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## Brothers dead after kayak overturns

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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.

Before emergency crews arrived, Paul Rethwish, who lives nearby, had pulled both men out of the water — one at a time — and Rethwish and three other neigh-

bors were performing CPR on the two men in two-person teams.

During the investigation, officers learned that 61-year-old Mark A. Gray, who was visiting his brother, 67-year-old Philip J. Gray, at his residence along the lake, was out in a kayak when it tipped over about 50 feet out into the lake. Mark was unable to re-board the kayak and was not wearing a life jacket, according to a press release from Capt. Gabriel Fabrizio of the Coos County Sheriff's Office. Philip

Gray heard his brother's cry for help and ran down the dock and jumped in the water in an effort to help Mark.

When he learned of the situation, Rethwish entered the water and pulled one brother out and started CPR with a neighbor. When another neighbor showed up to help with CPR, Rethwish went back out into the water and pulled the second brother up from the bottom of the lake and pulled him back to shore and started CPR with another neighbor.

Rethwish said he and the neighbors had been doing CPR for about 10 minutes before Sheriff's deputies arrived on scene, relieving some of the neighbors of CPR. Rethwish continued until the other emergency personnel arrived — he figured he was doing it about 45 minutes total.

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

### Tractor on its side



John Gunther, The World

A bulldozer pushes wood chips at the big pile at the Oregon Chip Terminal on Tuesday afternoon next to another Cat that tipped over. After more than an hour of leveling the chips next to the bulldozer on its side, crews used two others to pull it back upright.

## Postal Service halts changes amid outcry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing mounting public pressure and a crush of state lawsuits, President Donald Trump's new postmaster general says he is halting some operational changes to mail delivery that critics blame for widespread delays and warn could disrupt the November election.

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy said Tuesday he would "suspend" several of his initiatives — including the removal of the distinctive blue mailboxes that prompted an outcry — until after the election "to avoid even the appearance of impact on

election mail."

"We will deliver the nation's election mail on time," DeJoy said in a statement.

The abrupt reversal from DeJoy, who is set to testify Friday before the Senate, comes as more than 20 states, from New York to California, announced they would be suing to stop the changes. Several vowed they would press on, keeping a watchful eye on the Postal Service ahead of the election.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is pushing ahead with Saturday's vote to prevent election-year mail changes and

provide emergency postal funds.

"I don't, frankly, trust the postmaster general," Pelosi said in San Francisco.

The crisis at the Postal Service has erupted as a major election year issue as DeJoy, a Republican donor who took control of the agency in June, has swiftly engineered cuts and operational changes that are disrupting mail delivery operations and raising alarms that Trump is trying to undermine the agency ahead of the election.

At the White House, Trump has flatly denied he is seeking to slow down the mail, even as he

leveled fresh assaults Tuesday on mail-in voting and universal ballots. More Americans than ever are expected to choose to vote absentee during the coronavirus outbreak.

"You can't have millions and millions of ballots sent all over the place, sent to people that are dead, sent to dogs, cats, sent everywhere," Trump told reporters.

"This isn't games and you have to get it right," Trump said.

Some of the initiatives DeJoy said he was shelving until after the election had already been

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## South Coast Hospice Thrift Store to reopen

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NORTH BEND — South Coast Hospice is ready to open its thrift store again. According to Lorell Durkee, CEO of South Coast Hospice & Palliative Care Services, Inc., thrift store staff members are back this week and the store will reopen on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

"We are so excited to be able to get the store open while still protecting our staff as well as our patrons and loyal customers," Durkee said in a press release.

During this time, employees have taken care of repairs and projects while it was safer to do so, Durkee said. The South Coast Hospice Thrift Store also will be continuing with its Pay It Forward program. The program helps other nonprofits, churches, school groups and agencies by supplying goods they may need. Groups interested in participating can contact Carol Gardner at c.gardner@schospice.org to schedule an appointment to discuss needs and how the program can help.



Contributed photo

South Coast Hospice Thrift Store employees pose for a photo prior to its reopening. The store will reopen Aug. 25.

Below are some of the restrictions the store will have that all will need to comply with so the store won't be fined.

Only 30-40 people/staff in the store at a time

There will be lots of merchandise outside so shoppers can shop out there as well.

All must wear a mask unless there is a reason not to. The

store will have some disposable masks on hand for those who may need one.

Social distancing of 6 feet or more; there will be directional arrows posted both inside and outside. Customers are asked to please follow the directional arrows as best as they can.

Dressing rooms will not be open and no trying on clothes

Restrooms will be open and available

To begin with, donations will only be accepted on Tuesday and Saturdays until staff get back in the swing of things. This should be short-term.

There will be limited store hours from Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Once patrons return, hours will be increased to seven days a week.

"We have always appreciated our patrons and loyal customers and know that many of you have been waiting for the store to re-open," Durkee said. "The only reason has been to protect our staff when COVID cases were on a rise in our area. So, thank you to all of you who have patiently waited."

"I will be at the store on Aug. 25 and Aug. 26, and I would love to meet any of you who would like to introduce yourself," Durkee said. "See you at South Coast Hospice Thrift Store very soon."

The South Coast Hospice Thrift Store is located at 1955 Meade Ave, North Bend. Phone: 541-269-9611.

## Democrats officially nominate Joe Biden

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Democrats formally nominated Joe Biden as their presidential candidate, with party elders, a new generation of politicians and voters in every state joining in an extraordinary, pandemic-cramped virtual convention to send him into the general election campaign to oust President Donald Trump.

For someone who has spent more than three decades eyeing the presidency, the moment Tuesday night was the realization of a long-sought goal. But it occurred in a way that the 77-year-old Biden couldn't have imagined just months ago as the coronavirus pandemic prompted profound change across the country and in his presidential campaign.

Instead of a Milwaukee convention hall as initially planned, the roll call of convention delegates played out in a combination of live and recorded video feeds from American landmarks packed with meaning: Alabama's Edmund Pettus Bridge, the headwaters of the Mississippi River, a Puerto Rican community still recovering from a hurricane and Washington's Black Lives Matter Plaza.

Biden celebrated his new status as the Democratic nominee alongside his wife and grandchildren in a Delaware school library. His wife of more than 40 years, Jill Biden, later spoke of her husband in deeply personal terms, reintroducing the life-long politician as a man of deep empathy, faith and resilience to American voters less than three months before votes are counted.

"There are times when I couldn't imagine how he did it — how he put one foot in front of the other and kept going," she said. "But I've always understood why he did it. He does it for you."

Speaking Wednesday on NBC's "Today" show, Jill Biden said her husband is up for the job of president and called a Trump campaign ad questioning his mental fitness "ridiculous."

"Joe's on the phone every single minute of the day talking to governors who are calling him and Nancy Pelosi. He's on the Zoom. He's doing fundraisers. He's doing briefings," she said. "I mean he doesn't stop from 9 in the morning till 11 at night. That's ridiculous."

The convention's most highly anticipated moments will unfold on the next two nights. Kamala Harris will accept her nomination as Biden's running mate on Wednesday, the first Black woman to join a major party ticket. Former President Barack Obama will also speak as part of his stepped-up efforts to defeat his successor.

Biden will deliver his acceptance speech Thursday in a mostly empty convention hall near his Delaware home.

Biden used the second night of the four-day convention to feature a mix of party elders of both

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# 237 new COVID-19 cases, 9 new deaths

PORTLAND — COVID-19 has claimed nine more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 397, the Oregon Health Authority reported Tuesday.

