

All Set for Super Bowl Sunday

The San Francisco 49ers will face the Kansas City Chiefs in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

The NFL Championship game will be played at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fla. with kickoff scheduled for approximately 3:30 p.m. The game's live broadcast will be carried on the Fox entertainment network, carried locally by KPTV Channel 12.

San Francisco reached the final game by pounding Green Bay in the NFC championship and Kansas City handled Tennessee in the AFC title game.

Each team's offensive and defensive line has played above average this season, with the 49ers defensive line being credited for their greatest strength and the Chiefs offensive line as their most powerful asset.

Singers Jennifer Lopez and Shakira will provide the halftime entertainment and Demi Lovato will sing the national anthem. Lovato is a Grammy-nominated singer, songwriter, actress, advocate, philanthropist and business woman.



Sunday's 2020 Super Bowl matches up quarterbacks Patrick Mahomes of the Kansas City Chiefs (left) and Jimmy Garoppolo of the San Francisco 49ers.

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Kobe's Death Stuns World

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Kobe — he was like a little brother to me,” retired NBA great Michael Jordan said. “We used to talk often, and I will miss those conversations very much. He was a fierce competitor, one of the greats of the game and a creative force.”

Thousands of mourners gathered Monday outside the glistering steel-and-glass edifice of the Staples Center where the Los Angeles Lakers legend made so much basketball history.

“The memories that he gave us as a family were great mem-

ories,” said Lawrence Perez or North Hollywood, who arrived with his wife, Maureen, and 15-year-old daughter, Desiree. “We could have been at home, but we wanted to be with other people who are kind of going through the same thing.”

Bryant retired in 2016 as the third-leading scorer in NBA history, finishing two decades with the Lakers as a prolific shot-maker with a sublime all-around game and a relentless competitive drive. He held that spot in the league scoring ranks until Saturday night, when the Lakers' LeBron James passed him for third place during a

game in Philadelphia, Bryant's hometown.

He was the league MVP in 2008 and a two-time NBA scoring champion. He teamed with Shaquille O'Neal in a combustible partnership to lead the Lakers to consecutive NBA titles in 2000, 2001 and 2002. He went on to win two more titles in 2009 and 2010.

His Lakers tenure was marred by scandal when in 2003, Bryant was accused of raping a 19-year-old employee at a Colorado resort. He said the two had consensual sex, and prosecutors later dropped the sexual assault charge at the request of

the accuser. The woman filed a civil suit against Bryant that was settled out of court.

Among those killed in the crash were John Altobelli, 56, longtime head coach of Southern California's Orange Coast College baseball team and father of a former University of Oregon student-athlete; his wife, Keri; and daughter, Alyssa, who played on the same basketball team as Bryant's daughter, said Altobelli's brother, Tony, sports information director at the school.

Costa Mesa, Calif. Mayor Katrina Foley tweeted that the dead also included Christina Mauser, a girls basketball coach at a nearby elementary school.

Bolton Shades Trump Defense

President Trump's defense finished its final arguments in the Senate impeachment trial Tuesday, but the focus of senators turned to a battle coming later this week over whether to call former

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National Security Advisor John Bolton or other witnesses to testify. In a new book Bolton directly links Trump to politically motivated investigations.

ODOT to Study I-5 Impacts

Oregon's top transportation decision makers on Thursday agreed to delay until March a key vote on what to do with a \$715 million project on Interstate 5 through the Rose Quarter. Officials will now look at past and future impacts on black neighborhoods and to further study how proposals respond to the historic displacement and if building covers spanning the highway could accommodate buildings.

Fire Station Calendar Rebuttle

Portland Fire Chief Sara Boone and JoAnn Hardesty, the city commissioner overseeing the Fire Bureau, admonished firefighters

at Station 7 in east Portland last week for featuring a calendar of homeless camp photos seen as disparaging to homeless people.

Better Graduation Rates

More than 80% of Portland Public Schools students graduated in the 2018-19 school year, the best graduation rates since a new model to support students was adopted by the school district in 2011. The graduation rates for African-American, multi-racial and Latino students increased to between 72.3% and 72.6%.

Grammy for Audiobook

Former first lady Michelle Obama Sunday snagged her first Grammy win for the audiobook version of her best-sell-

ing memoir “Becoming.” It's the third Grammy win for the Obama household. Obama's husband won for the audiobook recordings of his memoirs “Dreams of My Father” and “The Audacity of Hope” in 2006 and 2008.

High Capacity Buses Funded

TriMet on Thursday celebrated the imminent start of construction on the \$175 million Division Transit Project. The 15-mile stretch of improvements will bring high-capacity buses to a key street in Portland and Gresham, as well as more than 40 new stations.

Gun Printer Rule Challenged

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum joined a group of 21 Attorneys General in a lawsuit filed last week challenging the Trump administration's latest rule allowing 3D-printed gun files to be released on the internet. The rule would effectively enable anyone to access 3D-print files online and make unregistered, untraceable firearms.



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