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# North Bank fire has burned 350 acres

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The World

BANDON — The North Bank Lane fire that started from a downed power line on Tuesday morning has burned approximately 350 acres and was 20% contained as of Wednesday afternoon, according to Coos Forest Protective Association spokesperson Dominique Ray.

Lines have been cut around the fire and it has been burning within those lines with flare-ups throughout the day Wednesday.

Fire resources made good progress Wednesday on the fire, CFPA District Manager Michael Robison said in an email Thursday morning.

“The fire stands at 350 acres, this may change as we get an opportunity to GPS the fire lines in the next several days,” Robison wrote. “Just at shift change yesterday evening, the last trail was completed tight to the fire. With the trails complete, focus will be to mop the fire edge 50 feet in away from the fire lines.”

Higher humidity, lower temperatures and no wind is allowing crews an oppor-

tunity to get the fire contained in the next several days, Robison added.

“Yesterday was the last shift for the Coos County Rural Fire Structure Group,” Robison wrote. “Their assistance was greatly appreciated and if we need further help they will be with us within a moment’s notice.”

The firefighting effort will continue over the next several days as crews work toward mop-up objectives. Some downsizing of resources has begun and Robison anticipates releasing the two helicopters today. They will be reassigned to other fires to help with the statewide effort that is taking place.

“Thanks to everyone that came together during this historic weather and fire event,” Robison wrote. “I’m grateful for the effort and the passion that everyone has for keeping our district safe.”

Meanwhile, most of the residents who either were told to leave or who self-evacuated have returned to their homes to find charred hillsides and, in one case, a completely destroyed studio inside a yurt.



Photo contributed by Candace Kreitlow

A yurt art studio owned by Candace Kreitlow and her husband Pete Bauer burned to the ground Tuesday in the North Bank Lane fire. It was apparently the only structure destroyed by the blaze, which has grown to more than 300 acres.

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## Governor warns of ‘great loss’

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Wildfires burning across Oregon are expected to leave a significant trail of lost lives and lost property.

“We expect to see a great deal of loss both in structures and in human lives. This could be the greatest loss of human lives and property due to wildfires in our state’s history,” Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said in her opening remarks during a media briefing Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 9. “My heart goes out to the families affected.”

Brown said Oregon is facing a statewide fire emergency.

Evacuations are occurring across the state and numerous Oregonians have been rescued from harm’s way, Brown said, but many more Oregonians will need to evacuate in the coming hours to ensure their safety.

Brown said there are currently five incident management teams fighting 35 wildfires with multiple smaller fires continuing to erupt across the state. The latest fires are in the Santiam Pass area of Marion County, the Lionshead fire near Warm Springs in Central Oregon, the Holiday Farm Fire in rural Lane County and two wildfires in Jackson County. “Right now, more than 300,000 acres are burning across the state,” Brown said. “This is the equivalent of over 500 square miles.”

Brown said parts of Oregon where fires are not burning face the worst fire conditions in three decades.

“This means everyone must be on high alert,” Brown said.

This week, Brown evoked a fire conflagration act for the entire state, allowing state resources to be placed in areas of need. Brown also has requested a federal emergency declaration to free up federal resources in the response effort. That would include search and rescue, mortuary assistance and mass care shelter and feeding support.

“Our number one priority right now is saving lives,” Brown said. “Our statewide strategy is focused on live safety, evacuation and protecting structures.”

Oregon Department of Forestry’s Chief of Fire Protection Doug Grafe said the combination of a cold front on top of an east winds event and the state’s critically dry conditions over the past three years have fueled the wildfires.

Grafe said the winds pushed the fires down steep slopes into

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Zack Demars Photos, The World

Mask-clad shoppers walk through the Coos Bay Farmers Market on Wednesday as smoke from wildfires across the region fills the air and creates worries for local health experts.

## Prolonged smoke exposure is hazardous

ZACK DEMARS

The World

COOS BAY — Shoppers at the Coos Bay Farmers Market on Wednesday wandered through bakery and produce booths in apocalyptic conditions: Bits of ash from statewide forest fires fell to the ground as customers wearing COVID-19 face masks scanned tables splashed with sunlight tinted orange from the thick smoke above.

Meanwhile, health officials in Coos County have a simple recommendation in the face of multiple risks to the respiratory system.

“The best thing you can do is stay home,” said Eric Gleason, assistant director of Coos Health & Wellness.

The air quality along the South Coast Wednesday, as well as across the state, was dismal as fires burned hundreds of thousands of acres throughout the western United States. Air in Coos Bay and nearby communities was rated as “unhealthy” and “hazardous” by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality throughout the day Wednesday.

The DEQ also issued an air quality advisory Tuesday, warning those on the coast and in other parts of Oregon to avoid time outdoors if possible and use air filters in homes and buildings.

Aside from staying home if possible, Coos Health & Wellness recommend those in the path of smoke keep windows closed, use high-efficiency



Orange haze from wildfires across the western United States covers the Coos Bay Farmers Market Wednesday.

particulate air filters and turn ventilation systems onto the recirculation setting.

But for Holly Johnson, who sold flower and plant arrangements from the Moss, Twigs & Such booth at the market Wednesday, staying home wasn’t an option when preparing for the market the night before.

“I had to be in (the smoke) because I was in my garage,” Johnson said.

Johnson said that one benefit of requirements to wear masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is that masks keep out some smoke as well — but according to Gleason, mask-wearing isn’t quite that simple. Masks can be effective in preventing both COVID-19 transmission and wildfire smoke inhalation, but only if the right type of masks are worn correctly.

A cloth or surgical mask

can be effective for blocking COVID-19, but not for keeping out heavy smoke.

An N95 mask, a type of respirator, is effective against wildfire smoke if worn correctly with a proper seal around the outside, according to Coos Health & Wellness. But those masks, which have been in short supply nationwide since the pandemic began, should be saved for first responders and healthcare workers unless absolutely necessary, Gleason said.

COVID-19, the respiratory disease that’s killed hundreds of thousands globally, causes coughing and shortness of breath. Taking in too much unhealthy, smoke-filled air can cause the same symptoms, Gleason said.

“The fact of the matter is that wildfire smoke like this can cause similar symptoms to COVID,” Gleason said.

Those symptoms are especially

pronounced among vulnerable populations, like the elderly and people with respiratory conditions.

The similarity between the two conditions means people should be vigilant when experiencing symptoms and go to the hospital only when necessary, Gleason said. People experiencing coughing, shortness of breath or other symptoms should call their healthcare providers before going in, and go to the emergency room only when necessary.

Coos County reported a total of 95 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 31 presumptive cases for a total of 136 cases, as of Tuesday morning data. There have been no new cases for the past four days following three outbreaks, including five confirmed or presumptive cases at Bandon Pacific Seafood in Charleston. The other two outbreaks have not been named, though one of them was identified as a church, though no location given.

Gleason did say Coos Health & Wellness expects a surge in about a week or so following the Labor Day weekend. There were COVID-19 case surges statewide following the Memorial Day and Fourth of July weekends.

No individuals in the county have died from COVID-19, and none are currently hospitalized with the virus, according to Coos Health & Wellness.

Statewide, the percent of individuals who test positive for the coronavirus is trending down, though over 28,000 people have tested positive and nearly 500 have died to the virus or complications with it.



# Lincoln City evacuated as fires burn 1,000 acres

MAX KIRKENDALL  
Lincoln City News Guard

LINCOLN CITY — Lincoln County Emergency Management continues to work quickly with changing situations.

Lincoln City is being evacuated and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department is assisting with evacuations in the area.

Oregon Coast Community College in Newport is the current evacuation location — South of the Yaquina Bay Bridge. The address is 400 SE College Way, Newport, OR 97366.

The Lincoln County Commons is being set up to receive horses and livestock, and 4H youth will assist owners in caring for their animals.

"This community has come together in an amazing way to protect lives and property," said Kaety Jacobsen, chair of the Board of County Commissioners. "This is unprecedented situation, but we will get through this together."

Firefighters had a hard night last night working these fires, as strong winds pushed the fires in a west/southwest direction.

On Tuesday, the Echo Mountain Fire was approximately 46 acres but increased during the

night. On Tuesday, the Kimberling Fire was estimated at 120 acres. By Wednesday, the combined acreage for the two fires is over 1,000 acres.

The Terrace Fire near Waldport has been contained. An Infra-Red (heat seeking) flight has been ordered to get a map of the current fires and better size estimate. The Echo Mountain Fire started on the north side of Hwy 18 near the mile marker 7-8 and crossed over and is burning in a southwardly direction.

