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Taunts overpower visions in debate

CLEVELAND (AP) — The first debate between President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden deteriorated into bitter taunts and near chaos Tuesday night as Trump repeatedly interrupted his opponent with angry — and personal - jabs that sometimes overshadowed the sharply different visions each man has for a nation facing historic crises.

In the most tumultuous presidential debate in recent memory, Trump refused to condemn white

supremacists who have supported him, telling one such group known as Proud Boys to "stand back, stand by." There were also heated clashes over the president's handling of the pandemic, the integrity of the election results, deeply personal attacks about Biden's family and how the Supreme Court will shape the future of the nation's health care.

But it was the belligerent tone that was persistent, somehow fitting for what has been an extraordinarily ugly campaign. The two men frequently talked over each other with Trump interrupting, nearly shouting, so often that Biden eventually snapped at him, "Will you shut up, man?"

"The fact is that everything he's saying so far is simply a lie," Biden said. "I'm not here to call out his lies. Everybody knows he's a liar."

The presidential race has been remarkably stable for weeks, despite the historic crises that have battered the country this year, including a pandemic that

has killed more than 200,000 Americans and a reckoning over race and police brutality. With just five weeks until Election Day and voting already underway in some key states, Biden has maintained a lead in national polls and in many battlegrounds.

It's unclear whether the debate will do much to change those dynamics.

Over and over, Trump tried to control the conversation, interrupting Biden and repeatedly talking over the moderator, Chris

Wallace of Fox News. The president tried to deflect tough lines of questioning — whether on his taxes or the pandemic — to deliver broadsides against Biden.

The president drew a lecture from Wallace, who pleaded with both men to stop talking over each other. Biden tried to push back against Trump, sometimes looking right at the camera to directly address viewers rather than the president and snapping, "It's hard to get a word in with

299 new

cases, 8

COVID-19

new deaths

PORTLAND — COVID-19 has claimed eight more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 555, the Oregon Health Authority reported Tuesday. Oregon Health Authority also reported 299 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, bringing the state total to 33,291. The new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases reported today are in the following counties: Baker (1), Benton (8), Clackamas (28), Clatsop (2), Columbia (3), Coos (1), Crook (1), Deschutes

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Workers from Patrick Myers Tree Service remove a Monterey pine from Mingus Park on Tuesday afternoon.

Tree removal at Mingus Park

AMY MOSS STRONG

The World

COOS BAY — A Monterey pine is being removed from Mingus Park by Patrick Myers Tree Service, a task that took most of two days to complete and should be done by Wednesday after-

The stately pine, estimated to be 55 years old and 90 feet tall, was located near the park's picnic shelter. On May 19, a certified arborist assessed the tree and determined it was infested with turpentine beetles, in poor health and would be a continually increasing safety hazard.

City of Coos Bay Public Works Administrator Randy Dixon said the infestation occurred from extirpation from pine pitch canker caused by Fusarium circinatum, a fungal disease native to the southeast United States and found (in 1986) to have been introduced to California.

"When trees begin to die of the disease, they attract bark beetles, which provide a pathway for infection and ultimately the health of the tree," Dixon said in an email.

A wind storm could cause any of the large branches to fall and cause damage to property or



A 55-year-old Montery pine is removed from Mingus Park.

injury to people, city workers at Mingus Park said Tuesday.

The removal of the tree required the use of heavy equipment and several workers from Patrick Myers Tree Service. A crane truck was used to move the larger branches and the trunk. Park walkers and others stopped to watch the process.

"Typically the city donates wood from trees it removes

on city property to the local Salvation Army, which is then split and delivered to the less fortunate folks in our community as a heat source," Dixon wrote. "However, this Monterey pine is deceased and infected with beetles and we do not want to spread the beetle. Patrick Myers is tasked with removal."

Monterey pines typically have an average life span of 80 to 90

years. They are the most rapid growing pine of over 90 species that occur in the world. Young trees can grow up to 6.5 feet per year, generally reaching from 39 to 59 feet within 25 years.

Land for Mingus Park was acquired through donations from the Perham Park Company and Joseph F. Williams in 1925. Additional land was purchased in

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(7), Douglas (7), Jackson (11), Jefferson (4), Josephine (5), Klamath (10), Lane (32), Linn (4), Malheur (9), Marion (49), Morrow (4), Multnomah (52), Polk (3), Umatilla (11), Wallowa (1), Washington (41), and Oregon's 548th COVID-19

death is a 96-year-old woman in Clackamas County who tested positive on Sept. 9 and died on Sept. 17 in her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 549th COVID-19 death is a 95-year-old woman in Multnomah County who tested positive on July 3 and died on Sept. 3 in her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 550th COVID-19 death is an 81-year-old man in Malheur County who tested positive on Aug. 31 and died on Sept. 20 in his residence. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 551st COVID-19 death is a 67-year-old man in Malheur County who tested positive on Sept. 9 and died on Sept. 27 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 552nd COVID-19 death is a 68-year-old man in Malheur County who tested positive on Sept. 5 and died on Sept. 25 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise, Idaho. Presence of underlying conditions is being confirmed.

Oregon's 553rd COVID-19 death is a 60-year-old woman in Yamhill County who tested positive on July 30 and died on Aug. 18 at Salem Hospital. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 554th COVID-19 death is a 57-year-old man in Marion County who tested positive on Aug.19 and died on Sept. 11 at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 555th COVID-19 death is a 66-year-old man in Multnomah County who tested positive on Sept. 10 and died on Sept. 22 at Portland Adventist Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

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.

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

Virus rising among children as schools reopen

(AP) - After preying heavily on the elderly in the spring, the coronavirus is increasingly infecting American children and teens in a trend authorities say appears fueled by school reopenings and the resumption of sports, playdates and other activities.

Children of all ages now make up 10% of all U.S cases, up from 2% in April, the American Academy of Pediatrics reported Tuesday. And the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday that the incidence of COVID-19 in school-age children began rising in early September as many youngsters

About two times more teens

returned to their classrooms.

were infected than younger children, the CDC report said. Most infected children have mild cases; hospitalizations and death rates are much lower than in

Dr. Sally Goza, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said the rising numbers are a big concern and underscore the importance of masks, hand-washing, social distancing and other precautions.

"While children generally don't get as sick with the coronavirus as adults, they are not immune and there is much to

learn about how easily they can transmit it to others," she said in a statement.

The CDC report did not indicate where or how the children became infected.

Public health experts say the uptick probably reflects increasing spread of the virus in the larger community. While many districts require masks and other precautions, some spread in schools is thought to be occurring, too. But experts also say many school-age children who are getting sick may not be getting infected in classrooms.

Just as cases in college students have been linked to par-

tying and bars, school children may be contracting the virus at playdates, sleepovers, sports and other activities where precautions aren't being taken, said Dr. Leana Wen, a public health specialist at George Washington University.

"Understandably, there is quarantine fatigue," Wen said. Many people have a sense that if schools are reopening, then other activities can resume too, "but actually the opposite is true."

Global school studies suggest in-person learning can be safe when transmission rates in the larger community are low, the

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Gov. Brown issues new residential eviction ban

New temporary moratorium for non-payment evictions effective from Sept. 30 through Dec. 31

The World

SALEM — In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the widespread devastation caused by wildfires, Gov. Kate Brown on Monday, Sept. 28, established a new moratorium preventing residential evictions for non-payment and other

no-cause evictions between Sept. 30 and Dec. 31, 2020.

