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Two die after kayak flips at Tenmile Lake

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LAKESIDE — Two brothers are dead after one flipped the kayak he was in and the other ran from the dock and jumped into the water to help rescue him on Sunday in Lakeside.

According to a press release from the Coos County Sheriff's Office, on Sunday, Aug. 16, at

about 4:54 p.m., the Lakeside Fire Department was paged for a medical call on North Tenmile Lake in Lakeside.

It was initially reported that two men were in the water after their kayak rolled over in the lake. Lakeside Fire, the Coos County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police responded to the scene.

Upon arrival of law enforcement units, both men were being pulled from the water, and CPR was immediately started, the release stated. It was later determined the victims were 67-year-old Phillip J. Gray and his brother, 51-year-old Mark A. Gray, both Lakeside residents. The dock was located at a private residence on the lake, said Capt. Gabriel Fab-

rizio of the Sheriff's Office.

During the course of the investigation, it was determined that Phillip Gray had rolled his kayak approximately 50 yards from shore and had been unable to re-board or self rescue. Phillip had not been wearing a life vest when his kayak tipped, according to the press release.

Mark Gray heard his brother's

cry for help and immediately ran down the dock and jumped in the water in an effort to help Phillip.

CPR efforts performed by multiple law enforcement officers and Lakeside Fire Department volunteers on scene were unsuccessful.

Both Phillip and Mark ultimately succumbed to their injuries.

Oh Deer!



John Gunther, The World

A young buck munches on some of the grass in the rough near the 17th fairway on the Bandon Dunes course at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort last Tuesday, completely ignoring the golfers nearby participating in the 120th U.S. Amateur Championship. The tournament wrapped up Sunday at the popular resort.

Democrats rally behind Biden at convention

NEW YORK (AP) — Michelle Obama delivered a passionate condemnation of President Donald Trump during Monday's opening night of the Democratic National Convention, declaring him "in over his head" and warning that the nation's mounting crises would only get worse if he's reelected over Joe Biden.

"Donald Trump is the wrong president for our country," she said. "He cannot meet this moment. He simply cannot be who we need him to be for us."

The former first lady, one of the nation's most respected women, was the headliner at the first presidential nominating convention of the coronavirus era. There was no central meeting place or cheering throng during the all-virtual affair. But it was an opportunity for Democrats — and some Republicans — to rally behind Biden, the party's presidential nominee.

Bernie Sanders, the progressive Vermont senator who was Biden's last standing rival during the primary, encouraged his loyal supporters to vote for the former vice president in November, arguing the nation can't survive another four years of Trump. He notably backed Biden's plan for tackling health care, one of their most substantive differences in

the past. Sanders backs a Medicare for All plan while Biden has called for expanding the current "Obamacare" law.

But it was Michelle Obama, making her fourth convention appearance, who once again delivered an electrifying moment. Wearing a necklace that said "vote," she tapped into her enduring popularity among Black voters and college educated suburban women — voters Biden will need to show up in force.

She issued a stark warning to a country already navigating health and economic crises along with a reckoning on racism.

"If you think things possibly can't get worse, trust me, they can and they will if we don't make a change in this election," she said as she issued a call to action for the coalition of young and diverse voters who twice sent her family to the White House.

Biden will formally accept the nomination on Thursday near his home in Wilmington, Delaware. His running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, who is the first Black woman on a national ticket, speaks Wednesday night.

Leading up to that, Biden sought on opening night to demonstrate the broad ideological range of his supporters.

On the same night he was praised by Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist who championed a multi-trillion-dollar universal health care plan, Biden also won backing from Ohio's former Republican Gov. John Kasich, an anti-abortion conservative who spent decades fighting to cut government spending.

"My friends, I say to you, and to everyone who supported other candidates in this primary and to those who may have voted for Donald Trump in the last election: The future of our democracy is at stake. The future of our economy is at stake. The future of our planet is at stake," Sanders said as he endorsed Biden's health care plan.

Still, there were real questions about whether the prime-time event would adequately energize the disparate factions Biden hopes to capture.

Republicans face a similar challenge next week.

Trump sought to undermine the Democrats' big night by hosting a political rally in Wisconsin, where Biden's party had originally planned this week's convention. He called the Democrats' event "a snooze" before it even began.

Monday's speeches were framed by emotional appearances

from average Americans touched by the crises that have exploded on Trump's watch.

Philonise and Rodney Floyd led a moment of silence in honor of their brother, George Floyd, the Minnesota man whose death while in police custody sparked a national moment of awakening on racial injustice.

"George should be alive today," Philonise Floyd said matter-of-factly.

Also speaking was Kristin Urquiza, an Arizona woman who lost her father to COVID-19, which has killed more than 170,000 Americans as of Monday evening.

"My dad was a healthy 65-year-old," she said. "His only preexisting condition was trusting Donald Trump, and for that, he paid with his life."

And Rick Telesz, a Pennsylvania farmer, warned that Trump's trade war has had a "truly a devastating effect" on his farm before the coronavirus brought another blow with what he called "misinformation" coming from the country's leadership.

"My biggest concern is that if these trends continue with this type of leadership, I will be the last generation farming this farm," he said.

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Trump to pardon Susan B. Anthony

Move comes on centennial of the ratification of women's suffrage

WASHINGTON (AP) — As controversy swirls over mail-in voting in this year's election, President Donald Trump said Tuesday he will pardon Susan B. Anthony, a women's suffrage leader arrested for voting in 1872 in violation of laws permitting only men to vote.

Trump's move comes amid an outcry over Postal Service disruptions that Democrats say endanger the voting rights of millions of Americans who would vote by mail in November during the coronavirus pandemic. Trump has denied asking for the mail to be delayed even as he leveled fresh criticism on mail-in voting.

Comments from Trump and some of those assembled for a White House event commemorating the 19th Amendment quickly pivoted into an appeal for Trump's reelection.

"Win, lose or draw, we have to get it right," Trump said, adding that mail-in voting, as opposed to absentee voting, leads to ballots cast by pets and the deceased.

"We have to have honest voting. that's what this is all about here. we have to have honest voting," he said.

Trump said he would sign "a full and complete pardon" later Tuesday, the 100-year anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which ensured women the right to vote. It's also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment.

Anthony is best known for her role in the movement to secure voting rights for women, but she also was a strong anti-slavery and voting rights pioneer.

His action comes as his support has been eroding among suburban white women in battleground states since his last campaign, in part because of his harsh rhetoric.

In recent weeks Trump has recognized he needs to work to undo some of the damage among the pivotal constituency and has stepped up his events aimed at women. His campaign has launched a "women for Trump" bus tour and the president has embraced a "law and order" message with renewed vigor.

Anthony was arrested for voting in her hometown of Rochester, New York, and convicted in a widely publicized trial. Although she refused to pay the fine, the authorities declined to take further action.

The 19th Amendment states that "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." Congress passed it in 1919, and the amendment was ratified on Aug. 18, 1920.

Visiting Anthony's grave site in Rochester on Election Day has become a popular ritual in recent years.

Senate panel: Russia interfered in 2016 election

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate intelligence committee concluded that the Kremlin launched an aggressive effort to meddle in the 2016 presidential contest on behalf of Donald Trump as the Republican-led panel on Tuesday released its fifth and final report in its investigation into election interference.

The Senate panel described its report, totaling more than 1,300 pages, as "the most comprehensive description to date of Russia's activities and the threat they posed." The bipartisan investigation lasted almost three and a

half years, much longer than the other probes.

