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Cameron Walpole, manager of Tours and Education, gives a socially-distant tour at Ashland: The Henry Clay Estate in Lexington. Museums in Kentucky were allowed to reopen June 8, and the Henry Clay Estate reopened with smaller tours.

Kentucky reports 425 new cases of COVID-19

BY VALARIE HONEYCUTT SPEARS
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Gov. Andy Beshear reported on Sunday 425 new cases of coronavirus and one more death, for a total of at least 34,982 coronavirus cases in Kentucky. "Some good news and some bad news in today's COVID-19 report," Beshear said in a news release. "In good news, we're ending the week with about 330 fewer cases than we had last week. That's directly attributable to people wearing their facial coverings or masks. Please keep it up, wear them even more, especially when you're inside.

"On the bad side, our positivity rate, which won't be official until tomorrow for this week, will be higher meaning that the virus continues to spread aggressively," Beshear said.

Beshear said Sunday's new cases included nine children ages 5 and under.

The death reported Sunday was a 71-year-old man from Pulaski County, raising the total number of coronavirus-related deaths to 773 people.

"We've got a number of counties that have 10 or more new cases -- Jefferson, Fayette, Pulaski, Taylor, Hardin, Madison, Casey, Warren and Wayne -- and a number that are really close there. So remember no matter where you are in the commonwealth, COVID-19 is spreading," Beshear said. "Nine new kids under 5 have tested positive, so again let's make sure we're protecting each other."

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Pandemic has museums worried about their future

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In July 2019, 1,995 tourists visited the two-story brick building in the hustle-and-bustle of downtown Lexington that was the girlhood home of Mary Todd, the wife of the 16th president, Abraham Lincoln.

That was before COVID-19. In July of this year, with the devastating virus on a rampage, the 14-room house on West Main Street attracted 816 visitors — a 59 percent drop in attendance for the non-profit museum.

Down the road about 2 miles east at Ashland, the historic estate of 19th century Kentucky statesman Henry Clay, about 100 people visited each day before COVID-19.

"Now it's good if we have 30," said Jim Clark, executive director of the 17-acre estate.

Non-profit museums of history dedicated to preserving our past like the Mary Todd Lincoln House and Ashland are worried about their future.

"The fate of historical organizations may seem trivial as the human and financial toll of the virus continues to mount, but right now history is essen-

tial," John Dichtl, president and chief executive officer of the Nashville-based American Association for State and Local History, said in a recent blog post. "As we near the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026, history institutions can help Americans come to a more critical, more inclusive, and more widely shared understanding of our history. The past belongs to everyone. We must act now to ensure that history has a future."

A survey released last month by the American Alliance of Museums of 760

Testing, masks key to reopening state's small, private colleges

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When Transylvania University announced that the remainder of the last academic year would be taught remotely due to COVID-19, freshman education major Elia Zonio had just submitted her observation hours the

day before.

"I had just gotten all my hours in the day before Transy announced that we were closed for the rest of the semester," Zonio said. "If you didn't get all ten hours in, you could write a reflection on that or you could choose to write a philosophy of education."

Like many students, Zonio is preparing to return to college in the fall amid

the pandemic that closed the university in the spring. She said the switch to online learning was easy for her since some of her professors did not hold class meetings over Zoom or other video conference platforms.

"I felt like it was obvious that these classes weren't designed to be online," Zonio said. "The professors were kind of like, 'Okay, here's what we're going

to do for the last few weeks.'"

As students like Zonio across the state plan to return to in-person instruction amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there is one issue that every college is facing — testing. While larger state schools such as the University of Kentucky have unveiled big plans for

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CASES

The Lexington-Fayette Health Department reported 131 new cases of coronavirus Saturday morning, a new single-day high for Lexington.

Lexington has had 3,857 cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began in March. Of those,

602 were reported during the first week of August.

Fayette County has also had 47 deaths.

Due to limited reporting on Sundays, some statewide statistics were unavailable until Monday.

"Last week, we saw rising case counts of COVID-19 in all but five Kentucky counties. COVID-19 is still out there and it's still a threat. We

are encouraged, though, by the many Kentuckians taking this seriously and taking steps to keep themselves and others safer, including wearing a mask," said Steven Stack, commissioner of the Department for Public Health.

"When you and your household members leave your home, be aware that it increases your risk of exposure.

Ultimately, you decide when to leave your home, how often, and for what reasons. If you do, please do it in a safe way," Stack said.

"Continue to wear a mask. When possible, walk or bike to your destination or take your own vehicle," he said.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

The FBI is trying to identify the drivers of these vehicles in connection with the 2015 disappearance of Crystal Rogers of Bardstown. The photo was released on Saturday.

FBI releases new surveillance photos in Crystal Rogers case

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation in Louisville has released new surveillance photos of vehicles related to the investigation of Crystal Rogers' 2015 disappearance in Nelson County.

"The surveillance photographs ... are ones where we need the public's assistance in identifying the drivers of those vehicles," FBI spokesman Timothy Beam told the Herald-Leader Sunday. "We believe the drivers of these vehicles may have important information related to Crystal's disappearance."

Rogers, 35, disappeared in Nelson County in July 2015, and the case has since gained national attention. The FBI was called into Nelson County on July 24 to help the sheriff's office retrieve possible human remains.

Beam reiterated Sunday there was no update on whether or not those remains belonged to Rogers, but the FBI is now offering a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the current whereabouts of Rogers.

"Still waiting on results," Beam said Sunday. He said the photos were released Saturday. "These are photos that have been added to the task force website crystalrogerstaskforce.com," he said.

One photo shows what appears to be a white SUV and a red SUV driving near the My Old Kentucky Home campground.

A second photo taken at 3:45 a.m. July 4, 2015 shows an unidentified vehicle on Balltown Road close to the Paschal Ballard Road intersection.

"The FBI values the incredible input the community has offered thus far in the investigation," Beam said Sunday. "These photos also represent the results of a growing dialogue with the residents of Bardstown. By sharing important elements of the investiga-

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tion, we hope this will increase the public's cooperation generating vital information in our pursuit of justice."

More than 150 state and federal law enforcement officers began executing nine federal search warrants Thursday morning, FBI officials previously said. Officers expected to conduct more than 50 interviews as part of the investigation, FBI officials said.

The search warrants include three properties belonging to the Houck family. Brooks Houck was Rogers' boyfriend at the time of her disappearance. He was named a suspect in the case by the Nelson County sheriff's office, which was previously the lead agency.

Shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday, the FBI said on its Twitter page that it had concluded its "judicially authorized search activities" and encouraged people to keep coming forward with information.

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COLLEGES

testing, smaller colleges are also dedicating resources to monitoring the spread of the virus.

One such school is Georgetown College, which will require everyone to submit a negative test result before being allowed back on campus.

"Following the guidelines from the CDC, all faculty, staff, and students will need to agree to testing to return to campus," the college's website said. "Additional testing may be required through the semester if faculty, staff, or students have symptoms, or are known to have been exposed."

Johnathan Sands Wise, vice president for Enrollment at Georgetown, said the college is exploring different testing methods to keep students safe, such as pooled testing, rapid testing and even testing members of the campus community if they have come in contact with someone who tested positive for the disease.

"There are no easy choices right now and we're taking the responsibility very seriously and trying to complete our mission safely in a very difficult time," Wise said.

Georgetown is not the only college planning mass testing on campus for the fall. Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia will enact on-site testing and is making campus employees and students sign a pledge promising to do their part to limit the spread of the virus.

"We're trying to take every precaution that we can to provide a safe environment for our students to return here," LWC president Bill Luckey said. "[Students] are going to have to do their part."

According to the pledge, students and employees must promise to monitor their temperature daily, wear a facial covering when required and acknowledge that LWC cannot guarantee immunity from "health-related impacts" of the disease. If someone does not follow the pledge, they will have to finish the semester remotely.

Colleges are also exploring different ways aside from testing to keep their campuses safe. Transy, UC, Asbury, LWC, Georgetown and Bellarmine University in

Louisville will all require masks to be worn in common areas.

Jason Cissell, assistant vice president of Strategic & Integrated Communication for Bellarmine, said the facial coverings will be required in public areas.

"We're confident that our plans will allow us to maintain our commitment to a robust, personalized academic experience while protecting everyone's health and safety," Cissell said.

Like Western Kentucky University, Bellarmine will work through Labor Day and fall break, with in-person instruction ending before Thanksgiving and students finishing the semester remotely.

In a YouTube video addressed to the campus community, Bellarmine University president Susan M. Donovan applauded students and faculty for moving to online learning during the spring semester.

Connor Kissel, a junior music technology major at Bellarmine University in Louisville, said the hardest class during the shift to online learning was music theory.

"Our professor... was very accommodating," Kissel said. "But for me personally I struggled to get the concepts as much because I didn't have someone that I had to ask for a question — had to email."

Kissel said they are worried about going back to in-person learning this fall. Most of their classes are larger in size and they are interested to see how rigorously the university is planning to enforce protective guidelines. Additionally, Kissel said some of their friends are worried about returning to campus.

"Some of the were worried about, 'am I just going to get to campus and then turn around and have to leave again,'" Kissel said. "Last semester some of my friends had a lot of trouble with figuring out how they were getting home."

Bellarmine University will open its doors to in-person instruction on Aug. 20. "Students and faculty have stayed connected online, and excellent teaching and learning have continued during the pandemic," Donovan

said in the video. "But the greatest conversations and connections in college happen best in person."

University of the Cumberlands will split undergraduate classes into two eight-week bi-terms and will conclude its semester on Dec. 11.