Gov. Brown took immediate action in March and April through executive orders to keep Oregonians housed during the pandemic. In the first special session of this year, the Legislature passed House Bill 4213, establishing a residential and commercial eviction moratorium through September 30, 2020, with a six-month repayment period. The Governor's new executive order will help keep Oregonians in their homes until the Legislature can convene later this year to address housing issues.

"Every Oregonian deserves a warm, safe, dry place to call home," said Gov. Brown. "Since the Legislature passed House Bill 4213, thousands of people have been displaced by massive and devastating wildfires, and the global pandemic continues to make it difficult for many Oregonians, including Oregon's veterans and many families with children, to pay rent, through no fault of their own.

"Keeping economically vulnerable Oregonians in their homes has been critical to the State's COVID-19 response throughout this pandemic. Having a safe and stable home allows

individuals to practice effective physical distancing, helps facilitate quarantine and isolation, and helps to prevent families and individuals from being displaced from their homes into more crowded multifamily or congregate living conditions, where the virus can spread more easily.

"Housing is a critical human need, and, as we enter cold and flu season during a pandemic - and as many students learn remotely from home — it is absolutely critical that people not be turned out of their homes. While my action today will address the immediate issue of preventing residential evictions through the end of the year, it is my hope that, when the Legislature next meets, they will take up the larger issues we need to address regarding housing relief."

EO 20-56 establishes a new, temporary residential eviction moratorium through the end of the year, due to the urgent need to prevent a wave of evictions during simultaneous wildfire and pandemic emergency response and recovery efforts. Both crises have had an acute and disproportionate impact on Oregon's communities of color, including Black, Indigenous, Latino, Latina,

and Latinx, Pacific Island-

er, and Tribal communities, as well as families living in rural Oregon.

Added Governor Brown: "Many of the Oregonians most impacted by the pandemic and wildfire crises are those who can afford it least, and who have already faced housing discrimination and vast disparities in the availability of affordable housing. My action today will provide immediate relief, but we still have much work to do to address the systemic racism that lies at the heart of the affordable housing crisis in our country."

The full text of Governor Brown's executive order is available online.

CB making changes to animal control codes

The World

COOS BAY — Starting Oct. 1, Coos Bay residents can have miniature pigs, chickens, turkeys and rabbits and other animals in city limits without having to pay for a permit.

That is, as long as those animals aren't too noisy, odiferous, disturb the peace or otherwise cause a nuisance.

The City Council and staff are making changes to the city's animal control code so it will be easier for residents to have certain animals. The changes will save both the animal owner and the city money.

Coos Bay Municipal Code Title 6 requires a special permit for anyone keeping certain animals within the city limits. This includes poultry, rabbits and miniature pigs. The current animal control permit costs \$52.50 and has to be renewed annually.

"City Council and staff recognize that some of these animals are increasingly popular as pets, are small in size and are not typically disruptive to neighbors," it was stated

in a recent Friday Update. "Many residents do not realize that permits are required to have a few chickens, rabbits or even a pet mini pig."

When the code enforcement officer sees animals at a property that does not have a current animal permit, the officer is compelled to enforce the special permit requirement. This would include a letter outlining compliance with a permit or the removal of the animals. Although most recipients comply, it can be a negative experience.

Additionally, the annual permit fee does not cover staff time costs required to intake, process, inspect and issue the permit. Permits may be cost-prohibitive for someone who just wants a few backyard chickens for fresh eggs or pet rabbits.

The City Council has changed the animal control code so that small numbers of certain animals no longer require a permit. Effective Oct. 1, the following animals may be kept within the city limits without a special written permit issued by the city:

• two miniature pigs



Amy Moss Strong, The World

A Valley Flora Farm chicken visits with customers. This chicken lives in the country, but Coos Bay residents can soon have chickens in city limits without having to pay for a permit.

- · four chickens
- two turkeys
- four rabbits

• other and/or additional animals that will not create a nuisance as determined by the public works-community development director.

"Current permit holders will get a letter explaining these changes," the update stated. "If their animals meet the new requirements, they will not need to renew their permit."

Animal owners must still abide by laws for public peace and welfare, and

animals must not disturb neighbors by noise or odor. Animal control permits are still required for larger numbers of miniature pigs, poultry and rabbits. Permits are also required for any horse, mule, donkey, pony, cow, pig, goat, sheep, llama, animals raised for fur-bearing purposes, bee hives and other non-domestic species.

Those wishing more information can contact City of Coos Bay Code Enforcement Officer Nik Rapelje at 541-269-1181 ext. 2267 with any questions.

3 dead following hostage situation

The World

SALEM — Oregon State Police are investigation an officer-involved shooting in Marion County following a hostage situation that left three people dead Monday afternoon.

According to Oregon State Police, on Monday, Sept. 28, at approximately 12:30 p.m., Marion County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a hostage situation at 244 Juneva Place SE in Salem.

Deputies responding were able to establish communications with the suspect, identified as Jose Jesus Lopez-Tinoco, 34, of Woodburn, in an attempt to resolve the situation peacefully.

Upon reportedly hearing gunshots inside, deputies forced entry into the residence in an effort to effect a rescue. During the rescue, one deputy fired a yet-to-be determined number of rounds, according to the OSP report.

Inside the residence deputies located Laura Rocio-Bustos, 43, with a gunshot wound. She was transported to the hospital with serious injuries.

Deputies also located Diari Bustos-Bustos, 24, deceased from a gunshot wound and an 11-yearold male deceased from a gunshot wound. His name will not be released.

A 13-year-old male was rescued from inside the residence and uninjured. His name will not be released.

Lopez-Tinoco was located deceased with what appears to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Deputy Ricky Kittelson, a 2-year-deputy with MCSO, has been placed on administrative leave as per protocol.

Oregon State Police will continue the investigation and does not expect to release any more information without approval or direction from the Marion County DA.



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Coos Bay Halloween events on hold

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COOS BAY — In the midst of a deadly pandemic, yet another tradition is on hold this year.

The Coos Bay Downtown Association announced last week that it is canceling its annual Trick-or-Treat and Trunk-or-Treat events originally planned for Oct. 30.

The event has been running for almost 30 years, and sees up to 600 trick-ortreaters a year, according to CBDA Director Holly Boardman. Just over 100 businesses are typically involved, too.

"We understand everyone's disappointment, and we're disappointed too," Boardman said. "But we need to go by the CDC guidelines."

The cancellation comes on the heels of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for Halloween activities.

Those recommendations: Traditional trick-or-treating, trunk-or-treat events and crowded costume are all too spooky for a pandemic. Indoor haunted houses, hayrides with strangers and traveling to rural fall festivals are all on the "higher risk" list, too.

"Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses," the CDC says. "There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween." Pumpkin carving, decorating and virtual costume contests are all safe ideas, according to the CDC. In general, as has become the norm, any activity that puts people in close contact with others from outside their home presents a higher risk of contracting the coronavirus and falling ill or passing it on to loved

The CBDA hopes to hold the event next year, Boardman said.

The CDC has a full list of recommendations for celebrating Halloween, Dia de los Muertos and Thanksgiving online at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html.



World file photo by Ed Glazar

Throngs of sugar seekers trick or treat during the 2019 annual Halloween festivities in downtown Coos Bay.

Oregon recognized as leader in efforts to stem climate changes

The World

SALEM — Oregon again was recognized as a leader in efforts to stem climate change and ocean acidification and hypoxia (OAH).

The legislatively created Oregon Coordinating Council on OAH recently was recognized for its efforts to guide Oregon's response to ocean change and OAH. The Coordinating Council received an Honorable Mention for the 2020 Climate Adaptation Leadership Award for Natural Resources.

