocky Rodriguez scored from near the penalty spot in 57th minute. After Bethany Balcer scored for the Reign to close the gap to

3-1, Sinclair completed her third NWSL hat trick in the 74th.

The Thorns were coming off a 3-0 win over the Utah Royals in the fall series. The NWSL’s regular season was canceled because of the coronavirus, but the teams have been playing regional games in local markets after playing in the Challenge Cup tournament in Utah this summer.

The Reign were coming off a 2-21 draw against the Royals on Saturday.

The match was originally scheduled for Sept. 12, but because of poor air quality in the Pacific Northwest caused by wildfires, it was pushed to Sept. 15. When conditions didn’t improve, it was eventually moved to Wednesday.

NASCAR adds variety to its 2021 schedule

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — After two decades of the same left turns at the same tracks over and over again, NASCAR finally upended its stagnant calendar with a 2021 schedule that is as radical as the sport has ever seen.

Three new venues. A dirt race for the first time in more than 50 years. And a whopping six road courses for the elite Cup Series in an overhaul unveiled Wednesday that dumped some of the cookie-cutter oval tracks right off the list.

It is a true shakeup after a lack of imagination created the most predictable schedule in sports, one that favored new speedways — 1.5-mile ovals that not only all looked the same, but raced the same, too. Not since Indianapolis Motor Speedway was added in 1994 had a Cup race been awarded to a track that was not part of an ownership group for an active speedway.

NASCAR set aside all the old ways of doing business.

“We said back in 2019 ... 2021, you were going to see some really bold changes from NASCAR,” said Steve O’Donnell, NASCAR’s executive vice president. “We believe we’ve delivered on that. We are excited for our fans, it’s an historic schedule, the most changes since 1969.”

NASCAR will visit three new venues: Road America in rural Wisconsin, which will host the Cup Series for the first time since 1956; the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas; and Nashville Superspeedway, a visit that was previously announced.

Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee will fill its 0.533-mile bullring with soil for the first Cup race on a dirt track since Richard Petty won at State Fairgrounds Speedway in Raleigh in 1970.

Next year’s schedule was the first time NASCAR could make big changes since 2016, when it entered into unprecedented, five-year sanctioning agreements with race promoters. That meant no changes, even as fans begged for something new as the racing often settled into the monotonous.

The best NASCAR could do was wait for the contracts to expire.

Making the changes meant walking away from Chicagoland Speedway, owned by NASCAR and once a shining example of racing’s expansion into major markets a generation ago. The track in suburban Joliet was nothing special and its land became more valuable than its spot on the Cup calendar.

Also closed was Kentucky Speedway, the track that began its quest for a

Cup race through a federal lawsuit filed against NASCAR. Michigan and Dover Raceway in Delaware will go from two Cup races a year to one.

Each change required a concession from either NASCAR or Speedway Motorsports, the two largest track operators in the United States. Both companies are now privately owned and hold a monopoly on coveted race dates. But both were willing to take risks, give something to get something, and work together to create a modernized NASCAR.

The pandemic this year gave NASCAR an early window to experiment with new ideas, some of which stuck. Midweek races were tried when racing resumed after a 10-week shutdown but the television numbers weren’t good enough to end up on the 2021 schedule. The cost-saving one-day shows of no practice and qualifying are slated for 28 weekends next year, O’Donnell said.

It was an extraordinary effort by NASCAR, which still has six weeks remaining in a 38-race interrupted season that runs from February into November.

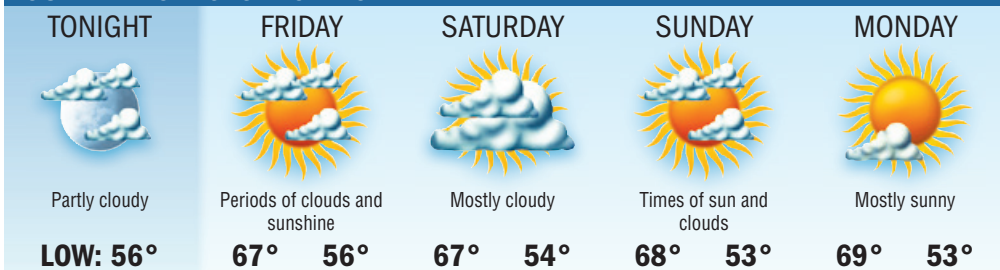
Other highlights:

— NASCAR next season will race on six road course races, up from three on the original 2020 schedule. Besides Road America and Circuit of the Americas, the Cup Series will also race for the first time on the road course at Indianapolis. The series already competes at Sonoma Raceway in California, Watkins Glen in New York and the Charlotte Roval.