"Students will continue to enroll in four or five courses each semester, but those courses will be divided into two or three courses per bi-term," the university's restart plan said. "The eight-week class format provides flexibility while also allowing students to focus on fewer classes at a time."

UC will also move to a hybrid setup for classes. Larry Cockrum, president of the university, wrote in a statement to the campus about the upcoming semester.

"Our students keep telling us that they want to be on campus this fall for the traditional college experience," Cockrum said in the statement. "We believe a hybrid learning model provides the best opportunity for bringing students back to campus and reducing potential exposure to the novel coronavirus."

UC is also encouraging its community to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. If a member of the UC community tests positive, UC "requires all campus community members to participate in contact tracing if an individual tests positive."

Transy will move to a modulated schedule. Normally, students take four classes each semester and one in May. This year though, the calendar will be broken into six modules.

The first module will be First Engagements, an orientation program for first-year students. Student-athletes will also move in during this module. The second and third modules will be Transy's normal fall semester, with four and five in the spring. The sixth module is Transy's normal May term.

Megan Moloney, vice president of Marketing and Communications for Transy, said the new plan takes some of the course load off students, while still getting the same course credit.

"The modular calendar gives us a few points during the term to — if needed — make a shift partway through the semester," Moloney said. "One of the concerns

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Susan M. Donovan, Bellarmine University president

some students had with the end spring semester is that it was harder to manage four or five classes in a remote setting. Instead, our students will only have two classes at a time this academic year."

Higher education is also grappling with the financial costs of COVID-19. Several schools — such as Transy and Georgetown — have been able to avoid employee layoffs and furloughs.

Lindsey Wilson has also not had to furlough or lay off any employees to save money. Luckey credited this to the college's strong performance in recent years, with both spring 2020 and summer 2020 enrollment breaking records for the college. Transy and Georgetown have also avoided any layoffs or furloughs.

"This hit us at a time when we were hitting on all cylinders," Luckey said. "So if we were ever prepared financially to absorb the kind of blow that we've absorbed, it couldn't have happened at a better time."

Bellarmine implemented some employee furloughs in the summer, although there have been no permanent changes due to the pandemic.

"We've been fairly stable, all things considered," Cissell said. "Our focus has been more on student financial hardships, partly through an alumni fundraising campaign to replenish and extend our student emergency fund."

Cumberlands had no comment on its financial situation.

Jennifer McChord, director of Strategic Communications for Asbury University in Wilmore, said a "small" number of faculty were let go, but did not provide further information.

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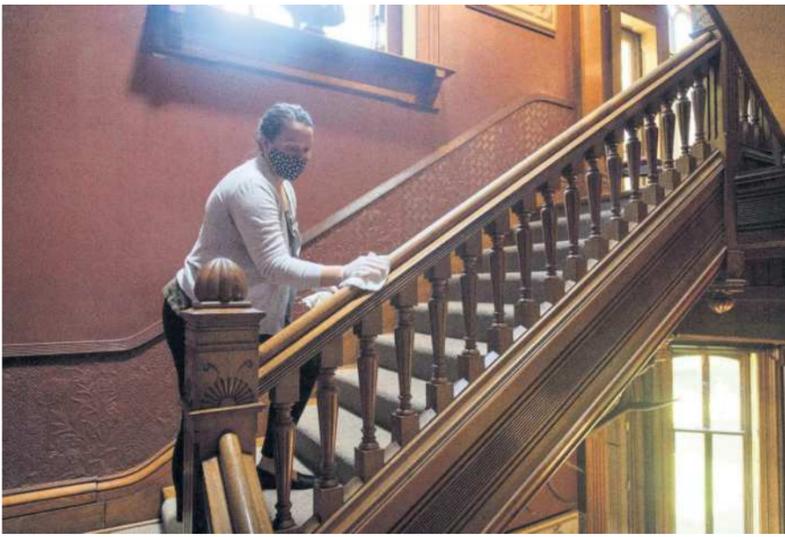
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Manager of Tours and Education Cameron Walpole cleans the railing and other high-touch surfaces throughout Ashland: The Henry Clay Estate in Lexington. Staff at the estate clean between each tour to ensure that the house is safe.

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MUSEUMS

museum directors in the U.S. found that 33 percent were not confident they would survive the next 16 months. About 37 percent said they expect to lose 20 to 40 percent of their income this year.

The museum alliance, based in Arlington, Va., is advocating for \$6 billion from Congress for museums to provide general operating support and other critical relief.

Many museums in Kentucky — including the Mary Todd Lincoln House and Ashland — have been helped by the federal Paycheck Protection Program. It is an emergency loan program that gives businesses with 500 or fewer employees, including charitable nonprofits, a forgivable loan to pay staff and operating costs for two months.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear allowed museums in the state to reopen June 8 after they were closed in March for the coronavirus pandemic.

The American Alliance of Museums survey showed that museums in Kentucky had a \$511 million financial impact on the state's economy in 2017, provided 8,902 jobs and generated \$111 million in taxes.

It's been slow going for many of them this year.

"We're working as a team and making the most of it," said Gwen Thompson, executive director of the Mary Todd Lincoln House. "Of course, the main concern has to be for our staff and visitors — physically and mentally."

The museum closed March 16 and reopened July 2.

The biggest change, said Thompson, is a conversion to all self-guided tours.

"To do this, we had to get exhibit cases, more security equipment and install signage. We still have docents stationed at particular places but we limit visitors to one hour and keep them spread out over nine rooms," she said.

Most visitors to the

“MY BIGGEST FEAR, AND I THINK FOR MANY MUSEUM DIRECTORS, IS WHERE WILL WE BE THIS TIME NEXT YEAR.”

C. J. Hunter IV, executive director of the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center in Maysville

house come in April and October during the Keeneland race course season and in July and August.

In July 2019, the house took in \$25,528 from admissions. That dropped to \$10,995 this July. Its annual budget is \$350,000.

"We've also shut down all public programming and have been able to keep our two full-time staffers and two part-timers due to federal help. That covered about 42 percent of what we have lost and we still have a long way to go," said Thompson.

The house has had no change in admission prices — \$15 for adults and \$6 for children six to 17 years of age.

Asked if the Mary Todd Lincoln House will survive, Thompson said "we will," before quickly asking herself "how long?"

Clark, with Ashland, said the historic site has implemented safety precautions, such as social distancing and mask wearing, "but we still have had a big reduction in visitor admissions. We have scaled back about 70 percent."

He said it's difficult to get many people through the house in a day because of its narrow halls and passageways.

"We used to have 20 people on a tour," he said. Now, eight people are allowed on a timed tour and school groups are no longer coming.

The Henry Clay estate,

with a \$700,000 operating budget, was closed from March 15 to June 16. Federal funds preserved the nine-person staff and admission was increased in June to \$25 from \$15 for adults. Students pay \$15.

About three-fourths of the estate's volunteer docents have been released, Clark said.

Besides maintaining the house, he said, "We have had to do more work on the 17 acres and arboretum. We have more people walking the grounds now to find a quiet, safe place to go."

Clark said Ashland also started offering two new tours this summer that deal with slavery at the estate and the history of women at Ashland.

"We particularly hope they will attract more local people with something new," he said.

Ashland will survive, Clark said. "We have an endowment and the generosity of individuals have been significant. But it's hard to count on individual donations because who knows what the economy is going to be in coming months."

Hopemont, the Hunt-Morgan House, at 201 North Mill Street in the historic antebellum Gratz Park, now requires tourists to give a 24-hour notification of their visit.

And it is taking no tour groups larger than eight in the Federal style residence built in 1814 that was home to John Wesley Hunt, the first millionaire west of the Alleghenies; his grandson, General John Hunt Morgan, a general in the Confederate Army; and Dr. Thomas Hunt Morgan, the first Kentuckian to win the Nobel Prize.

"We have so much hand sanitizer now the place smells like gin," said Jackson Osborne, preservation outreach coordinator for the non-profit Blue Grass Trust and Historic Preservation group, which oversees the property.

So far, Farmington Historic Plantation in Louisville has not restarted tours of the 1816 home built for John and Lucy Speed. It was the center of a thriving 550-acre



A sign at Ashland depicts Henry Clay wearing a modern surgical mask in Lexington.



Camilla and Rusty Nolan take a self-guided tour at the Mary Todd Lincoln House in Lexington.

hemp plantation with nearly 60 slaves. Abraham Lincoln, who formed relationships with the Speed family, visited there for three weeks in the summer of 1841 dur-

ing a break in his relationship with Mary Todd.

"We have virtual field trips for schoolchildren. We've been hit hard in our volunteers, many of whom are in the high risk

category for the virus," said executive director Kathy Nichols.

C. J. Hunter IV, executive director of the Kentucky Gateway Museum Center in Maysville, said the museum, open Tuesday through Saturday, is closing 30 minutes earlier every day for cleaning purposes.

"Since we reopened June 9, we've added more signage and cameras in the museum and featuring more local exhibits. Our seminars now are virtual," said Hunter. "The bus tours have stopped for now."

The museum features the history of the area, a miniatures collection and the history of Bourbon and the Old Pogue distillery. It had its best year last year with about 22,000 visitors, said Hunter.

"We don't expect to get close to that this year but we are trying to get more kids involved for long-term survival," Hunter said.

"My biggest fear, and I think for many museum directors, is where will we be this time next year."