ODFW's Dr. Caren Braby and OSU's Dr. Jack Barth lead the Coordinating Council.

The award, given by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, recognizes the Coordinating Council's exemplary leadership in reducing climate related threats through developing and carrying out the 2019-2025 OAH Action Plan.

Hypoxia (low oxygen) occurs when deeper ocean waters with less oxygen rise and are pushed closer to the shore. This happens more frequently than normal due to climate changes that heat the land and ocean waters and change normal wind patterns. Ocean

acidification is caused when carbon dioxide from the atmosphere enters the ocean and chemically reacts with ocean water, making the oceans more acidic (lowering the pH).

"Oregon is a hotspot for OAH," Barth said. "Oregon's coastlines naturally experience some low oxygen and more acidic waters from ocean upwelling (old deep water which is pushed nearshore by ocean currents). However, combined with increasingly more human-produced carbon dioxide being absorbed by the ocean and intensifying global warming, we have the perfect storm."

Oregon was one of the first states to experience impacts of OAH (changes in ocean acidity) and oxygen levels. In the early 2000's the Pacific Northwest oyster hatchery production collapsed due to ing fleet began pulling pots full of dead Dungeness crab during hypoxic conditions. Shellfish are particularly vulnerable to OAH and are also the bread and butter of Oregon's commercial seafood industry, bringing over \$100 million annually into coastal communities.

OAH poses serious threats to Oregon's marine resources and the coastal economies that depend on

them.
Governor Brown recognized these threats and called for the OAH Action Plan to guide efforts to address them. The Governor also submitted the Action Plan to the International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia. Oregon's plan can now serve as a model for governments around the world.

"Our ocean resources are a source of state pride, they fuel coastal tourism, the seafood industry, sport fisheries, and are iconic to being an Oregonian," Braby said. "These are all at risk from climate and ocean change, and carbon dioxide management is needed to help reduce those risks. Every Oregonian can help by remembering the natural ecosystem in their societal choices."

Through public meetings, reports to the legislature, and outreach activities outlined in the Action Plan, the Coordinating Council is a source of information on and is raising awareness about OAH. Elements of the plan clearly show how local actions are meaningful in fighting the global challenges of climate and ocean changes and how partners are needed for Oregon's long-term resilience.

Oregon's unemployment rates drops to 7.7 percent in August

The World

PORTLAND — Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 7.7 percent in August from 10.4 percent in July, according to a press release from the Oregon Employment Department. The unemployment rate was more than double last year's rate of 3.6 percent in August 2019. Meanwhile, the U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 8.4 percent in August from 10.2 percent in July.

Oregon's total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 11,300 jobs in August, following a revised gain of 17,700 jobs in July. Over the past four months, employers added back 41 percent of the jobs that were cut in March and April, stated the release.

Over-the-month job gains in August were largest in leisure and hospitality (+4,200 jobs); retail trade (+3,300); construction (+3,200); and government (+3,000). Two industries cut a substantial number of jobs in August: wholesale trade (-1,400 jobs) and health care and

social assistance (-1,400). Leisure and hospitality — which includes restaurants, drinking establishments, hotels and recreational industries has added back the most jobs of any of the major industries over the past four months. Despite adding 63,200 jobs during the past four months, leisure and hospitality is only a little over halfway back to its February 2020 peak employment level, prior to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Retail trade has bounced back closer to its recent peak employment level. It added 16,100 jobs over the past four months, which was nearly three-quarters of the jobs lost earlier in the year.

The third industry to add back more than half of its jobs lost, while also rebounding by more than 10,000 jobs, was health care and social assistance. This industry, despite a 1,400-job loss in August, added 18,000 jobs over the

past four months, regaining nearly two-thirds of its March and April job losses.

Not all industries have rebounded with substantial job growth over the past four months. In August, the following industries remained near their low point for the year: manufacturing, government, information, and professional and business services.

Wildfires impact

Devastating wildfires have ravaged workplaces, homes, communities, and more than 1 million acres of land across Oregon over the past couple of weeks. This release covers the Oregon employment situation in August. It does not capture the personal and economic disruption caused by these disasters.

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sept. 22, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Southwestern offers first of Physics and Astronomy Virtual Lecture Series

The World

COOS BAY - Southwestern Oregon Community College welcomes Dr. Jason Hafner from Rice University in Houston, Texas to present at the first lecture of the college's 2020-21 Physics and Astronomy Virtual Lecture series. Dr. Hafner is a physics, astronomy and chemistry professor who will discuss his biomedical research on nanotechnology applications and how it may apply to early diagnosis of medical conditions and other critical applica-

The lecture will take

place virtually at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, and will be available via Southwestern's live stream at https://livestream.com/swocc/physicsandastrono-my2020-21

my2020-21. Dr. Hafner will present results analyzing lipid bilayer structures using spectral analysis of Surface-Enhanced Raman Scattering enhanced using gold nanorods. SERS can detect minute quantities of substances based on their molecular vibrations. It has been widely pursued as a platform for label-free biological and chemical sensing, allowing for identification of minute

quantities of substances on the nanoscale.

To learn more about Dr. Hafner's research visit his blog at http://hafnerlab.blogs.rice.edu/

The Physics and Astronomy Lecture Series is a presentation of the Physics and Engineering department at Southwestern, supported in part by the Southwestern Foundation. Media and interested community members can contact Dr. Aaron Coyner, Associate Professor of Physics at Southwestern, via phone at 541-294-5992 or via email at aaron. coyner@socc.edu for more information.

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

Man uses family gas money to buy a birthday party tattoo

DEAR ABBY: My family just came back from a relative's after a weekend visit. The occasion was a birthday party, and he had a tattoo artist come over. My boyfriend -- the father of our 14- and 3-year-olds -- spent our last \$100 and went ahead and got himself a tattoo! We aren't rich, and we had to borrow money for gas to get home.

I think he is the most selfish person on the face of the planet, and I get mad at him for every other little thing now. I can't imagine many adult men would do that to their partner. I know a few who would even say, "No, Honey, YOU get something. I can wait." Is there any hope for mankind? -- MARK OF DISASTER IN WASHINGTON

DEAR MARK OF DISASTER: There is plenty of hope for mankind; for the father of your 14- and 3-year-olds, maybe not so much. Was he under the influence at that party, or does he make poor decisions about money often?

That tatt is now a constant reminder of your disappointment in him, so I hope it's in a place where you don't have to see it every day or night. You have my sympathy, but you chose this person as a life partner.

DEAR ABBY: My parents have been together for more than three decades, but their marriage has been strained for years. Still, they won't pull the plug and call it quits. It's making us kids (all in our 20s and out of the house) and our extended family confused and frustrated.

They still live under one roof, although they spend all of their time in separate parts of the house and communicate only through us kids. They're clearly miserable, but if any of us tries to speak to them about their toxic dynamic, each one blames the other.

Abby, I adore both of my parents, but they're becoming shells of themselves. I know it's not my business to step in, but something has to change. I can't handle another tense holiday visit. What should I do? -- CONCERNED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONCERNED: You and your siblings should sit down with your parents and tell them the effect their toxic dynamic has had on you as a family. All of you should urge them to seek counseling from a licensed marriage and family therapist. Then cross your fingers and hope they are willing to follow through. However, if they aren't and you can't handle another tense holiday visit, I recommend you make other plans and tell them why.

DEAR ABBY: I am 13. Three years ago, I was in a car accident that left me in a wheelchair. I have been able to move on in life and am happy and have lots of friends who help me stay active in sports, etc. My problem is, I had a friend before my accident who moved away, and I'm sure he doesn't know his once best friend can no longer walk.