— Roger Penske continued big changes in his first year as owner of Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The track in July hosted the first shared weekend between IndyCar and NASCAR, and the Xfinity Series gave the road course the first race for a stock car. Next year, NASCAR and IndyCar will again be on the same weekend in August and the Cup cars will also race the road course. NASCAR for 27 races used the big, 2.5 mile-oval at Indy, but the race was never the thriller Indy and NASCAR imagined — especially for a “crown jewel.” Moving to the road course give Indy and NASCAR something new on what could become a blockbuster, two-series weekend.

— Speedway Motorsports went big in what it was willing to try in rebuilding the schedule. It took its spring race at Texas Motor Speedway and moved it to COTA, then took the All-Star race to Texas. The All-Star event is another crown jewel that has become another ho-hum race on an intermediate track.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTH BEND



LOCAL ALMANAC

North Bend Wednesday

TEMPERATURE

High/low	63°/55°
Normal high/low	63°/48°
Record high	80° in 1991
Record low	38° in 1983

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday	0.00"
Year to date	29.39"
Last year to date	45.03"
Normal year to date	39.09"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	6:57 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:16 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	7:43 p.m.
Moonsset tomorrow	7:53 a.m.

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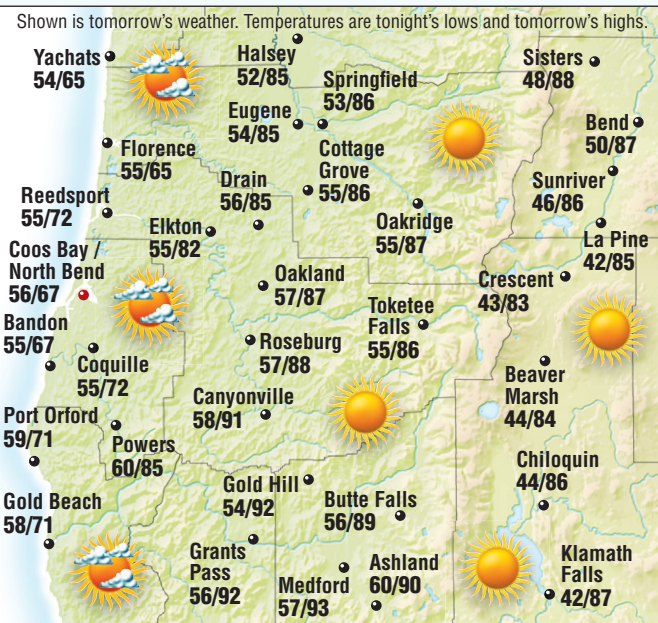
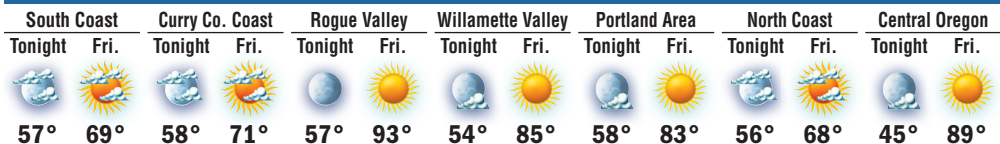
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OREGON CITIES