Oregon Health Authority also reported 237 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, bringing the state total to 23,676. The new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases reported today are in the following counties: Baker (1), Benton (3), Clackamas (11), Co-

lumbia (2), Deschutes (5), Douglas (3), Hood River (2), Jackson (20), Jefferson (4), Josephine (8), Klamath (6), Lane (2), Lincoln (1), Linn (4), Malheur (32), Marion (48), Morrow (3), Multnomah (29), Polk (3), Umatilla (12), Union (2), Wasco (1), Washington (25), and Yamhill (10).

Oregon's 389th COVID-19 death is a 63-year-old man in Washington County who tested positive on July 20 and died on August 15 at Tuality Healthcare. He had

underlying conditions.

Oregon's 390th COVID-19 death is an 88-year-old woman in Washington County who tested positive on August 6 and died on August 16 in her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 391st COVID-19 death is a 90-year-old man in Clackamas County who tested positive on August 4 and died on August 11. More information about location of death is being confirmed. He had underlying

conditions.

Oregon's 392nd COVID-19 death is an 82-year-old man in Clackamas County who tested positive on July 28 and died on August 16 at Providence Portland Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 393rd COVID-19 death is a 75-year-old man in Jefferson County who tested positive on July 28 and died on August 15 at St. Charles Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 394th COVID-19 death is a 97-year-old woman in Lincoln County who tested positive on August 2 and died on August 15 in her residence. Presence of underlying conditions is being confirmed.

Oregon's 395th COVID-19 death is a 90-year-old man in Lincoln County who tested positive on August 2 and died on August 14 in his residence. Presence of underlying conditions is being confirmed.

Oregon's 396th COVID-19 death is a 63-year-old man in Malheur County who tested positive on August 11 and died on August 12 in his residence. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 397th COVID-19 death is a 69-year-old woman in Washington County who became symptomatic on August 5, after close contact with a confirmed case, and died on August 17 in her residence. She had underlying conditions.

## Man charged following eluding incident

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LAKESIDE — A man has been charged with multiple crimes following an eluding incident Sunday in Lakeside.

According to a press release from the Coos County Sheriff's Office, on Sunday, Aug. 16, at about 8:10 p.m., a Sheriff's Office deputy attempted a traffic stop on a class I ATV (quad) on Airport Lane near Spinreel Road in Lakeside for opera-

tion without head lights and operating on the shoulder of the roadway.

The operator, 38-year-old Jeffery Ross, then reportedly attempted to elude, turning down Spinreel Road, driving recklessly and endangering other vehicles on the road as well as a bicyclist and a person on foot, according to the release.

Ross then abandoned the vehicle in front of Dunes Mobile Ranch and attempt-



Jeffrey Ross

pursued Ross for about 400 yards down the tracks and was able to end the pursuit by tackling Ross as he turned off of the tracks, attempting to get to U.S. Highway 101.

Oregon State Police officers in the area assisted with the pursuit and investigation. The ATV was determined to be stolen from the Hauser KOA earlier this year.

Ross was issued multiple citations on charges

including attempt to elude, recovery stolen ATV, reckless driving, theft I by possession, unauthorized use of vehicle, driving while suspended, driving uninsured and unlawful operation of ATV on highway. Ross was cited and released in lieu of custody.

There was also a loaded syringe with suspected methamphetamine seized. The recovered ATV was taken to impound by Mast Brothers Towing.

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announced.

DeJoy said Tuesday he is halting the planned removal of mail-processing machines and blue collection boxes, as well as an initiative to change retail hours at post offices. He also said no mail processing facilities will be closed and said the agency has not eliminated overtime.

One initiative that DeJoy didn't single out in his announcement was the newly imposed constraints on when mail can go out for delivery — a change postal workers have said is fueling delays. The statement also did not specify whether the agency would restore mail-sorting machines that have recently been taken offline.

A Postal Service spokesman declined to comment beyond DeJoy's statement.

"What's going on right now is nothing less than a full-on assault by this administration on the U.S. Postal Service, an institution that millions of Americans rely on every single day," said Bob Ferguson, the attorney general in Washington state, at a news conference.

Ferguson and Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced they were leading collections of other states in suing to block service changes at the Postal Service, just as the postmaster was making his own statement Tuesday. Both Shapiro and Ferguson said they would not take DeJoy at his word.

"We need to see binding action to reverse these changes," Shapiro said.

Trump made clear last week that he was blocking \$25 billion in emergency aid to the Postal Service, acknowledging he wanted to curtail election mail operations, as well as a Democratic proposal to provide \$3.6 billion in additional election money to the states to help process an expected surge of mail-in ballots.

## Mosquitoes carrying West Nile found in Washington

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — State health officials say mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus are being reported in Eastern Washington's Benton and Yakima counties.

The Washington Department of Health said Tuesday that seven positive

samples have been reported in Washington so far this year. No human cases have yet been reported.

In Washington, the West Nile virus season starts as early as July and can last until early October.

Officials say it can be a serious, even fatal, illness

that can affect people, horses, birds, and other animals.

The virus is almost always spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito, which becomes infected after feeding on birds that carry the virus.

Health officials urge people to avoid mosquito bites.

The majority of people infected with the virus do not get sick. About one in five will develop symptoms that go away without medical treatment. Even fewer, about one in 150 people infected, will have more severe symptoms, officials said.

Severe symptoms may include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis, and coma. People with any of those symptoms should contact their healthcare provider right away.

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parties to make the case that he has the experience and energy to repair chaos that Trump has created at home and abroad.

Former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State John Kerry — and former Republican Secretary of State Colin Powell — were among the heavy hitters on a schedule that emphasized a simple theme: Leadership matters. Former President Jimmy Carter, now 95 years old, also made a brief appearance.

Some of them delivered attacks against Trump that were unusually personal, all in an effort to establish Biden as the competent, moral counter to the Republican president.

"Donald Trump inherited a growing economy and a more peaceful world," Kerry said. "And like everything else he inherited, he bankrupted it. When this president goes overseas it isn't a goodwill mission. It's a blooper

reel."

Clinton said Trump's Oval Office is a place of chaos, not a command center.

"If you want a president who defines the job as spending hours a day watching TV and zapping people on social media, he's your man," Clinton said.

For his part, Trump spent Tuesday courting battleground voters in an effort to distract from Biden's convention. Appearing in Arizona near the Mexican border during the day, the Republican president claimed a Biden presidency would trigger "a flood of illegal immigration like the world has never seen."

Such divisive rhetoric, which is not supported by Biden's positions, has become a hallmark of Trump's presidency, which has inflamed tensions at home and alienated allies around the world.

Biden has the support of a sprawling political coalition, as demonstrated again during Tuesday's convention, although neither history nor enthusiasm

is on his side.

Just one incumbent president has been defeated since 1992, George H.W. Bush. And Biden's supporters consistently report that they're motivated more by opposition to Trump than excitement about Biden.

A collection of younger Democrats, including former Georgia lawmaker Stacey Abrams and New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, were given a few minutes to shine. But overall, there was little room on Tuesday's program for the younger stars of the party's far-left wing.

"In a democracy, we do not elect saviors. We cast our ballots for those who see our struggles and pledge to serve," said Abrams, 46.

For a second night, the Democrats featured Republicans.

Powell, who served as secretary of state under George W. Bush and appeared at multiple Republican conventions in years past, endorsed Biden. He joined the wife of the late Arizona Sen. John Mc-

Cain, Cindy McCain, who stopped short of a formal endorsement but spoke in a video of the mutual respect and friendship her husband and Biden shared.

While there have been individual members of the opposing party featured at presidential conventions before, a half-dozen Republicans, including a former two-term governor of Ohio, have now spoken for Biden.

Republican National Committee chair Ronna McDaniel said on Fox News Channel on Wednesday she wasn't concerned, adding that Powell "hasn't been a Republican since the early 2000s."