I just heard his family is moving back here, and I'm not sure how to handle this. Should I contact him before the move, or wait and be like, "Oh, by the way"? Do you have any advice? --WONDERING IN NEW YORK

DEAR WONDERING: The news is bound to be a shock. If you have this young man's contact information, I vote for letting him know in advance about the accident. And while you're at it, fill him in on what you have been doing since he left town.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www. Dear Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

ARK Project work day is Oct. 3

The World

COOS BAY — Join the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, in beautifying the ARK Project to make the drop-in center a more inviting place for children, homeless children, youth and their families to visit in their time of need.

Tasks will include removing sod and dirt to create a larger driveway, cutting ivy and blackberry vines, and laying ground fabric and gravel. The ARK Project is located at 817 S. 19th St., Coos Bay, behind Marshfield High School, between the wood shop and the theater.

To register, contact Stacy Gulseth at 541-269-6652 or by email at StacyG@coos-bay.k12.or.us.



Airline workers brace for layoffs

DETROIT (AP) — The worries are growing for United Airlines flight attendant Jordy Comeaux.

In a few days, he'll be among roughly 40,000 airline workers whose jobs are likely to evaporate in an industry decimated by the coronavirus pandemic.

Unless Congress acts to help for a second time, United will furlough Comeaux on Thursday, cutting off his income and health insurance. Unemployment and the money made by his husband, a home health nurse, won't be enough to pay the bills including rent near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

"I don't have enough, unfortunately, to get by," said Comeaux, 31, who has worked for United for four years. "No one knows what's going to come next and how to prepare."

Since the pandemic hit, thousands of flight attendants, baggage handlers, gate agents and others have been getting at least partial pay through \$25 billion in grants and loans to the nation's airlines. To receive the aid, companies agreed

not to lay off employees through Sept. 30. That "Payroll Support Program" helped many stay on, and keep health care and other benefits.

It all runs out on Thursday.

With air travel down about 70% from last year, many carriers including United and American say they'll be forced to cut jobs without additional aid. Delta and Southwest, two other big carriers, tapped private capital markets and say they'll avoid layoffs.

Industry analysts say fear of air travel and businesses keeping employees close to home have brought an unprecedented crisis to the industry, resulting in cataclysmic losses. The four largest U.S. airlines — Delta, United, American and Southwest — together lost \$10 billion in the second quarter alone.

Fewer airline passengers also means less demand for rental cars, hotels and restaurants. With demand for new planes down, airplane manufacturer Boeing has cut thousands of jobs. And with tourism down,

The Walt Disney Co. said Tuesday it planned to lay off 28,000 workers in its parks division in California and Florida.

"To my understanding, this is the steepest demand shock for commercial aviation in human history," said Morningstar aviation analyst Burkett Huey.

The International Air Transport Association on Tuesday lowered its full-year traffic forecast. The trade group for airlines around the world now expects 2020 air travel to fall 66% from 2019, compared to its previous estimate of a 63% decline.

Airlines in Europe are expecting years of trouble and have acted quickly to cut jobs even as they get government rescue loans.

Germany's Lufthansa won a 9 billion-euro government bailout, but announced an additional round of cuts after a summer bump in vacation travel dwindled in September. The company has parked its jumbo jets and has plans to eliminate 22,000 full-time positions. British Airways parent company IAG has said it

would cut some 12,000 of its 42,000-person workforce.

In the U.S., Congress has been considering a second round of airline aid for weeks, but it's hung up in the debate over a larger national relief package. The Airlines for America trade group said a House proposal unveiled Monday raises some hope because Democrats and Republicans appear to be talking. Layoffs could be delayed if a deal is imminent.

Toni Valentine, 41, a United reservations agent in Detroit who has been with the airline for 15 years, has been told she'll be laid off this week. She has six children ranging in age from 2 to 22, and her husband can't work because he's recovering from a massive stroke.

"Knowing that I may not have insurance benefits, I feel like I have failed," she said on a conference call set up by the Machinists Union. "I'm the primary breadwinner in this family."

Before the pandemic, the airlines were thriving. Planes were full, profits were fat and workers were getting big overtime checks. That helped Valentine, who said she worked 80 hours per week but still was barely making it after her husband's illness.

Now, her 19-year-old son has dropped out of college to help support the family, she said. "We're crying for help and no one is hearing," she said.

Tevita Uhatafe also was a big beneficiary of overtime pay, working 60 hours a week hauling baggage and loading airplanes for American Airlines in Dallas. He and his wife, who holds the same fleet service job, earned enough to buy a house and purchase a new car in January.

Then came the pandemic. Overtime went away. Uhatafe and his wife cut expenses and staggered their shifts so one could stay home to supervise remote learning for two sons and a niece.

But come Thursday, they both are likely to get only part-time hours, meaning their household income could be halved. "We can't afford our mortgage, our car payment, our other utilities," he said. They also fear they won't be able to make health care copays and deductibles. They've looked for jobs, but in a market with high unemployment "there really isn't anything out there for us right now," Uhatafe said.

Allie Malis, an American Airlines flight attendant in Washington, D.C., also faces layoff Thursday. "At this point I don't have a Plan B," she said.

With early retirements and other incentives to quit, U.S. airlines have already shed about 45,000 jobs during the pandemic, or 48,000 including cargo carriers. Government figures are only available through July, however.

Compare that to the first six months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, when passenger and cargo airlines cut more than 90,000 jobs, and employment drifted lower for the next two years.

Two decades later, airline employment still had not fully recovered. Malis said American didn't hire any new flight attendants until 2013 because it was still calling back those who were laid off.

Biden releases taxes as contrast with Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden paid nearly \$288,000 in federal income taxes last year, according to returns he released just hours before his Tuesday night debate with President Donald Trump.

The move came following a report from The New York Times that Trump paid just \$750 in income taxes in 2016, the year he ran for president, and in 2017, his first year in the White House.

Biden and his wife, Jill, along with Biden's running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, released their 2019 federal and state returns as the president contends with the political fall-out from a series of Times reports about Trump's long-hidden tax returns. The Times also reported that Trump paid no income tax at all in 10 of the 15 years prior to 2017.

The Bidens' payment of \$287,693 to the federal government in 2019 showed a substantial drop from the \$1.5 million they paid in income taxes in 2018, reflecting a decline in Biden's book revenue, his decision to run for the presidency and his leave of absence from an academic post at

the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

After paying \$91,000 in 2016, Biden's last year as vice president in the Obama administration, the Bidens paid \$3.7 million to the government in 2017, largely because of income from book deals. Their latest return shows that the couple's adjusted gross earnings of \$985,233 came from his vacated Penn position, Jill Biden's community college teaching job and corporate entities that hold their speaking and writing payments.

Harris and her husband, attorney Douglas Emhoff,

paid \$1,185,628 in combined federal and state taxes on earnings of \$3,018,127.

The Biden campaign has moved aggressively to capitalize on the Times reports about Trump's tiny tax payments. The campaign released a media ad showing that nurses, firefighters and other working-class Americans pay far more in annual federal taxes than the \$750 Trump tax payments described by the Times.

Trump has denied the Times report, dismissing it as "fake news" at a press conference, but he has provided no evidence to refute it. With the release of their 2019 returns, the Bidens have now made public 22 year of tax documents, dating back to the late 1990s, when he was a U.S. senator representing Delaware. Harris has released 15 years of tax returns dating to her stint as San Francisco district attorney.