City	Yesterday	Fri.
	Hi/Low Prec.	Hi/Low/W
Astoria	62/50 0.00	67/56/pc
Burns	89/34 0.00	87/37/s
Brookings	64/56 0.00	69/56/pc
Corvallis	78/46 0.00	82/50/s
Eugene	79/48 0.00	85/52/s
Klamath Falls	82/38 0.00	87/42/s
La Grande	79/42 0.00	83/43/pc
Medford	87/55 0.00	93/55/s
Newport	61/55 0.00	64/53/c
Pendleton	83/47 0.00	86/53/s
Portland	83/54 0.00	83/56/s
Redmond	87/38 0.00	89/44/s
Roseburg	84/54 0.00	88/55/s
Salem	79/49 0.00	85/53/s
The Dalles	86/47 0.00	89/53/s

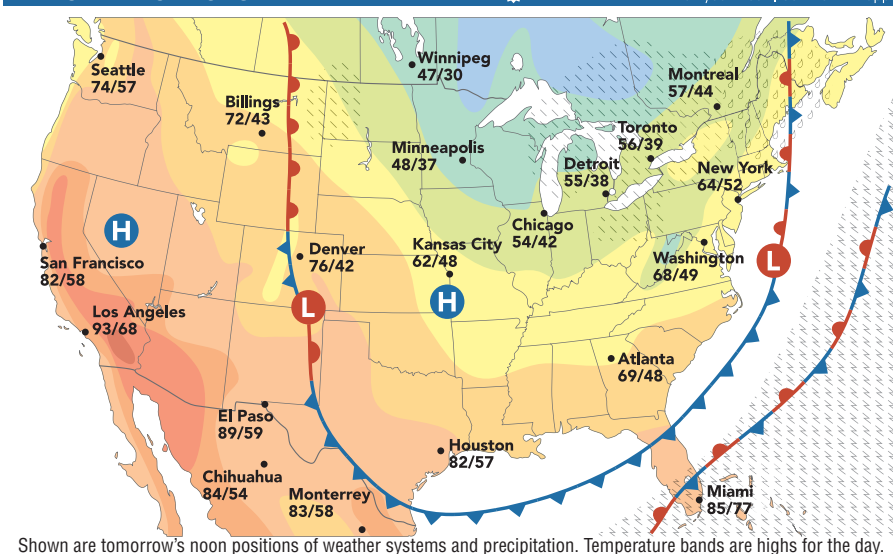
REGIONAL FORECASTS



TIDES

Location	High	ft.	Friday	Low	ft.	High	ft.	Saturday	Low	ft.
Bandon	12:56 a.m.	6.5	7:04 a.m.	0.9	1:34 a.m.	6.3	7:33 a.m.	1.3	1:12 p.m.	6.8
Charleston	1:01 a.m.	7.0	7:02 a.m.	0.9	1:39 a.m.	6.9	7:31 a.m.	1.4	1:17 p.m.	7.4
Coos Bay	2:27 a.m.	6.8	8:30 a.m.	0.8	3:05 a.m.	6.6	8:59 a.m.	1.2	2:43 p.m.	7.1
Florence	1:45 a.m.	6.1	8:00 a.m.	0.8	2:23 a.m.	5.9	8:29 a.m.	1.1	2:01 p.m.	6.3
Port Orford	12:40 a.m.	6.7	6:45 a.m.	1.1	1:18 a.m.	6.5	7:13 a.m.	1.6	12:54 p.m.	7.0
Reedsport	2:02 a.m.	6.8	8:13 a.m.	0.9	2:42 a.m.	6.7	8:46 a.m.	1.3	2:19 p.m.	7.1
Half Moon Bay	1:08 a.m.	6.5	7:15 a.m.	0.8	1:47 a.m.	6.4	7:44 a.m.	1.2	1:25 p.m.	6.8

NATIONAL FORECAST



Shown are tomorrow's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)