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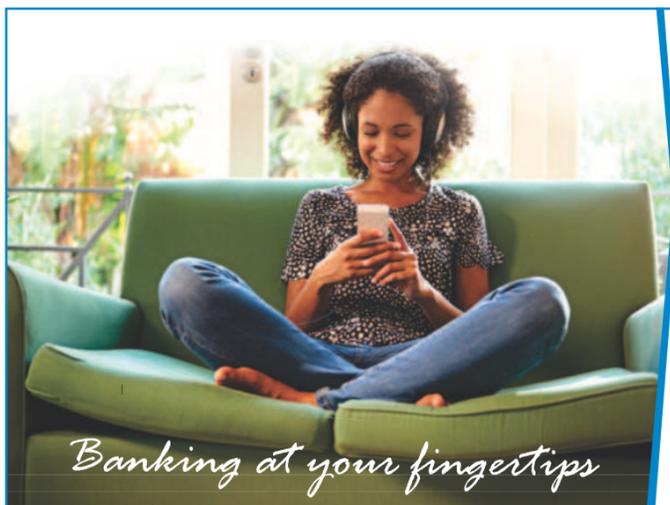
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President Donald Trump signs an executive order related to coronavirus pandemic relief during his news conference Saturday in Bedminster, N.J.

President's aides defend pandemic relief orders

BY LAURA KING
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON

As the United States surpassed 5 million confirmed coronavirus cases, President Trump's senior aides on Sunday defended his handling of intertwined economic and public health crises, declaring that Democrats would bear the blame for millions of Americans' financial distress if lawmakers challenged Trump's controversial new directives on pandemic relief.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., denounced the orders unveiled by Trump on Saturday at his New Jersey golf resort as "meager, weak and unconstitutional." In multiple interviews on Sunday's news-talk shows, she did not say whether Democrats would go to court to try to overturn the measures, but urged a return to negotiations on the more than \$3-trillion

relief package passed by the House in May.

"We have to reach an agreement," Pelosi said on "Fox News Sunday."

The Republican plan, much smaller at \$1 trillion, rejects many of the key House provisions, including aid to states whose budgets have been ravaged by the virus and a continuation of a \$600-a-week enhanced jobless benefit. Talks by the two sides broke down last week.

Pelosi and other senior Democrats suggested that the president's attempts to unilaterally chart spending and tax policy - normally the purview of Congress - might well fall apart on their own, as top Trump lieutenants struggled to explain the envisioned mechanisms for carrying out the president's wishes, at times contradicting one another.

Larry Kudlow, director of the White House National Economic Council, acknowledged that states had not committed to

making up a \$100 share of the \$400 enhanced unemployment benefit the president announced, as Trump suggested they would.

"We will probably find that out today and tomorrow as we make our canvass - we have been in touch with them," he said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, on "Fox News Sunday," said states would be able to move immediately to set up new unemployment insurance provisions, but Kudlow indicated the timing was unclear.

Separately, Kudlow equivocated when pressed in the CNN interview as to whether Trump's order would actually freeze evictions, as the president said it would. Democrats say the actual order only calls for a review of the issue.

"We're setting up a process, a mechanism, OK?" he said. "I can't predict the future altogether."

One of the thornier questions for Trump's surrogates was the future of Social Security and Medicare, which are funded by payroll taxes that the president announced he was deferring for Americans earning less than \$100,000 a year until year's end. Trump also said, if reelected, he would seek to abolish the payroll tax altogether.

Asked on CNN how to reconcile that with Trump's promises to protect Social Security and Medicare, Kudlow denied that Trump intended to eliminate the payroll tax if he won in November.

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High school sports are finding their way in a COVID-19 world



BY JULIAN TACKETT

As the start of the school year approaches, there has been a lot of focus on whether students should go back to school and if interscholastic athletics should return. Some think we should just stay inside our homes for months at a time. Others seemingly refuse to acknowledge that the virus exists.

These topics have been discussed repeatedly and one thing seems clear: There is no one-size-fits-all answer that will satisfy (in no particular order) school administrators,

teachers, coaches, parents, and students.

As the state athletics and activities associations that oversee high school athletics in eight states, however, we know the importance of getting our student-athletes back on the courts and playing fields as soon as it is safe to do so. We must safely exhaust every effort and alternative possible to prevent a repeat of the sacrifices made by spring 2020 participants and those in some 2020 State Basketball events.

It has been well documented by the National Federation of State High School Associations that:

- Students who compete in extracurricular activities have better educational outcomes.
- These activities are a valuable part of the high school experience, en-

hancing students' school engagement and sense of belonging.

• Extracurricular programs promote positive development and provide opportunities to learn life skills and values not typically taught in the classroom.

• Active students have much healthier behavior leading to better physical and mental health.

Put simply, our student-athletes need interscholastic athletics and all of its benefits, especially the valuable interaction with their school coaches and teammates, right now. That makes the work of state associations in collaboration with their state and local boards of education, vital to the development of the student.

However, the return to

interscholastic athletic competition must be done safely. As the United States has battled the current global health pandemic this year, it has become evident that much remains unknown about COVID-19, including how the disease affects children and those around them. And we must realize that not every student and parent will want to take part and may choose to not take part this year.

Standing to the side and watching is not what state associations want to do. Whether it is leading virtual workouts or chalk talks or having small group workouts that are socially distanced, all the way to the resumption of competition, our high school athletic programs are best positioned to help student-athletes

regain and retain critical structure during this uncertain time.

We have long known and stated that education-based athletics provides the most structured environment for our student-athletes. Our coaches, many of whom are teachers with years of professional training and experience and constant updates in their training, are the people who are best positioned to lead our student-athletes. We need to be creative and find ways for these coaches to work with their student-athletes as much as possible while remaining safe.

It's likely that the 2020-21 season will look different than any other, and we have to keep that in mind as we chart the best course for getting our student-athletes back

to play. It is very easy and shows visible support for interscholastic athletics by adhering to the three public health obligations - regular proper handwashing, always wearing a mask or face covering and social distancing as recommended. Hands, face and space, it really is that simple if we want middle and high school sports. Our schools are setting examples throughout the state with these important requirements as evidenced by their social media posts. It is critically important that our coaches and student-athletes be extremely visible leaders and model the conduct and actions that we need from everyone on these important public health obligations.

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'It is what it is' perfectly describes Trump's leadership



BY GEORGE HERRING

In a recent conversation with a journalist, President Donald Trump responded to a question about the disproportionately large number of American cases of and deaths from the coronavirus curtly and defensively with the shopworn phrase "It is what it is." He went on to assert that his administration now has the pandemic under control, a dubious proposition at best.

Just a bit of research about Trump's choice of words produced intriguing results. The columnist William Safire traced its usage to 1949. A Google search turned up a stunning 13,480,000,000 hits. It has been the title of both a movie and a popular song. Al Gore fell back on it in the year 2000 when conceding defeat in that hotly contested presidential election. Today, no surprise, it has achieved the exalted status of a meme. It has been voted the "most gag-inducing phrase" in our language.

Safire allowed that "it is what it is" does not have a "definitive definition." The magazine Psychology Today has

used it to positively describe the healthy mindset of a person comfortable with life's many ambiguities and uncertainties. More often, it is applied to people who understand that some things are beyond their control and they must learn to live with them.

The phrase can also be used to deflect unwelcome questions or enable those who employ it to extricate themselves from compromising situations. It likely won its gag-inducing award because it can indicate that the speaker could care less about the subject being discussed and would be helpless to do anything even he/she did care.

It was thus a retort

tailor-made for our arrogant, inept, and often quite irresponsible president. In that recent interview, he used it to absolve himself and his administration of blame for the mishandling of the virus.

There is nothing I could have done to change this, he seems to be saying. And since the only things that appear truly to concern him are those that involve him personally, he appears to have been adding that he really doesn't care. This is truly where he misses the point since the virus and the number of deaths caused by it are very much his responsibility as president of this nation.

Let's apply his reason-

ing historically. What if the American colonists had responded to the Stamp Act by shrugging and saying "It is what it is?" Or if Abraham Lincoln, who Trump often favors - and with shameless pretense - compares himself to, had similarly responded to the South's secession from the Union? And Franklin Roosevelt and Pearl Harbor? They did not, of course, and the world is very different because of it.

In truth, this virus is lethal and it would have been difficult in the best of circumstances to contain. But as leaders in countries as diverse as Germany, New Zealand, and Vietnam have demonstrated, steps could have been taken to limit its consequences and especially to reduce the death toll. A well formulated national strategy based on science and medical expertise and applied across the country along with better

testing made available earlier could have made a significant difference. Instead, the president assured us that the virus would simply go away.

Trump must not be allowed to get away with such easy dismissals of his sadly deficient leadership. As president, he was and is responsible, and his failures have had consequences that matter deeply, especially to the loved ones of those who have succumbed to the virus.

"It is what it is" simply doesn't cut it, and voters must be reminded in coming months of this president's dereliction and its tragic results.

The worst thing that could happen would be that on November 4 those many Americans who so strenuously oppose his presidency would be compelled to say: "It is what it is."

George Herring is a historian who specializes in the study of recent America.

Gov. Beshear seems to be using a new version of Constitution



BY LAURIE DELK CHITTENDEN

I sent a letter to Chief Justice Roberts of the U.S. Supreme Court today asking him to please send me a copy of the new U.S. Constitution because the one I have written in 1787 and it no longer seems to apply.

I figured since he's the U.S. Chief Justice - the top dog in robes so to speak - he probably has the greatest access and can lay his hands on the

new version faster than anyone.

I hope he sends my copy soon so I can find constitutional grounds for state and local governments to force landlords of paid off rental properties to provide services to tenants who don't pay rent.