Kate Bedingfield, a Biden deputy campaign manager, said the release of the documents shows "a historic level of transparency meant to give the American people faith, once again, that their leaders will look out for them and not their own bottom line."

It was a not-too-subtle dig at Trump's refusal — since his 2016 presidential campaign — to make public his personal income taxes. Trump has long insisted that he is unable to provide his tax returns because they are under audit by the Internal Revenue Service, despite no legal conditions preventing him from making them available.

The Times reported that Trump has, in fact, been under audit from the IRS for his request for a \$72 million refund in 2010 by claiming a questionable \$1.4 billion worth of losses in 2008 and 2009.

Disney will lay off 28,000 at parks in California, Florida

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)
— Squeezed by limits on attendance at its theme parks and other restrictions due to the pandemic, The Walt Disney Co. said Tuesday it planned to lay off 28,000 workers in its parks division in California and Florida.

Two-thirds of the planned layoffs involve part-time workers but they ranged from salaried employees to hourly workers, Disney officials said.

Disney's parks closed last spring as the pandemic started spreading in the U.S. The Florida parks reopened this summer, but the California parks have yet to reopen as the company awaits guidance from the state of California.

In a letter to employees, Josh D'Amaro, chairman of Disney Parks, Experience and Product, said California's "unwillingness to lift restrictions that would allow Disneyland to reopen" exacerbated the situation for the company.

D'Amaro said his management team had worked hard to try to avoid layoffs. They had cut expenses, suspended projects and modified operations but it wasn't enough given limits on the number of people allowed into the park because of social distancing restrictions and other pandemic-related measures, he said.

"As heartbreaking as it is to take this action, this is the only feasible option we have in light of the prolonged impact of COVID-19 on our business, including limited capacity due to physical distancing requirements and the continued uncertainty regarding the duration of the pandemic," he said.

California's health secretary on Tuesday said the state was close to working out a way to have the theme parks reopen in a responsible way.

"We know that a number of Californians are eager and wondering when that is coming, and we're working with those industries to put out something that's thoughtful, allows us to maintain the rest of our framework in a strong way,

and really following those principles of slow and stringent to ensure those large activities are done responsibly," said Dr. Mark Ghaly, secretary of California Health and Human Services.

Disney officials said the company would provide severance packages for the employees, where appropriate, and also offer other services to help workers with job placement.

Officials with the union that represents the actors who play Disney characters at the theme parks said they were having conversations with Disney officials about how they would be impacted, according to Actors'

Equity Association.
Officials with the Ser-

vice Trades Council Union, which represents 43,000 workers at Disney World in Florida, said they were having similar conversa-

tions.

"We were disappointed to learn that the Covid-19 crisis has led Disney to make the decision to layoff Cast Members," the coalition of six unions said in a statement.

About 950 workers from Unite Here Local 11 in California will be laid off starting Nov. 1, union leaders said.

Disney officials didn't offer a breakdown of the layoffs between the Florida and California operations. Walt Disney World in Florida has around 77,000 employees, while the Dis-

neyland Resort in California has more than 30,000

With its parks closed due to the pandemic in April, Disney furloughed up to 43,000 workers while still paying for their health insurance at its Florida resort. It brought many of them back after it reopened in July. Furloughed workers in California also received health benefits.

In a statement, U.S. Rep. Val Demings, a Democrat from Orlando, said the layoffs showed the need for more coronavirus-related relief from Congress.

"These layoffs show yet again how desperately that assistance is needed by American households and businesses," Demings said.

'I am Woman' singer Helen Reddy dies at 78

LOS ANGELES (AP)
— Helen Reddy, who shot to stardom in the 1970s with her rousing feminist anthem "I Am Woman" and recorded a string of other hits, has died. She was 78.

Reddy's children Traci and Jordan announced that the actor-singer died Tuesday in Los Angeles. "She was a wonderful Mother, Grandmother and a truly formidable woman," they said in a statement. "Our hearts are broken. But we take comfort in the knowledge that her voice will live on forever."

Reddy's 1971 version of "I Don't Know How to Love Him" from the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" launched a decade-long string of Top 40 hits, three of which reached No. 1.

The Australian-born singer enjoyed a prolific career, appearing in "Airport 1975" as a singing nun and scoring several hits, including "Ain't No Way To Treat a Lady," "Delta

Dawn," "Angie Baby" and "You and Me Against the World."

In 1973 she won the best female vocal pop performance Grammy Award for "I Am Woman," quickly thanking her then-husband and others in her acceptance speech.

"I only have 10 seconds so I would like to thank everyone from Sony Capitol Records, I would like to think Jeff Wald because he makes my success possible and I would like to thank God because she makes everything possible," Reddy said, hoisting her Grammy in the air and leaving the stage to loud applause. She also performed the song at the ceremony.

"I Am Woman" would become her biggest hit, used in films and television series.

In a 2012 interview with The Associated Press, Reddy cited the gigantic success of "I Am Woman" as one of the reasons she

stepped out of public life. "That was one of the reasons that I stopped singing,

sons that I stopped singing, was when I was shown a modern American history high-school textbook, and a whole chapter on feminism and my name and my lyrics (were) in the book," she told the AP. "And I thought, 'Well, I'm part of history now. And how do I top that? I can't top that.' So, it was an easy withdrawal."

Reddy's death comes less than three weeks after the release of a biopic about her life called "I Am Woman."

The film's director, Unjoo Moon, said the film resulted in a seven-year friendship with Reddy.

"I will forever be grateful to Helen for teaching me so much about being an artist, a woman and a mother," she said in a statement. "She paved the way for so many and the lyrics that she wrote for 'I am Woman' changed my life forever like they have done for so many other people and will continue to do for generations to come. She will always be a part of me and I will miss her enormously."

A performer since childhood, Reddy was part of a show-business family in Melbourne. She won a contest that brought her to the United States and launched her recording career, although she first had to overcome ideas about her sound.

"In my earlier days in Australia, I was considered to be more of a jazz singer," she told the AP in 1991. "When I won the contest that brought me to this country, one person said, 'The judges didn't feel you could have a recording career because you don't have a commercial sound.""

sound."
Reddy retired from
performing in the 1990s
and returned to Australia,
getting her degree in clinical hypnotherapy.

public health director PORTLAND (AP) — health equity while guiding

Oregon names new

The Oregon Health Authority on Tuesday announced Rachael Banks as its new public health director.

She's held the same position in Oregon's most populous county since 2017, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Banks will be tasked with leading the state's public health division amid the coronavirus pandemic, while improving racial and ethnic inequalities. She starts Oct. 27 and is replacing Lillian Shirley, who had said she's retiring.

said she's retiring.

Banks is "a leader with professional acumen combined with lived and worked experience around promoting equity," Patrick Allen, director of the Oregon Health Authority, said

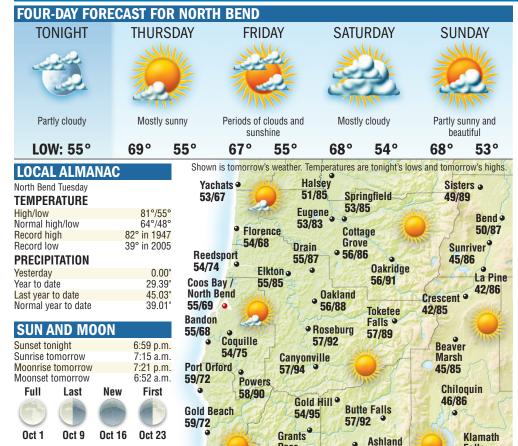
in a statement.
Allen called Banks'
attributes necessary as the
agency attempts to make
"meaningful progress on

health equity while guiding the state's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic — and continuing to advance programs that promote the majority of health that happens outside the doctor's office, such as reducing chronic diseases, ensuring clean air and water, and urging immunizations."