The report purposely does not come to a final conclusion, as the other reports did, about whether there is enough evidence that Trump's campaign coordinated or colluded with Russia to sway the election to him and away from Democrat Hillary Clinton, leaving its findings open to partisan interpretation.

A group of Republicans on the panel submitted "additional views" to the report saying that it should state more explicitly that Trump's campaign did not

coordinate with Russia. But Democrats on the panel submitted their own views, arguing that the report clearly shows such cooperation.

Former special counsel Robert Mueller concluded in a report issued last year that Russia interfered in the election through hacking and a covert social media campaign and that the Trump campaign embraced the help and expected to benefit from it. But Mueller did not charge any Trump associates with conspiring with Russians.

The Senate investigation also

delted into areas of great interest to Trump that were not explored by Mueller. Those include the FBI's reliance on a dossier of opposition research compiled by a former British spy whose work was financed by Democrats.

Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, the committee's acting chairman, said in a statement that the committee was troubled that the FBI had been willing to use the dossier "without verifying its methodology or sourcing" as it applied for secret surveillance warrants against a former Trump campaign adviser.



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The South Coast Striders will hike from Sunset Bay to Cape Arago on Saturday, Aug. 22.

South Coast Striders to hike trails near Sunset Bay, Cape Arago on Aug. 22

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COOS BAY — The South Coast Striders will hike from Sunset Bay to Cape Arago on Saturday, Aug. 22.

The hike has three options and requires pre-registration by visiting this link: <http://canopyweb.com/forms/index.html>

The hike is limited to 15 people, but if demand is high (and there are enough leaders), start times can be staggered. Also, there is a short hike option that goes from Sunset Bay to Shore Acres and back.

To volunteer to lead, send an email to hikes@coostrails.com.

Hike description: The whole hike goes from Sunset Bay day use area, along the coast through Shore Acres up to the Simpson Reef Overlook. From there the group crosses the road and follows a trail that meets the pack trail. The hike will go up (and down, then up again) the pack trail and eventually turn onto the perimeter trail, which heads back toward Shore Acres.

From Shore Acres hikers will take a shorter route back to Sunset Bay. The total hike is 8.5 miles. The

highest elevation is 570 feet, but because of the up and down, there is 1,000 feet of climbing.

Short hike — This will just go to Shore Acres and back. It will be under four miles, all pretty level. A volunteer is needed to lead the short hike, or hikers will need to return on their own.

Another option is to hike as far as Simpson Reef and then return. This will be almost 8 miles, but it's all level. Hikers will be on their own for the return.

New hike guidelines

1. Hike groups will be limited to 15 people.
2. Hikers will be asked to complete a registration form so that organizers can control the number.
3. Hikers will be asked to maintain social distance (as much as 10-12 feet) on the trail
4. Hikers will be asked to have face covering (like a bandana) that can be pulled up at tight spots on the trail
5. Hikers should step off the trail to let others pass

The trail from Sunset Bay to Simpson Reef Overlook was pretty crowded during the pre-hike, so these guidelines will be important, organizers said.

Other information

The restrooms at the Sunset Bay day use area are closed, but the restrooms at the beach (just to the north) are open, so stop there on the way in. There are restrooms at Shore Acres (at about the 2.2 and 7 mile points of the hikes).

For those on the long hike, the group will be stopping for lunch at the junction with the perimeter trail. Organizers suggest that hikers might want to snack at the Simpson Reef Overlook, because lunch will be later than usual.

Location and time

Meet 9:30 a.m. at Sunset Bay day use parking lot, near the volleyball courts and restrooms (closed) at south end of Sunset Bay. The short version of the hike will end before noon (unless you spend time in the gardens), and the long version at 2:30 p.m.

Driving directions: From U.S. Highway 101 in downtown Coos Bay follow the signs 12.3 miles through Charleston to Sunset Bay State Park. Park in the day use parking lot.

Remember to complete the registration form.

No new COVID-19 deaths statewide reported Monday

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PORTLAND — The state's death toll from COVID-19 is unchanged from Sunday and remains at 388, the Oregon Health Authority reported Monday.

Oregon Health Authority reported also reported 192 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 on Monday, bringing the state total to 23,451.

The new cases are in the following counties: Clackamas (12), Clatsop (1), Columbia (3), Crook (1), Deschutes (6), Douglas (2), Jackson (17), Jefferson (2), Josephine (1), Lane (4), Lincoln (2), Linn (5), Malheur (11), Marion (30), Multnomah (57), Polk (3), Umatilla (7), Wasco (1), Washington (23), and Yamhill (4).

Coos County

In Coos County, there have been 71 confirmed cases (positive lab result), and 22 presumptive cases for a total of 93 COVID-19

cases, including four previous hospitalizations (none at this time) and no deaths. There have been 22 cases in the previous 28 days and 5,039 individuals have been tested.

Weekly Testing Report

OHA released its Weekly Testing Report on Monday, which showed that as of Aug. 15, Oregon's cumulative positive testing rate is 4.5 percent of tests performed. This is considerably lower than the national average of 9 percent. Of the 25,678 tests performed and reported the week of Aug. 9-15, 1,388 (5.4 percent) were positive. The total for that week is likely to rise as test results continue to be reported to OHA. It is reassuring that test positivity is relatively stable, which suggests that the number of people newly infected with COVID-19 each week is no longer increasing rapidly

OHA to report on PPE supply in hospitals

Starting Tuesday, Aug.

18, OHA will begin reporting on supplies and inventory of personal protective equipment in hospitals and medical facilities across Oregon.

The information will be published as part of the hospital capacity report issued every week. Gathering and reporting this information will ensure there is sufficient supply of this critically important equipment.

Examples of PPE include:

- Respirators
- Surgical masks, gloves gowns
- Face shields

Stay informed about COVID-19

Oregon response: The Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Office of Emergency Management lead the state response.

United States response: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention leads the U.S. response.

Global response: The World Health Organization guides the global response.

Curry County has confirmed case from outside the area

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CURRY COUNTY — Curry County Public Health received notification of one new case of COVID-19 on Monday, Aug. 17. Notification of this new case came from Curry General Hospital at 12:30 p.m. The case was verified and confirmed by the health officer after receiving the lab results, according to a press release from Curry County Public Health Administrator Sherrie Ward.

Contact has been made with the individual, who is a resident of another county. Public health officials learned that the individual arrived in Curry County Sunday with symptoms and that he decided to go to Curry General Hospital for testing.

After speaking by

phone with the individual about the absolute need for immediate isolation, the individual advised he was going to travel back to his county of residence and isolate. Public Health advised the individual that he should not have any contact with others if he insisted to travel back or otherwise. The case has been referred to the individual's county of residence.

As of Aug. 17, the total verified number of positive cases in Curry County is still 19, with 14 recovered cases, five active cases, no hospitalizations and no deaths. Monday's case will not be reflected in the daily totals.

Curry County Public Health is investigating all cases to identify any possible contacts and exposures and to isolate and monitor

all individuals relevant to the case. Public Health will reach out to anyone suspected of exposure to COVID-19.

"Please remember, it is important that we all follow the OHA and CDC guidelines and Governor's directives about social distancing, wearing facial coverings in public buildings and protecting yourselves by staying home to slow the spread and save lives," Ward wrote.