"This isn't surprising," McDaniel said. "This group of Never Trumpers has left the Republican party."

The Democrats' party elders played a prominent role throughout the night.

Clinton, who turns 74 on Tuesday, hasn't held office in two decades. Kerry, 76, was the Democratic presidential nominee in 2004 when the youngest voters this fall were still in

diapers. Carter left office in 1981.

In the night's coveted keynote slot, Biden's team featured over a dozen Democrats in their 20s, 30s and 40s. The younger leaders included Abrams, Rep. Conor Lamb, D-Pa., and the president of the Navajo Nation, Jonathan Nez.

It remains to be seen whether the unconventional convention will give Biden the momentum he's looking for.

Preliminary estimates show that television viewership for the first night of the virtual convention was down compared with the opening of Hillary Clinton's onsite nominating party four years ago.

An estimated 18.7 million people watched coverage between 10 and 11 p.m. on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC, the Nielsen company said. Four years ago, the opening night drew just under 26 million viewers.

Biden's campaign said an additional 10.2 million streamed the convention online Monday night.

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# Final report on Russian election interference released

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump campaign’s interactions with Russian intelligence services during the 2016 presidential election posed a “grave” counterintelligence threat, a Senate panel concluded Tuesday as it detailed how associates of Donald Trump had regular contact with Russians and expected to benefit from the Kremlin’s help.

The nearly 1,000-page report, the fifth and final one from the Republican-led Senate intelligence committee on the Russia investigation, details how Russia launched an aggressive effort to interfere in the election on Trump’s behalf. It says the Trump campaign chairman had regular contact with a Russian intelligence officer and that other Trump associates were eager to exploit the Kremlin’s aid, particularly by maximizing the impact of the disclosure of Democratic emails hacked by Russian intelligence officers.

The report is the culmination of a bipartisan probe that produced what the committee called “the most comprehensive description to date of Russia’s activities and the threat they posed.” The investigation spanned more than three years as the panel’s leaders said they wanted to thoroughly document the unprecedented attack on U.S. elections.

The findings, including unflinching characterizations of furtive interactions between Trump associates and Russian operatives, echo to a large degree those of special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia investigation and appear to repudiate

the Republican president’s claims that the FBI had no basis to investigate whether his campaign was conspiring with Russia.

Trump, who has repeatedly called the Russia investigations a “hoax,” said Tuesday he “didn’t know anything about” the report, or Russia or Ukraine. He said he had “nothing” to do with Russia.

While Mueller’s was a criminal probe, the Senate investigation was a counterintelligence effort with the aim of ensuring that such interference wouldn’t happen again. The report issued several recommendations on that front, including that the FBI should do more to protect presidential campaigns from foreign interference.

The report was released as two other Senate committees, the Judiciary and Homeland Security panels, conduct their own reviews of the Russia probe with an eye toward uncovering what they say was FBI misconduct in the early days of the investigation. A prosecutor appointed by Attorney General William Barr, who regards the Russia investigation with skepticism, disclosed his first criminal charge Friday against a former FBI lawyer who plans to plead guilty to altering a government email.

Among the more striking sections of the report is the committee’s description of the close, professional relationship between former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort and Konstantin Kilimnik, whom the committee describes as a Russian intelligence officer.

“Taken as a whole, Manafort’s high-level

access and willingness to share information with individuals closely affiliated with the Russian intelligence services, particularly Kilimnik, represented a grave counterintelligence threat,” the report says.

The report notes how Manafort shared internal Trump campaign polling data with Kilimnik and says there is “some evidence” Kilimnik may have been connected to Russia’s effort to hack and leak Democratic emails, though that information is redacted. The report also says “two pieces of information” raise the possibility of Manafort’s potential connection to those operations, but what follows is again blacked out.

Both men were charged in Mueller’s investigation, but neither was accused of any tie to the hacking.

A Manafort lawyer, Kevin Downing, said Tuesday that information sealed at the request of Mueller’s team “completely refutes whatever the intelligence committee is trying to surmise.” He added, “It just looks like complete conjecture.”

Like Mueller, the committee reviewed a meeting Trump’s oldest son, Donald Trump Jr., took in June 2016 with a Russian lawyer he believed to have connections with the Russian government with the goal of receiving information harmful to his father’s opponent, Democrat Hillary Clinton.

The Senate panel said it assessed that the lawyer, Natalia Veselnitskaya, has “significant connections to the Russian government, including the Russian intelligence services,” as did

another participant in the meeting, Rinat Akhmetshin.

The panel said it uncovered connections that were “far more extensive and concerning than what had been publicly known,” particularly regarding Veselnitskaya. In a statement, Akhmetshin said he was “exonerated, yet again, of the false claim that I am a Russia spy.”

The report also found no reliable evidence for Trump’s longstanding supposition that Ukraine had interfered in the election, but did trace some of the earliest public messaging of that theory to Kilimnik and said it was spread by Russian-government proxies who sought to discredit investigations into Russian interference.

The committee said that messaging campaign lasted to “at least January 2020” — after the House had impeached Trump for pressuring Ukrainian officials to investigate the family of Democrat Joe Biden, now Trump’s general election opponent. During that effort, some Republicans, including Trump, argued Ukraine was meddling, not Russia. Trump was acquitted by the Senate.

The report purposely does not state a final conclusion, as Mueller did and as the House intelligence committee’s 2018 report did, about whether there was sufficient evidence that Trump’s campaign coordinated with Russia to sway the election to him, leaving its findings open to partisan interpretation.

Several Republicans on the panel submitted “additional views” to the report, saying it should state

more explicitly that Trump’s campaign did not collude with Russia. They say that while the report shows the Russian government “inappropriately meddled” in the election, “then-candidate Trump was not complicit.”

The panel’s acting GOP chairman, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, signed on to that statement but the chairman who led the investigation, North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr, did not. Burr stepped aside earlier this year as the FBI was examining his stock sales. Another Republican committee member, Maine Sen. Susan Collins, also did not sign on to the GOP statement.

Burr, who submitted the report before he stepped aside, often faced criticism from his GOP colleagues for working with Democrats on the probe and for summoning sensitive witnesses, such as Trump Jr.

The top Democrat on the panel, Virginia Sen. Mark Warner, commended Burr for sticking with the investigation despite criticism from all sides. He said Burr “tried to stay true to that north star of ‘we’re going to put out all the facts.’”

Warner said the report was designed to “let every American make their own judgement.”

A group of Democrats on the panel submitted their own views, saying the report “unambiguously shows that members of the Trump campaign cooperated with Russian efforts to get Trump elected.” Warner did not sign on to that statement.

Maine Sen. Angus King, an independent who caucuses with Democrats, did not sign on to that statement,

saying he believed the report should be bipartisan. But he said in an interview that he believes the report is a “warning.”

The report is “not a hoax,” King said. “It’s just one more set of facts that’s hard to ignore.”

Mueller concluded in his 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 report did fault aspects of the FBI’s investigation, suggesting for instance that agents did not respond with sufficient urgency to the hacking of Democratic National Committee email servers.

The report also criticized the FBI’s reliance on opposition research about Trump’s ties to Russia that was compiled by a former British spy, Christopher Steele, whose work was financed by Democrats.

The committee found the FBI gave Steele’s “allegations unjustified credence” as it relied on the dossier of research in seeking court approval to wiretap former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page. It says many of the dossier’s allegations remain uncorroborated “nearly four years after Steele delivered the first of these memos.”

A separate investigation by the Justice Department’s inspector general also faulted the FBI for errors and omissions related to the Steele dossier.