Banks has led Multnomah County's response to the coronavirus including policy development, and leading the development of health metrics for Black, indigenous and people of color, according to the state.

Banks voiced strong opposition to the Oregon Health Authority's decision to publish data about coronavirus cases by ZIP code, warning of potential stereotyping from disclosure and saying the location of exposure is more important than where someone lives.





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later years. Originally the park was called Marshfield City Park and in 1937 the Parks Commission passed a resolution changing the name to Mingus Park in honor of local resident Dr. Everett Mingus. As chair of the Parks Commission, Dr. Mingus was instrumental in the park's development.

City records indicate the grading plan for Mingus Park commenced in 1933, a topographic map was created in 1937 showing topography around the lake, Dixon wrote. Actual park development started sometime after 1940, Herchell Webber, landscape architect, provided a site plan for lower and upper Mingus Park, which included at the time these site amenities for lower park: tennis court, softball field and play area, wading pool, croquet, restrooms, canoe shelter. In upper

lake area; picnic area, rock garden (Choshi), outdoor theater (now the swimming pool area), overlook, Boy and Girl Scout cabin, parking and trails.

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Regarding Monterey pines, there is a historic Monterey pine that was planted in Shore Acres State Park between 1906 and 1921 by the Simpson family as part of their extensive estate. Louis J. Simpson was a lumberman, shipbuilder and founder of the city of North Bend. In 1942, Simpson sold his estate to Oregon, designating it as a park. The tree was recognized in 2002 as the largest of its species in the United States by the National Register of Big

Anyone with questions about the tree removal in Mingus Park can contact Public Works and Community Development Operations Administrator Randy Dixon by phone: 541-269-1181 ext. 2201 or by email: rdixon@coosbay.org.

Schools

CDC report said.

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Mississippi is among states where several outbreaks among students and teachers have been

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reported since in-person classes resumed in July and August. Kathy Willard said she had mixed feelings when

her grandson's fourth grade class in Oxford was sent home for two weeks after several teachers and one student tested positive for the virus. The family doesn't have internet access at home, making remote learning a challenge.

"It was a hardship. There's always a worry about him falling behind or not getting access to what he needs for school," Willard said. "But at the same time, I'm glad the school is doing what they can to protect our kids."

Students in her district are required to wear masks and receive temperature checks, and students and teachers who come into contact with the virus are quarantined.

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In Alcorn County, Mississippi, where hundreds of community cases have been reported, including dozens among teachers, staff and students, parent Kimberly Kilpatrick-Kelley is keeping her 15- and 17-olds home for virtual learning.

The Corinth mother said the family always wears masks when they leave home and practice social distancing, and she worries about her kids getting sick and infecting her parents.

"I personally don't want to take the risk" she said.

Dr. Yvonne Maldonado, head of the American Academy of Pediatrics' infectious-diseases committee, said the big question is what will happen as schools that have started out with online learning go back to in-person classes.

"It really will depend

on how well can you mask and distance in a school setting," she said.

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New York City, the nation's largest school district, with over 1 million students, resumed classroom learning Tuesday for elementary school children. Higher grades will resume on Thursday.

The CDC report said more than 277,000 children ages 5 to 17 were confirmed infected between March and Sept. 19, with an increase in September after a peak and a decline over the summer.

The agency acknowledged that may be an underestimate, in part because testing is most often done on people with symptoms, and children with the coronavirus often

have none. The CDC reported 51 deaths in school-age kids, most in them ages 12 to 17. Less than 2% of infected children were hospitalized, and youngsters who are Black, Hispanic or have underlying conditions fared worse than white children.

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The findings add to other data showing the pandemic is increasingly affecting younger age groups after initially hitting older Americans hard.

In a separate report Tuesday, the CDC said weekly COVID-19 cases among people ages 18 to 22 increased 55% nationally. The increases were greatest in the Northeast and Midwest and were not solely attributable to increased testing, the CDC said. About one-third of U.S. cases are in adults 50 and older, while one-quarter are in 18-to-29-year-olds.

The AAP research is based on reports from public health departments in 49 states, New York City, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and Guam. New York state doesn't provide data by age. Most states count children's cases up to age 19, though a few use different age ranges.

Debate

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this clown."

Again refusing to commit to honoring the results of the election, Trump spread falsehoods about mail voting. Without evidence, he suggested that the process — surging in popularity during the pandemic — was ripe for fraud and incorrectly claimed impropriety at a Pennsylvania voting site.

But despite his efforts to dominate the discussion, Trump was frequently put on the defensive and tried to sidestep when he was asked if he was willing to condemn white supremacists and paramilitary groups.

"What do you want to call them? Give me a name. Give me a name," Trump said, before Biden mentioned the far right, violent group known as the Proud Boys. Trump then pointedly did not condemn the group, instead saying: "Proud Boys, stand back, stand by. But I'll tell you what, somebody's got to do something about antifa and

the left because this is not a right-wing problem. This is a left-wing problem."

Biden attacked Trump's handling of the pandemic, saying that the president "waited and waited" to act when the virus reached America's shores and "still doesn't have a plan." Biden told Trump to "get out of your bunker and get out of the sand trap" and go in his golf cart to the Oval Office to come up with a bipartisan plan to save people.

Trump snarled a response, declaring: "I'll tell you Joe, you could never have done the job that we did. You don't have it in your blood."

"I know how to do the job," was the solemn response from Biden, who served eight years as Barack Obama's vice

president. The pandemic's effects were in plain sight, with the candidates' lecterns spaced far apart, all the guests in the small crowd tested and the traditional opening handshake scrapped. While neither candidate wore a mask to take the stage, their

families did sport face coverings.

Trump struggled to define his ideas for replacing the Affordable Care Act on health care in the debate's early moments and defended his nomination of Amy Coney Barrett, declaring, "I was not elected for three years, I'm elected for four years."

"We won the election. Elections have consequences. We have the Senate. We have the White House and we have a phenomenal nominee, respected by all."

Trump criticized Biden over the former vice president's refusal to comment on whether he would try to expand the Supreme Court in retaliation if Barrett is confirmed to replace the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. That idea has gained momentum on the party's left flank, but Biden tried to put distance between himself and the liberal wing, declining to endorse the Green New Deal and rejecting the assertion that he was under the control of radicals by declaring "I am the Democratic Party now."

The scattershot debate bounced from topic to topic, with Trump again refusing to embrace the science of climate change while Biden accused Trump of walking away from the American promise of equity for all and making a race-based appeal.

"This is a president who has used everything as a dog whistle to try to generate racist hatred, racist

division," Biden said. Recent months have seen major protests after the deaths of Black people at the hands of police. Biden said the country faces a problem with systemic racism and that while the vast majority of police officers are "decent, honorable men and women" there are "bad apples" and people have to be held accountable.

Trump in turn claimed that Biden's work on a federal crime bill treated the African American population "about as bad as anybody in this country." The president pivoted to his hardline focus on those protesting racial injustice and accused Biden of being afraid to use the words

"law and order," out of fear of alienating the left. "Violence in response is

never appropriate, "Biden said. "Never appropriate. Peaceful protest is.' The attacks turned deep-

ly personal when Trump returned to a campaign attack line by declaring that Biden's son, Hunter, had inappropriately benefitted from his father's connections while working in Ukraine. Biden rarely looked at Trump during the night but turned to face the president when he defended his sons, including Beau, an Army veteran who died of cancer in 2015, after the commander in chief's reported insults of those who served in the military.