My copy of the U.S. Constitution says private property can't be taken for public use without just compensation. But, Kentucky Governor Beshear joined together with the Kentucky Supreme Court to force Kentucky landlords of paid off rental properties to continue to provide their services against their will for almost five months to non-paying

tenants with no offer of compensation whatsoever from either the state of Kentucky or Kentucky local governments.

It sounds to me like the 5th amendment received major edits in the new US Constitution. This is going to be an exciting read! I sure hope my copy arrives soon.

I'd like to share my new copy, when I get it, with Kentucky Attorney General Cameron. He seems to be thumbing through pages of the old US Constitution, too.

He's so intent on adhering to the old U.S. Constitution that he has petitioned the courts to find several of Governor Beshear's executive orders unconstitutional

and even tried to get the courts to prevent the governor from issuing more "unconstitutional" executive orders.

Such drama! I'm sure he will come to see that Governor Beshear and the Kentucky Supreme Court are in the right after he has had a chance to read the same U.S. Constitution they have been reading - the new U.S. Constitution. He'll understand completely once everyone is on the same page and playing from the same rulebook.

I'm not sure why he hasn't received his copy yet, though. Maybe the roll out on the new U.S. Constitution is a little slow because of the pandemic. We've all been receiving packages late, haven't we?

Maybe Governor Beshear will let me borrow his copy of the new U.S. Constitution while I'm

waiting for Justice Roberts to send me mine. I'll bet Governor Beshear has his copy memorized. I've been watching him, and he's been laying down new laws so quickly that are so unrecognizable to me that they must have their grounds in the new U.S. Constitution.

It reminds me of the first time I saw Michael Jackson do the moonwalk. I didn't know what he was doing. I just knew that I had never seen anyone else do it. It was foreign to me, and he was doing it with incredible skill - just like Governor Beshear is doing now with the new U.S. Constitution. Mighty fancy footwork, governor!

On second thought, I won't ask the governor if I can borrow his copy of the new U.S. Constitution. I think I'll write a

letter to Governor Beshear just like the one I sent to Chief Justice Roberts and ask him to give me a copy of the new U.S. Constitution. He is a very generous guy! After all, he just took money away from Kentucky landlords and used it to give free rent to thousands of non-paying tenants. Surely, he wouldn't mind giving me a copy of the new U.S. Constitution - even if he has to take it from someone else first.

You might want to hurry up and ask Governor Beshear for a copy yourself. Everyone is going to want one and there seems to be a limited supply.

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Travelers wear masks in June as they wait at a ticket counter in O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

A look at how some of airlines' COVID-19 policies compare

BY HUGO MARTÍN
Los Angeles Times

Devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic, some U.S. airlines are hoping to put potential passengers at ease by imposing tougher rules for mask wearing, including threats of banning fliers who refuse to cover their faces. All of the nation's largest carriers require that passengers wear masks or other face coverings during the flight and while boarding and exiting the planes, with an exemption for small children and allowances for briefly removing the masks to eat, drink or take medication.

"Our tougher policy shows how important this issue is to us and our guests," Max Tidwell, Alaska Airlines' vice president of safety and security, said in a statement Wednesday. "If you don't wear a mask,

you won't be flying with us."

Airlines can't fine passengers for refusing to wear masks because the federal government does not require it. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao has refused to support a nationwide mandate, saying she'll leave it up to airlines.

But some airlines have taken it upon themselves to add the threat of banning passengers from future flights if they refuse to wear a mask.

The tougher policies come as U.S. airlines struggle with passenger demand that has dropped to less than 30% of the demand before the pandemic struck.

Q: Which airlines require that I wear a mask during my flight?

A: Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Hawaiian Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines and United Air-

lines, among others, require that passengers wear face coverings during the boarding, the flight and while exiting the plane. They allow passengers to remove their masks briefly to eat, drink or take medication.

Q: What happens if I refuse to keep my mask on during the flight?

A: Alaska, American, Delta, Spirit and United say passengers who remove their masks or refuse to wear one in the first place would be banned from future flights. American Airlines said its ban would last as long as it requires masks on flights. Alaska and United said the duration of their bans would be determined by an investigation into the incident. Delta representatives declined to say how long their airline's ban would last. Spirit did not respond to emails asking about the duration of its ban.

Other carriers, such as Hawaiian, JetBlue and Southwest, have not posted on their website the consequences of flouting the face-covering policy.

On all airlines, flight attendants have been instructed to remind passengers of the policy but not to escalate the matter in a way that results in a confrontation during a flight.

Q: What if I have a medical reason for not wearing a mask?

A: Southwest and JetBlue offer no medical exemptions to the rule: No mask, no flying. (Southwest's policy took effect July 27; JetBlue's policy starts Monday.)

Beirut explosion bares pitfalls of sending aid to Lebanon

BY LORI HINNANT AND BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT

Hospitals and schools, then shattered and bent water pipes, then the crater that once was Lebanon's port.

The rebuilding needs of Lebanon are immense, but so is the question of how to ensure the millions of dollars promised in international aid is not diverted in a country notorious for missing money, invisible infrastructure projects and its refusal to open the books.

And the port — the epicenter of the Aug. 4 explosion that shattered Beirut, the center of Lebanon's import-based economy, and a source of graft so lucrative that Lebanon's political factions were willing to divide its control so everyone could get a piece — sits at the heart of the fears.

Sunday's donor teleconference was hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron, who was mobbed last week by tearful victims of the

Beirut ammonium nitrate explosion begging him to ensure the corruption they blame for the blast that devastated the capital does not profit from its destruction.

The blast, caused by the explosion of chemicals stored at the city's main port, killed more than 150 people, injured 6,000 and left hundreds of thousands homeless. Protests against the government's role in the devastating blasts turned deadly Saturday.

The head of the International Monetary Fund, which wants an audit of the national bank before handing over any money, was clear: No money without changes to ensure ordinary Lebanese aren't crushed by debt whose benefits they never see.

"Current and future generations of Lebanese must not be saddled with more debts than they can ever repay," IMF head Kristalina Georgieva said during the conference. "Commitment to these reforms will unlock billions of dollars for the benefit of the Lebanese people."

International leaders, including President Donald Trump, government officials and international organizations participated Sunday in the teleconference co-organized by France and the United Nations to bring emergency aid to Lebanon.

International diplomacy usually calls for careful language. Rigged votes are "irregular." The response to furious protests should be "measured." Disappearing funds require "transparency."

But Macron's response to the crowd in Beirut and in a later speech there was unusually blunt: The aid "will not fall into corrupt hands" and Lebanon's discredited government must change.

In the short-term, the aid streaming into Lebanon is for humanitarian needs and relatively easy to monitor. The U.S., France, Britain, Canada and Australia, among others, have been clear that it is going directly to trusted local aid groups like the Lebanese Red Cross or U.N. agencies.

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TOP SEED OPEN

Williams sisters could clash for the 31st time

BY JOSH SULLIVAN
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The bubble has been constructed, the stars have arrived and a unique event is set to kick off in Central Kentucky.

The Top Seed Open main draw gets underway at the Top Seed Tennis Club in Nicholasville on Monday and the early rounds of the \$225,000 Women's Tennis Association tournament appear poised to feature multiple clashes between decorated champions; the four most accomplished athletes in the 32-player singles field are all in the same quarter of the bracket.

Because of safety concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic fans are not allowed, but the tournament will be televised on the Tennis Channel. In addition to the singles competition, there will be a 16-team doubles field.

No. 1 seed Serena Williams, the 23-time Grand Slam champion who is currently No. 9 in the world in the WTA rankings, faces unseeded Bernarda Pera in the first round. Assuming Williams avoids a shocking upset, an intriguing matchup awaits in the round of 16.

Venus Williams, sister to Serena and who has won seven Grand Slam titles and is ranked No. 67 in the world,