## Coin shortage hits retailers, laundromats and tooth fairy

(AP) - A convenience store chain is offering a free beverage or sandwich in exchange for them. A laundromat owner drove 4 hours across state lines to get \$8,000 worth. A young girl in Illinois wrote the tooth fairy saying she'll gladly take dollars as a substitute if it helps.

There is a shortage of coins across the U.S., yet another odd side effect of the coronavirus pandemic. Quarters, dimes and nickels aren't circulating as freely as they usually do because many businesses have been closed and consumers aren't out spending as much.

The Federal Reserve announced in June that the supply system for coins had been severely disrupted. The U.S. Mint and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin have urged Americans to use coins or turn them in to banks. As the economy recovers and businesses reopen, the coin supply is expected to normalize.

Meanwhile, retailers large and small have urged shoppers to use cards or exact change whenever possible. Some won't provide change. Grocery giant Kroger Co. is still accepting cash, but offers customers the option to load their change onto loyalty cards to use on their next visit or to donate the balance to charity.

Convenience store chain WaWa offered customers a free beverage at some of its stores if people brought in \$5 worth of coins, or a sandwich for \$50 or more. Community State Bank, a regional bank chain in Wisconsin, even offered a \$5 bonus for every \$100 worth of coins that people brought in. They had to suspend it after a week due to overwhelming response.

As the shortage persists, it's become clear that there are still some conundrums that only coins can solve.

"It's at the minimum an inconvenience...at worst

it's a business challenge," said Brian Wallace, CEO of the Coin Laundry Association, a trade group for laundromats.

About 56% of laundromats that serve the public take quarters as the only form of payment. And 89% take quarters as some form of payment, with cards, loyalty programs or mobile payments as an alternative, according to the trade group.

Laundromats rely heavily on coins, in part, because many of their customers are "unbanked" or "underbanked," meaning they mostly or entirely use cash instead of cards to pay for things.

Daryl Johnson, who owns Giant Wash Laundry — a chain of 11 laundromats in the Minneapolis area — said his company normally buys anywhere from \$4,000 to \$8,000 in quarters a week for its change machines. But after the Fed began rationing distributions of coins, his bank said it might not be able to provide any.

"Obviously we were freaking out a little bit," he said.

Johnson got creative: he offered to buy change from friends and family on Facebook. He put up signs in stores asking customers to bring in their own coins and adjusted his change machines to only accept smaller bills to limit outflow. He even drove more than 4 hours to Omaha to buy \$8,000 on quarters from another laundry operator.

"It's that or my businesses close," he said.

Things have stabilized some, both for himself and his bank, in terms of supply.

People who rely on coin-operated laundry machines in laundromats and apartment buildings are struggling as well. Stephanie Sabin of Portland, Oregon has a washing machine at her apartment complex that only takes

quarters. In July, her neighborhood bank was closed for in-person business. The next five locations she tried were either closed or unable to give her quarters. She's been able to get her laundry done with quarters her family had on hand or that she bought from her boss.

"Desperate times," she said. "You can no longer request rolls of quarters at grocery stores or even get change back if you pay with cash at a food drive-thru."

Toll booths, parking meters, vending machines and other spots that were once coin-heavy have largely modernized to accept other forms of payment. But people are finding themselves in need of change for other situations.

Leigh Ann Tognetti of Rio Grande City, Texas, had just started her 5-year old daughter on an allowance in July: two quarters for every day she picks up her room.

"It's a lot of quarters to go through in a week," she said. "I had no idea or even crossed my mind that there could be a coin shortage."

To keep good on her promise, she has used change from the vending machine at work and coins mailed to her by a friend. She has also used a stack of dimes or doubles up two days' payments with a dollar bill instead.

"If she would pick up every single day we would have a problem," she said.

For the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, a shutdown in March turned into an unexpected opportunity to help offset lost revenue and ended up helping address the coin shortage too.

The aquarium shut down its waterfall and cleared out about 100 gallons of coins that visitors had thrown in over the past 14 years. The coins, which are still being washed and counted, will go towards operating costs.

## Portion of Woodland Drive will be closed on Aug. 20

### The World

Woodland Drive in Coos Bay will be closed between Ocean Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue for several hours on Thursday, Aug.

20, to allow for the repair of a failed sewer lateral. Traffic will be detoured around the work zone from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The road will be opened to local residents only.

Drivers and pedestrians should exercise caution within the construction zone and detour area. Anyone with questions can contact Johnson Rock Products at 541-269-2000.

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

Wife looks for words to heal man cut down by his mother

DEAR ABBY: My husband’s mother recently told him he no longer matters to her because he is an atheist. His mother is supposedly a Christian, but she rarely acts like one. It has left my husband devastated and feeling more lonely than ever.

I can’t find the right words to comfort him when he’s going through something I haven’t got a clue about. How do I empathize with him to let him know he did nothing wrong and that he never deserved to have those words thrown at him by his own mother?

It infuriates me, but I don’t think it would be right for me to step in and talk to her directly. How do you deal with a narcissist who constantly plays the victim even after all the support you’ve given to her, financially and emotionally?

-- SUPPORTIVE WIFE IN ALABAMA

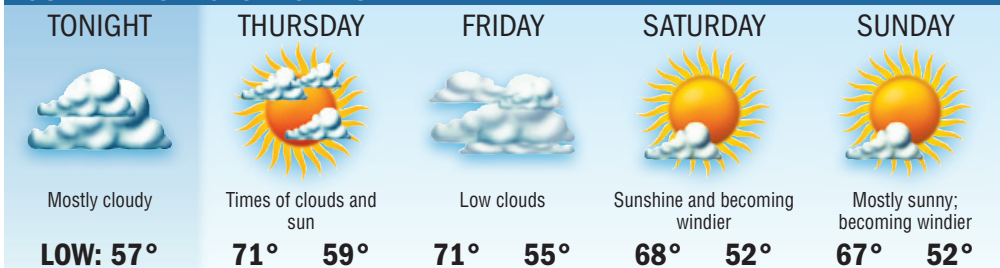
DEAR WIFE: I’m glad you asked. Explain to your husband that by emotionally abusing him this way, his mother is attempting to control him. What she said is despicable, and if he is as emotionally dependent on her as you have described, he may need counseling to get past this. The way to deal with her emotional blackmail is to distance yourselves from her financially and emotionally, because she is manipulative and toxic.

DEAR ABBY: When I was a little girl, my mother died of breast cancer. I always suspected that I might have the gene, too. To make matters worse, my dad got skin cancer a couple of years ago, meaning my risk of getting cancer is higher because of both my parents having it.