"Basically, the fire was burning at will," said Matt Thomas of Oregon Department of Forestry.

At this time, it is unknown how much area has burned south of the highway. The Kimberling Fire is located on Hwy 18 near mile marker 3-4 near Otis. Highway 18 remains closed for travel between Hwy 101 and Grande Ronde.

Firefighting resources are stretched thin and it will take up to 48 hours to assess what damage occurred Tuesday night. Firefighters are working in a very dynamic situation under sustained east winds. Their priority is public and firefighter safety while providing point structure protection.

Oregon Department of Forest-



Max Kirkendall, Lincoln City News Guard

Lincoln City has been evacuated due to fire danger.

ry West Oregon District Forester Michael Currans stated that "we can't handle another fire start on the landscape."

The public is cautioned to be very diligent about running any type of motorized equipment. As of September 3, the West Oregon District is in extreme fire danger for general public use. For details visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/>

[odf/fire/pages/restrictions.as](https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/odf/fire/pages/restrictions.as)

Periodic updates on fire activity will posted to the Oregon Department of Forestry — West Oregon District Face book page.

Residents of the county should check Lincoln County's website and Emergency Management Facebook page for up to date information: <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/>

[emergencymanagement/page/seasonal-hazards-wildfirehttps://www.facebook.com/lcemergencymanagement](https://www.facebook.com/lcemergencymanagement) The Lincoln County call center is open 541-265-0621.

Additionally, residents and visitors should listen to Yaquina Bay Communications radio stations and The Wave 93.7FM for new and emerging information.

## North Bank

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"So far (our) house is OK," wrote Candace Kreitlow who with her husband Pete Bauer lives close to where the fire snaked down the hill, burning Bauer's woodworking studio where he made fine art pieces, along with equipment, many pieces of myrtlewood and Kreitlow's weaving loom, among other things.

"Studio is literally burnt toast," Kreitlow wrote. "Fire still threatening the house. ... Air is toxic, of course. But ... we are ok as are the kitties. Sooooo Thankful for good friends & neighbors & AMAZING Firefighters."

A barn and one other structure located in the fire zone also suffered damage, mostly to their roofs, but the rest of the homes in the area are still standing unscathed.

Ray said there are 162 firefighters working the fire, in addition to local agencies who have also responded, including Bandon Rural Fire Department and Coquille Fire & Rescue. Many other South Coast fire departments, along with local police and sheriff's deputies responded on Tuesday, but Wednesday, CFPA firefighters and contracted personnel were on scene.

The crews and equip-

ment include five 20-person contracted crews, one 10-person crew from Shutter Creek Correctional Institution being managed by a crew boss from CFPA, two district hand crews, two CFPA bulldozers being operated by CFPA personnel, a type I helicopter (heavy weight), a type II helicopter (medium weight) and a type III helicopter manned with a CFPA employee.

"That (type III helicopter operator) flies air attack and gives coordinates to the aircraft on the fire and also provides ground resource information because they are above the fire," Ray explained.

There were no fixed-wing aircrafts on the fire Wednesday, though there was one on Tuesday dropping fire retardant as the fire was erupting.

There are also six industry bulldozers and operators and five local industry water tenders and operators on site.

"These are local companies that normally work in the timber industry and have agreements with us and can come and help when we have fires," Ray said.

"CFPA is actively suppressing the fire and structural departments are protecting the structures, coordinated with law enforcement," Ray said, adding that a local landowner has agreed to provide a

field for contractors to camp in between day and night shifts.

Firefighters worked the fire throughout the night Tuesday and were expected to do the same Wednesday and beyond, depending on the fire's status.

"It's all weather dependent," Ray said. "If the weather changes for the better, it will help progress. If it continues to be bad, it will slow progress."

Wednesday morning the weather remained

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Dominique Ray,  
Coos Forest Protective Association

oddly warm for the South Coast, but the wind had calmed down overnight. Throughout the day, heavy smoke lingered in the area from Coos Bay south to Langlois and Port Orford, still being pushed by east winds. A marine layer slowly crept in later in the day and by evening temperatures were down from the low 90s and high 80s to the low 60s. Rain is predicted for Monday and Tuesday.

One helicopter was rerouted from the North Bank Lane fire in the

early afternoon when a fire broke out at Tugman State Park just off U.S. Highway 101 just north of Lakeside.

Ray said local fire departments also responded and along with the helicopter, CFPA personnel and a Shutter Creek crew were able to contain that fire at about one-half acre.

"They stopped it quickly and mopped it up," Ray said. No other fires are burning in the South Coast CFPA district, she added. Mike and Susan Deets

long asphalt driveway was burnt on both sides. It's horrible. Looks like a war zone."

Bandon Fire Chief Lanny Boston was on scene both Tuesday and Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon Boston said there were still active flames within the control lines.

"We'll increase the lines today and will stay on hot spots near homes in the area," Boston said. "A lot will depend on what Mother Nature does. We managed to handle it thanks to our neighbors. Weather will be the factor."

Boston and Bandon Police Chief Bob Webb said Bandon Dunes Golf Resort suffered a small balcony fire outside one of the resort's restaurants but managed to get it out before Bandon Fire arrived. It was not clear what caused that fire.

Bandon Dunes General Manager Don Crowe said Thursday morning there was a "smolder with a little smoke" on one of the decks on the main lodge at the resort.

"Our maintenance staff jumped up and used a fire extinguisher to put that out," Crowe said. "Rather uneventful compared to the bigger picture of what's going on in the area."

Crowe said Bandon Fire responded and by that time, BDGR maintenance staff had already taken the boards off the deck and the

fire department checked it for any evidence of fire, giving staff the "green light."

"We're good here," Crowe said.

Webb said if city of Bandon residents need to be evacuated due to a fire or other emergency, the city will utilize its tsunami warning sirens to alert the public.

Boston also said the North Bank Lane fire never jumped the Coquille River, but that crews were watching on the Highway 42S side to make sure.

"People need to be vigilant," Boston said. "If they see embers (from the North Bank Lane fire), they need to go out and feel it to see if it's cold or warm and do what they need to do if it's warm. If (the fire) jumps the river, we have a real problem."

Boston said with most agencies tapped out due to the large number of fires burning in Oregon, Washington and California, firefighting resources are in short supply.

"People need to wake up and be responsible. The public needs to help us out," Boston said. "We have enough for one call. Firefighters are not available right now. Yesterday we were lucky and a lot of good work went on."

Anyone with questions about the fire is encouraged to call CFPA at 541-267-3161.

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# Fires without precedent rage in Northwest

PHOENIX (AP) — Numerous wildfires burned in Oregon’s forested valleys and along the coast, destroying hundreds of homes and causing mass evacuations. Farther north, flames devoured buildings and huge tracts of land in Washington state.

Officials said the number of simultaneous fires and perhaps the damage caused was unprecedented. Several deaths were reported, including a 1-year-old boy in Washington state. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said communities have been “substantially destroyed” and warned there could be numerous fatalities.

Because of its cool, wet climate, the Pacific Northwest rarely experiences such intense fire activity. But climate change driven by human-caused greenhouse gases is expected to keep warming the region, with most models predicting drier summers, according to the College of the Environment at the University of Washington.

Brown said Oregon could see the greatest loss of life and property from wildfires in state history. The small towns of Phoenix and Talent in southern Oregon were heavily damaged. Another fire leveled most of the small farming town of Malden in eastern Washington — burning

down the fire station, post office, City Hall and library.

In Washington state, a fire burned more than 750 square miles (1,900 square kilometers) of forest, brush and shrubland, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee said Wednesday after a 30-minute tour of the fire area in Sumner, east of Tacoma.

Inslee said low humidity, high temperatures and winds combined to likely make the blaze one of “the most catastrophic fires we’ve had in the history of the state.”

Fires were also causing chaos in California, where thousands of homes where threatened Thursday after winds whipped a blaze into a monster that incinerated houses in a small mountain community and killed at least three people.

Several other people have been critically burned and hundreds, if not thousands, of homes and other buildings are believed to have been damaged or destroyed by the fire northeast of San Francisco, authorities said. Experts say the California’s fires are growing bigger and moving faster than they ever have before.

In Oregon, fires erupted along Interstate 5, hitting towns and forcing a shutdown of the main freeway along the West Coast.

U.S. Highway 101, the main coastal highway running through California, Oregon and Washington, was also impacted.

At least three people in Oregon and the small child in Washington state were reported killed. In Oregon, authorities said one of the victims from Marion County near Salem was a young boy, whose remains were found alongside those of his dog.

The extent of damage was unclear because so many of the fire zones were too dangerous to survey, said Oregon Deputy State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple.