National high: 112° at Thermal, CA National low: 15° at Walden, CO

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Fri.	Sat.	City	Fri.	Sat.	City	Fri.	Sat.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	82/52/s	82/50/s	Fargo	49/35/c	52/31/sh	Pittsburgh	58/38/pc	57/39/pc
Anchorage	56/48/r	52/45/r	Flagstaff	80/40/s	80/38/s	Pocatello	78/40/pc	79/39/pc
Atlanta	69/48/s	71/51/s	Fresno	95/65/s	97/64/s	Portland, ME	65/47/r	64/46/s
Atlantic City	65/51/r	66/50/s	Green Bay	48/32/c	51/38/r	Providence	70/46/r	68/45/s
Austin	82/55/s	86/61/s	Hartford, CT	61/44/r	67/41/s	Raleigh	68/46/pc	68/49/s
Baltimore	68/46/pc	66/44/s	Helena	74/44/s	74/44/s	Rapid City	66/40/s	59/33/pc
Billings	72/43/pc	67/43/s	Honolulu	89/76/sh	91/76/t	Redding	103/61/s	99/58/s
Birmingham	70/46/s	72/50/s	Houston	82/57/s	82/60/s	Reno	90/52/s	89/51/s
Boise	84/51/pc	83/54/s	Indianapolis	58/41/pc	61/47/pc	Richmond, VA	68/47/pc	67/45/s
Boston	67/49/r	65/48/s	Kansas City	62/48/pc	60/45/c	Sacramento	99/59/s	93/56/s
Buffalo	57/43/sh	55/42/sh	Key West	87/80/t	87/81/sh	St. Louis	60/43/pc	62/51/c
Burlington, VT	60/46/r	57/42/pc	Las Vegas	99/70/s	98/70/s	Salt Lake City	80/53/pc	80/54/pc
Caribou, ME	64/44/r	59/38/c	Lexington	60/40/pc	62/45/pc	San Angelo	85/60/s	87/59/s
Casper	73/38/pc	67/37/s	Little Rock	68/48/s	69/54/pc	San Diego	84/66/s	82/66/s
Charleston, SC	75/53/s	73/57/s	Los Angeles	93/68/s	90/64/s	San Francisco	82/58/s	72/57/s
Charleston, WV	60/41/pc	63/42/pc	Louisville	63/45/s	65/51/pc	San Jose	92/60/s	82/56/s
Charlotte, NC	70/47/s	70/48/s	Madison	48/35/pc	51/41/r	Santa Fe	79/43/s	79/40/s
Cheyenne	72/39/pc	63/37/pc	Memphis	67/48/pc	70/55/pc	Seattle	74/57/s	70/56/s
Chicago	54/42/pc	55/49/c	Miami	85/77/t	86/78/t	Sioux Falls	58/39/pc	57/37/pc
Cincinnati	60/42/pc	61/45/s	Milwaukee	50/39/pc	52/45/c	Spokane	79/52/s	79/51/s
Cleveland	54/40/pc	56/43/pc	Minneapolis	48/37/c	51/39/sh	Springfield, IL	59/37/pc	60/48/c
Colorado Spgs	76/45/pc	68/41/s	Missoula	77/42/s	76/43/s	Springfield, MA	61/43/r	65/39/s
Columbus, OH	59/43/pc	59/45/pc	Nashville	66/45/pc	68/51/pc	Syracuse	62/44/sh	56/38/sh
Concord, NH	61/39/r	64/37/pc	New Orleans	77/60/s	75/61/s	Tampa	85/66/pc	81/72/t
Dallas	76/58/s	82/63/c	New York City	64/52/r	65/51/s	Toledo	57/36/pc	58/40/pc
Dayton	59/41/pc	60/45/pc	Norfolk, VA	68/58/pc	68/59/s	Trenton	65/45/r	63/42/s
Daytona Beach	81/66/pc	80/71/t	Oklahoma City	70/53/s	77/52/c	Tucson	102/67/s	101/66/s
Denver	76/42/pc	68/42/pc	Olympia, WA	77/53/s	72/51/s	Tulsa	69/52/pc	70/52/c
Des Moines	56/43/pc	52/43/sh	Omaha	61/45/pc	60/43/c	Washington, DC	68/49/pc	66/49/s
Detroit	55/38/pc	56/43/pc	Orlando	85/67/pc	81/71/t	W. Palm Beach	85/76/t	86/77/t
El Paso	89/59/s	92/60/pc	Philadelphia	66/49/r	65/48/s	Wichita	67/49/s	66/47/pc
Fairbanks	63/44/pc	60/37/pc	Phoenix	105/73/s	104/73/s	Wilmington, DE	67/46/r	64/45/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Prec.-precipitation.