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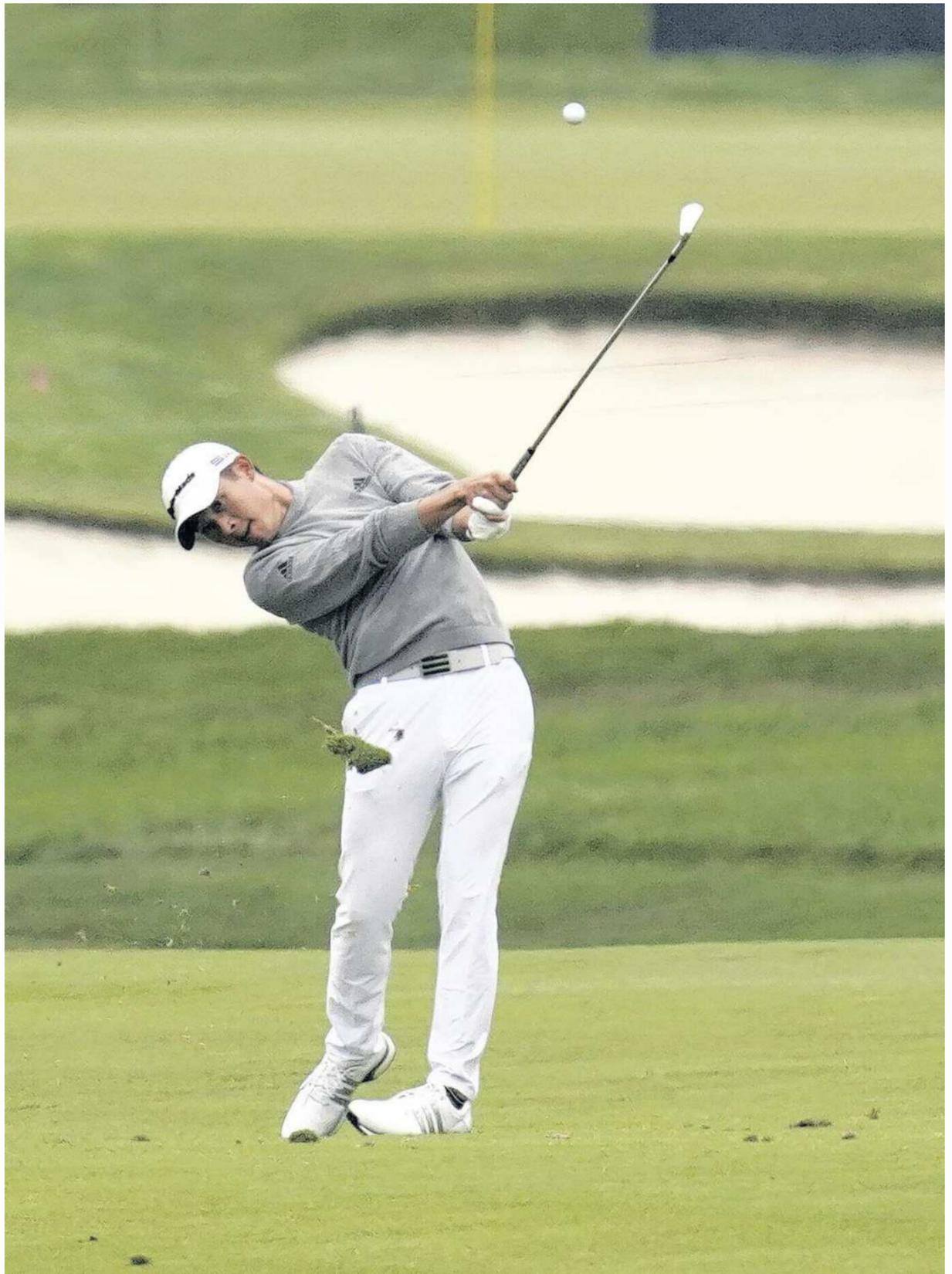
Top Seed Open

When: Monday through Sunday

Where: Top Seed Tennis Club in Nicholasville

TV: Tennis Channel (no spectators)

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP



JEFF CHIU AP

Collin Morikawa hits from the fairway on the second hole during the final round of the PGA Championship at TPC Harding Park Sunday in San Francisco. Morikawa won the major tournament by two strokes. For coverage, visit www.kentucky.com/edition.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' GOLF

Lexington Christian sweeps Dunbar golf tournament honors

BY JARED PECK
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High school girls' golf has teed off this season with a new twist and a familiar theme.

What's new? Live, online hole-by-hole scoring entered by some of the players themselves during the event.

Then there's the familiar: Back-to-back defending girls' state team champion Lexington Christian? They're still really good despite graduating four players off last year's squad.

Christy Ann "C.A." Carter, an LCA freshman, fired a 3-under par 70 Saturday to win the Lady Bulldogs Classic hosted by Paul Laurence Dunbar at Kearney Hill Golf Links. It was her first individual win as a high school varsity player, and it helped the Lady Eagles capture the team title for the event, as well.

"It is unbelievable. I'm still just in shock," Carter said

after the round. "I can't believe I was able to play this good today coming after a few tournaments this week. I was a little tired today, but I was able to finish strong and keep the momentum going."

Carter edged Marshall County's Savannah Howell by one stroke. Marshall's Megan Hertter at 1-under was the only other player in red figures over the 5,621-yard course.

The field contained a number of top individuals and teams who will likely contend for spots in the state championships this season. Marshall County nearly won Saturday despite the late withdrawal of seventh-grade standout Trinity Beth.

Carter began climbing up the leaderboard on the back nine, turning a 1-over par front nine into her winning tally thanks to birdies on the par-3 12th and 15th holes and the par-5 13th and 18th.

Hole No. 13 at Kearney normally plays as a long par 4, but



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Lexington Christian Academy's Christy Ann "C.A." Carter celebrated with her dad, Jimmy Carter, after winning the Dunbar Lady Bulldog Classic at Kearney Hill Golf Links on Saturday. Carter finished 3-under par for the day.

at 435 yards for this event, it was set up as a par 5 and Carter and teammate Mary Keene Marris both took advantage with birdies. Marris, a junior, and seventh-grader Carter Lankford each shot even-par 73 to go with sophomore Maryssa Phillips' 79 for a team total of 3-over 295 — four shots better than second-place Marshall County.

"They're very mature, even though they're young," first-year LCA coach Ford Lankford said of his team. "We've learned sometimes when

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MLB

Brewers rally to beat Reds 9-3 for home win

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Christian Yelich homered, tripled and drew a bases-loaded walk as the Milwaukee Brewers rallied to beat the Cincinnati Reds 9-3 on Sunday for their first home victory.

The Brewers avoided falling to 0-5 at home for the first time since 1970, the franchise's inaugural season in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee entered the game hitting .210, but its lineup delivered a smashing performance in the late innings.

Justin Smoak broke out of a slump and delivered hits from each side of the plate during a six-run rally in the sixth that put the Brewers ahead for good. Milwaukee poured it on in the seventh with back-to-back homers from Keston Hiura and Yelich.

Hiura went 3 for 5 with two runs and two RBIs.

Cincinnati's Jesse Winker was 3 for 4 with a homer, double and two RBIs.

The Reds were seeking their first sweep at Milwaukee since August 2009 and led 2-1 when starter Sonny Gray (3-1) remained in the game to open the sixth inning with his pitch count at 92.

Gray gave up three hits to the Brewers' first four batters of the inning and left with the score tied and runners on the corners with one out. Michael Lorenzen replaced Gray and didn't retire any of the four hitters he faced as the Brewers eventually built a 7-2 lead.

Eric Sogard walked to load the bases and Hiura singled home Mark Mathias to put the Brewers ahead. Lorenzen then walked Yelich with the bases loaded to extend Milwaukee's lead to 4-2.

Lorenzen received a mound visit after Yelich walked, but remained in the game. Lorenzen then walked Logan Morrison to bring in one more run before exiting with the Brewers ahead 5-2. Smoak capped the rally with a two-run single

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The Top Seed Tennis Club in Nicholasville will host the 2020 Top Seed Open from Monday through Sunday.

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TENNIS

faces two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka, ranked 58th, in the opening round.

Should the Williams sisters meet, it would be the 31st time they've faced off in singles competition. Serena leads the sibling series 18-12.

No. 37 Sloane Stephens, winner of the 2017 U.S. Open and six total WTA singles titles, is the tournament's No. 7 seed. If the seeds hold through the first two rounds, she would face Serena Williams in the quarterfinals.

Stephens was stoked to join the field for the Top Seed Open, which will be the first sanctioned women's or men's professional tennis tournament in the United States since the coronavirus pandemic shut down sports across the globe in March.

"When they said they were going to have this tournament (near) Lexington, obviously a great opportunity to put more jobs on the table for the players who haven't been able to play in the states," Stephens said during a Zoom teleconference on Saturday. "It's a great little swing going into ... the U.S. Open, going into that bubble. Good opportunities all around and I

think everyone was happy with how quick they were able to pull this together."

The newly constructed Top Seed Tennis Club, located just outside Lexington at 777 E. Brannon Road, includes 12 indoor and nine outdoor courts, a 4,000-square foot gym and yoga studio, player lounges and fully equipped locker rooms among other amenities. The club worked with the WTA to organize the Top Seed Open as a warm-up act for the 2020 U.S. Open, which will kick off in New York City on Aug. 31.

Taking a cue from the NBA, tournament organizers have created a "bubble" environment to keep players as safe as possible amid the pandemic. When not at the tennis facility, players will be restricted to their hotel.

"I have no idea that I'm in Kentucky because I don't see anything besides the hotel and the tennis facility, so I couldn't tell you anything of my impression of the city or any atmosphere besides what we now call 'the bubble,'" Azarenka told the media during a Zoom teleconference. "There's a lot of restrictions for our safety ... You're not supposed to get out any-

Main draw

First round (listed in bracket order)

No. 1 Serena Williams vs. Bernarda Pera

Venus Williams vs. Victoria Azarenka

Shelby Rogers vs. Misaki Doi

No. 7 Sloane Stephens vs. Qualifier

No. 4 Amanda Anisimova vs. Catherine Bellis

Vera Zvonareva vs. Jessica Pegula

Jil Teichmann vs. Qualifier

No. 5 Yulia Putintseva vs. Ajila Tomljanovic

No. 6 Magda Linette vs. Lauren Davis

Jennifer Brady vs. Heather Watson

Anna Blinkova vs. Qualifier

No. 3 Johanna Konta vs. Marie Bouzkova

No. 8 Ons Jabeur vs. Catherine McNally

Qualifier vs. Qualifier

Cori Gauff vs. Qualifier

No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka vs. Madison Brengle

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"For me personally, for about 10 days I'll be OK with doing this. Longer, tournament after tournament, I think it will be a little bit tough to just sit in your room and see a tennis court ... But right now this is what is important to do to keep everybody safe."

While the future is uncertain, Azarenka is happy to be competing in Kentucky in the present.

"I'm just here in Lexington ... trying to do my best. I'm actually excited to play," Azarenka said. "You can practice for so long, but there's nothing like playing actual matches. ... It's going to be a super competitive field here, so many great names and so many great players. It's going to be a great opportunity to have some good matches with such high-quality players."

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GOLF

they're not totally in love with the way they've performed, maybe they've been a little too hard on themselves. So, we've talked about trying to find a way to have positive thoughts all the time. And maybe today that helped us lower our scores a little bit."