A mandatory evacuation was ordered in the northern half of Lincoln City, a vacation town of about 10,000 people on the Oregon coast.

“The fire is in the city,” said county Emergency Management spokesman Casey Miller.

Some buildings had been burned, Miller said, but he had no immediate details. Traffic snarled as people tried to drive south. An evacuation center was set up at a community college in Newport.

In Talent, a mobile home park with more than 50 homes was turned into an empty lot except for one lone trailer, said Drew Cutler, who lives in nearby Ashland.

In western Oregon, fire tore through Santiam Canyon and the Cascade Range foothills east of Salem, the state capital. People with animals sought shelter from the Red Cross at the fairgrounds.

Catherine Shields evacuated her home in Silverton with a menagerie of animals, assisted by neighbors and strangers. As smoke obscured the sun and ash fell from the sky, they helped load her and her partner’s three horses, a donkey, two llamas, a dozen sheep, geese, ducks, turkeys and dogs onto trailers and vehicles.

As she walked one of the horses at the fairgrounds Wednesday, she marveled at how people were pulling together despite political divisiveness in the country.

“In the last 24 hours, we just felt people are doing their best,” Shields said.

With an expected break in the weather Thursday, Doug Grafe, chief of fire protection at the Oregon Department of Forestry, said firefighters are hoping to turn things around.

“Today marks the last day where we are witnessing this historic weather event,” Grafe said.

Officials said winds have slowed and cooler marine winds were expected.

In northeastern Washington, a 1-year-old boy died after his

family was apparently overrun by flames while trying to flee a wildfire, Okanogan County Sheriff Tony Hawley said.

KOIN reported that police confirmed that a boy and his grandmother died in a wildfire near Lyons, Oregon. The Mail Tribune in Medford, Oregon, reported that Jackson County Sheriff Nathan Sickler confirmed at least one death and a criminal investigation at the origin point of a wildfire that started near Ashland.

Lloyd Dean Holland, a Vietnam veteran, barely escaped his home in Estacada on Tuesday night.

Holland said Oregon State Police had warned him to leave earlier in the day, but the fire seemed far away and he decided to stay. Around 10 p.m., he said, his landlord came pounding on the door screaming at him to go.

He left his rental house as flames exploded in cedar trees around him. He found his dog Gus waiting in his truck.

He said his sole remaining possessions — rifles, dentures and some clothing — were also in the truck.

“I’ve been through hell and high water but nothing like this. I’ve been shot down and shot at but this — last night, I’m still not over it,” Holland said.

## Oregon reports lowest number of cases since June 24

### THE WORLD

PORTLAND — COVID-19 has claimed eight more lives in Oregon, raising the state’s death toll to 494, the Oregon Health Authority reported Wednesday.

Oregon Health Authority also reported 125 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 on Wednesday, bringing the state total to 28,471. That’s the lowest number of cases since June 24, when 124 cases were reported by OHA.

The new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases reported Wednesday are in the following counties: Benton (2), Clackamas (7), Columbia

(1), Curry (1), Deschutes (1), Jackson (7), Jefferson (1), Josephine (3), Klamath (1), Lane (11), Linn (11), Malheur (11), Marion (23), Morrow (2), Multnomah (22), Polk (2), Tillamook (2), Umatilla (5), Union (1), Washington (10), and Yamhill (1).

Oregon’s 487th COVID-19 death is a 96-year-old woman in Deschutes County who tested positive on July 14 and died on Aug. 10 in her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 488th COVID-19 death is an 81-year-old woman in Washington County who tested positive on August 25 and died on Sept. 3 at Kaiser Westside Medical

Center. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 489th COVID-19 death is a 93-year-old woman in Washington County who tested positive on Aug. 3 and died on Sept. 5 in her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 490th COVID-19 death is a 49-year-old man in Washington County who tested positive on July 17 and died on Sept. 4 in his residence. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 491st COVID-19 death is a 64-year-old man in Malheur County who tested positive on Aug. 24 and died on Sept. 6 at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical

Center in Boise. Presence of underlying conditions is being confirmed.

Oregon’s 492nd COVID-19 death is a 97-year-old woman in Umatilla County who tested positive on July 16 and died on Sept. 8 in her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 493rd COVID-19 death is an 88-year-old man in Morrow County who tested positive on Aug. 7 and died on Sept. 4 at Good Shepherd Hospital. Presence of underlying conditions is being confirmed.

Oregon’s 494th COVID-19 death is a 68-year-old man in Lane County who tested positive on Aug. 23 and died on Aug. 30 in his residence. He had underlying conditions.

### Wildfire Smoke and COVID-19

With air quality very poor across the state due to wildfires, OHA reminds Oregonians that exposure to smoke and other forms of pollution can increase the risk and severity of respiratory infections, including possibly COVID-19.

When smoke is heavy, the key protection strategy is to lessen exposure to the smoke, particularly for people who have a condition that makes them more sensitive. People can do this by staying inside at home, getting and using an air filter, and spending time in a cleaner air space. For those who are asked to evacuate or those who choose to leave home to go to an area with cleaner air, remember to take and use a face

covering along with hand sanitizer and to practice physical distancing from non-household members.

If it’s safe to do so, staying home to lessen exposure to wildfire smoke also lessens the risk for contracting COVID-19. Further information on how to protect against wildfire smoke can be found at [healthoregon.org/wildfires](http://healthoregon.org/wildfires).

### 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.

## Coos Bay bans use of power tools

### THE WORLD

COOS BAY — The Coos Bay Fire Department announced a ban on the use of yard maintenance power equipment within city limits Wednesday afternoon.

The ban prohibits the use of equipment including lawn mowers, weed eaters, edgers and chainsaws due to the extreme risk of fire

in the region.

On Tuesday, the fire department announced a burn ban within city limits, joining bans in several other cities and within Coos Fire Protective Association limits. That ban prohibits recreational burning and campfires.

Both bans will last through at least Sept. 14 at 8 a.m., according to a release from the city. At

that time, city officials will reevaluate the bans, and may extend or modify them depending on the conditions.

The fire department asks that anyone who sees a person violating the ban inform the person about the ban first, and call 541-269-8911 if they need to report a violation. Fires should still be reported to 911, the release said.

## Siuslaw National Forest closes dunes, other lands due to fire danger

### THE WORLD

The Siuslaw National Forest will close for public access starting at noon Thursday, according to a release from the National Forest Service.

The closure prohibits access to all forested, sand and coastal areas, as well as the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area and campgrounds in the forest. Roads on Forest Service lands are closed as well, unless needed for evacuations.

Officials closed the forest

after extreme fire danger has swept the west coast, and areas throughout the state are facing wildfires, poor air quality and a lack of firefighting resources.

“Most coastal fires are human caused so by restricting public access at this time of highest risk we can reduce the chance of new fires igniting when firefighting resources are stretched to capacity,” said Forest Supervisor Robert Sanchez in the release.

The closure is temporary and will be reevaluated regularly, according to the

release.

A number of other public areas are also closed. The Elliot State Forest and South Slough Reserve were closed to the public Tuesday, and on Wednesday the Bureau of Land Management Coos Bay District announced the closure of most of its developed recreation sites east of U.S. Highway 101.

Campfires are currently prohibited in many recreation areas, and much of the South Coast is subject to bans on recreational burning and power tool use.

## Governor

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cities such as Detroit in the Santiam Canyon and Lincoln City west of the central Oregon Coast Range. Grafe said there is hope that weather conditions will change by Thursday.

“The winds have subsided,” he said. “Although we are still seeing gusts of 25 mph in the high mountain passes. Tomorrow begins a

hopeful change in weather conditions to give us a chance to shift resources.”

Grafe said cooler moist air is expected to flow into the state from the Pacific.

Oregon Office of Emergency Management Director Andrew Phelps emphasized the need for all Oregonians to be ready for evacuations.

“Stay home if you are in a safe place,” Phelps said. “If you are in an evacuation zone, know when you need to go and

what you need to take with you. Follow the evacuation orders. Make sure you are prepared as soon as possible.”

Oregon Deputy State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple also urged Oregonians to be prepared.

“All residents need to be prepared to understand evacuation levels 1-2-3,” she said. “All residents should be ready to go at a moments notice. Be ready to go. Stay tuned to all emergency messages.”

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

### Man who threatened suicide demands his guns be returned

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have been friends with another couple for more than 50 years. The four of us have shared lots of good times together.

After recent open heart surgery, the husband became very depressed and talked to his wife about “ending it all.” She asked me to take the few handguns (all legal) they had in their home to be safe. I didn’t feel I could say no. I’m not interested in guns, but it seemed a simple request. So she “snuck” them out to me during our last visit.