I’m turning 18 in a couple of months, and I want to get tested to see what my risk is, but I’m terrified. I sometimes feel a stabbing pain in my chest and think I feel a lump. I’m not sure if I’m imagining it due to my stress and fear or if it’s true. I don’t want to tell my dad until after my appointment, which I plan on doing alone. What do you think I should do? Should I tell him? -- AFRAID IN



FOUR-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTH BEND



LOCAL ALMANAC

North Bend Tuesday

**TEMPERATURE**

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| High/low        | 72°/53°     |
| Normal high/low | 66°/53°     |
| Record high     | 75° in 2015 |
| Record low      | 44° in 1973 |

**PRECIPITATION**

|                     |        |
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| Yesterday           | 0.00"  |
| Year to date        | 27.98" |
| Last year to date   | 41.58" |
| Normal year to date | 37.17" |

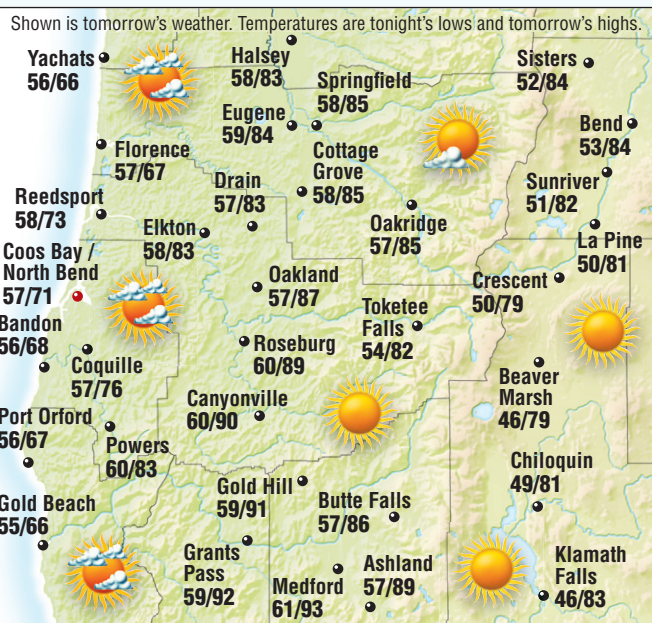
SUN AND MOON

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| Sunset tonight    | 8:13 p.m. |
| Sunrise tomorrow  | 6:28 a.m. |
| Moonrise tomorrow | 8:12 a.m. |
| Moonset tomorrow  | 9:35 p.m. |

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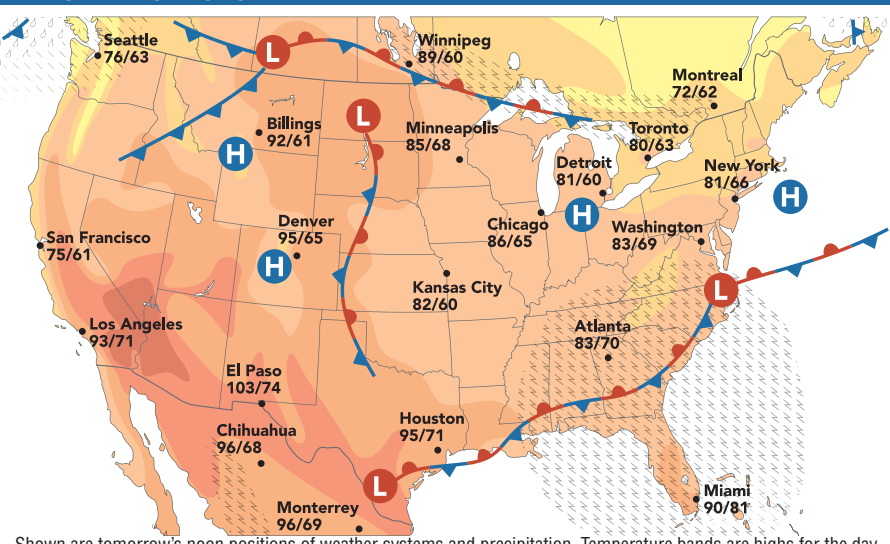
OREGON CITIES

| City          | Yesterday   | Thu.     |
|---------------|-------------|----------|
|               | Hi/Lo Prec. | Hi/Lo/W  |
| Astoria       | 71/58 0.00  | 70/58/sh |
| Burns         | 96/62 0.00  | 87/47/s  |
| Brookings     | 68/53 Trace | 68/56/pc |
| Corvallis     | 87/61 0.00  | 82/61/pc |
| Eugene        | 90/61 0.00  | 84/62/s  |
| Klamath Falls | 93/58 0.00  | 83/46/s  |
| La Grande     | 96/65 0.00  | 84/51/s  |
| Medford       | 101/71 0.00 | 93/62/s  |
| Newport       | 63/54 0.00  | 65/57/sh |
| Pendleton     | 99/72 0.00  | 87/59/s  |
| Portland      | 84/63 0.00  | 83/66/c  |
| Redmond       | 98/62 0.00  | 86/51/s  |
| Roseburg      | 92/66 0.00  | 89/62/s  |
| Salem         | 86/61 0.00  | 82/62/c  |
| The Dalles    | 96/68 0.00  | 88/63/s  |

REGIONAL FORECASTS

| South Coast  | Curry Co. Coast | Rogue Valley | Willamette Valley | Portland Area | North Coast  | Central Oregon |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Tonight Thu. | Tonight Thu.    | Tonight Thu. | Tonight Thu.      | Tonight Thu.  | Tonight Thu. | Tonight Thu.   |
| 53° 68°      | 55° 66°         | 61° 93°      | 59° 84°           | 64° 83°       | 58° 70°      | 50° 86°        |

NATIONAL FORECAST



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

T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)