Curry County Public Health will only post confirmed positive cases once the official lab results are received, verified and confirmed by the Health Officer. Public health will continue to keep the public informed with all the information they can in order to keep the county's citizens safe.

Convention

From A1

Democrats abandoned their plans for an in-person gathering in Milwaukee because of the pandemic. The unprecedented gathering is not only testing the bonds of the diverse Biden-Harris coalition but the practical challenges of running a presidential

campaign in the midst of a pandemic.

At this moment, Biden sits in a stronger political position than Trump, who has struggled to expand his political coalition under the weight of his turbulent leadership and prolonged health and economic crises. But 78 days before votes are counted, history is not on the Democratic challenger's side. Just one

incumbent president has been defeated in the last four decades.

Polls also suggest that Biden, a 77-year-old life-long politician, is on the wrong end of an enthusiasm gap. His supporters consistently say they're motivated more by opposition to Trump, who is 74, than excitement about Biden. Democrats hope to shift that dynamic beginning with the convention.

With no live audience for any of the speakers, convention organizers were forced to get creative in their high-stakes quest to generate enthusiasm. There were live appearances from speakers in Texas, South Carolina, Wisconsin and Michigan, but many of the speeches that aired Monday night were prerecorded.

Seeking to inject some family fun into an otherwise serious two-hour video montage, the campaign hosted drive-in viewing stations in six states, much like drive-in movies, where viewers could watch on a big screen from the safety of their vehicles. There were also many online watch parties featuring celebrities and elected officials to make the experience more interactive.

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AP: Many states pass on unemployment boost

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President Donald Trump’s plan to offer a stripped-down boost in unemployment benefits to millions of Americans amid the coronavirus outbreak has found little traction among the states, which would have to pay a quarter of the cost to deliver the maximum benefit.

An Associated Press survey finds that as of Monday, 18 states have said they will take the federal grants allowing them to increase unemployment checks by \$300 or \$400 a week. The AP tally shows that 30 states have said they’re still evaluating the offer or have not said whether they plan to accept the president’s slimmed-down benefits. Two have said no.

The uncertainty is putting some families’ finances in peril.

Tiana Chase, who runs a community game room and store in Maynard, Massachusetts, said the extra \$600 she and her partner had been receiving under the previous federal benefit helped keep them afloat after the pandemic caused many businesses to shutter.

For the past few weeks, she’s been getting less than \$300 in unemployment. If that’s boosted by another \$300, “it’s going to be a lot tighter, but at least I can

vaguely manage,” she said. “I can cover my home expenses.”

Many governors say the costs to states to receive the bigger boost offered by Trump is more than their battered budgets can bear. They also say the federal government’s guidelines on how it will work are too murky.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat, called it a “convoluted, temporary, half-baked concept (that) has left many states, including Pennsylvania, with more questions.”

New Mexico was the first state to apply for the aid last week and one of the first to be announced as a recipient by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. But Bill McCamley, secretary of the state’s Department of Workforce Solutions, said it’s not clear when the money will start going out, largely because the state needs to reprogram benefit distribution systems to make it work.

“People need help and they need it right now,” McCamley said. “These dollars are so important, not only to the claimants, but because the claimants turn that money around, sometimes immediately to pay for things like rent, child care, utilities.”

In March, Congress approved a series of emergency changes to the nation’s unemployment

insurance system, which is run by state governments.

People who were out of work got an extra federally funded \$600 a week, largely because the abrupt recession made finding another job so difficult. The boost expired at the end of July, and recipients have now gone without it for up to three weeks.

With Democrats, Republicans and Trump so far unable to agree to a broader new coronavirus relief plan, the president signed an executive order Aug. 8 to extend the added weekly benefit, but cut it to \$300 or \$400 a week, depending on which plan governors choose. States are required to chip in \$100 per claimant to be able to send out the higher amount, something few have agreed to do, according to the AP tally.

Trump’s executive order keeps the program in place until late December, though it will be scrapped if Congress comes up with a different program. It also will end early if the money for the program is depleted, which is likely to happen within a few months.

Governors from both parties have been pushing for Congress to make a deal, even after previous talks for a sweeping new coronavirus relief bill, including an unemployment boost, broke

off earlier this month.

When Congress finally reaches an agreement, “I have every reason to believe ... there will be a more robust deal that is struck,” said Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican who has been noncommittal about accepting Trump’s plan.

One reason for the states’ hesitancy is that they fear they will go through the complex steps required to adopt Trump’s plan, only to have it usurped by one from Congress, according to a spokeswoman for Republican Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon.

So far, most states that have said they are taking Trump up on his offer have chosen the \$300 version. Some have not decided which plan to take. In North Carolina, for instance, Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper has pushed for the \$400 plan, but Republican lawmakers have not committed to kick in a share of state money for that.

Mississippi’s Republican Gov. Tate Reeves has spurned the deal altogether, saying it’s too expensive.

State leaders who say they can’t afford to chip in point to the widespread closure of businesses, which has hammered government tax revenue. But they also acknowledge that they need the help, as a record

number of claims have left their unemployment trust funds in rough shape.

Most states expect to exhaust their funds and need federal loans to keep paying benefits during the recession. So far, 10 states plus the U.S. Virgin Islands have done so, including California, which has borrowed \$8.6 billion. Another eight states have received authorization for loans but had not used them as of last week.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, is among governors who are critical of Trump’s approach but decided to take the deal anyway. “As I say, don’t look a gift horse in the mouth,” Newsom said last week.

The federal Department of Labor reported last week that 963,000 people applied for unemployment benefits for the first time. It was the first time since March that the number dropped below 1 million. The government says more than 28 million people are receiving some kind of unemployment benefit, although that figure includes some double counting as it combines counts from multiple programs.

State unemployment benefits on their own generally fall far short of replacing a laid off worker’s previous income.

US approves oil, gas leasing plan for Alaskan wildlife refuge

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The Trump administration gave final approval Monday for a contentious oil and gas leasing plan on the coastal plain of Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, where critics worry about the industry’s impact on polar bears, caribou and other wildlife.

The next step, barring lawsuits, will be the actual sale of leases. Development — should it occur — is still years away.

Environmentalists have promised to fight opening up the coastal plain, a 1.56-million acre swath of land along Alaska’s northern Beaufort Sea coast after the Department of the Interior approved an oil and gas leasing program.

Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt signed the Record of Decision, which will determine a program for where oil and gas leasing will take place.

“The establishment of this program marks a new chapter in American energy independence,” Bernhardt said during a conference call with reporters.

“Years of inaction have given away to an informed and determined plan to responsibly tap ANWR’s energy potential for the American people for generations to come,” he said.

Over the past four decades, Republicans have attempted to open the refuge to drilling. President Bill Clinton vetoed a Republican bill to allow drilling in 1995, and Democrats

blocked a similar plan 10 years later. President Trump insisted Congress include a mandate providing for leasing in the refuge in a 2017 tax bill.

The Interior’s Bureau of Land Management in December 2018 concluded drilling could be conducted within the coastal plain area without harming wildlife.

“Today’s announcement marks a milestone in Alaska’s forty-year journey to responsibly develop our state and our nation’s new energy frontier,” Gov. Mike Dunleavy said in a statement.

The Republican governor called the decision “a definitive step in the right direction to developing this area’s energy potential,” which he estimated at 4.3

and 11.8 billion barrels of recoverable oil reserves.