When the husband discovered what his wife had done, she told him about my role in it. He now demands I return his guns and says he no longer wants anything to do with me. His wife wants me to hold onto them for now.

What should I do? -- TORN OVER THIS

**DEAR TORN:** From what I have been told, depression after heart surgery is not unusual. Hang onto the guns and urge the wife to report her husband’s threat to harm himself to his doctors and let them guide her. She should also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which is 800-273-8255. Someone who has talked about suicide should not have easy access to the means to do it.

**DEAR ABBY:** Since this coronavirus pandemic started, I have seen lots of articles stressing the importance of staying connected to elderly family members, friends and those living alone. My husband and I have each other, so we are sheltering in place. Although we have eight grandkids who all live within 50 miles, we haven’t heard a word from any of them, whether via phone, email or text, all of which we do. How bad is that? -- DISCONNECTED IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR DISCONNECTED:** If you have reached out to your grandchildren and been ignored, shame on them. If you

haven’t, it’s time you did. Sometimes young people become so engrossed in their daily lives they forget about anything else. But that’s what PARENTS are for, to “remind” them that reaching out to someone who needs a kind word (or an errand run during a pandemic) can be rewarding not only for the receiver but also for the giver. Parents should remind them to take five minutes occasionally to text Grandma.

**DEAR ABBY:** I started and completed a college fund for my two daughters. Only one of them used it. The other joined the military and used the GI Bill for college instead of the money from the college fund (\$10,000). Am I obligated to give her that money? I did pull it out of the fund and have it in a certificate. I figure when she buys a house, I’ll give it to her then. -- WONDERING IN FLORIDA

**DEAR WONDERING:** Check with the bank to make sure there won’t be a problem if the college fund money isn’t used for your daughter’s education. If you can apply it elsewhere in a way that will benefit her -- and part of a down payment on a house would definitely qualify -- I think it would be wonderful. But check first.

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# Teacher deaths raise alarms

O’FALLON, Mo. (AP) — Teachers in at least three states have died after bouts with the coronavirus since the dawn of the new school year, and a teachers’ union leader worries that the return to in-person classes will have a deadly impact across the U.S. if proper precautions aren’t taken.

AshLee DeMarinis was just 34 when she died Sunday after three weeks in the hospital. She taught social skills and special education at John Evans Middle School in Potosi, Missouri, about 70 miles (115 kilometers) southwest of St. Louis.

A third-grade teacher died Monday in South Carolina, and two other educators died recently in Mississippi. It’s unclear how many teachers in the U.S. have become ill with COVID-19 since the new school year began, but Mississippi alone has reported 604 cases among school teachers and staff.

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, said schools need guidelines such as mandatory face coverings and strict social distancing rules to reopen safely.

“If community spread is too high as it is in Missouri and Mississippi, if you don’t have the infrastructure of testing, and if you don’t have the safeguards that prevent the spread of viruses in the school, we believe that you cannot reopen in person,” Weingarten said.

Johnny Dunlap, a 39-year-old drama and forensics teacher at Dodge City High School in Kansas, said he considered quitting before the district made masks mandatory for teachers and students. Still, his history of bladder cancer and high blood pressure have left him with some angst about being around so many people. Existing health conditions can put people at higher risk for severe illness and death from the virus.

“I’m at a high school with close

to 2,000 students so it kind of runs against the advice we have been given for half a year now,” Dunlap said.

The early phase of the pandemic claimed the lives of dozens of teachers. The New York City Department of Education alone lost 31 teachers among 75 employees whose deaths were blamed on the coronavirus.

Across the U.S., the American Federation of Teachers lists 210 union members who have died. The list includes support staff and retirees as well as teachers.

The start of the new school year brought with it new fatalities.

In Oxford, Mississippi, 42-year-old Nacoma James taught at a middle school and helped coach high school football. He died Aug. 6 during the first week of classes, but was self-quarantining when teachers and students returned to the classroom, said Lafayette County School District Superintendent Adam Pugh.

Pugh recalled that James was a seventh-grade student when he began teaching 30 years ago.

“It was a hard punch to my stomach, when I heard,” Pugh said.

James worked with football players during summer workouts, but an investigation found no new cases linked to him, Pugh said.

Another Mississippi teacher died Sunday. History teacher Tom Slade recently posted on Facebook about his battle with pneumonia caused by the coronavirus.

Slade was teaching in-person when the academic year started on Aug. 6, Principal Raina Holmes said, but began quarantining after he had contact with someone who was positive at a church meeting. His last day of teaching was Aug. 21.

Slade was known for jokingly using a judge’s gavel to quiet noisy students.

“He always brought humor into his classroom and his students loved that

part about him,” said Holmes.

In South Carolina, Demetria “Demi” Bannister, 28, died three days after being diagnosed with COVID-19, her school district said in a news release Wednesday. Bannister taught third grade in Columbia.

The district said Bannister was at Windsor Elementary School on Aug. 28 for a teacher work day, before classes resumed.

In Potosi, in-person classes started Aug. 24. DeMarinis was already hospitalized by then but had been in the school preparing for the year a couple of weeks earlier, her sister, Jennifer Heissenbuttel said.

Superintendent Alex McCaul said contact tracing determined she had no close contact with any teachers, students or staff.

DeMarinis grew up near New York but developed a passion for her rural school and Potosi, a town of 2,600 residents, Heissenbuttel said.

DeMarinis had wanted to teach special education since she was a child, when a special education teacher helped her overcome mild dyslexia.

“She had the patience of a saint. She was really meant for it,” Heissenbuttel said. “The kids loved her. She touched so many lives.”

DeMarinis had asthma, which can put someone more at risk from severe illness from COVID-19. She began feeling poorly around mid-August, Heissenbuttel said. After developing fever and shortness of breath, she was tested for the coronavirus and was soon hospitalized.

It’s unclear where DeMarinis picked up the virus.

Heissenbuttel is a nurse who works in a New York area hospital’s intensive care unit. Somehow, she managed to avoid the illness that her sister couldn’t.

“I thought it would be me, not her,” Heissenbuttel said.

to the American people. He knowingly and willingly lied about the threat it posed to the country for months.”

“While a deadly disease ripped through our nation, he failed to do his job — on purpose. It was a life or death betrayal of the American people,” Biden said.

By evening, Trump’s own words, captured on the Woodward tapes, had popped up in a Biden campaign ad. The ad includes audio of Trump privately acknowledging to Woodward the severity of COVID-19, and ends with a narrator pronouncing: “Trump knew it all along.” In a taped Feb. 7 call with Woodward, Trump said of the virus, “You just breathe the air and that’s how it’s passed. And so that’s a very tricky one. That’s a very delicate one. It’s also more deadly than even your strenuous flus,” Trump said.

“This is deadly stuff,” the president repeated for emphasis.

Just three days later, Trump struck a far rosier tone in public, in an interview with Fox Business: “I think the virus is going to be — it’s going to be fine.”

The Washington Post, where Woodward serves as associate editor, reported excerpts of the book on Wednesday, as did CNN. The book also covers race relations, diplomacy with North Korea and a range of other issues that have arisen during the past two years.

The book is based in part on 18 interviews that Woodward conducted with Trump between December and July.

celed in the name of virus safety, until an uproar sparked a change of heart. The Fire Department has cited the virus in urging members to stay away from any observances of the 2001 attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people, among them almost 350 firefighters.

## BLM closes many areas

### THE WORLD

COOS BAY — As a result of extreme fire danger, the Bureau of Land Management Coos Bay District has temporarily closed all developed recreation sites east of U.S. Highway 101, with the exception of Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area. The closure is in place from Sept. 9 through Sept. 16.

According to a press release from the BLM Coos Bay District, members of the public may not enter closed recreation areas. This temporary closure includes the following developed recreation sites:

- Smith River Falls Campground
- Vincent Creek Campground
- Fawn Creek Campground
- East Shore Campground
- Park Creek Campground
- Edson Creek Campground
- Sixes River Campground
- Doerner Fir Trail
- Blue Ridge Trail System

Recreation sites west of Highway 101, including Bastendorff Beach, the North Spit Boat Ramp and Trail System, and the New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern remain open. Campfires and any open flames remain prohibited at these locations west of Highway 101, as well as forest lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Public and firefighter safety are the highest priority. Extreme fire activity, fueled by a rare fire weather event with low humidity and strong east winds of 15 to 30 mph and gusts up to 50 mph, occurred on several fires located in western Oregon on Sept. 7 and 8. The extreme fire danger prompted the closure of these sites while firefighting resources are limited. Moderate to heavy smoke impacts from the fires are expected to continue throughout western Oregon for a few days.