National high: 126° at Death Valley, CA National low: 33° at Gould, CO

NATIONAL CITIES

| City           | Thu.      | Fri.      | City          | Thu.      | Fri.      | City            | Thu.     | Fri.      |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------|
|                | Hi/Lo/W   | Hi/Lo/W   |               | Hi/Lo/W   | Hi/Lo/W   |                 | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W   |
| Albuquerque    | 98/70/c   | 97/68/pc  | Fargo         | 89/65/pc  | 87/63/t   | Pittsburgh      | 83/62/s  | 83/66/pc  |
| Anchorage      | 69/54/pc  | 71/56/s   | Flagstaff     | 87/54/t   | 86/52/pc  | Pocatello       | 94/54/pc | 95/54/s   |
| Atlanta        | 83/70/t   | 80/68/t   | Fresno        | 104/71/s  | 102/74/pc | Portland, ME    | 78/59/s  | 84/65/s   |
| Atlantic City  | 79/68/pc  | 79/70/pc  | Green Bay     | 84/63/pc  | 86/62/s   | Providence      | 81/62/s  | 85/67/s   |
| Austin         | 100/72/s  | 99/75/s   | Hartford, CT  | 81/59/s   | 87/65/s   | Raleigh         | 83/69/t  | 83/69/t   |
| Baltimore      | 83/65/pc  | 84/68/t   | Helena        | 84/57/t   | 89/58/s   | Rapid City      | 94/61/t  | 94/60/s   |
| Billings       | 92/61/t   | 91/62/s   | Honolulu      | 89/78/pc  | 90/76/pc  | Redding         | 99/64/s  | 99/68/s   |
| Birmingham     | 84/70/t   | 83/68/t   | Houston       | 95/71/pc  | 96/73/pc  | Reno            | 95/59/s  | 96/60/s   |
| Boise          | 93/63/s   | 96/59/s   | Indianapolis  | 81/60/s   | 83/64/s   | Richmond, VA    | 82/68/t  | 81/69/t   |
| Boston         | 77/62/s   | 85/68/s   | Kansas City   | 82/60/pc  | 85/64/s   | Sacramento      | 97/62/s  | 97/65/s   |
| Buffalo        | 78/64/s   | 84/66/s   | Key West      | 81/83/t   | 91/84/sh  | St. Louis       | 83/65/s  | 85/65/s   |
| Burlington, VT | 75/59/s   | 83/64/t   | Las Vegas     | 112/88/pc | 111/86/s  | Salt Lake City  | 98/70/pc | 99/72/s   |
| Caribou, ME    | 74/50/pc  | 73/54/pc  | Lexington     | 83/65/pc  | 80/65/t   | San Angelo      | 98/72/pc | 101/74/pc |
| Casper         | 92/54/t   | 93/52/s   | Little Rock   | 86/65/s   | 87/67/s   | San Diego       | 83/72/s  | 82/72/pc  |
| Charleston, SC | 87/71/t   | 88/72/t   | Los Angeles   | 93/71/s   | 94/70/pc  | San Francisco   | 75/61/pc | 76/60/pc  |
| Charleston, WV | 83/66/pc  | 83/65/t   | Louisville    | 84/69/pc  | 83/69/pc  | San Jose        | 84/62/s  | 83/63/pc  |
| Charlotte, NC  | 81/68/t   | 81/68/t   | Madison       | 83/58/pc  | 84/62/s   | Santa Fe        | 95/59/t  | 93/59/pc  |
| Cheyenne       | 88/60/t   | 92/57/s   | Memphis       | 87/71/t   | 87/70/t   | Seattle         | 76/63/sh | 72/59/sh  |
| Chicago        | 86/65/s   | 88/65/s   | Miami         | 90/81/t   | 92/81/t   | Sioux Falls     | 90/68/pc | 89/67/c   |
| Cincinnati     | 82/62/pc  | 82/66/pc  | Milwaukee     | 83/63/s   | 85/66/s   | Spokane         | 82/60/pc | 85/57/s   |
| Cleveland      | 79/56/s   | 83/64/s   | Minneapolis   | 85/68/pc  | 87/68/t   | Springfield, IL | 82/54/s  | 84/60/s   |
| Colorado Spgs  | 91/59/t   | 92/62/pc  | Missoula      | 84/52/t   | 90/54/s   | Springfield, MA | 80/56/s  | 87/63/s   |
| Columbus, OH   | 83/62/s   | 84/66/pc  | Nashville     | 85/70/t   | 84/68/t   | Syracuse        | 79/59/s  | 87/64/s   |
| Concord, NH    | 79/52/s   | 88/59/s   | New Orleans   | 89/72/t   | 89/74/t   | Tampa           | 88/74/t  | 88/77/t   |
| Dallas         | 92/69/s   | 94/73/pc  | New York City | 81/66/s   | 84/70/pc  | Toledo          | 82/57/s  | 87/62/s   |
| Dayton         | 81/60/s   | 83/65/s   | Norfolk, VA   | 82/74/t   | 83/73/t   | Trenton         | 80/59/pc | 83/66/pc  |
| Daytona Beach  | 88/73/t   | 89/75/s   | Oklahoma City | 87/65/s   | 88/64/c   | Tucson          | 106/80/c | 100/78/pc |
| Denver         | 95/65/t   | 96/62/s   | Olympia, WA   | 76/59/sh  | 71/54/pc  | Tulsa           | 87/63/s  | 89/66/s   |
| Des Moines     | 85/61/pc  | 87/62/pc  | Omaha         | 86/63/pc  | 89/68/pc  | Washington, DC  | 83/69/c  | 83/70/t   |
| Detroit        | 81/60/s   | 86/63/s   | Orlando       | 90/74/t   | 90/75/t   | W. Palm Beach   | 87/76/t  | 91/80/t   |
| El Paso        | 103/74/pc | 104/75/pc | Philadelphia  | 82/66/pc  | 84/69/pc  | Wichita         | 89/65/s  | 88/68/pc  |
| Fairbanks      | 74/49/pc  | 74/50/pc  | Phoenix       | 110/90/c  | 107/88/pc | Wilmington, DE  | 81/63/pc | 83/68/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.

How can Wall Street be healthy when Main Street isn't?

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market is not the economy.

Rarely has that adage been as clear as it is now. An amazing, monthslong rally has put the S&P 500 back to where it was before the coronavirus slammed the U.S., even though millions of workers are still getting unemployment benefits and businesses continue to shutter across the country.

The S&P 500, which is the benchmark index for stock funds at the heart of many 401(k) accounts, ended Tuesday at 3,389.78, eclipsing the previous high set on Feb. 19 and erasing all of the 34% plunge from February into March in less time than it takes a baby to learn how to crawl.

The U.S. and global economies have shown some improvements since the spring, when business lockdowns were widespread, but they are nowhere close to fully healed. The number of virus cases continues to rise across much of the United States, and federal and local politicians for the most part lack a strategy to contain it. Many industries, such as airlines, hotels and dining, could take years to recover from the damage.

The Federal Reserve and the U.S. government get a lot of the credit for the rally after pouring trillions of dollars into the economy. Profits also remained incredibly resilient for the stock market's most influential companies, such as Apple and Amazon. Rising hopes for a potential vaccine to halt the pandemic, meanwhile, have encouraged investors to look past the current dreary statistics.

Here's a look at how Wall Street has flourished while Main Street struggles:

THE MARKET'S BIG GUNS

The corner bars, the family restaurants, the hair salons and other small businesses across the U.S. that are teetering or closing for good aren't listed on the stock market. Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Facebook and Google's parent company are, and movements in their stocks alone are dictating the action in the S&P 500 more than ever before.

The pandemic has accelerated work-at-home and other trends that have boosted Big Tech, and their profits are piling up. The five big tech-oriented giants are now worth a combined \$7.6 trillion,

and by themselves account for about 23% of the S&P 500's total value.

Because stocks with the biggest market values carry the most weight in the S&P 500, the movements of Big Tech matter much more than what airlines, cruise-ship operators or other still-struggling companies are doing. American Airlines is down more than 50% for 2020 so far, but its much smaller market value means it doesn't move the needle like Big Tech. It would take 280 American Airlines to have the heft of one Apple.

The stock market has seen some broadening out of gains recently, with stocks of smaller companies doing better. But Big Tech has done the heaviest lifting in the S&P 500's rally.

HELP FROM WASHINGTON

A famous saying on Wall Street is: Don't fight the Fed. The central bank is doing everything it can to support the economy, from cutting interest rates to nearly zero to the unprecedented promise to buy even riskier corporate debt. It's all aimed at ensuring lending markets have enough cash to run smoothly and to prevent prices from going hay-

wire. Economists say the moves have helped avoid a 2008-09 style meltdown of the financial system.

The Fed has signaled that it will keep its benchmark short-term interest rate at nearly zero through at least 2022, and low rates are often like steroids for stocks. With Treasuries and other bonds paying relatively little in interest, some investors are turning instead to stocks, gold and other investments, boosting their prices.

Congress also approved an unprecedented amount of aid for the economy. Some portions of that aid have already expired, and another economic relief package is tied up in partisan rancor on Capitol Hill. But many investors seem to expect Washington to eventually come to a compromise and throw another lifeline to the economy.

Meanwhile, the economy is recovering but at a much slower pace than its rapid collapse in the spring. After shrinking at an annual pace of 32.9% in the April-June quarter, economists forecast it will rebound at a 20% annual pace in the July-September period. The unemployment rate is 10.2% and is expected

to remain in the high single-digits through at least the end of this year.

THE NATURE OF THE MARKET

Investors are setting stock prices now based on where they see corporate profits heading in the future. And for many on Wall Street, the future looks brighter than the bleak present, in large part because of hopes that a vaccine for the new coronavirus could help things get back to normal.

"Main Street is the now, Wall Street is the future," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA Research.

Companies have begun final-stage testing of potential vaccines for COVID-19, and many investors are hopeful that something could be available either late in 2020 or within a year. A return to normal could help the economy get back on track and perhaps boost profits back to record levels. Stock prices tend to track with corporate earnings over the long term.

The same look-ahead mentality sent the stock market tumbling severely earlier this year, before the worst of the recession arrived. Stocks began

falling in late February, a month before the number of layoffs began exploding, for example. The S&P 500 hit what turned out to be its low point on March 23, the same week that the government reported a record number of U.S. workers filed for unemployment benefits, nearly 6.9 million.

"Wall Street continues to look six to nine months down the road," Stovall said.

Of course, many risks still remain for the market despite all its ebullience.

For all of Wall Street's optimism, talks in Washington on more stimulus could break apart and deprive the economy of the aid investors say it crucially needs.