Pro Picks: Showcase game features 0-3 teams

BARRY WILNER

Associated Press

It sure seemed like an historically bad prime-time matchup when the Broncos and Jets fell to 0-3 as they headed to the Thursday night NFL “showcase.”

Turns out, it happened in Week 4 last year, when the Bengals and Steelers limped into the game. And limping is exactly what the representatives of the Mile High City and the Meadowlands will be doing.

The Jets are the only NFL team not to hold a lead in any game this season. Nor have they been competitive in any of them, bringing louder calls for coach Adam Gase’s job.

“It’s something, I can’t focus on that,” Gase said. “It’s wasted energy for me. It’s not going to help me at all. All I can do is make sure I get our guys in the right head space to go out there on Thursday and play well.”

That would be new for New York. Not so much for Denver, which challenged Tennessee and Pittsburgh before being manhandled by Tampa Bay.

Injuries have damaged both teams, as has spotty (or worse) performances. But no, the rumors that the Broncos are considering starting John Elway at quarterback for the sidelined Drew Lock are not true. We think.

Actually, it’s Brett Rypien replacing the ineffective Jeff Driskel.

“Yeah, we’re going to start Mark — I mean Brett — I keep-

NFL postpones Titans-Steelers game

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The NFL postponed Sunday’s Pittsburgh Steelers game at Tennessee until later in the season after one additional Titans player and one personnel member tested positive for COVID-19.

The announcement Thursday came one day after the league said it hoped to play the game on Monday or Tuesday. The NFL said a new game date would be announced “shortly.”

“The decision to postpone the game was made to ensure the health and safety of players, coaches and game day personnel,” the league said. “The Titans facility will remain closed and the team will continue to have no in-person activities until further notice.”

On Tuesday, the Titans placed three players on the reserve/COVID-19 list, including key players defensive captain and lineman DaQuan Jones and long snapper Beau Brinkley. Outside linebacker Kamalei Correa became the fourth on that list Wednesday.

With the two new cases, the Titans’ total is now 11: five players and six other organization

ing calling him Mark at times because of his uncle,” Denver coach Vic Fangio said, confusing the current Rypien with the 1992 Super Bowl MVP. “But we’re going to go with Brett; but we do have the ability to mix Jeff in there some in the game if we feel like we need to.”

Denver, ranked 30th in the AP Pro 32 — two spots above the last-place Jets — is a 3-point choice over New York. It’s simply impossible for Pro Picks to go with the Jets at this point ... BRONCOS, 17-13

KNOCKOUT POOL: Sticking with the theme of going against teams turning the Big Apple rotten, we will take the RAMS.

New York Giants (plus 13) at Los Angeles Rams: More negative New York vibes. Besides, the Rams have looked quite good so far ... BEST BET: RAMS, 36-15

Indianapolis (minus 2½) at Chicago: We’re kind of luke-warm on this, but wouldn’t even be considering Chicago with Mitchell Trubisky ... UPSET SPECIAL: BEARS, 21-20

New England (plus 7) at Kan-

sas City: The Patriots will present more problems for Patrick Mahomes and Andy Reid. Just not enough ... CHIEFS, 29-23

Cleveland (plus 4 1-2) at Dallas: We don’t believe in either of these teams right now. Which did we have the least faith in? ... COWBOYS, 30-28

New Orleans (minus 4½) at Detroit: Clearly, Michael Thomas is the most valuable non-QB in the NFL ... SAINTS, 28-22

Seattle (minus 6½) at Miami: As exciting as Russell Wilson is, old-time FitzMagic is just

as much fun ... SEAHAWKS, 36-34

Baltimore (minus 13) at Washington: An angry bunch of Ravens are heading down I-95 ... RAVENS, 22-14

Philadelphia (plus 7) at San Francisco: The bottom has fallen out in Philly, and this is not the place to reinstate it ... 49ERS, 27-17

Atlanta (plus 7 1-2) at Green Bay, Monday night: The bottom has fallen out in the ATL, but at least the Falcons won’t blow a lead at Lambeau ... PACKERS, 34-20