“Personal safety is paramount,” said BLM Public Affairs Specialist Megan Harper.

Stay informed on air quality ratings and more by visiting the Oregon Smoke Blog at <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>. Learn how to stay safe from wildfire smoke at <https://www.cdc.gov/air/wildfire-smoke/default.htm>.

A Red Flag Warning for the persistence of critical fire weather on the heels of this historic September event will remain in effect until 8 pm Wednesday. Conditions during this time will remain favorable for continued rapid fire spread.

Please call 911 to report any signs of new fires. “Please observe public use restrictions and help us limit potential new starts during this time,” Harper said.

A list of personal use restrictions, as well as closure orders, are available at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions>. You can also follow BLM on Facebook and Twitter @BLMOregon.

## Pedestrian injured after being hit by car in Bandon

### THE WORLD

BANDON — A pedestrian was listed in critical but stable condition after being struck by a car in between the Inn at Old Town and Dan Farmer State Farm Insurance Agency in Bandon while crossing U.S. Highway 101 Tuesday evening, Sept. 8.

According to the Bandon Police Department, at approximately 8:01 p.m., the 68-year-old man was transported to the hospital via ambulance and was scheduled to be airlifted to Oregon Health & Sciences University in Portland for surgery. The name and

residence of the victim and driver were not released.

The crash was reconstructed by OSP Crash Reconstructionist and preliminary investigation shows speed was not a factor. The area is a low-lit and it was dark. The motel is located in the center of town directly across the highway from Old Town food and shopping establishments. There is no crosswalk in the immediate area, though there is one about two blocks away at Fillmore Avenue.

There have been no criminal charges filed at this time, according to the Bandon Police Department.

## US layoffs remain elevated as job market’s gains weaken

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits was unchanged last week at 884,000, a sign that layoffs remain stuck at a historically high level six months after the viral pandemic flattened the economy.

The latest figures released by the Labor Department Thursday coincide with other recent evidence that the job market’s improvement may be weakening after solid gains through spring and most of summer. The number of people seeking jobless aid each week still far exceeds the number who did so in any week on record before this year.

Hiring has slowed since June, and a rising number of laid-off workers now say they regard their job loss as permanent. The number of people who are continuing to receive state unemployment benefits rose last week, after five weeks of declines, to 13.4 million, evidence that employers

aren’t hiring enough to offset layoffs. Job postings have leveled off in the past month, according to the employment website Indeed.

“The claims data were disappointing,” said Rubee-la Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics. “It is especially concerning that the pace of layoffs has not slowed more materially even though the economy has reopened more fully and more and more businesses have come back online.”

The weakening signs are emerging just as Congress remains unable to agree on further economic relief despite widespread urging from economists and warnings from officials at the Federal Reserve that more stimulus is needed.

Hiring will likely remain restrained as long as Americans are unable or reluctant to resume their normal habits of shopping, traveling, dining out and engaging in other commerce.

## In a year of social distancing, virus alters Sept. 11 memorials, too

NEW YORK (AP) — In a year when the coronavirus pandemic has reshaped countless American rituals, even the commemoration of 9/11 could not escape unchanged.

The 19th anniversary of the terror attacks will be marked by dueling ceremonies at the Sept.

11 memorial plaza and a corner near the World Trade Center, reflecting a divide over the memorial’s decision to suspend a cherished tradition of relatives reading victims’ names in person. Vice President Mike Pence is expected at both those remembrances in New

York, while President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden plan to attend a truncated ceremony at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania.

In New York, the double beams of light that evoke the fallen twin towers were nearly can-



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# Raptors force Game 7 with double-OT win

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — The Toronto Raptors faced a sizable early deficit. They trailed in the fourth quarter. And again in the first overtime. And again in the second overtime. Exhausted and on the brink, the reigning NBA champions rose to the moment.

Next up: Game 7 on Friday night for a spot in the Eastern Conference finals against Miami.

OG Anunoby — the hero of Game 3 with a buzzer-beating 3

— put the Raptors ahead to stay with a 3-pointer with just under a minute left in double overtime, Kyle Lowry got an acrobatic jumper to fall with 11.7 seconds left and the Raptors beat the Boston Celtics 125-122 in Game 6 on Wednesday night.

Lowry scored 33 points in 53 minutes for Toronto. Norman Powell had 23, including a three-point play with about 39 seconds left and a pair of free throws to help finish it off. Fred VanVleet scored 21

points for the Raptors, and Anunoby had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Lowry was on his back, laying on the court, breathing fairly heavily and with his fists thrown high in the air when Powell had the three-point play.

Jaylen Brown had 31 points and 16 rebounds for the Celtics, who had their starters on the floor — without a single sub — for the final 22-plus minutes.

Jayson Tatum had 29 points, 14 rebounds and nine assists.

Marcus Smart had 23 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists, and missed a 3-pointer that would have tied it with about 3 seconds left in the second extra session.

**CLIPPERS 96, NUGGETS 85:** Kawhi Leonard finished an assist shy of his first play-off triple-double and the Los Angeles beat Denver to move a step closer to their first Western Conference finals.

Leonard filled up the stat sheet with 30 points, 11 rebounds, four

steals and two blocked shots. He has scored 30 or more points six times during this postseason.

Reserve Montrezl Harrell added 15 points to help the Clippers take a 3-1 lead. They can close out the Nuggets on Friday night.

Nikola Jokic had 26 points and 11 boards for a Nuggets team that finds itself in an all-too-familiar situation. They were down in their first-round series against Utah before becoming the 12th team in NBA history to over-

## Pro Picks: Predicting is hard enough in normal year

**BARRY WILNER**  
Associated Press

Pro Picks has enough trouble finding winners, outright and against the spread, during a normal season.

Our job might be more difficult than what the players and coaches are going through without a true preseason, contact drills and cohesiveness.

Well, maybe not. But close.

So excuse us if we struggle out of the gate on our way to, hopefully, something competitive with last season's record (see below).

It all starts Thursday night with the Texans at the Chiefs. And, yes, with some fans (about 16,000, the hosts say). So it will be loud enough, if not quite raucous at Arrowhead Stadium.

Andy Reid finally has his Super Bowl ring and Patrick Mahomes has a baseball-type contract. Kansas City also appears to have a solid enough defense to go with its speed-of-light attack.

"We've done everything we possibly can to keep practices as fast as we can, but there's nothing like a game," Reid says. "You get a little bit of that in the preseason. It's still not as fast as the regular season, but at least you're able to go through those things and knock the wrinkles out. Whether it's the play-calling or the game-day procedure or actually playing in the game as a player, you're kind of able to knock things out and smooth the wrinkles. So, we haven't had that. I still think it's going to be a good product."

The Texans, meanwhile,

## Chiefs nix headdresses, face paint to start season

MISSION, Kan. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs fans who file into Arrowhead Stadium Thursday for a masked and socially distanced start to the NFL season won't be wearing headaddresses or face paint amid a nationwide push for racial justice following the police-custody death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The move by the reigning Super Bowl champions has pleased Native Americans as a good first step, but frustrated some of the 17,000 fans who will be in the stands as the team becomes the first to take the field in front of a crowd — albeit a smaller than normal one — during the coronavirus pandemic. Enforcing the new restrictions also comes as the team tries to require masks, which has proven challenging at some public practices.

NFL teams with Native American mascots are facing increased scrutiny after the team in Washington chose to drop Redskins as its nickname after a long and often contentious dialogue with fans and the public. The Chiefs also announced last month that the team was discussing the future of its tomahawk chop celebration amid complaints that it's racist.

Students at nearby Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, are among those who demanded changes.

“Using this mascot and having this fan base

of predominantly white people wearing face paint and headdresses and doing the tomahawk chop, and it energizes them and gives them this sense of power, and then thinking there is nothing wrong with doing that is just mind boggling to me,” said William Wilkinson, Haskell’s former University Student Government Association president.

Wilkinson, who is Navajo, Cherokee, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara, said that eventually the team nickname also must change.

“It dehumanizes us and gives us Native Americans this picture of being this savage beast that is hungry for fighting when in real life we are nothing like that,” said the 22-year-old business major from Madison, Wisconsin.

Ty Rowton, a self-described superfan who goes to games as the X-Factor, dressed with an Arrowhead on his head, beads and a cape signed by players, has made one change to his costume. Instead of face paint, he will stick Duct tape with Bible verses on his face.