Rising tensions between the United States and China are also hanging over the market. The world's two largest economies have longstanding trade issues, and the United States has recently been cranking up the pressure on Chinese technology companies.

And the virus remains the ultimate wild card. If a vaccine doesn't hit the market within the next year, all the hope that has helped build up Wall Street's rally could quickly vanish.

Portland protesters set fire to government building

PORTLAND (AP) — Protesters in Portland broke out the windows of a county government building, sprayed lighter fluid inside and set a fire in a demonstration that started Tuesday night and ended Wednesday morning with clashes with police, officials said.

The fire at the Multnomah Building damaged the county government's office of community involvement, where Oregon's first gay marriage took place and where protective gear has been distributed to try to prevent the spread

of the coronavirus, said Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury.

"This is the heart of our County, where people in our community come to get married, get their passports, and celebrate their cultural traditions and diversity," she said in a statement.

Demonstrations that often turn violent have gripped Oregon's biggest city for more than two months following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Participants have repeatedly broken into the offices of a police union head-

quarters building miles and last month clashed for weeks with federal agents dispatched to protect a U.S. courthouse targeted by protesters.

Portland officers late Tuesday declared a riot outside the county building after demonstrators among a crowd of about 200 started fires in dumpsters, used rocks to smash first floor windows and tossed burning material inside that set the fire that set off fire alarms and the building's sprinkler system, police said in a statement early Wednesday.

The riot declaration

allows officers to use crowd control methods such as tear gas or flash bang devices. Police said in their statement that some unspecified "crowd control munitions" were used to disperse the crowd but that officers did not use tear gas.

Two protesters were arrested and one police officer suffered minor injuries in scuffles as police broke up the demonstration, the statement said.

The fire damaged the lobby where Oregon's first gay marriage happened in 2004, Kafoury said.

She asked residents to

support the community involvement office, adding that "there is grave injustice in our world and there is a violent and tragic history of oppression in our County. I am committed to transformational change."

"In such a difficult, uncertain time, our community needs all of us to work together," Kafoury added.

Police on Tuesday also identified a suspect accused of punching and kicking a man to the ground after he crashed his pickup truck on a sidewalk near ongoing demonstrations.

Authorities received reports Sunday night of protesters chasing a truck a few blocks from the downtown federal courthouse. The driver crashed and was then assaulted, authorities said.

Authorities are trying to track down the suspect, Marquise Love, 25, police said in a statement. The victim of the assault has been released from a hospital and is recovering.

A social media account apparently connected to Love has been disabled and efforts to locate him for comment were not immediately successful.

NORTHWEST STOCKS

Closing and 8:30 a.m. quotes:

| Stock     | Close  | Open   |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| Intel     | 48.63  | 48.37  |
| Kroger    | 36.24  | 36.52  |
| Microsoft | 211.43 | 210.91 |
| Nike      | 106.97 | 109.02 |

|              |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| NW Natural   | 52.87 | 52.93 |
| Skywest      | 30.52 | 31.71 |
| Starbucks    | 78.99 | 78.87 |
| Umpqua Hlds  | 11.34 | 11.34 |
| Weyerhaeuser | 28.88 | 29.28 |
| Xerox        | 18.18 | 18.52 |

|                     |           |       |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|
| Levi Strauss        | 12.21     | 12.28 |
| Dow Jones closed at | 27,777.31 |       |
| NASDAQ closed at    | 11,210.97 |       |
| S&P 500 closed at   | 3,389.81  |       |

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LOTTERY

**MegaMillions**

Aug. 18

4-18-26-27-58

Megaball: 23

Multiplier: x4

Jackpot: \$49 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. 18

6-5-7-6



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# Blazers beat top-seed Lakers in opener

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — After sinking a deep 3-pointer midway through the final quarter, Damian Lillard did a little dance and teammate Jusuf Nurkic pointed to his wrist. This was Dame Time, playoff edition.

“Every game since we’ve been here has been a playoff game. So that prepared us for a game like this,” Lillard said. “It’s only one win. I’m happy to be here competing in the playoffs again, but we’ve got to move on to the next one.”

Lillard had 34 points and the Portland Trail Blazers spoiled LeBron James’ first playoff appearance for the Los Angeles Lakers with a 100-93 victory on Tuesday night in Game 1 of the teams’ playoff series.

James had 23 points, 17 rebounds and 16 assists, becoming the first player to have as many points, rebounds and assists in the playoffs. It was his 24th

postseason triple-double and his assists were a career playoff high.

“We had a couple of break-downs, which you can’t have down the stretch, especially against a team like Portland,” James said.

Jusuf Nurkic had 16 points and 15 rebounds for Portland, which led by as many as 16 points in the first half. The Lakers, making their first playoff appearance since 2013, narrowed the advantage to 57-56 at the break and stayed close the rest of the way.

Trailing 78-75 going into the final period, the Lakers tied it at 78 on Kyle Kuzma’s 3-pointer. James’ layup gave Los Angeles the lead, and Kuzma added a pair of free throws and another layup to extend it to 84-78.

Lillard’s 3-pointer tied it again at 87 with 5:46 to go and CJ McCollum’s floater gave Portland the lead. Lillard said afterward

he danced after his 3 because the song Blow the Whistle was played in the bubble arena, which Lillard called the “East Oakland anthem.”

After Danny Green’s layup tied it again for Los Angeles, Lillard nailed another 3-pointer. Anthony Davis’ dunk got the Lakers within 95-93, but Gary Trent Jr. made a 3-pointer that put Portland up 98-93 before Nurkic dunked to seal it.

Anthony Davis had 28 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers.

Portland won the first play-in postseason NBA game since 1956, beating Memphis 126-122 on Saturday to make the playoffs for the seventh consecutive season. The Blazers were among three teams with losing overall records to make the bubble playoffs. No team below .500 had advanced to the postseason since 2015.

The Blazers were without

forward Zach Collins because of inflammation in his left ankle. Wenyen Gabriel started in his place.

Portland led by 33-17 in the first half after Nurkic’s dunk. The Lakers got within 40-38 but couldn’t pull in front until Davis’ dunk off of James’ pass made it 50-49 with just over three minute left in the half. But it was short-lived.

The game was delayed for a time in the first half when the Lakers’ rim got tilted and had to be adjusted.

## TIP INS

Trail Blazers: Lillard had 48 points in Portland’s 127-119 victory over the Lakers in Los Angeles on Jan. 31. So of course the Lakers were going to try to stop the bubble MVP. But that’s no different than every other game, Stotts said. “There’s not a lot that he hasn’t seen or that we haven’t seen,” Stotts said. ...

Portland is also without Rodney Hood, who continues to rehab from an Achilles injury, and Trevor Ariza, who opted not to play in Florida.

Lakers: Rajon Rando is in the bubble and has returned to limited practice heading into the playoff, after being out with a fractured left thumb. Coach Frank Vogel said Rondo’s “close, but we’ll continue to evaluate it day by day.”

HISTORY: The teams have met six times in a first-round series, with the Lakers winning five. It is the 12th time the teams have met in the playoffs.

RED HAT: James wore a familiar red had, but instead of the President Trump slogan, the “Great Again” line was crossed out and a line was added that made the hat read: Make America Arrest the Cops who Killed Breonna Taylor.

UP NEXT: The series continues with Game 2 on Thursday.

# Orlando beats top seed Bucks in East

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks’ hopes of winning their first NBA title since 1971 got off to a rocky start.

Nikola Vucevic scored a play-off career-high 35 points and had 14 rebounds, and the Orlando Magic stunned the top-seeded Bucks 122-110 on Tuesday in the league’s fan-free Disney World bubble.