Republican U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski said the opportunity offered by opening the coastal plain “is needed both now, as Alaskans navigate incredibly challenging times, and well into the future as we seek a lasting economic foundation for our state.

“Through this program, we will build on our already-strong record of an increasingly minimal footprint for responsible resource development.”

Trump in 2018 said he hadn’t felt strongly about opening the refuge, but had insisted it be included in the tax bill at the urging of others. He also said a friend told him that every Republican president since Ronald Reagan had tried and failed to open the refuge to drilling.

“I really didn’t care about it, and then when I heard that everybody wanted it — for 40 years, they’ve been trying to get it approved, and I said, ‘Make sure you don’t lose ANWR,’” Trump said at the time.

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has vowed to protect the refuge.

“His plan released last year made clear that he will permanently protect ANWR and other areas impacted by President Trump’s attacks on federal lands and waters,” campaign spokesperson Matt Hill said.

Environmental groups immediately assailed opening the refuge and promised litigation.

“The Trump administration’s so-called review process for their shameful sell-off of the Arctic refuge has been a sham from the start. We’ll see them in court,” said Lena Moffitt with the Our Wild America campaign of the Sierra Club.

“This administration has done nothing but disrespect the Indigenous peoples that have occupied these lands,” Gwich’in Steering Committee Executive Director Bernadette Demientieff said.

The coastal plain is calving grounds for the Porcupine Caribou Herd, which includes about 200,000 animals, “Our ways of life, our food security, and our identity is not up for negotiation. The fight is not over,” she said.

Death Valley’s 130 degrees would be record if verified

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California sizzled to a triple-digit temperature so hot that meteorologists need to verify it as a planet-wide high mark.

Death Valley recorded a scorching 130 degrees (54.4 degrees Celsius) Sunday, which if the sensors and other conditions check out, would be the hottest Earth has been in more than 89 years and the third-warmest ever measured.

The temperature, measured at the aptly-named Furnace Creek during a blistering heat wave, would be the hottest temperature recorded on Earth in August, said Arizona State University professor Randy Cerveney, who coordinates the World Meteorological Organization’s extreme temperature team, which is already investigating the mark.

That 130 is only below the disputed all-time record of 134 degrees at nearly the same spot in 1913 and a 131-degree mark in Tunisia in 1931, but both were in July, traditionally the planet’s hottest month.

The relentlessly hot weather conditions at the spot support such an extreme reading, so much of the verification effort will be looking at how the measurement was taken and the sensor itself, Cerveney said. Sunday’s temperature would beat marks of 129 recorded three times in recent years, he said. The monitor is an official one that follows world guidelines, but still needs to be

examined in a process that takes months, he said.

“We are having more extremes than we had in the past,” Cerveney said.

The world is “creeping up on (the 134-degree record) year after year. That is something that cannot be denied,” Cerveney said Monday. “These extremes tell us a lot about what will happen in the future.”

The western heat wave is due to a “massive dome of high pressure” that keeps roasting the West and the normal Southwest monsoon that would provide rain and relief is missing, so there has been no cooling, Cerveney said. Phoenix has gone weeks with temperatures not dipping below 90, even at night or early in the morning, he said.

The 130-mark capped a week and an ongoing summer of “very strange” weather, said Deke Arndt, director of the National Weather Service’s Center for Weather and Climate and former chairman of the U.S. national weather extremes committee.

On Saturday, a fire tornado formed during a wildfire near Chilcoot, California, worsened by the western heat wave. The fire was “burning so incredibly intense, so there is just so much heat going into it” that air rose in a swirl just like what happens in some thunderstorms, said Dawn Johnson, senior meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Reno, Nevada. “It almost looks like a bomb went off.”

And days before that,

DEAR ABBYBy Abigail Van Buren

Down-on-his-luck roommate turns out to be a hoarder

DEAR ABBY: Last month, I found out a friend of mine was going to be living out of his van. I couldn’t let him do that, so I offered him my second bedroom and put him on the lease.

He told me Uber doesn’t pay much, and he couldn’t afford half the \$1,700-a-month rent, so we agreed he would pay what he could, roughly \$200-\$300 of the \$1,700. I said it was OK because I didn’t take him in for money purposes. I did it to help a friend in need, and I had spare space.

I quickly found out that he’s a hoarder. His entire bedroom is full of his boxes of stuff (manga, anime, books, etc., not furniture or a TV), so much so that he’s been sleeping on my living room couch. He also spends all his time at home and Ubered only the last two days of the month to make the \$200 to pay me.

I guess my question is, our agreement was \$200-\$300 a month, which he paid, but does finding out he’s working only two days a month to make it change our agreement? -- TOOK IN A LOST PUPPY IN HAWAII

DEAR TOOK: May I point out that when you took this “puppy” in, it wasn’t so he’d be sleeping on your couch but in the spare room? He shouldn’t be using YOUR living room or YOUR couch for sleeping.

Because you put this freeloader on the lease -- for what reason, I cannot fathom -- you may need an attorney to get him out of there. Rather than working two days a month to pay that minuscule amount of rent to you, he should be driving enough hours to accumulate a down payment on a place of his own. To say that your kindness has been taken advantage of is an understatement.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old woman who hasn’t been very lucky when it comes to relationships. My first real relationship wasn’t until I was 20, and it didn’t last too long. I have “talked” to quite a few guys, but they never went past the “getting to know you” stage.

I was able to figure out things I wanted and didn’t want in a relationship. My best friend for the last eight years has always been there to help me get through some pretty hard times. He has all the qualities I’m looking for in someone. He’s smart, funny, honest, caring and is literally a male version of me.

When we were younger, he told me he had feelings for me, but I only saw him as a friend. Everyone would tell us we should be together, but I ignored it. After years of knowing I didn’t feel the same way, he gave up trying to progress our friendship into something more. I always told him I didn’t want to get romantically involved because I value his friendship too much and I didn’t want to lose him.

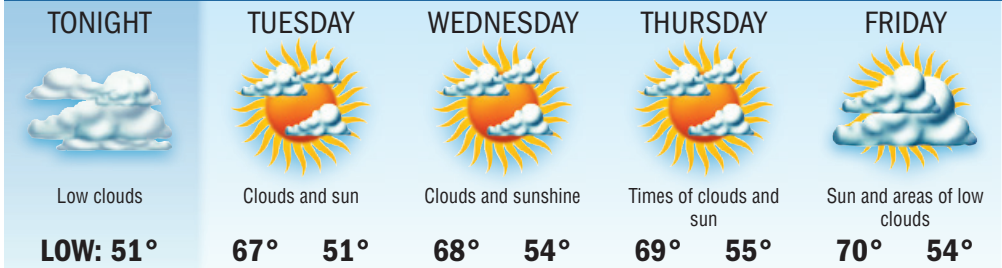
He recently started a relationship with someone, and it made me realize I might have romantic feelings for him that I haven’t had before. I don’t know what to do. Please help. -- TOO LATE IN TEXAS

DEAR TOO LATE: The longer you remain silent, the greater the chances that your friend’s new relationship could develop into something serious. Tell him all the qualities you think are special about him (minus the one about being your “clone”). Then follow it up with the fact that it wasn’t until he started this new romantic relationship that you realized you have those kinds of feelings for him. Better late than never.