He was stopped by security when he wore the getup for a training camp practice but said he has since gotten clearance for the ensemble. Still, he thinks the team’s changes are an overreaction and said fans love to pose with people wearing headdresses. He also thinks the team also should keep the tomahawk chop.

rewarded their quarterback, Deshaun Watson, with a monster deal of his own, also well earned. But Watson doesn't have his favorite target and, probably, Houston's best player the past few years. Star receiver DeAndre Hopkins was traded to Arizona.

Houston, which held a 24-0 first-half lead in a playoff game at KC, is a 9 1-2-point underdog against the defending champions. Things figure to be pretty sloppy — not just in this game but everywhere. Still ... CHIEFS, 30-20

Nothing is more embarrassing than getting knocked out of a knockout pool in Week 1. We will start off with BUFFALO over the Jets.

**Indianapolis (minus 8) at Jacksonville:** Are the Jaguars going to be as bad as most everyone thinks? At least for this week, we hope so ... BEST BET, COLTS, 27-16

**Seattle (minus 1 1-2) at Atlanta:** Pro Picks really likes what the Seahawks are building, but this is a dangerous opening matchup ... UPSET SPECIAL,

FALCONS, 21-20  
**Green Bay (plus 2 1-2) at Minnesota:** No home crowd could have a major impact here. Or not ... VIKINGS, 23-17  
**Tampa Bay (plus 3) at New Orleans:** Tom Brady vs. Drew Brees is as spicy an opening matchup as the NFL could have come up with. Go with the Cajun spice ... SAINTS, 26-20  
**Cleveland (plus 8 1-2) at Baltimore:** The Browns could prove a lot here with a win. Or a lopsided loss ... RAVENS, 22-20  
**Dallas (minus 3) at Los An-**

# Steelers linebacker Shazier announces retirement

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ryan Shazier wants to make something clear. His comeback from a spinal injury suffered nearly three years ago remains very much on course.

The end, however, won't include the Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker triumphantly running out onto the Heinz Field turf wearing his No. 50 jersey while waving a Terrible Towel.

For all the progress he's made since that frightening night in Cincinnati in December 2017 — when Shazier's ever-churning legs went lifeless following a routine tackle on Bengals wide receiver Josh Malone — standing in the huddle next to good friend and “Shake and Bake” partner Vince Williams is no longer an option.

Just don't mistake the retirement Shazier announced Wednesday as succumbing to the inevitable. He's still playing the game. Just in a different way. And he can still hit. Just ask his oldest son Ryan Jr.

“He tried to run away from me and I actually tackled him as if I was playing a football game,” Shazier said. “I think I tackled him a little too hard, but it was kind of funny. I thought it was kind of an achievement that I actually was able to tackle my son, even though he's not an NFL running back. I thought it was kind of cool just to be able to chase your son and be able to

play with him.”

The two-time Pro Bowler insists he's not angry at how things turned out. He's not upset a play that began so innocently ended up requiring him to undergo spine stabilization surgery. That procedure forced him to the physically unable to perform list in 2018 and 2019 even as his rehabilitation became an inspirational touchstone.

Less than six months removed from leaving Paul Brown Stadium in an ambulance unsure if he would walk again, Shazier strode out onto the stage at the 2018 NFL draft to announce the Steelers' first-round pick. He became a fixture at the club's practice facility. Social media posts chronicling his progress have frequently gone viral, replete with the #Shalieve hashtag.

Shazier, taken with the 15th overall pick in 2014, understands his grace and grit in the midst of such a shocking setback have turned him into an icon of sorts on the merits of perseverance. It's a responsibility he will gladly shoulder heading into the next chapter of his life.

In addition to beginning an NFL-centric podcast, Shazier plans to devote more time to the Shalieve Fight Foundation, which is dedicated to assisting people with spinal cord injuries.

“I just want to continue to help out others,” Shazier said.

## Serena Williams moves into semifinals

NEW YORK (AP) — They were just two particular points from Serena Williams' latest three-set comeback at the U.S. Open, yet they were pivotal and consisted of the sorts of lengthy exchanges filled with athleticism and brilliance that in any other, non-pandemic year would be marked by thousands of folks rising to their feet for delirious roars and raucous applause.

She needed both of these points, one of which included a shot she hit left-handed, to reverse a deficit that reached the scale of a set and a break after 45 minutes of her quarterfinal against Tsvetana Pironkova on a cloudy Wednesday in empty Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Williams needed both of these points during a five-game, match-altering run — along with 20 aces, her most in a match in eight years — to end up on the right side of a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 score after more than two hours to get to the semifinals at Flushing Meadows for an 11th consecutive appearance.

"It's not how you start, it's how you finish, right?" Williams said.

Two more victories would allow her to claim a record-tying 24th Grand Slam singles title.

"In the beginning, I was a little fatigued, for whatever reason," Williams said. "Obviously, I can't do that if I want to keep winning, so I need to

figure that out.”

How big an upset would this have been if Pironkova had held on? Not only is she not seeded at Flushing Meadows, she doesn't even appear in the WTA rankings at all — this was her first tournament of any sort in more than three years, because she left the tour to become a mother.

“It's unbelievable,” Williams said about Pironkova's impressive return to competition. “Wow. I couldn't even do that.”

When the players stepped out onto the court, the stadium announcer — announcing for whom, exactly, was something of a mystery — referred to Pironkova, a 32-year-old from Bulgaria, as “Alexander's mom” and then to Williams as “Olympia's mom” during the pre-match introductions.

“It just shows me how tough moms are,” Williams said afterward.

“You play a match and you go home and you're still changing diapers,” said Williams, whose daughter turned 3 on Sept. 1 and is a little older than Pironkova's son. “It's like a double life. It's really surreal.”

The American, who turns 39 in less than three weeks, has won six U.S. Open championships; she was the runner-up the past two years.

Williams last lost before the semifinals in New York in 2007,

when Justine Henin eliminated her in the quarterfinals.

On Thursday, Williams will face Victoria Azarenka, who returned to the U.S. Open semifinals for the first time since 2013 by overwhelming Elise Mertens 6-1, 6-0 on Wednesday night. Williams leads her head-to-head series against Azarenka 18-4, including beating her in the 2012 and 2013 finals in New York.

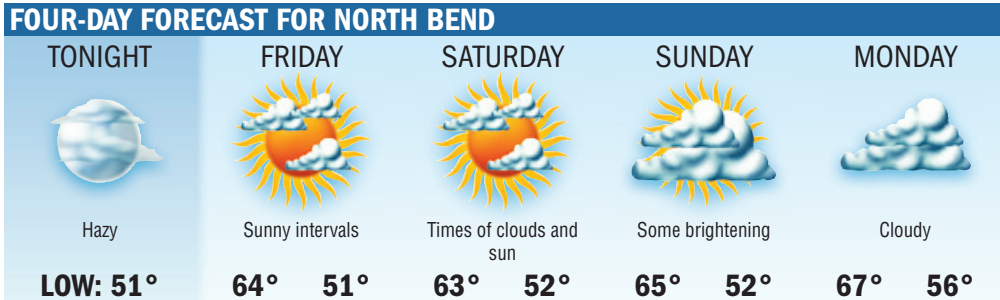
It was in a 2012 match against Azarenka at Wimbledon that Williams last topped 20 aces, producing 24.

The other women's semifinal Thursday will be 2018 champion Naomi Osaka vs. No. 28 seed Jennifer Brady.

In the men's quarterfinals Wednesday, 2019 runner-up Daniil Medvedev beat No. 10 Andy Murray 7-6 (6), 6-3, 7-6 (5) to return to the final four. Medvedev hasn't dropped a set in the tournament and will face second-seeded Dominic Thiem. Thiem advanced to the semifinals with a 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 win over Alex de Minaur.

None of the remaining men has won a Grand Slam title, and they all have their best chance with Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic not in the field. Nadal and Federer did not play and Djokovic, the top seed, was kicked out of the U.S. Open for accidentally hitting a line judge in the throat with a tennis ball.