Terrence Ross scored 18 points, Gary Clark added 15 and D.J. Augustin had 11 points and 11 assists for the eighth-seeded Magic, who were 14-point underdogs.

Orlando took a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven series, an intriguing result given that the Bucks can’t rely on home-court advantage in these pandemic-altered playoffs.

“We don’t care what other people have to say,” Vucevic said. “We focus on ourselves and we came out and played a great game on both ends of the floor.”

Later in the day, the Los Angeles Lakers lost to Portland 100-93 making this the first time since 2003 that both the No. 1 seeds lost their playoff openers.

That year, Orlando knocked off Detroit in the East and Phoenix beat San Antonio out West in 2003.

The Spurs recovered to win that NBA title, just as the Toronto Raptors did last year after falling to the Magic in their opener. The Lakers’ Danny Green was on that team, so he wasn’t concerned about what either top-seeded squad faces now.

“It’s the same kind of scenario,” Green said. “Down 0-1, they’re down 0-1. They’re the top-seeded team for a reason,

we’re the top-seeded team for a reason. We just have to dig down and find it, figure it out. I believe we will.”

In Orlando’s win, Giannis Antetokounmpo finished with 31 points, 17 rebounds and seven assists for Milwaukee. Last season’s MVP was held without a field goal over the final 11 minutes and seemed to get more frustrated as the fourth quarter went on.

“You have to really be ready for what they do,” Vucevic said. “Especially us against a team like Milwaukee where we have to make sure we know their stuff and we are prepared for everything. Tonight, we definitely were on top of that. We did a good job executing the game plan.”

The Bucks came into the post-season as the favorites to win the NBA title. But they went 3-5 in seeding games in the bubble, and that sluggish play carried over into the post-season.

George Hill said the Bucks needed to do some “soul searching.”

Antetokounmpo didn’t go that far, saying the Bucks’ energy level was fine, but that they need to make more shots. Milwaukee made 43% from the field and was 14 of 42 from 3-point land.

“There’s no magic wand to point and things are going to change,” Antetokounmpo said. “You’ve got to come out, play hard, play even harder, play together and have fun.”

Milwaukee swept the season series against Orlando, winning four games by an average of 17 points, but struggled with the Magic’s stingy defense, which caused 16 turnovers and repeatedly clogged the lane, forcing

Antetokounmpo to settle for jump shots.

The Bucks’ frustration was evident when center Brook Lopez stomped on a chair — and then kicked it — in the bench area during a timeout.

“Obviously, our main focus was try to make it hard on Giannis, to protect the paint,” Vucevic said. “We did that as a team. Gary (Clark) did a great job fighting him and we were able to help.”

The Magic led most of the game.

Orlando used an early 15-2 run to build a 51-33 lead midway through the second quarter behind 16 points from Vucevic.

Milwaukee made several runs in the second half, but the Magic had an answer every time.

Vucevic had 14 points in the third quarter, scoring down in the low post against smaller defenders and stepping out to knock down 3s against bigger men as the Magic carried a 13-point lead into the fourth quarter.

The Bucks trimmed the lead to six in the fourth, but Ross had a dunk and a layup off hard cuts to the basket and Augustin and Vucevic added 3s to push the lead back to 14. Evan Fournier, who went scoreless for three quarters, delivered the knockout punch with three 3-pointers in the final five minutes.

The challenge for the Magic will be to maintain their intensity. A year ago they beat the eventual NBA champion Raptors to kick off their opening-round series, but lost the next four.

“We came out with a huge victory,” Vucevic said. “Again, it’s just one game. We’ve got to move on.”

# Past champs Froome, Thomas won’t race in Tour

INEOS team splits top riders between the three grand tours in delayed season

LONDON (AP) — Former Tour de France champions Chris Froome and Geraint Thomas were both left off the INEOS

team on Wednesday for this year’s race.

INEOS announced its selections for the pandemic-affected season with its top riders allocated to each of the three major stage races.

Defending Tour champion Egan Bernal will lead the team in France from Aug. 29-Sept. 20, denying Froome a chance to tie the record of five titles.

Lance Armstrong’s seven wins were retrospectively wiped out because of doping.

Froome will lead the team at the Spanish Vuelta from Oct. 20-Nov. 8. That will give the British rider, who won the Vuelta in 2011 and 2017, more time for his comeback from a horrific crash 14 months ago.

Team director Dave Brailsford said the later Vuelta start gives Froome “that little bit more time

to continue his progress to the top level.”

Froome is in his last season with INEOS before he joins the Israel Start-Up Nation squad.

Thomas, the 2018 Tour champion, will ride in the Giro d’Italia from Oct. 3-25.

Richard Carapaz, the 2019 Giro champion, now rides for INEOS and will be Bernal’s main support rider in France.

# Zanardi showing improvement in recovery from crash

Former auto racing champion was hurt in June handbike crash

MILAN (AP) — Italian auto racing champion-turned-Paralympic gold medalist Alex Zanardi was again released from intensive care on Wednesday after showing “significant improvements.”

Zanardi was moved back into intensive care last month, just three days after being transferred to a neurological rehabilitation center. He was seriously injured in a handbike crash in June.

“The patient has responded with significant clinical improvements,” read a statement from the Milan hospital where he is being treated.

“For that reason he is currently being treated with semi intensive

care at the Operational Unit of Neuroanimation.”

Zanardi underwent three delicate surgeries at a hospital in Siena to stabilize him and reconstruct his severely damaged face after crashing into an oncoming truck during a relay event near the Tuscan town of Pienza on June 19.

The 53-year-old Zanardi, who lost both of his legs in an auto racing crash nearly 20 years

ago, had been on a ventilator in a medically induced coma since the crash.

He suffered serious facial and cranial trauma, and doctors have warned of possible brain damage.

Zanardi won four gold medals and two silvers at the 2012 and 2016 Paralympics. He also competed in the New York City Marathon and set an Ironman record in his class.

# Maeda nearly pitches no-hitter

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — With his move to Minnesota, Kenta Maeda welcomed the opportunity to be a full-time starter and finally be done dabbling in the bullpen.

His capability and durability was on full display Tuesday night.

Maeda lost a no-hitter in the ninth inning for the Twins, who blew a three-run lead but came back to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-3 in 12 innings.

“He was in total control. He’s showing us all of the different dimensions to what he can do out on the mound,” Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. “Even for people who are in baseball, to watch a performance like that does put you a little bit in awe.”

Maeda’s no-hit bid ended on Eric Sogard’s soft single that soared just over the glove of leaping shortstop Jorge Polanco. Maeda set a club record with eight consecutive strikeouts and finished the game with 12 punchouts on 115 pitches — the most thrown by any pitcher in baseball this season and the most in Maeda’s five-year major league career since arriving from Japan.

“In my days back in Japan, it’s normal for me to throw this many pitches per outing. But then again, it’s been awhile since the last time I pitched in Japan, so I’m kind of tired today,” Maeda said through his interpreter.

Byron Buxton helped salvage his gem. Buxton slid headfirst into home on a slow roller against a five-man infield in the 12th for the winning run. Jorge Polanco poked the grounder past David Phelps (2-2), and second baseman Luis Urias fielded the ball cleanly but couldn’t send it home in time to beat Buxton, who was charging from third after opening the inning as Minnesota’s automatic runner at second.

Sogard’s hit gave the Brewers a chance.

“We knew we were still in the game. We needed baserunners,” Sogard said. “He was throwing the ball great.”

Said Twins catcher Alex Avila: “I’ve seen a lot of no-hitters broken up that way with broken-bat hits and stuff like that. It’s heartbreaking at times, but he was incredible today.”