A new potential distraction this year comes in the form of live scoring, an advancement that has taken root in the game over the last couple of years and come this season to high school golf as another way to cut down on physical interaction amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Now, instead of dozens or even hundreds of players and spectators gathering around a tote board as players finish, players have a phone app that one or more of them uses per grouping to post their scores at the end of

each hole in addition to keeping their physical scorecards.

"You just enter the scores in it and it goes up. And it's pretty neat," said Kearney Hill golf pro Chris Boysel, who still did the final tallies with all the golfers from their paper cards as they came in. Now, players don't have to swap cards to double-check everything. "I can even tell you what the average score on hole six was today with the push of button."

Carter and her coach each said they try not to keep up with scores online, preferring to focus on the course in front of them. Lankford and other coaches acknowledged that the old, informal check-with-parent text system remains pretty efficient and even better than live scoring if players forget to post in a

timely fashion.

"I don't have to ask (parents), but it seems every time I check (online), it's not maybe updating as quickly as it's supposed to," Lankford said (so, he still checks with parents). "It is handy to have, and for grandparents or parents who aren't able to make the event to be able to follow it online — it's awesome."

Madison Central Coach Tennyse Ohr, whose team took fourth behind Sacred Heart, said live scoring hasn't changed anything for her team.

"I don't really watch it," she said. "It's just the way of the future. And it's OK."

And Ohr doesn't worry that near-instantaneous access to scores will adversely affect her players.

"One or two of my girls will watch it. Others will just leave it alone," she said. "I would prefer for them not to have it, but it's the same thing as

them adding their score up at the end of nine holes and going, 'Oh my goodness! I've got to shoot X, Y, Z.' It does put a little fire into some girls. Others, it could add a little angst, too. They're going to find out in some other form — they're going to ask their parents or somebody. As long as they can learn to manage it (it's fine)."

DUNBAR LADY BULLDOGS CLASSIC

Top 10 individuals: 1. Christy Ann "C.A." Carter, Lexington Christian Academy, 70; 2. Savannah Howell, Marshall County, 71; 3. Megan Herter, Marshall County, 72; 4. Carter Lankford, LCA, 73; 5. Abigail Sutherland, Sacred Heart, 73; 6. Grace Walker, Christian Academy-Louisville, 73; 7. T4. Clairi Beth Ramsey, Madison Central, 73; 8. Mary Keene Marrs, LCA, 73; 9. Casey Powell, Paul Laurence Dunbar, 73; 10. Kate Hanni, Ashland Blazer, 74.

Top 10 teams: 1. Lexington Christian Academy, 295; 2. Marshall County, 299; 3. Sacred Heart, 306; 4. Madison Central Red, 323; 5. Paul Laurence Dunbar Red, 333; 6. Henry Clay, 337; 7. Lexington Catholic, 338; 8. Bryan Station, 350; 9. North Hardin, 353; 10. Franklin County, 361.

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Giants at Astros	9 p.m.	ESPN
NBA		
Mavericks vs. Jazz	3 p.m.	NBA
Raptors vs. Bucks	6:45 p.m.	ESPN
Nuggets vs. Lakers	9 p.m.	TNT
NHL		
2020 NHL Draft Lottery	6 p.m.	NBC Sports
Tennis		
WTA: Prague Open	6:30 a.m.	Tennis
WTA: Top Seed Open (Nicholasville) and Prague Open	11:30 a.m.	Tennis
WNBA		
Mercury vs. Wings	7 p.m.	ESPN2
Sky vs. Storm	9 p.m.	ESPN2

AROUND TOWN

Horse racing

Noon: Harness and Thoroughbred simulcasting at Red Mile
1 p.m.: First post at Red Mile (no spectators)

Tennis

10 a.m.: Women's Tennis Association, Top Seed Open at Top Seed Tennis Club (no spectators)

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES

FireKeepers Casino 400

Saturday's race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.

Lap length: 2 miles

(Start position in parentheses)

- (3) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 161 laps, 60 points.
 - (5) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 161, 47.
 - (12) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 161, 34.
 - (11) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 161, 50.
 - (7) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 161, 39.
 - (2) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 161, 48.
 - (8) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 161, 33.
 - (1) Joey Logano, Ford, 161, 29.
 - (24) B. Wallace, Chevrolet, 161, 28.
 - (10) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 161, 38.
 - (23) Erik Jones, Toyota, 161, 38.
 - (17) J. Johnson, Chevrolet, 161, 26.
 - (29) C. Bell, Toyota, 161, 24.
 - (19) W. Byron, Chevrolet, 161, 23.
 - (15) M. DiBenedetto, Ford, 161, 22.
 - (4) Eric Almirola, Ford, 161, 21.
 - (20) M. Kenseth, Chevrolet, 161, 20.
 - (14) T. Reddick, Chevrolet, 161, 19.
 - (9) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 161, 20.
 - (22) Chris Buescher, Ford, 161, 17.
 - (6) A. Bowman, Chevrolet, 161, 23.
 - (26) Corey Lajoie, Ford, 161, 15.
 - (34) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 161, 14.
 - (37) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 161, 13.
 - (35) R. Preece, Chevrolet, 161, 12.
 - (26) JJ Yeley, Ford, 161, 0.
 - (25) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 161, 10.
 - (13) Ryan Newman, Ford, 161, 9.
 - (21) M. McDowell, Ford, 161, 8.
 - (30) R. Sorenson, Chevrolet, 161, 7.
 - (18) A. Dillon, Chevrolet, 161, 6.
 - (32) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 161, 6.
 - (38) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 159, 0.
 - (16) Cole Custer, Ford, accident, 148, 3.
 - (33) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, garage, 141, 0.
 - (31) John H. Nemechek, Ford, accident, 127, 1.
 - (27) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, engine, 125, 1.
 - (28) J. Davison, Chevrolet, 103, 1.
 - (39) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, transmission, 58, 0.
- Race statistics**
Margin of victory: 0.284 seconds.
Lap leaders: Logano 0-14; Hamlin 15; Logano 16-19; Hamlin 20-22; Harvick 23-43; Hamlin 44-49; Blaney 50-76; Harvick 77-106; Yeley 107; Ky.Busch 108-111; Harvick 112-138; Elliott 139-147; Harvick 148-161.
Wins: Harvick 5; Hamlin 5; Keselowski 3; Logano 2; Blaney 1; Elliott 1; Truex 1; Bowman 1; A.Dillon 1; Custer 1.
Points leaders: 1. Harvick 863; 2. Keselowski 769; 3. Hamlin 736; 4. Blaney 735; 5. Elliott 693; 6. Logano 682; 7. Truex 682; 8. Almirola 635; 9. Ku.Busch 619; 10. Ky.Busch 602; 11. Bowman 584; 12. Bowyer 532; 13. DiBenedetto 531; 14. Byron 507; 15. Jones 491; 16. Reddick 488.

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Yardage: 6,660; Par-71

Andy Sullivan.....	66-62-64-65—257	-27
Adrian Otaegui.....	65-66-67-66—264	-20
Rasmus Hojgaard.....	65-67-69-64—265	-19
Wilco Neinaber.....	68-65-67-66—266	-18
Steven Brown.....	66-65-66-70—267	-17
Min Woo Lee.....	64-67-70-67—268	-16
Dean Burmester.....	66-63-69-70—268	-16
Brandon Stone.....	65-66-67-70—268	-16

Notables
Sean Crocker.....69-67-66-67—269 -15
Andrew Johnston.....66-65-71-69—271 -13
Ben Stow.....70-67-64-71—272 -12
Lee Westwood.....66-69-68-70—273 -11
Thomas Detry.....64-72-66-74—276 -8

Detroit	20	46	.303	33
Cleveland	19	46	.292	33½

Western Conference Southwest

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	43	25	.632	—
x-Dallas	42	30	.583	3
Memphis	33	37	.471	11
San Antonio	30	38	.441	13
New Orleans	30	39	.435	13½

Northwest

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Denver	46	24	.657	—
x-Oklahoma City	42	26	.618	3
x-Utah	43	27	.614	3
Portland	32	39	.451	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	24

Pacific

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-L.A. Lakers	51	18	.739	—
x-L.A. Clippers	47	22	.681	4
Phoenix	31	39	.443	20½
Sacramento	29	40	.420	22
Golden State	15	50	.231	34

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

NHL

PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY

N.Y. Islanders 5, Florida 1
N.Y. Islanders win series 3-1
Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 0
Montreal wins series 3-1
Arizona 4, Nashville 3 (OT)
Arizona wins series 3-1
Chicago 3, Edmonton 2
Chicago wins series 3-1
Vancouver 4, Minnesota 3 (OT)
Vancouver wins series 3-1
Toronto 4, Columbus 3 (OT)

SATURDAY

Philadelphia 4, Tampa Bay 1
Las Vegas 4, Colorado 3 (OT)

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Monday

MLB

National League	Favorite	Line	Underdog	Line
PHILA.	-141	Atlanta	+131	
Washington	-108	NEW YORK	-102	
COLORADO	-132	Arizona	+122	
Los Angeles	-168	San Diego	+158	

Monday

American League	Chicago	-147	DETROIT	+137
BOSTON	OFF	Tampa Bay	OFF	
TEXAS	-141	Seattle	+131	
Oakland	-130	Los Angeles	+120	

Interleague

MILWAUKEE	-105	Minnesota	-105
HOUSTON	OFF	San Francisco	OFF

NBA

Monday Favorite	Line	O/U	Underdog	Line
Phoenix	3½	(225½)	Oklahoma City	
Dallas	3	(228½)	Utah	
Milwaukee	OFF	(OFF)	Toronto	
Miami	OFF	(OFF)	Indiana	
LA Lakers	4½	(221½)	Denver	

FROM PAGE 1B

MLB

off Cody Reed.