A new report from two Republican-led Senate committees alleged that Hunter Biden's work in Ukraine at the same time his father was vice president raised conflict-of-interest concerns for the Obama administration, but the report did not link Joe Biden to any wrongdoing or misconduct. Trump was impeached for pushing Kiev to investigate the Biden family.

The debate was arguably Trump's best chance to try to reframe the campaign as a choice between candidates and not a referendum over his handling of the virus that has killed more people in America than any other nation. Americans, according to polling, have soured on his leadership in the crisis, and the president has struggled to land consistent attacks on Biden.

In the hours before the debate, Biden released his 2019 tax returns just days after the blockbuster revelations about Trump's long-hidden tax history, including that he paid only \$750 a year in federal income taxes in 2016 and 2017 and nothing in many other years. The Bidens paid nearly \$300,000 in taxes in 2019.

Trump, in the debate, insisted he paid millions in taxes — but refused to say how much he paid in federal income taxes and insisted he had taken advantage of legal tax incentives, another angry exchange that led to Biden declaring that Trump was the "worst president" the nation has ever had.

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Intel	51.19	51.80					
Kroger	33.76	33.85					
Microsoft	207.25	211.34					
Nike	126.40	125.62					

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Titans have NFL's first COVID-19 outbreak

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans won't be back inside their building until Saturday at the earliest because of eight positive tests for the coronavirus, the first outbreak to hit the NFL as it tries to play a full schedule amid the pandemic.

Tennessee is scheduled to host Pittsburgh in a matchup of two of the league's seven remaining undefeated teams on Sunday, and Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said his team has been "given a mandate" to prepare as if the game will be played on time — even if the Titans are unable to practice.

"We're going to trust the medical experts," Tomlin said. "If they deem it safe for us to proceed, we're going to go down there with the intention of playing and playing to win."

Tennessee suspended in-person activities through Friday

after the NFL said three Titans players and five personnel tested positive for the coronavirus. The NFL had played three weeks without a COVID-19 outbreak. Now, the Titans will become the first significant in-season test of the league's virus protocols.

The Minnesota Vikings also suspended in-person activities Tuesday following the Titans' test results. The Titans beat the Vikings 31-30 in Minneapolis last weekend.

"Both clubs are working closely with the NFL and the (players union), including our infectious disease experts, to evaluate close contacts, perform additional testing and monitor developments," the league said in a statement.

The Titans placed a pair of key players, defensive captain and lineman DaQuan Jones and long snapper Beau Brinkley, on

the reserve/COVID-19 list later Tuesday.

The Vikings released a statement saying they had not received any positive results from their testing after Sunday's game and they followed NFL protocol by closing their facility immediately. The Minnesota complex will remain closed at least through Wednesday.

Minnesota is scheduled to visit Houston (0-3) on Sunday.

"All decisions will be made with health and safety as our primary consideration," the NFL said. "We will continue to share updates as more information becomes available."

If they kick off Sunday, the Titans will have spent three days in virtual, video meetings with possibly only a walk-through Saturday. The prospect of a team facing a competitive disadvantage because of the virus was not a surprise to Tomlin.

"Once we left the station and we got all teams into a training camp-like setting, we as a collective, meaning the National Football League, acknowledged that this COVID environment could be challenging to that," Tomlin said. "So we all proceeded with that understanding.'

Titans coach Mike Vrabel is scheduled to talk to reporters Wednesday morning.

"I just wanna play," Titans starting left guard Rodger Saffold tweeted

Commissioner Roger Goodell sent a memo to teams Tuesday noting the protocols set up by the league and the players union are being followed. Those who tested positive will be isolated, monitored and offered medical care, and family members also are offered

testing. Officials and others who worked the game will be tested.

"This is not unexpected; as Dr. Sills and others have emphasized, there will be players and staff who will test positive during the season," Goodell wrote in the memo obtained by The Associated Press, referencing the NFL's chief medical officer, Dr. Allen Sills. "We are exploring in more detail the nature of the close contacts to determine where they occurred (locker room, flights, etc.), and identify any additional learnings that can be shared with all clubs.'

Goodell asked teams to look at what they've done to limit contact, especially when traveling and within position groups, and to review how they bring in players for tryouts. He noted the test results affirm the need to follow health and safety protocols "to the fullest extent."

White Sox beat A's in opener Baseball playoffs;

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Lucas Giolito dazzled in his postseason debut, stymieing the Oakland Athletics through six perfect innings and sending the Chicago White Sox to a 4-1 victory in the opener of their best-of-three wild-card series Tuesday.

Giolito (1-0), who pitched a no-hitter against Pittsburgh on Aug. 25, didn't allow a baserunner to the AL West champions until Tommy La Stella's single up the middle to start the seventh. Giolito gave up one run on two hits over seven innings, struck out eight and walked one before giving way to Evan Marshall after a stellar 100-pitch outing.

Giolito got plenty of support: José Abreu hit a two-run homer and Adam Engel also connected for Chicago against Jesus Luzardo (0-1). Yasmani Grandal homered in the eighth.

Alex Colome, Chicago's third reliever, worked the

ninth for a save in the 2-hour, 53-minute game.

Now, Oakland must win Game 2 on Wednesday at home to avoid another early playoff exit. The A's are in the postseason for a third straight year, having lost in the AL wild-card game each of the past two seasons after 97 wins both times.

YANKEES 12, INDIANS 3: Aaron Judge smashed a tone-setting, two-run homer on Shane Bieber's fourth pitch, Gerrit Cole struck out 13 and New York opened the AL playoffs with a resounding win over Cleveland.

Judge and the rest of New York's hitters hadn't faced Bieber in 2020, but they were well prepared and took some meaty cuts against the 25-yearold ace, who gave up season highs in runs (seven) and hits (nine) over 4 2/3 innings — his shortest stint since June 9 last season against the Yankees.

Gleyber Torres, Brett Gardner and Giancarlo Stanton also homered for New York.

Staked to an early lead on Judge's homer, Cole showed why the Yanks shelled out \$324 million for him in the offseason. The right-hander gave up two runs — including Josh Naylor's homer in the fourth and six hits in seven innings.

ASTROS 4, TWINS 1: Jose Altuve drew a bases-loaded walk to force in the go-ahead run in the ninth inning after a two-out error by shortstop Jorge Polanco, and Houston beat Minnesota to open their AL playoff series and stretch the Twins' all-time record postseason losing streak to 17

Manager Dusty Baker's Astros became the first team in major league history to win a game after reaching the postseason with a losing record. Game 2 in the best-of-three wild-card matchup is Wednesday at Target Field.

Michael Brantley tacked on a two-run single in the ninth after Sergio Romo issued a

full-count walk to the 5-foot-6 Altuve, the 2017 AL MVP who

had a quiet season at the plate. Minnesota's previous win in the playoffs was notched in New York on Oct. 5, 2004, in Game 1 of the AL Division

RAYS 3, BLUE JAYS 1: Blake Snell took a no-hitter into the sixth inning and top-seeded Tampa Bay opened the playoffs with a win over Toronto.

Manuel Margot hit a two-run homer and Randy Arozarena tripled and scored on a wild pitch to give Snell and a dominant Rays bullpen all the offensive support needed to begin the best-of-three matchup.

The AL East champion Rays will try to advance Wednesday in Game 2 at Tropicana Field.