LOCAL ALMANAC

North Bend Wednesday





**TEMPERATURE**

High/low	84°/53°
Normal high/low	65°/51°
Record high	90° in 2007
Record low	41° in 1964

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



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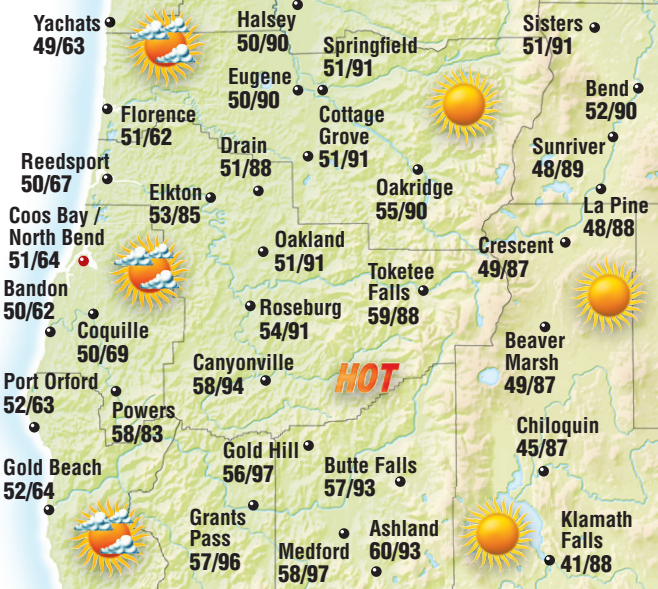
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Brookings	66/61 Trace	65/53/pc
Corvallis	78/51 0.00	87/48/s
Eugene	80/48 0.00	90/49/s
Klamath Falls	85/38 0.00	88/42/s
La Grande	80/35 0.00	88/45/s
Medford	100/57 0.00	97/58/s
Newport	81/70 0.00	60/48/pc
Pendleton	81/41 0.00	92/56/s
Portland	89/66 0.00	87/56/s
Redmond	83/30 0.00	93/43/s
Roseburg	85/50 0.00	91/53/s
Salem	81/65 0.00	89/51/s
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REGIONAL FORECASTS

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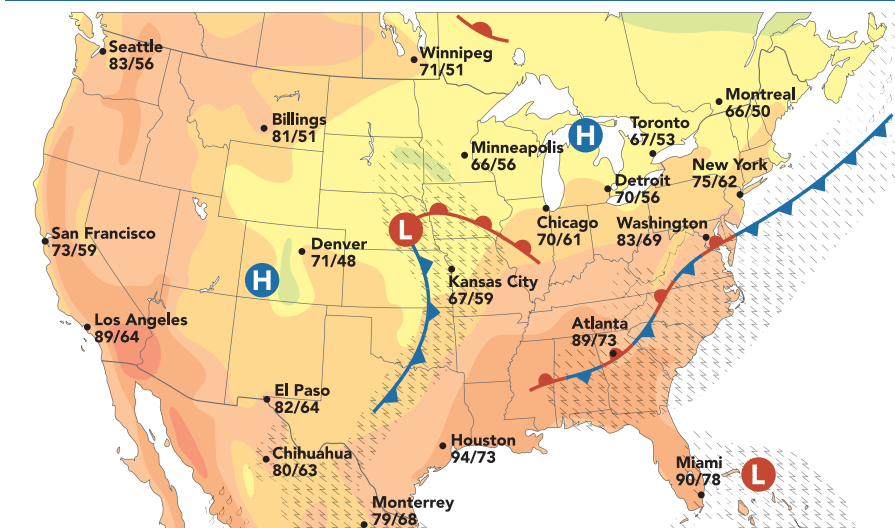
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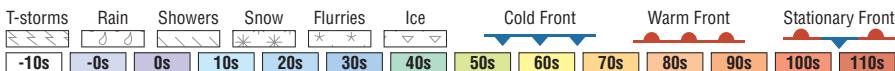
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Charleston	8:29 a.m.	5.0	1:32 a.m.	1.1	9:39 a.m.	5.3	2:40 a.m.	0.7
Coos Bay	9:55 a.m.	4.8	3:00 a.m.	0.9	11:05 a.m.	5.1	4:08 a.m.	0.6
Florence	9:13 a.m.	4.3	2:30 a.m.	0.9	10:23 a.m.	4.5	3:38 a.m.	0.3
Port Orford	8:29 a.m.	4.7	1:23 a.m.	1.0	9:35 a.m.	5.0	2:29 a.m.	0.7
Reedsport	9:08 a.m.	4.8	2:42 a.m.	1.2	10:22 a.m.	5.0	3:45 a.m.	0.9
Half Moon Bay	8:37 a.m.	4.5	1:47 a.m.	1.1	9:48 a.m.	4.8	2:55 a.m.	0.8

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: 100° at Zapata, TX National low: 8° at Burgess Junction, WY

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Fri.	Sat.	City	Fri.	Sat.	City	Fri.	Sat.
	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W		Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W		Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W
Albuquerque	73/52/pc	79/54/s	Fargo	66/52/c	71/47/r	Pittsburgh	77/62/s	79/66/c
Anchorage	57/40/s	56/42/s	Flagstaff	75/41/s	78/42/s	Pocatello	81/43/s	85/46/s
Atlanta	89/73/t	86/73/t	Fresno	94/66/s	97/66/s	Portland, ME	71/49/s	68/54/s
Atlantic City	78/68/c	73/68/pc	Green Bay	67/52/pc	66/54/sh	Providence	73/53/pc	70/57/s
Austin	82/68/c	90/70/pc	Hartford, CT	76/49/pc	74/54/s	Raleigh	82/72/t	82/70/t
Baltimore	81/66/c	76/68/pc	Helena	84/49/s	85/49/s	Rapid City	67/45/pc	77/48/s
Billings	81/51/s	84/55/s	Honolulu	89/75/pc	89/75/pc	Redding	97/61/s	98/59/s
Birmingham	90/74/t	88/73/t	Houston	94/73/pc	95/75/s	Reno	89/53/s	92/55/s
Boise	88/55/s	91/59/s	Indianapolis	78/61/pc	84/63/t	Richmond, VA	82/69/t	78/71/sh
Boston	69/57/pc	67/58/s	Kansas City	67/59/t	78/57/s	Sacramento	90/58/s	92/57/s
Buffalo	70/53/pc	80/68/c	Key West	89/81/c	89/81/t	St. Louis	80/70/pc	80/67/t
Burlington, VT	66/45/pc	74/58/pc	Las Vegas	94/71/s	99/74/s	Salt Lake City	81/58/s	87/59/s
Caribou, ME	64/39/pc	70/49/s	Lexington	84/66/s	86/68/t	San Angelo	74/61/t	86/66/t
Casper	65/41/s	72/41/s	Little Rock	89/71/t	90/71/pc	San Diego	82/66/s	79/67/pc
Charleston, SC	88/75/t	87/74/t	Los Angeles	89/64/s	88/64/s	San Francisco	73/59/pc	72/58/pc
Charleston, WV	84/68/pc	86/70/t	Louisville	85/68/pc	89/72/t	San Jose	79/57/pc	79/57/s
Charlotte, NC	85/72/t	83/72/t	Madison	67/56/c	69/56/t	Santa Fe	71/42/pc	76/44/s
Cheyenne	65/46/pc	73/46/s	Memphis	90/73/t	90/73/pc	Seattle	83/56/s	82/56/s
Chicago	70/61/pc	73/62/t	Miami	90/78/sh	89/79/t	Sioux Falls	61/54/t	69/50/pc
Cincinnati	80/64/pc	86/68/s	Milwaukee	65/60/c	69/60/t	Spokane	88/58/s	88/58/s
Cleveland	69/59/pc	81/66/r	Minneapolis	66/54/c	65/54/sh	Springfield, IL	76/65/pc	76/60/sh
Colorado Spgs	68/44/s	76/48/s	Missoula	88/45/s	87/47/s	Springfield, MA	75/47/pc	72/52/s
Columbus, OH	77/63/s	84/69/t	Nashville	90/71/s	89/72/t	Syracuse	70/49/s	76/63/c
Concord, NH	72/43/s	71/49/s	New Orleans	90/77/t	88/77/pc	Tampa	91/77/t	91/77/t
Dallas	79/66/t	88/70/t	New York City	75/62/pc	73/64/pc	Toledo	71/59/pc	80/63/r
Dayton	78/61/pc	85/66/t	Norfolk, VA	83/75/s	81/75/sh	Trenton	77/60/pc	71/62/pc
Daytona Beach	88/77/pc	88/76/t	Oklahoma City	69/58/s	84/61/s	Tucson	96/71/s	100/74/s
Denver	71/48/s	79/50/s	Olympia, WA	83/50/s	83/50/s	Tulsa	70/62/t	84/65/s
Des Moines	65/58/t	75/55/s	Omaha	64/55/t	76/53/pc	Washington, DC	83/69/t	76/70/pc
Detroit	70/56/pc	78/63/c	Orlando	90/76/t	90/76/t	W. Palm Beach	90/79/sh	88/79/t
El Paso	82/64/pc	89/67/s	Philadelphia	80/62/pc	75/65/pc	Wichita	69/58/c	83/58/s
Fairbanks	51/40/pc	52/39/c	Phoenix	99/79/s	105/81/s	Wilmington, DE	80/63/c	75/66/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.