Smoak struck out in his first at-bat, but followed that up with three straight hits to end stretches of 0 for 14 and 1 for 25. He ended up going 3 for 5 with a double.

Brent Suter (2-0) earned the win with two innings of shutout relief after starter Brandon

Woodruff allowed two runs in four innings. **GRAY (BARELY) EXTENDS STREAK:** Gray gave up six hits or fewer for a major league-record 37th consecutive start. He allowed six hits and four walks in 5 1/3 innings while striking out seven.

The last time Gray gave up more than six hits in a start was Aug. 1, 2018, when he was pitching for the New York Yankees.

HORSE RACING

Filly Ramona Hill matches record with Hambletonian victory

Associated Press

A filly winning the Hambletonian has been a rare sight in the 95-year history of trotting's biggest race.

Only 15 have accomplished the feat. Now owners Michelle and Al Crawford and Brad Grant have done it twice in the past three years.

Ramona Hill joined the list Saturday evening in East Rutherford, N.J., scoring an impressive 1-length victory while matching the stakes record set by her sire in 2009. Atlanta won in 2018 for the Crawfords and Grant.

"We haven't quite processed, I don't think we'll process for a long time," Michelle Crawford said. "To have these two fillies in our lives and to do the hard work and the breeding and the racing and selections in the yearling crop to get them to this point and then find out that they're good enough to go into these races and be competitive, is unbelievable — it's a great feeling."

Driven by Andrew McCarthy, the 3-year-old daughter of Muscle Hill covered the mile in 1:50.1 in equaling the record set by her father. The Tony Alagna-trained trotter paid \$2.80, \$2.10 and \$2.10 as the favorite in the field of 10 3-year-olds for the \$1 million race.

Ramona Hill made a late last-to-first move



Ramona Hill, driven by Andrew McCarthy, won the 95th Hambletonian at the Meadlowlands in East Rutherford, N.J., on Saturday.

and posted the fastest time (1:51.2) in winning one of the two eliminations held last week.

Breaking from the No. 5 post position in the finals, McCarthy moved earlier this week, taking the lead from Three-fiftytwo near the end of the backstretch in winning for the third time in four starts in the coronavirus-delayed season.

"So when I came out early there, I sensed I could find the front and I went for it," McCarthy said. "She knows her job, I've said it the whole way along, in the last turn she really swelled up. She was starting to work there a little bit towards

the wire but she finished it off."

It was the first win in the race for Alagna and McCarthy.

The Crawfords had a really big day. They also own a piece of Sorella, who won the \$600,000 Hambletonian Oaks for 3-year-old trotting fillies.

The Crawfords and Grant are partners with Robert Leblanc and In The Gym Partners in owning Ramona Hill.

Ready For Moni, who won the other elimination last weekend, held off Back Of The Neck to finish second.

Ready For Moni returned \$3.40 and \$2.40. Back Of The Neck paid

\$2.40.

In the Oaks, driver Yannick Gingras scored his sixth win in seven years in this race. Favored Sorella won by 1 3/4-lengths to give trainer Nancy Takter her first win the race. Her father, Jimmy, won the race a record eight times, the last five times with Gingras driving.

'IT COULDN'T BE BETTER'

Belmont Stakes winner Tiz the Law's 5 1/2 length victory in the Travers Stakes at Saratoga on Saturday was a long time coming for 82-year-old trainer Barclay Tagg.

"I've been doing this a

long time and I've always wanted to win the Travers," Tagg said afterward. "This has been in my head my whole life. And now it happened so it couldn't be better."

Now Tiz the Law heads to Kentucky for next month's Derby as the probable favorite. The 3-year-old colt remains undefeated this year with four straight graded stakes victories.

"We saw a performance today that just blows me away," said Jack Knowlton, managing partner of Sackatoga Stable. "We know we had a nice horse. We thought we had the best horse. To do what he did

today, we're looking forward to going to Kentucky now."

Knowlton was part of the ownership group cheering on Tiz the Law by the fence near the finish line. Wearing masks, the group high-fived but didn't pay much heed to the sign advising people to keep their distance.

"I wish there were 50,000-plus people here to see this performance live," he said.

In the \$300,000 Test for 3-year-old fillies on Saturday, Gamine defeated Venetian Harbor by 7 lengths for trainer Bob Baffert. Up in Smoke finished third.

Gamine ran 7 furlongs in 1:20.83, equaling the stakes record set by Lady Tak in 2003. She paid \$2.60 to win as the odds-on favorite.

Gamine was coming off an 18 3/4-length victory in the Acorn at Belmont Park on June 20. Next up for her is the \$1.25 million Kentucky Oaks on Sept. 4.

"She's rising straight to the top," said Jim Barnes, assistant to Baffert, who remained in California. "For what she's accomplished so far for such a lightly raced filly, we look forward to stretching her out and see what comes of that."

Gamine was one of two horses trained by Baffert that tested positive for lidocaine after winning a race at Oaklawn Park in Arkansas on May 2. She was disqualified by the track stewards and stripped of her purse earnings. Baffert received a 15-day suspension that he is appealing.

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MANUEL BALCE CENETA AP

MLB.com says homer by the Nats' Juan Soto during a 5-3 loss to the visiting Orioles was his 57th, tying him with Mickey Mantle for the eighth most before turning 22.

BASEBALL

Yankees' Stanton goes on 10-day IL

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. The New York Yankees have placed slugger Giancarlo Stanton on the 10-day injured list with a left hamstring strain. The move was announced before Sunday's game against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Stanton was hurt in Game 2 of Saturday's doubleheader with the Rays while advancing from first to second base on a wild pitch. He hurt his right calf during spring training and had spent time during the coronavirus-caused shutdown rehabbing at the Yankees' spring training complex in Tampa. **Pirates:** Utility infielder Phil Evans will miss the remainder of the season after suffering a concussion and fracturing his

jaw in a collision with teammate Gregory Polanco in foul territory. Director of sports medicine Todd Tomczyk said Sunday that Evans was in good spirits but is still dealing with some swelling in his face. Evans, who was placed on the 45-day injured list, is expected to make a full recovery, Tomczyk said, but the shortness of the 2020 season means he will not return this year. Evans was playing first base when he darted into foul territory to chase down a fly ball by Detroit's Miguel Cabrera. Polanco raced to the same spot from his position in right field. Evans pulled up when he saw Polanco coming, but it was too late. Polanco's elbow slammed into

Evans' face just as Polanco made the catch. Evans briefly lost consciousness after falling to the ground but was alert before being taken off the field on a stretcher.

Evans, who made the team out of summer camp after signing a minor league deal last October, has been one of the few bright spots for the struggling Pirates. He hit the first home run of his career on Friday night and was hitting .359 (14 for 39) at the time of the injury.

Evans was released from the hospital late Saturday.

Saturday Highlights

Athletics: Marcus Semien homered after hitting a walkoff single to end a 13-inning win a night earlier and host Oakland beat the Houston Astros 3-1 for their eighth straight victory. **Reds:** In a 4-1 win

NOTE: Standings and scores in today's paper reflect results of games played two days prior to the publication day.

American League					
East	W	L	Pct	GB	L10
New York	10	5	.667	—	6-4
Baltimore	7	7	.500	2½	5-5
Tampa Bay	7	8	.467	3	3-7
Toronto	5	7	.417	3½	4-6
Boston	5	9	.357	4½	4-6
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	L10
Minnesota	10	5	.667	—	6-4
Detroit	7	5	.583	1½	6-4
Cleveland	9	7	.563	1½	5-5
Chicago	8	7	.533	2	7-3
Kansas City	6	10	.375	4½	4-6
West	W	L	Pct	GB	L10
Oakland	11	4	.733	—	8-2
Houston	6	8	.429	4½	3-7
Texas	5	8	.385	5	4-6
Los Angeles	5	10	.333	6	3-7
Seattle	5	11	.313	6½	3-7

National League					
East	W	L	Pct	GB	L10
Miami	7	2	.778	—	7-2
Atlanta	9	6	.600	1	7-3
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	2½	4-4
New York	6	9	.400	4	3-7
Washington	4	7	.364	4	4-6
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	L10
Chicago	10	3	.769	—	8-2
Cincinnati	7	8	.467	4	6-4
St. Louis	2	3	.400	4	2-3
Milwaukee	5	7	.417	4½	4-6
Pittsburgh	3	12	.200	8	1-9
West	W	L	Pct	GB	L10
Colorado	11	3	.786	—	8-2
Los Angeles	10	5	.667	1½	7-3
San Diego	8	7	.533	3½	4-6
San Francisco	7	9	.438	5	4-6
Arizona	6	9	.400	5½	4-6

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 8, Tampa Bay 4 (7), G1
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 3 (7), G2
Cleveland 7, Chi. White Sox 1
Oakland 3, Houston 1
Detroit 11, Pittsburgh 5
Baltimore 5, Washington 3
Texas 2, L.A. Angels 0
Toronto 2, Boston 1
Kansas City 9, Minnesota 6
Colorado 5, Seattle 0
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 0
Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Mets 8, Miami 4
Arizona 3, San Diego 2
S.F. 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
Chi. Cubs at St. Louis, ppd.

against the host Brewers, Raisel Iglesias pitched a perfect ninth for his second save of the season and 100th career save.