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTH BEND



LOCAL ALMANAC

North Bend Sunday

TEMPERATURE	
High/low	75°/56°
Normal high/low	65°/53°
Record high	75° in 2020
Record low	45° in 1935
PRECIPITATION	
Yesterday	0.00"
Year to date	27.98"
Last year to date	41.58"
Normal year to date	37.13"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	8:16 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:26 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	5:38 a.m.
Moonsset tomorrow	8:33 p.m.
New	Aug 18
First	Aug 25
Full	Sep 1
Last	Sep 10

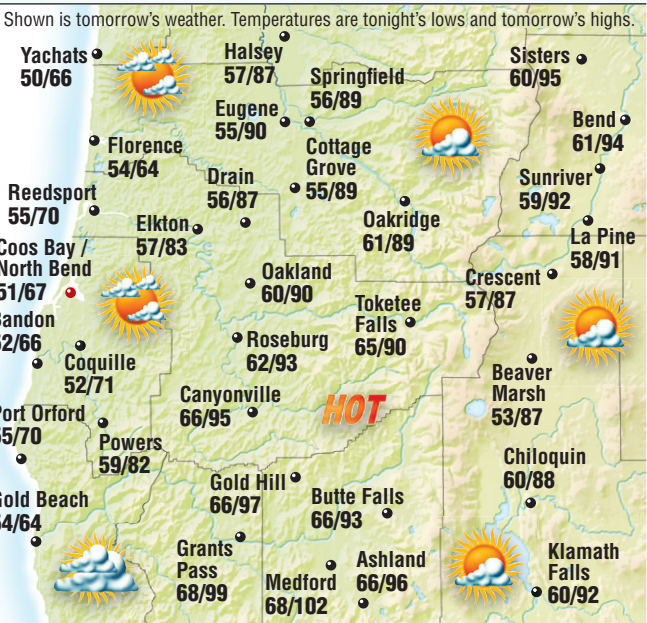
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OREGON CITIES

City	Yesterday	Hi/Low	Prec.	Tue.	Hi/Low/W
Astoria	80/54	0.00		71/53/c	
Burns	100/57	Trace		95/55/t	
Brookings	75/63	0.00		67/51/pc	
Corvallis	91/59	0.00		87/52/s	
Eugene	92/64	0.00		90/54/s	
Klamath Falls	87/53	Trace		92/56/pc	
La Grande	100/56	0.00		95/60/c	
Medford	101/70	Trace		102/65/pc	
Newport	77/54	0.00		63/50/c	
Pendleton	103/65	0.00		98/65/pc	
Portland	95/68	0.00		90/61/s	
Redmond	102/57	Trace		96/55/pc	
Roseburg	95/66	Trace		93/58/s	
Salem	93/66	Trace		90/56/s	
The Dalles	102/65	Trace		98/63/s	

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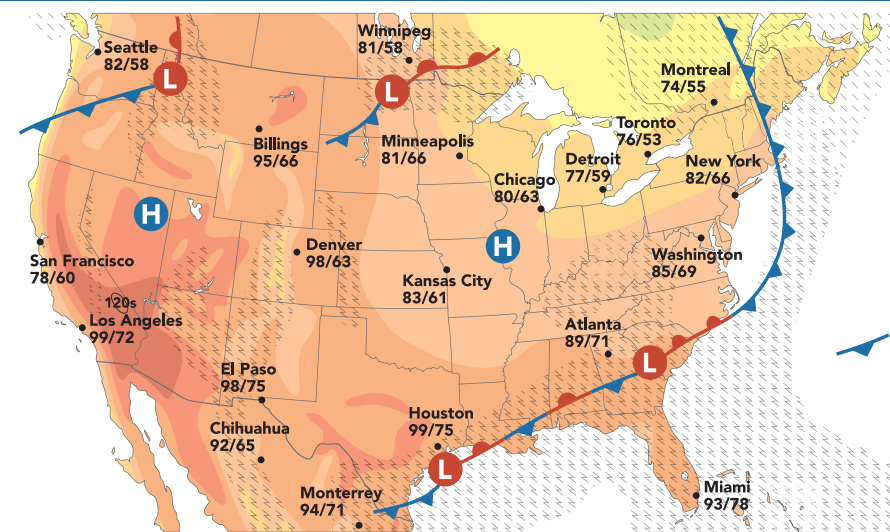
South Coast		Curry Co. Coast		Rogue Valley		Willamette Valley		Portland Area		North Coast		Central Oregon	
Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.	Tonight	Tue.
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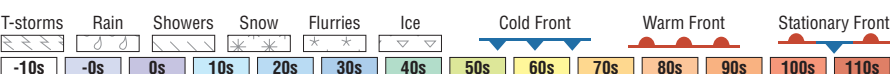
TIDES

Location		Tuesday		Wednesday	
		High	Low	High	Low
Bandon	1:00 p.m.	6.0	6:29 a.m. -1.3	12:18 a.m. 7.6	7:09 a.m. -1.4
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Charleston	1:05 p.m.	6.5	6:27 a.m. -1.4	12:23 a.m. 8.2	7:07 a.m. -1.5
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Coos Bay	1:02 a.m.	7.7	7:55 a.m. -1.2	1:49 a.m. 7.9	8:35 a.m. -1.3
	2:31 p.m.	6.3	7:51 p.m. 1.8	3:07 p.m. 6.6	8:38 p.m. -1.4
Florence	12:20 a.m.	6.9	7:25 a.m. -1.1	1:07 a.m. 7.1	8:05 a.m. -1.2
	1:49 p.m.	5.6	7:21 p.m. 1.7	2:25 p.m. 5.9	8:08 p.m. -1.3
Port Orford	12:49 p.m.	6.1	6:13 a.m. -1.3	1:24 p.m. 6.5	6:52 a.m. -1.4
	11:56 p.m.	8.0	6:00 p.m. 2.5	---	6:48 p.m. 2.0
Reedsport	12:40 a.m.	7.9	7:38 a.m. -0.8	1:29 a.m. 8.1	8:20 a.m. -0.9
	2:02 p.m.	6.4	7:35 p.m. 2.2	2:42 p.m. 6.8	8:24 p.m. -1.8
Half Moon Bay	1:14 p.m.	6.0	6:44 a.m. -1.2	12:33 a.m. 7.7	7:23 a.m. -1.4
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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: 130° at Death Valley, CA National low: 31° at Dillon, CO

