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LOS ANGELES (AP) — “Jeopardy!” host Alex Trebek said he has been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer but intends to fight the disease and keep on working. In a video posted online Wednesday, the 78-year-old said he was announcing his illness directly to “Jeopardy!” fans in keeping with his long-time policy of being “open and transparent.” He’s among 50,000 other American who receive such a diagnosis each year, Trebek said. Normally, the “prognosis for this is not very encouraging, but I’m going to fight this, and I’m going to keep working.” Trebek said he plans to beat the disease’s low survival rate with the love and support of family and friends and with prayers from viewers. He lightened the difficult message with humor: He said he must beat the odds because his “Jeopardy!” contract requires he host the quiz show for three more years. Trebek, a native of Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, has been host of the syndicated quiz show since 1984.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The remains of a Navy serviceman who died in Pearl Harbor were reunited with his family after more than 70 years. WTXL-TV reports that Navy Seaman Earl Baum’s family gathered at the airport Wednesday to welcome him home. Baum’s younger sister, 92-year-old Emily Golz, says that Dec. 7, 1941 changed her life. “I heard it on the radio that Pearl Harbor was bombed and everything was complete chaos,” said Golz. She says Baum

was aboard the USS Oklahoma when the surprise attack happened. Golz, looking for closure, continued to actively search for Baum over the years, providing DNA and genealogy testing. She said, “I feel like he’s coming home because it’s been a lot of years that he’s been in Hawaii.” Baum will be interred at the Tallahassee National Cemetery.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky zoo has closed while engineers study a newly discovered sinkhole nearly as large as a football field. Louisville Zoo spokeswoman Kyle Shepherd told news outlets the sinkhole was found Wednesday in an undeveloped area away from any zoo animals. She said no people or animals were reported injured and no buildings damaged. Louisville Metro Emergency Services Director Jody Meiman says officials estimate the sinkhole is about 50 yards by 85 yards (45 meters by 75 meters) and about 50 feet (15 meters) deep in spots. The nearby Louisville Mega Cavern also said Wednesday it was temporarily closed because of a 3.4 earthquake reported Tuesday in neighboring Tennessee. Officials said they haven’t determined whether the earthquake caused the sinkhole. Meiman says causes could include rain or “natural occurrences” underground.

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea’s state TV has aired a documentary glorifying leader Kim Jong Un’s recent visit to Vietnam that omitted the failed nuclear negotiations with President Donald Trump. The footage’s release Wednesday came amid reports that North Korea is restoring some facilities at its long-range rocket launch site that it dismantled last year as part of disarmament steps. The documentary shows a smiling Kim talking with Trump while walking together inside a Hanoi hotel last week. It shows Kim’s black limousine passing through a Hanoi street lined with residents waving flags. The footage also shows Kim visiting the North Korean Embassy where some skipped and wept with emotions before they took a group photo with the backdrop of a huge picture of Kim’s late father and grandfather.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Democratic National Committee said Wednesday that it won’t pick Fox News to televise one of the upcoming debates being held for its 2020 presidential contenders. The party chairman, Tom Perez, said he has concluded that the network isn’t in a

position to host a fair and neutral debate. He cited a New Yorker magazine article released Monday that detailed how some Fox News personalities and President Donald Trump echo each other. Even before that story, some Democratic activists were complaining about the committee's consideration of Fox as a potential broadcast partner. Perez has said that it is important for Democrats to expand the electorate and reach all voters, and that was why he had considered Fox. The Democrats have announced 12 debates for later this year; NBC News and CNN are set to broadcast the first two. Trump weighed in on Twitter, threatening to sit out general election debates on "the Fake News Networks." Trump has frequently slammed NBC, MSNBC and CNN, among others, for their coverage of his presidency. Fox said it hoped the Democrats would reconsider its decision to host a debate that would be moderated by Chris Wallace, Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — IndyCar is ready to go racing again after six long months spent solidifying the business side of the series as it executes a five-year plan aimed at continued growth. Scott Dixon wrapped up his fifth IndyCar championship last September. The months since have seen IndyCar land new title sponsorship from Japanese communications giant NTT, the transition to a single steady television partner in NBC Sports and a continued push toward expanding the grid and making it easier for new teams to crack the series. The series opens Sunday in St. Petersburg, where Sebastien Bourdais will go for his third consecutive victory on the streets of the Florida city he calls home. The starting grid will consist of 19 veterans, five classified rookies and three drivers making their IndyCar debut.