Snell allowed just two baserunners until Alejandro Kirk singled leading off the sixth. The 2018 AL Cy Young Award winner permitted one hit and struck out nine — tying a club postseason record — in 5 2/3 innings.

Baseball Playoffs

WILD CARD SERIES (Best-of-3)

x-if necessary
American League
Tuesday, Sept. 29

Houston 4, Minnesota 1 Chicago White Sox 4, Oakland 1 Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 1 N.Y. Yankees 12, Cleveland 3

Wednesday, Sept. 30 Houston at Minnesota, 10 a.m. (ESPN2) Chicago White Sox at Oakland, noon (ESPN) Toronto at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. (TBS) N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Oct. 1 x-Toronto at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m., TBS x-Chicago White Sox at Oakland, noon, ESPN x- Houston at Minnesota, 10 a.m., ESPN2

x-N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 4 p.m., ESPN2 **National League** Wednesday, Sept. 30

Cincinnati at Atlanta, 9 a.m. (ESPN) Miami at Chicago Cubs, 11 a.m. (ABC) St. Louis at San Diego, 2 p.m. (ESPN2) Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Oct. 1 Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 7 p.m., ESPN Cincinnati at Atlanta, 9 a.m., ESPN Miami at Chicago Cubs, 11 a.m., ABC St. Louis at San Diego, 2 p.m., ESPN2

x-Friday, Oct. 2

x-Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, 3:30 p.m., ESPN x-Cincinnati at Atlanta, noon, ESPN x-Miami at Chicago Cubs, 11 a.m., ABC x-St. Louis at San Diego, 7 p.m., ESPN

LeBron, Heat together again at NBA Finals

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — LeBron James wants to beat the Miami Heat. The Miami

Heat want to beat LeBron James. These shouldn't be surprising notions to anyone, not with a title at stake.

Those looking for more acrimony than that, well, they may be disappointed.

The NBA Finals start Wednesday night and the James vs. Miami story line is shaping up as little more than a meeting of the mutual admiration society, albeit with a championship at stake. James is looking to bring the Los Angeles Lakers back to basketball's mountaintop for the first time since 2010 and the Heat are looking to cap a surprising season with their fourth crown.

"I'm here for one reason and one reason only, and that's to compete for a championship,' James said on the eve of Game 1 of his 10th finals, where he'll be seeking ring No. 4.

James was asked any number of different ways Tuesday about his time in Miami, his thoughts on coach Erik Spoelstra, his opinion of Heat President Pat Riley. He never took the bait, speaking only with fondness for the four years he spent in Miami and the two titles the Heat won during that stay.

"Being a part of that culture allowed me to grow, allowed me to see what it takes to not only compete for a championship but also to win a championship," James said. "So, it definitely put me in a position where I knew what it took. I saw what it took. But also, I fit that culture as well because of how hard I worked. It was a perfect match for those four years."

James left Miami and the finals have been an almost-annual stop since; this is his fifth **NBA Finals**

(Best-of-7) x-if necessary Wednesday, Sept. 30 Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 L.A. Lakers vs. Miami, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 6 L.A. Lakers vs. Miami, 6 p.m. x-Friday, Oct. 9 Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.

x-Sunday, Oct. 11 L.A. Lakers vs. Miami, 4:30 p.m. x-Tuesday, Oct. 13 Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.

appearance in the title round in the six seasons that followed his Heat tenure. It's the first time Miami has been back since he left. During that time, the Heat did some rebuilding a couple of times and used 60 different players in those six seasons. Miami also endured the departure, return and then retirement of Dwyane Wade and the premature end of Chris Bosh's career for health reasons.

Spoelstra is designing a game plan with hopes of keeping James in some sort of check, of course. That doesn't mean he didn't speak with reverence when asked about the Lakers' best player.

"I just think it is a true testament to his greatness to be able to sustain this type of success year in, year out," Spoelstra said. "Different uniforms, new players and new teams going after him. It's a real testament to that commitment. He's seen everything. At this point in his career, it's just about winning. And his ability to do what he does at his age is incredibly uncommon. But there's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to be able to

maintain that." The feeling is mutual.

James, on Spoelstra: "I'm not going to sit up here and act like I don't know what Spo is all about, because he's damned good, if not great."

James, on Riley: "This league is not the same without Riles. He's a great guy, great motivator, someone that just knows what it takes to win."

No shade thrown there.

Both teams haven't endured much trouble in the bubble: The Heat and Lakers have each gone 12-3 in the playoffs. The Heat are the first No. 5 seed to make the finals and weren't exactly surprised to see that James is the one standing between them and

the Larry O'Brien Trophy. "It's been like this for a very long time. If you want to win, you're going to have to go through a LeBron James-led team," said Heat forward Jimmy Butler, who'll be going to his first finals in his first Miami season. "At the end of the day, that's what it normally comes down to. ... You're going to get the same

test over and over again until you pass, and that test is LeBron James." Lakers star Anthony Davis is

in the finals for the first time, so he'll likely be dealing with a bit of nerves on Wednesday night. Butler acknowledged he'd be doing the same as well. The Lakers are comfortably

favored. Davis isn't expecting it to be easy.

'Miami is a special team," Davis said. "They're a team who a lot of people thought they shouldn't be here, but they're a team who fights. They're a team who's tough. They make bigtime plays, got big-time players on their team, guys who are in their first year, second years who are playing huge for them right now with a lot of confidence."

Serena Williams pulls out of French Open with injury

Star withdraws with Achilles injury before match today

PARIS (AP) — Saying she is "struggling to walk," Serena Williams ended her latest bid for a 24th Grand Slam title and withdrew from the French Open before her second-round match Wednesday because of an injured Achilles heel.

Williams hurt herself during her semifinal loss at the U.S. Open three weeks ago, which she called "bad timing" and "bad luck," and went to lengths to make clear she didn't think this was any sort of sign that she can't continue to pursue trophies in the future.

More simply, Williams said, she hasn't had "enough time to properly heal" and needs "four to six weeks of sitting, doing nothing."

The sudden announcement came roughly an hour before the 39-year-old American was supposed to head out onto Court Philippe Chatrier to face Tsvetana Pironkova.

Williams said it is "more than likely" she will not play another tournament in 2020.

She said she tried warming up for the match but knew she wasn't able to compete. She spoke to coach Patrick Mouratoglou and, she said, "We kind of both thought about it and we decided it wasn't the best for me to try and play today."

This is Williams' earliest exit at any Grand Slam tournament since a second-round loss in Paris in 2014.

She also pulled out of the

French Open in 2018 prior to what would have been a fourthround match against Maria Sharapova, citing a pulled

muscle in her chest. That was Williams' first major tournament back on tour after having a baby.

She would go on to reach the finals at four of the next six Slams, losing each time, as she tries to add to her professional-era record of 23 major singles trophies and equal Margaret Court's all-era mark.

"I love playing tennis, obviously. I love competing. And I love being out here. It's my job; been my job. And I'm pretty good at it still," Williams said. "So until I feel like I'm not good at it — then I'll be like, 'Oh, OK.' And I'm so close to some things, I just feel like I'm almost there, so I think that's what keeps me going."

Earlier this month in New York, Williams made it to the semifinals before bowing out 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 against Victoria Azarenka

It was in the third set of that match that Williams stretched her Achilles during a point and then leaned over, clutched at her lower left leg and asked for a trainer. She took a medical timeout for a tape job and continued to play but was unable to pull off a win.

"I was able to get it somewhat better, but just looking long-term: In this tournament, will I be able to get through on enough matches? And so for me, I don't think I could," Williams said Wednesday. "And struggling to walk, so that's kind of a tell-tale sign that I should try to recover."