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Tue.	Wed.	City	Tue.	Wed.	City	Tue.	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	94/69/t	95/69/pc	Fargo	86/59/pc	86/63/s	Pittsburgh	81/59/pc	82/59/s
Anchorage	65/55/sh	64/55/c	Flagstaff	86/52/t	89/57/t	Pocatello	98/62/pc	95/64/pc
Atlanta	89/71/t	86/69/c	Fresno	111/81/s	107/77/s	Portland, ME	80/60/c	79/61/pc
Atlantic City	83/69/s	80/71/pc	Green Bay	80/59/s	81/61/pc	Providence	84/63/pc	84/62/pc
Austin	100/72/pc	102/71/pc	Hartford, CT	85/57/s	84/57/pc	Raleigh	88/68/pc	86/68/t
Baltimore	87/65/s	84/67/c	Helena	92/63/pc	90/60/t	Rapid City	97/61/pc	93/62/pc
Billings	95/66/pc	92/64/pc	Honolulu	89/77/pc	89/75/pc	Redding	109/71/s	105/63/s
Birmingham	92/71/pc	87/68/c	Houston	99/75/pc	98/75/pc	Reno	99/66/t	100/67/s
Boise	101/70/pc	100/70/pc	Indianapolis	80/58/s	82/59/s	Richmond, VA	87/68/pc	84/68/t
Boston	82/63/pc	81/62/pc	Kansas City	83/61/s	81/62/pc	Sacramento	108/70/s	105/67/s
Buffalo	77/60/pc	75/62/s	Key West	90/79/pc	90/81/t	St. Louis	82/63/pc	84/62/s
Burlington, VT	78/57/pc	76/57/pc	Las Vegas	113/86/s	113/91/s	Salt Lake City	103/73/pc	101/74/pc
Caribou, ME	71/53/t	74/51/pc	Lexington	79/59/t	82/59/s	San Angelo	100/68/pc	99/69/pc
Casper	94/58/pc	90/55/pc	Little Rock	89/65/pc	85/65/s	San Diego	83/73/s	83/73/s
Charleston, SC	90/74/t	89/72/t	Los Angeles	99/72/s	98/71/s	San Francisco	78/60/s	78/59/s
Charleston, WV	82/59/pc	83/59/pc	Louisville	83/63/t	81/64/s	San Jose	93/66/s	91/64/s
Charlotte, NC	89/68/pc	84/67/t	Madison	77/57/s	81/61/pc	Santa Fe	91/59/t	91/59/t
Cheyenne	91/61/pc	85/58/pc	Memphis	89/69/pc	87/67/pc	Seattle	82/58/s	79/60/pc
Chicago	80/63/s	83/65/s	Miami	93/78/t	91/79/s	Sioux Falls	87/63/s	89/65/t
Cincinnati	81/58/t	79/61/s	Milwaukee	77/61/s	81/63/pc	Spokane	96/65/pc	91/61/s
Cleveland	76/57/pc	76/59/s	Minneapolis	81/66/pc	84/63/t	Springfield, IL	81/57/s	81/57/s
Colorado Spgs	95/61/pc	89/60/pc	Missoula	94/61/t	88/55/t	Springfield, MA	83/55/s	82/55/pc
Columbus, OH	80/58/pc	82/61/s	Nashville	87/66/pc	85/65/t	Syracuse	79/57/pc	77/59/pc
Concord, NH	82/53/c	79/53/pc	New Orleans	93/76/t	92/75/pc	Tampa	90/77/t	89/77/t
Dallas	95/69/s	91/73/pc	New York City	82/66/s	81/66/pc	Toledo	79/56/pc	81/60/pc
Dayton	79/53/s	81/57/s	Norfolk, VA	87/73/pc	88/73/t	Trenton	82/62/s	82/62/pc
Daytona Beach	90/74/t	89/73/t	Oklahoma City	89/66/s	86/64/pc	Tucson	108/80/pc	109/80/pc
Denver	98/63/pc	92/62/pc	Olympia, WA	80/56/s	81/54/pc	Tulsa	90/86/pc	87/63/s
Des Moines	85/59/s	86/64/pc	Omaha	87/65/s	87/64/pc	Washington, DC	85/69/s	83/70/pc
Detroit	77/59/pc	81/61/pc	Orlando	92/74/t	90/74/t	W. Palm Beach	91/77/t	89/77/t
El Paso	98/75/s	100/76/s	Philadelphia	84/67/s	82/66/pc	Wichita	89/66/s	88/67/s
Fairbanks	72/49/c	73/50/pc	Phoenix	113/90/pc	114/91/pc	Wilmington, DE	83/66/s	82/67/pc

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

Universities scramble to deal with virus outbreaks

ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina's flagship university canceled in-person classes for undergraduates just a week into the fall semester Monday as college campuses around the U.S. scramble to deal with coronavirus clusters linked in some cases to student housing, off-campus parties and packed bars.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill said it will switch to remote learning on Wednesday and make arrangements for students who want to leave campus housing.

"We have emphasized that if we were faced with the need to change plans — take an off-ramp — we would not hesitate to do so, but we have not taken this decision lightly," it said in a statement after reporting 130 confirmed infections among students and five among employees over the past week.

UNC said the clusters were discovered in dorms, a fraternity house and other student housing.

Before the decision came down, the student newspaper, The Daily Tar Heel, ran an editorial headlined, "UNC has a clusterf—k on its hands," though without the dashes.

The paper said that the parties that took place over the weekend were no surprise and that administrators should have begun the semester with online-only instruction at the university, which

has 19,000 undergraduates.

"We all saw this coming," the editorial said.

Outbreaks earlier this summer at fraternities in Washington state, California and Mississippi provided a glimpse of the challenges school officials face in keeping the virus from spreading on campuses where young people eat, live, study — and party — in close quarters.

The virus has been blamed for over 170,000 deaths and 5.4 million confirmed infections in the U.S.

In Boone, North Carolina, the faculty senate at Appalachian State University — part of the 17-member UNC system — passed a vote of no-confidence in school chancellor Sheri Everts on Monday, in large part for failing to shut down the campus after a recent COVID-19 outbreak. Professors have "moved from a concern about people's livelihoods and the institution's reputation to, now, a concern for people's lives," the declaration read. Everts said in a letter to faculty Monday night that she has received support from the school's Board of Trustees, including a July 6 resolution of confidence in her leadership.

Meanwhile, officials at another UNC school — East Carolina University — said Monday that they had identified a COVID-19 cluster at a dorm. They didn't say whether they were considering switching to online classes.

At Oklahoma State in Stillwater, where a widely circulated video over the weekend showed maskless students packed into a nightclub, officials confirmed 23 coronavirus cases at an off-campus sorority house. The university placed the students living there in isolation and prohibited them from leaving.

"As a student, I'm frustrated as hell," said Ryan Novozinsky, a junior from Allentown, New Jersey, and editor of the student newspaper. "These are people I have to interact with." And, he added, "there will be professors they interact with, starting today, that won't be able to fight this off."

OSU has a combination of in-person and online courses. Students, staff and faculty are required to wear masks indoors and outdoors where social distancing isn't possible.

The University of Notre Dame reported 58 confirmed cases since students returned to the South Bend, Indiana, campus in early August. At least two off-campus parties over a week ago have been identified as sources, school officials said.

Paul J. Browne, vice president for public affairs at Notre Dame, said the university is prepared to suspend or otherwise discipline the hosts of such parties.

"We believe we have a very strong chain of health protection, but these parties represent the weak link in that chain, and they

can be responsible for a disproportionate spread," he said.

University officials in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama were likewise frustrated by the lack of social distancing and scenes of crowded bars and other nightclub areas on the first weekend many students returned to school.

In Tuscaloosa, the home of the football-mad University of Alabama, Mayor Walt Maddox appealed to students' love of the game in urging them to take precautions.

"If you don't want to protect yourself and you don't want to protect your family and you don't want to protect your friends and thousands of jobs, maybe, just maybe, you would want to protect football season so we can have it this fall," Maddox said.

Many schools already have flipped from in-person classes to mainly online in recent weeks, and more are expected to do so, said David Long of Tuscan Strategy Consulting, which teamed up with the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation to develop reopening recommendations for colleges and universities.

"It's because it's so difficult to create these systems where everybody is essentially behaving appropriately, meaning social distancing, wearing PPE and not gathering in groups," he said, referring to personal protective equipment. "It's challenging

when you're trying to control behavior in young adults, particularly in areas that are outside the classroom and off campus."

Some schools are opting for social contracts and strict codes of conduct as a way for students to keep pressure on their classmates, he said.