# Pac-12 schools vary on coronavirus reporting

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While the Pac-12 will soon be able to rapidly test athletes, hopes that a fall football season might be salvaged remain premature.

Navigating the coronavirus has been uneven among the league's athletic programs, often because of a patchwork of local regulations. There is also disagreement about whether test results among student-athletes should be made public.

The argument is that revealing test results violates federal privacy laws, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) or the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Both are designed to protect the privacy of an individual's health records. But the laws don't appear to preclude general information about the number of positive cases.

That will leave many questions unanswered once Pac-12 football eventually resumes — questions other conferences are already facing.

If numerous football players

on a team have tested positive, doesn't the opposing team have a right to know that? If a number of players suddenly become unavailable for a game, is the assumption that they've contracted COVID-19? Can opposing players opt out of games where they feel there might be health risks?

The Pac-12 announced on Aug. 11 that it was postponing all sports until after Jan. 1. Commissioner Larry Scott suggested last week that the league's new rapid testing program with Quidel Corporation could provide a "pathway" to move up that return-to-play date, but he too urged caution.

"This is a very important and significant step, but there's other considerations that will go into our return to play. First and foremost, government approvals, public health authority approvals," Scott said. "We still have six universities — our four California schools, our two Oregon schools — that don't have the requisite health approvals from public health authorities to engage in contact practice. So, even if we were ready to start

tomorrow, we couldn't start what we think of as training camp and getting ready for the season."

Rapid testing just means the chances of Pac-12 sports being played at some point during the academic year got markedly better.

Here's a look at what Pac-12 schools report when it comes to coronavirus testing among student-athletes.

OREGON: Does not report athlete cases. According to the latest data, 54 total cases "affiliated with the university" have been recorded since June. 1.

OREGON STATE: As of Wednesday, five athletes have tested positive for COVID-19 since June 15. Student-athletes are tested upon arrival on campus, with random tests conducted each week.

UTAH: Does not report athlete cases. The latest school-wide data available shows there were 96 self-reported cases on campus between Aug. 31 and Sept. 6, and 166 cases since Aug. 15.

UCLA: Does not report athlete cases. The school tracks total cases in the "campus community," with 207 since March 16.

COLORADO: Does not report athlete cases. The university reported 133 "positive PCR results from diagnostic testing by medical services" since Aug. 24.

ARIZONA STATE: Does not report athlete cases. But the school recently reported 807 known positive tests among the student body and 18 among the faculty and staff.

ARIZONA: Arizona reported 13 positives for student-athletes on Sept. 3. Those tests were run again, and only two athletes were positive. The school suspended all women's soccer team activities in the wake of the positive tests, but they were allowed to return Wednesday.

"As we do more comprehensive testing, both on and off campus, it is incumbent on our team to display the same determination and integrity that led to this result. I also want to acknowledge the student-athletes impacted and apologize to them and their families for this disruption in their lives," university President Robert Robbins said in a statement.

WASHINGTON: The university reported that since June 15

it has conducted 1,305 PCR tests on student-athletes with 15 total positive cases.

WASHINGTON STATE: Athletic director Pat Chun said last month that over 800 tests were administered to student-athletes and seven were positive.

USC: The Trojans paused workouts for football and water polo after nine student-athletes tested positive. Those workouts were allowed to resume Tuesday. USC also said Tuesday that in three rounds of testing over the previous 11 days, there were no positive results among student-athletes.

STANFORD: Stanford says 12 people had tested positive among 1,423 total tests on 277 student-athletes to date. For football, there were 12 positives to date among 856 tests, and athletes have been cleared to return. Overall, Stanford is aware of 137 people connected to the university who have tested positive.

CAL: As of Tuesday, Cal had conducted 1,144 tests with 13 positives since it began in mid-June. Overall, University Health Services reports 166 positive tests since mid-April.

## Ewan wins Tour stage, Roglic keeps lead

POITIERS, France (AP) — Australian sprinter Caleb Ewan secured his second stage victory at this year's Tour de France in a chaotic dash to the finish Wednesday that saw Peter Sagan penalized for barging a rival.

Sagan, squeezed up against barriers on the right-hand side of the finishing straight, made room for himself by leaning his left shoulder into Belgian rider Wout Van Aert.

The irregular move cost Sagan his second place behind Ewan. The Slovakian was dropped back to 85th place.

Irish rider Sam Bennett was bumped up to second and Van Aert to third.

Afterward, Van Aert and Sagan had a sharp exchange of words.

"There wasn't a gap and

if you use your elbows to open it up, I think it's completely against the rules," said Van Aert, a two-time stage winner this year.

"It's already dangerous enough and I was really surprised and shocked at the moment that I felt something," he said. "Really scared."

In the race for the overall win, Primoz Roglic stayed safe on the rolling ride to Poitiers to keep the race leader's yellow jersey. The 167-kilometer (104-mile) stage started on France's Atlantic coast.

Ewan skirted Bennett in the last meters (yards) and threw his front wheel across the line.

"It was very, very hectic," said Ewan. "Quite crazy."

The 25-year-old Ewan,

racing for the Lotto Soudal team, also won Stage 3 and three stages at his inaugural Tour last year.

Sagan's relegation also cost him dearly in his hunt for the Tour's green jersey, awarded to riders who collect the most points in sprints along the route and at finishes. Losing second place cost Sagan 30 points and awarded them instead to Bennett.

Bennett and Sagan have been locked in a tight duel for that prize, repeatedly taking the jersey off each other. Sagan has a record seven green jersey titles from previous Tours but is now seeing Bennett get away from him, 68 points clear with few other opportunities for sprinters to shine before the final dash on the Champs-Elysees in Paris on Sept. 20.

## Braves set team record with 29 runs

ATLANTA (AP) — Manager Brian Snitker was just hoping to shake up the Atlanta Braves' lineup following a shutout loss.

As it turned out, the new mix made National League history.

Adam Duvall drove in nine runs with three homers, including a grand slam, and the Braves obliterated their franchise scoring record and set the NL record in a 29-9 romp over the Miami Marlins on Wednesday night.

The Braves broke loose for 11 runs in the second and nearly matched the modern scoring mark since 1900, set by the Texas Rangers in a 30-3 rout of the Baltimore Orioles in 2007.

"Pretty amazing," said Freddie Freeman, who

drove in six runs with three hits, including a two-run homer. "Hard to put into words, really, when you look up and see 29 runs on the board."

The Braves had 23 hits, including seven homers, to score the most runs in their history in Boston, Milwaukee and Atlanta. They topped the old record by six runs. Duvall's enormous night came exactly a week after he hit three home runs in a game at Boston.

"I've never seen an offense click like that, all together," Freeman said.

A day after being shut out by the Marlins on four hits, the Braves erupted. Freeman said he woke up to a text from Snitker saying he'd be hitting second. Travis d'Arnaud had a three-run homer

in the second as the new cleanup hitter.

Freeman now expects to be hitting second again.

"I would assume so," Freeman said. "I think it would be very hard for him to change the lineup after scoring 29 runs."

The big second inning knocked Pablo López out of the game. Duvall hit another homer, his 12th, in a six-run fifth and added the slam in the seventh off Josh Smith.

"I've known that homers come in bunches but something like that is pretty special," Duvall said. "I'm going to enjoy this one tonight."

Three runs scored on a sixth-inning double by Ronald Acuña Jr. that gave Atlanta a 25-8 lead and the franchise record for runs in a game.

## NORTHWEST STOCKS

Closing and 8:30 a.m. quotes:

Stock	Close	Open
Intel	49.63	49.78
Kroger	35.21	35.23
Microsoft	211.19	211.12
Nike	114.92	116.76

NW Natural	48.07	46.90
Skywest	33.89	33.70
Starbucks	85.85	86.37
Umpqua Hlds	11.33	11.33
Weyerhaeuser	28.70	29.05
Xerox	19.00	18.91

Levi Strauss	12.82	13.07
Dow Jones closed at	27,941.72	
NASDAQ closed at	11,139.51	
S&P 500 closed at	3,399.04	

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## LOTTERY

<b>MegaMillions</b>	<b>Powerball</b>
Sept. 8	Sept. 9
7-10-15-31-57	27-52-55-60-64
Megaball: 21	Powerball: 21
Multiplier: x2	Multiplier: x3
Jackpot: \$108 million	Jackpot: \$85 million

<b>Megabucks</b>	<b>Win For Life</b>
Sept. 9	Sept. 9
4-13-16-23-40-44	17-31-45-77
Jackpot: \$1.7 Million	