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Hundreds of air passengers were stranded Wednesday in Kenya because of a strike at Nairobi's international airport by the Kenya Aviation Workers Union. Police violently dispersed striking workers who attempted to protest at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. The labor court suspended the strike until a petition by a local airline opposing the strike is heard Thursday. James Kariuki, the transport minister, said the strike was illegal because the government got court orders Tuesday barring the union from proceeding with it. Kenya's military took over screening and security services at the airport following the strike.

The union said in a statement that the strike was over the proposed takeover of the Kenya Airport Authority, that runs airports, by the country's loss-making airline, Kenya Airways. It demanded the removal of the top management of Kenya Airways and the Kenya Airport Authority.

NEW YORK (AP) — Top congressional Democrats have announced legislation to restore Obama-era “net neutrality” rules that seek to bar internet service providers such as AT&T and Comcast from playing favorites with websites and services. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Wednesday that the bill will be up for a vote in the House in a “matter of weeks.” A Senate version of the bill will have a tougher time, because Republicans are in the majority. Furthermore, the White House supported the repeal that this bill is trying to reverse. The net neutrality rules had banned cable, wireless and other broadband providers from blocking or slowing down websites and apps of their choosing, or charging Netflix and other video services extra to reach viewers faster. The Federal Communications Commission adopted the rules in 2015, when Democrats had the majority, only to repeal them in 2017 under a new, Republican chairman. The repeal cleared the way for service providers to engage in traffic controls as long as they disclosed them.

AURORA, Ind. (AP) — A school bus collided with a garbage truck stopped along a road in southeastern Indiana on Wednesday, seriously injuring a 13-year-old student and leaving 18 other students and two adults with mostly minor injuries, authorities said. Twenty-two students were on the South Dearborn Community School Corporation bus when it struck the rear of a garbage truck along State Road 350 near Aurora, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) west of Cincinnati, said State Police Sgt. Stephen Wheelles. Eighteen students were taken for treatment at area hospitals, most for minor injuries, and a parent later took at least one additional student to a hospital to be checked out, Wheelles said. The driver of the school bus and the garbage truck also were treated for injuries.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal meteorologists say this winter was America's wettest on record. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says that from December to

February, what it calls winter, the Lower 48 states got 9.01 inches of rain and snow, which is 2.22 inches more than the 20th century normal. It surpassed the 1997-1998 winter by 0.02 inches. Record or almost record rain and snow fell in the West, Tennessee Valley and parts of the Great Lakes. Last month was the second wettest February on record. Despite some bone-chilling outbreaks, winter in the Lower 48 was 1.2 degrees warmer than the 20th century average. February was 1.8 degrees cooler than normal. University of Illinois climate scientist Donald Wuebbles says increasing precipitation is a sign of climate change. Records date back to 1895.

BATTLE GROUND, Ind. (AP) — The Indiana Department of Natural Resources says it's expanding Prophetstown State Park by 134 acres and will likely avoid having large power lines pass over the pasture and barnyard of a historic working farm. The agency said Tuesday it's purchasing the land near the entrance to the park north of Lafayette from a private trust for \$1.1 million. The Duke Energy power lines are being moved by 2020 as part of development along a lake near the park's entrance in Battle Ground. The Farm at Prophetstown has leased 125 acres since the state park opened in 2004. Some supporters feared the presence of the power lines would hurt the aesthetics of the farm. Lafayette-area officials had petitioned Gov. Eric Holcomb to have the power lines moved away from the farm.

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA content will be available on Alibaba's platforms for the first time through an expanded partnership between the league and Chinese e-commerce company. The league says Wednesday that programming such as game highlights and classic NBA games will be among the content available on the new "NBA Section" to the nearly 700 million Alibaba consumers. There will also be an enhanced online shopping experience for Chinese customers. The content will be available through the regular season and postseason.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — LeBron James has moved past Michael Jordan into fourth place on the NBA's career scoring list. The Los Angeles Lakers superstar scored his 32,293rd career point on a driving layup in the second quarter against the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night, getting

fouled in the act. This achievement was particularly special to James, who grew up in Ohio idolizing Jordan. James tweeted his excitement about the milestone shortly before the game. He began the night needing 13 points to reach the mark. He now trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387 points), Karl Malone (36,928) and Kobe Bryant (33,643).

WEATHER

Today — Rain showers with some thunder possible. High near 51F.

Tonight — Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Low 37F.

Tomorrow — Mostly sunny & breezy. High 46F.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Low 29F.

Monday — Mostly sunny. High 41F.

Tuesday — Mostly sunny. High 44F

Rain and snow showers return Tuesday night into Wednesday.