Among universities moving ahead with in-person fall classes is Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, where a dozen students tested positive last month after an off-campus gathering. Classes start Aug. 26 and students are moving into dorms this weekend.

"We have tweaked the move in process this year and are requiring students to sign up for a time slot so we can keep things spaced out and distanced," university spokeswoman Renee Charles said.

Balancing the health risks with educating students has been keeping university presidents up at night, said Mildred García, head of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. She said many are reconsidering their plans as things change rapidly.

"They are doing the best they can with their staff and trying to educate the students about masks and social distancing and the effects of this virus," she said.

"They're doing all they can — and yet these are young people. When we think back about when we were young, sometimes you think you're invincible."

Postal workers are concerned about delivering ballots on time

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Postal Service is poised to play a central role in this year's presidential elections, but some staffers are worried about the agency's ability to deliver.

Controversial changes from the service's new leader have left mail piling up in warehouses. Mail processing machines have been decommissioned. Overtime is being cut. The Postal Service has warned states that ballots might not arrive on time.

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump has acknowledged that he doesn't

want to provide the agency with extra money to undercut its ability to process what is expected to be a record number of mail-in ballots this fall. At the same time, his reelection campaign has legally challenged various aspects of mail-in voting in states that could help decide the election.

"I'm very concerned as a postal worker that there could be delayed ballots because we've essentially been instructed to slow the mail down," said Doug Brown, postal staffer and president of the American Postal Workers Union chapter in Indiana.

The agency's new

leader, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a major Trump donor, first moved to eliminate overtime and late delivery trips, stressing that the cost-cutting measures will make the service more profitable. Next, word went around that retail post offices were cutting business hours. Then, mail processing machines started getting dismantled, and the agency's iconic blue mailboxes began to get removed from American streets.

The result is growing concern about the agency's ability to deliver mail-in ballots in the upcoming presidential election.

"If we were left to do our jobs, they would get out on time," Michael Cinnelli, a postal truck driver and union shop steward in New York, said of mailed ballots.

The Postal Service's board of governors tapped DeJoy to head the agency earlier this year, making the 63-year-old former supply-chain CEO the first postmaster general in nearly two decades who is not a career postal employee. Since taking over the service in June, DeJoy has instituted a series of operational changes that have delayed mail deliveries and infuriated members

of Congress.

Memos obtained by The Associated Press show postal leadership has moved to halt overtime and late delivery trips that are sometimes needed to make sure mail arrives on time, with one document stating, "One aspect of these changes that may be difficult for employees is that — temporarily — we may see mail left behind or mail on the workroom floor or docks."

The agency also is cutting retail post office hours, including on Saturdays and during lunch hours, according to records and postal workers. After an

outcry, a Postal Service spokeswoman said the agency has paused for 90 days a plan to remove its blue curbside mail collection boxes.

Additional documents obtained by the AP show the agency is moving to decommission nearly 700 mail processing machines across the U.S. because of declining mail volumes, reductions that several postal workers have confirmed and expressed worry about during interviews. A spokesman for the postal workers union said the machines were set to be taken out of service before DeJoy was appointed.

NORTHWEST STOCKS

Closing and 8:30 a.m. quotes:

Stock	Close	Open
Intel	48.93	49.02
Kroger	35.99	36.05
Microsoft	210.13	210.48
Nike	105.66	106.89

NW Natural	53.22	53.03
Skywest	30.76	30.18
Starbucks	78.95	78.96
Umpqua Hlds	11.74	11.54
Weyerhaeuser	28.95	29.27
Xerox	18.12	18.18

Levi Straus	12.80	12.40
Dow Jones closed at 27,846.76		
NASDAQ closed at 11,132.35		
S&P 500 closed at 3,382.36		

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LOTTERY

MegaMillions
Aug. 14
3-24-29-42-47
MegaBall: 13
Multiplier: x2
Jackpot: \$40 million

Powerball
Aug. 15
5-12-34-45-56
Powerball: 3
Multiplier: x3
Jackpot: \$22 million

Megabucks
Aug. 17
3-9-20-21-43-48
Jackpot: \$5.5 Million

Win For Life
Aug. 17
10-54-55-58
Pick 4
Aug. 17
3-7-9-9

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Daytona road course draws rave reviews

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Racing the road course at Daytona International Speedway could have been a debacle. No practice. No qualifying. No experience for most of the field. Drivers balked, some fearing a lack of preparation would result in a ton of consternation. But the Cup Series' debut race on the 14-turn, 3.61-mile layout turned out better than anyone expected. Chase Elliott ended up in victory lane, winning his third consecutive road-course race for Hendrick Motorsports. Elliott held off Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. to notch his second win of the season and eighth in the last three years. The event was moved from

Watkins Glen in upstate New York to Daytona because of state health restrictions; NASCAR could not meet New York's quarantine requirements for out-of-state visitors.

It landed in NASCAR's hometown, Daytona. Although the race didn't have the bumper-to-bumper action or spectacular crashes of a typical restrictor-plate race, it was lively enough to create some buzz about whether Daytona's road course should become a series staple.

"It's one that I would like to see if we could put it on the schedule," runner-up Hamlin said. "I'd love to see it. I think it's a good racetrack for us."

NASCAR already had plans to use Daytona's road course in the

near future, having announced earlier this year that the exhibition Clash in February would be moved off the high-banked speedway and onto the winding infield track that also uses much of the oval.

But could the road course also become the site of an annual Cup Series points race?

"Absolutely, yeah," Truex said. "I thought we'd see a good race and obviously not a ton of cautions, not a ton of crashes and guys doing crazy stuff. I thought the race went really well. The racing was good.

"You could make passes if you were faster than a guy, and that's always as a competitor what you're looking for. I think that's what puts on a good show, so I'd be totally fine with it."

NBC might be amicable as well. One of NASCAR's primary television partners, the network has been open to more road racing, more short tracks and mid-week events.

Nonetheless, it could take some maneuvering. NASCAR and network executives agreed to relocate Daytona's second race of the season — traditionally held in July — to the regular-season finale this year in hopes of increasing the possibility of landing an underdog story. Restrictor-plate racing is often fluky and opens the door for a fringe team to pull off an upset.

Although the network is unlikely to give that up for a road-course race, it surely would be open to moving another event to fan-friendly Daytona — espe-

cially after its rousing road debut. Another scenario: Daytona's road course becomes a safety net for any future race that can't be run as scheduled.

Hamlin, Truex, Kyle Busch and series points leader Kevin Harvick got together before the green flag and exchanged braking information to ensure they avoided a melee in the first turn.

"Let's make sure we don't look like a bunch of dummies there in Turn 1," Hamlin said. "We made sure we kept it clean to start, and then you can get your bearings about you after you run a few laps. ... It was orchestrated well and obviously it made us look like professionals instead of some of the other restarts that we've seen this weekend."

Playoffs: Clippers overcome big night by Doncic

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Kawhi Leonard and the Clippers had enough answers to withstand Luka Doncic's dazzling debut — especially after his running mate was thrown out of the game.

Leonard had 29 points and 12 rebounds, and the Clippers got a big boost from the ejection of Kristaps Porzingis to beat the Dallas Mavericks 118-110 on Monday night in Game 1 of their Western Conference playoff series.

Doncic finished with 42 points, nine assists and seven rebounds, and had the No. 7 seed hanging right with the Clippers for much of the night.