Buffalo (minus 3) at Las Vegas: Las Vegas was exposed in so many areas last week, and Buffalo will take advantage ... BILLS, 29-23

Arizona (minus 3½) at Carolina: Kyler Murray and the Cardinals were brought down to Earth by Detroit ... CARDINALS, 23-16

Los Angeles Chargers (plus 7) at Tampa Bay: TB (you know, the QB) in TB is looking more like a terrific addition ... BUC-CANEERS, 26-15

Jacksonville (plus 3) at Cincinnati: Joe Burrow hated that tie. He will like this much more ... BENGALS, 24-22

Pittsburgh (minus-1) at Tennessee, TBA: We liked the Titans before they were struck by coronavirus cases ... STEEL-ERS, 22-16

Minnesota (plus 3 1-2) at Houston: Houston has lost three games against quality teams. Can’t say the same for Minnesota ... TEXANS, 26-16

NFLPA wants fields in all pro stadiums to be grass

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Fifteen NFL teams play their home games on artificial turf. Cleveland Browns center JC Tretter wants to see that number reduced to zero.

The NFL Players Association president cited the league’s official injury reports from 2012-2018 to state his case that natural grass fields provide a much lower risk for injuries, compared to artificial surfaces, during practices and games.

The analysis shows that players have a 28% overall higher rate of non-contact lower extremity injuries on turf. Non-contact knee injuries occur at a 32% higher clip and non-contact foot or ankle injuries are 69% percent more likely on artificial fields.

“The data stands out and the numbers are staggering in the difference in injury rate,” Tretter said Wednesday. “We all should be working toward the safest style of play, and we know

the dangers of playing on turf.

“It’s not good for players, it’s not good for the GMs and the head coaches, it’s not good for the owners and it’s not good for the fans. Increased injuries are not good for anybody.”

Tretter, who detailed the data in his monthly newsletter to union members, spoke extensively on the subject before Cleveland’s afternoon practice at its suburban training facility.

The seven-year veteran was elected NFLPA president on March 10 after winning a three-way election over Michael Thomas of the Giants and Sam Acho of the Buccaneers. He has strongly advocated for player safety while maintaining a diplomatic approach.

“Anecdotally, I know how my body responds playing on turf versus grass,” said Tretter, who graduated from Cornell University. “The data

backs that up, which was my main reason for writing it. It’s something that from here on out, I think we need to make a priority.”

The subject of field safety moved to the forefront in Week 2 when San Francisco standout Nick Bosa and teammate Solomon Thomas both suffered season-ending torn anterior cruciate ligaments in a road win over the New York Jets. Several 49ers players described the synthetic

turf at MetLife Stadium as “sticky,” prompting NFL representatives to inspect -- and confirm the quality of -- the field before the team returned in Week 3 to play the Giants.

“Until we can find a way to get synthetic turf to respond and react like natural grass, it’s too much of a danger to continue to play on and expect different results,” Tretter said. “It’s possible to get grass in every location, and it’s about pushing for that.”

NORTHWEST STOCKS

Closing and 8:30 a.m. quotes:

Stock	Close	Open
Intel	50.35	50.27
Kroger	32.02	32.60
Microsoft	205.05	203.19
Nike	118.57	118.03

NW Natural	45.97	45.56
Skywest	35.24	35.45
Starbucks	88.38	86.59
Umpqua Hlds	11.29	11.24
Weyerhaeuser	28.91	28.75
Xerox	19.24	19.41

Levi Strauss	13.49	13.34
Dow Jones closed	at 28,034.16	
NASDAQ closed	at 11,049.71	
S&P 500 closed	at 3,385.67	

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LOTTERY

MegaMillions

Sept. 15

25-28-38-59-62

Megaball: 22

Multiplier: x4

Jackpot: \$20 million

Powerball

Sept. 16

10-17-31-51-53

Powerball: 1

Multiplier: x2

Jackpot: \$20 million

Megabucks

Sept. 16

18-20-31-33-36-46

Jackpot: \$2 Million

Win For Life

Sept. 16

1-15-56-72