But Los Angeles pulled into the lead when Porzingis was ejected for picking up his second technical foul in the third quarter to move ahead and Doncic couldn't bring the Mavs all the way back.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday.

RAPTORS 134, NETS 110: Fred VanVleet scored 30 points and the defending NBA champion Raptors beat the Nets.

VanVleet went 8 of 10 from 3-point range and the Raptors shot 22 of 44 from beyond the arc as a team. The Raptors' 22 3-pointers matched a season high and set a franchise playoff record.

VanVleet had 11 assists with only one turnover, becoming the first Raptor in franchise history to combine 30-plus points and 10-plus assists in a playoff game.

LeBron: 202

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. James never took it for granted routine it became.

He never counted on playing game in a season, even long after viewed as a failure if he didn't. The NBA is hard. He only made.

And he said this postseason, years and the most unusual in his be his most challenging yet.

"This is the toughest challenge personally, for the circumstances here," he said after he finished in a Disney World convention.

His Los Angeles Lakers cruise record in the Western Conference luxuries usually afforded the NBA no celebrities sitting courtside at to boost them. There's an opponent Trail Blazers, who took advantage break caused by the coronavirus healthy and arrive with a loaded more talented than the average NBA.

The only sure thing this time James' mind.

"As far as me locking in on all individuals, that hasn't changed." "What's different is this environment home with my family. Not in my not in our practice facility. I'm be at Staples tomorrow with our with a lot of things that's essential day regimen. So that's what's different as mentally, that's always good.

So are his skills, of course. He points and led the NBA with 10,000 but the Lakers needed much more.

They needed someone to help through tragedy after Kobe Bryant franchise's icons, was killed in January. And they continue to

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a day Donovan Mitchell erupted for a Jazz playoff-record 57 points as the Denver Nuggets outlasted Utah in Game 1 of their first-round series.

Nikola Jokic finished with 29 points and 10 rebounds for Denver. He had a chance to win it in regulation at the buzzer, but his right-handed hook shot over Utah's Rudy Gobert was off the mark.

Murray sealed the victory on a 3-pointer with 46.8 seconds remaining.

Mitchell was the star of the show in the absence of Mike Conley, who left the NBA bubble to return to Ohio for the birth of his son. Mitchell's scoring spree surpassed the Jazz mark of 50 by Karl Malone on April 22, 2000, against Seattle.

Mitchell was 19 of 33 from the floor and 13 of 13 from the free-throw line. He also had seven assists.

CELTICS 109, 76ERS

101: Jayson Tatum had career playoff highs of 32 points and 13 rebounds as the Boston Celtics beat the Philadelphia in Game 1 of their first-round Eastern Conference playoff series.

Jaylen Brown scored 15 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and Kemba Walker added 19 points for the Celtics.

Joel Embiid had 26 points and 16 rebounds and Josh Richardson and Alec Burks each added 18 points for the 76ers.

Philadelphia nearly pulled off the win without All-Star guard Ben Simmons, who is

Serge Ibaka scored 22 points off the bench for the Raptors. Pascal Siakam had 18 points and 11 rebounds. Kyle Lowry had 16 points, seven rebounds and six assists with no turnovers.

Brooklyn's Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot scored 26 to match a career high. Joe Harris scored 19. Caris LeVert had 15 points and 15 assists, while Jarrett Allen collected 15 points and 12 rebounds.

“He’s the best leader I’ve ever had,” Vogel said. “He just represents all the right things. Frank Vogel said. ‘Oozes class and poise. He’s going to have him on our squad and lead them.’”

James was in the postseason every year from 2006-18 and they weren’t just carrying him in the first round and didn’t lose a game.

The Raptors, who never trailed, had lost their opening game in the first-round playoff game five of the last six seasons.

years even though they were the higher-seeded team in each of those matchups.

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OT: Jamal Murray scored 10
of his 36 points in overtime on

out indefinitely after left knee surgery. The 76ers went on a 15-0 run late in the third quarter and led 85-81 heading into the fourth.

The Celtics went on a 9-0 run that included seven points by Brown to take a 92-86 lead. Philadelphia cut it to 103-100 on a 3-pointer by Richardson with 59 seconds remaining, but the Celtics made 6 of 6 free throws in the final minute.

Seager brothers both homer in first game against each other

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Corey and Kyle Seager's parents were unable to be at Dodger Stadium for the brothers' first major league matchup against each other. But the siblings gave the entire family something special to remember Monday night.

The Seagers became the first brothers in 19 years to homer as opponents in the same game, and Corey's Los Angeles Dodgers rallied for an 11-9 victory over older brother Kyle and the skidding Seattle Mariners.

"Corey matching his brother blow for blow and seeing the game within the game was fun," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said.

It was the 10th time in major league history that opposing brothers both went deep in a game. The last time was June 27, 2001, when the Crespos did it in San Francisco. The Giants' Felipe Crespo homered twice,

and San Diego's Cesar hit his first career home run.

"It was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed it," said Corey Seager, who had two hits and three RBIs as the Dodgers won their sixth straight. "It was hard to almost stay focused at times because you want to go out there and talk to him. It is one of those things you want to remember for a long time."

The Seagers weren't the only ones who took advantage of the balmy conditions at Dodger Stadium. The teams combined for seven long balls, marking the second straight game there have been seven or more at Chavez Ravine. Seattle's Evan White had his first multi-homer game, going deep twice.

Corey Seager had a three-run drive to right field during the second inning that gave Los Angeles a short-lived 6-2 advantage.

Mookie Betts and Kiké Hernández also went deep for the

Dodgers. It was Betts' first lead-off home run for his new team, while Hernández's shot came during a five-run seventh as Los Angeles regained the lead.

Kyle Seager had three hits and three RBIs. After singling and scoring to give the Mariners a 2-0 lead in the first inning, he hit one of three homers during a five-run third to help them regain the lead. "I think Kyle might have won the battle of the Seagers tonight. I don't know, a pretty close battle," Seattle manager Scott Servais said.

Kyle Lewis homered and had three hits for the Mariners, who have dropped six straight and nine of 11.

Corey Seager joined his older brother in the majors in 2015, but they hadn't faced each other until now. The Dodgers had already played the Mariners that season when he got called up six years

ago, and in 2018 he was on the injured list.

The only thing that didn't work out was that their parents — Jeff and Jody Seager — could not see the game in person due to the coronavirus pandemic keeping fans out of ballparks.

"It's kind of a sad day for them. They've been planning for this day and dreaming about this day for a while," Kyle Seager said before the game. "And then, you know, obviously not being able to be here in person, I think that definitely puts a little bit of a damper on it, but I think they're still very excited for it."

The Dodgers trailed 8-6 until rallying in the seventh against Matt Magill (0-1). Justin Turner scored on Max Muncy's bases-loaded walk to tie it, and Cody Bellinger came home with the go-ahead run when Joc Pederson grounded into a double play.

Garcia first born in 2000s to homer

ATLANTA (AP) — Luis Garcia of the Washington Nationals became the first player born in the 2000s to hit a homer in the big leagues.

The 20-year-old second baseman made history with a two-run shot into the right-field seats off Atlanta's Touki Toussaint in the second inning.

The youngest player in the majors, Garcia was born on May 16, 2000. He was called up by the Nationals on Friday after Starlin Castro went on the injured list with a broken right wrist.

The big homer came in a loss. Atlanta's Darby Swanson hit a two-run home run with two outs in the ninth to lift the Braves to a 7-6 victory.