Rockies: Charlie Blackmon added three more hits to his major league-leading total and drove in three runs, and four Colorado pitchers combined for a one-hitter in a 5-0 win against the host Mariners.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS



MORRY GASH AP

The Reds' Eugenio Suarez celebrated with third base coach J.R. House after hitting a three-run home run against the Brewers on Saturday.

LATE SATURDAY

DeSclafani, Suarez pace Reds past Brewers

BY JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE Anthony DeSclafani allowed two singles over six scoreless innings and Eugenio Suarez hit a three-run homer to lift the Cincinnati Reds to a 4-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday night.

Suarez put the Reds up 3-0 in the first with his second homer of the season. The Reds added a run in the seventh and Milwaukee countered with Brock Holt's sacrifice fly in the eighth.

"It did have a feel of quite a few of our games last season when Geno would get us on the board early," Reds Manager David Bell said. "That's always nice, especially combine that with the starting pitching we have. It's a great way to win a lot of games."

DeSclafani (1-0), making his second start after opening the season on

the disabled list, allowed a leadoff single in the third to Holt, who was erased on a double play, and a two-out single to Eric Sogard in the sixth.

DeSclafani issued his only walk to Keston Hiura with one-out in the first. Hiura advanced on a ground out and then stole third before DeSclafani struck out Logan Morrison to end the inning. DeSclafani struck out six.

"I feel like throwing my slider was working really well," DeSclafani said. "It felt a little bit different, it felt like I had a little bit more depth today on it. And I think it bailed me out of a couple 3-2 counts. Guy at first, got the double play. Behind in counts, I was able to throw it for a strike and just get it off the barrel. I would say today was a lot of my slider."

In his first outing last Sunday against Detroit, DeSclafani pitched five scoreless innings with two strikeouts.

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NASCAR

Harvick holds off Hamlin for Michigan doubleheader sweep

Associated Press

BROOKLYN, MICH.

Kevin Harvick completed a doubleheader sweep at Michigan International Speedway, holding off Denny Hamlin in Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series race after Penske teammates Brad Keselowski and Ryan Blaney crashed out early in the final stage.

Hamlin was right behind Harvick for the final few laps and came close to passing him a couple of times, but Harvick stayed in front for his series-high sixth victory of the season. Hamlin's final desperate bid came up short at the end when Harvick crossed the finish line 0.09 seconds ahead.

Martin Truex Jr. finished third and Kyle



PAUL SANCYA AP

Kevin Harvick celebrates after winning Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.

Busch finished fourth. Busch remains winless on the year.

Harvick also won Saturday's Cup race at Michigan. In fact, he won just about everything possible, taking the first two stages Saturday and the second stage Sunday.

Clint Bowyer won Sunday's first stage of the 156-lap, 312-mile race.

Ford has now won six straight Cup races at Michigan, and Harvick has taken four of the past five. It was a disappointing day for a couple of

Ford drivers, though. Keselowski made contact with Blaney's car shortly after the start of the final stage, sending the two teammates slamming into the wall.

"It's my fault. I feel really bad for my teammate, Ryan Blaney," Keselowski said. "He didn't deserve that. ... I went to get underneath the 12 and I just slipped. I lost the back a little bit and when I went to collect it he was there and I wiped him out and myself out, so I feel terrible for everyone at Team Penske and especially Ryan Blaney."

Keselowski has still never won a Cup race in his home state of Michigan. He finished second Saturday in the first of these two races held without fans at MIS.

Harvick's 55th career victory brought him into a 10th-place tie with Rusty Wallace, one behind Busch.

LATE SATURDAY

Harvick denies Keselowski in overtime at Michigan

BY NOAH TRISTER

BROOKLYN, MICH

Kevin Harvick forced his way past Kyle Busch, then fended off hometown threat Brad Keselowski.

It takes a lot to beat Harvick these days — especially in Michigan.

Harvick raced to his fifth NASCAR Cup Series victory of the season, outlasting Keselowski in overtime Saturday in the opener of a weekend doubleheader at Michigan International Speedway. Harvick has four victories at Michigan, including three in the last three years. He's been a big part of what is now a five-race winning streak for Ford at the Cup level at MIS.

"Just got challenged by a whole bunch of restarts at the end that made it kind of crazy,"

Harvick said. "But in the end it was a great day for us. Everybody did a great job, called a great race, and we capitalized on a fast car and put it in Victory Lane."

Keselowski was denied again in his home state. He's never won a Cup race at Michigan, but he had another chance Sunday. It would have been a tall order to overcome Harvick's dominant No. 4 car on this day. Harvick also won the race's first two stages.

"At no time did I think us or anybody else was better than the 4," Keselowski said.

Martin Truex Jr. finished third, followed by Ryan Blaney and Kyle Busch.

Busch remained winless on the year with five races left in the regular season.

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

- ACROSS**
- Tabby or tiger
 - Grain stalk bundle
 - Range seen from Zurich
 - Megaphone's shape
 - Hippie's greeting
 - In ___ straits; down-and-out
 - Sternum or radius
 - Heartbeat irregularly
 - Word with boots or lifts
 - ___ enough; ironically
 - Widens a hole
 - Allergic skin reaction
 - Mongrel
 - Nutmeg & cinnamon
 - Break in a kid's school day
 - Refueling ship
 - Stinker
 - Soil-loosening tool
 - ___ ringer; look-alike
 - Armada
 - Country that's warm all year
 - Stamp ___ of 1765; cause of colonists' rage
 - Injury
 - Green gemstones
 - More mysterious
 - Cheap and gaudy
 - Sullivan & O'Neill
 - Good judgment
 - Two strokes under par
 - 49 Strong string
 - Scarlet or maroon
 - Wasted
 - One whose pants are on fire?
 - Pathetically small
 - Ambition; motivation
 - ___ or twice; seldom
 - Long-haired oxen
 - Go in
 - Word of disgust
- DOWN**
- Boil, broil or bake
 - Utterly destroy
 - Ball holder
 - Black suit
 - Rounds up cattle
 - British noble
 - Sore
 - Actress Tina
 - Stick; cling
 - Semi or pickup
 - Think ___; ponder
 - Worked on a cake
 - Coin for a '50s gumball machine
 - Ice cream concoction
 - Three-___ suit; formal attire
 - Kicked oneself for
 - Quivering
 - Run one's words together
 - Mattel's boy doll
 - As ___ as pie
 - Light bluish-green
 - Sticky greasy stuff
 - Gull's cousin
 - Judge's order
 - Apiece
 - 53 Rap's Dr. ___ predecessor
 - Ferrigno or Rawls

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews 8/10/20

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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ZITS



BIG NATE



RED AND ROVER



JUMPSTART



F MINUS



MUTTS

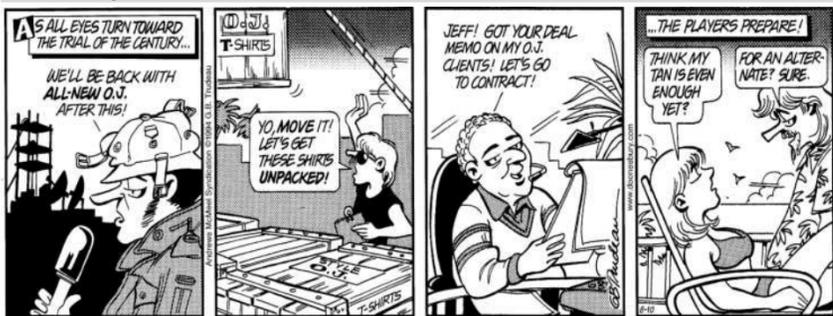


DILBERT



Doonesbury is on vacation.

DOONESBURY



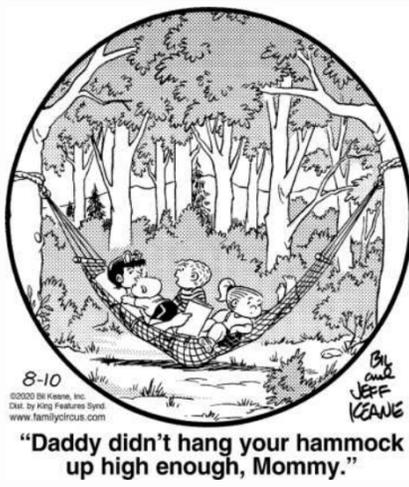
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WUMO



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



SPEED BUMP



DENNIS THE MENACE



BIZARRO



THE ARGYLE SWEATER



SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

HOROSCOPE

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020: Slow down, smell the roses and don't feel pressured to keep up with someone or make changes that you aren't ready to explore.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Too much too fast will be your downfall. When uncertainty sets in, retreat, observe and reassess your options. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll feel the urge to take a risk or make a change that is not advisable. Play it safe to avoid being sorry. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let the pressures put on you to do something questionable push you in a direction that isn't right for you. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Taking more time to relax and figure out what you want to do next will make you feel good. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't fold under pressure or let your emotions take over when faced with opposition. Protect your reputation. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Jot down everything you want to accomplish today so you don't miss something that can affect your progress. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can help without jeopardizing your health or financial well-being. Be direct when asked for your help or opinion. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Open, honest discussions will be essential if you want to ensure the outcome of a pending personal matter. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Unfinished business will come back to haunt you. You can't hide the truth or your feelings forever. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your plans in motion. Alter the way you live or how you relate to those who live with you. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't get hung up on something that is not your responsibility. Choose congeniality over discord. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider your options and where each path will lead. Don't act in haste or make promises you won't want to keep. 4 stars

By Eugenia Last

ACES ON BRIDGE

NORTH		08-10-A
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♣	K 7	
SOUTH		
♠	A K Q J 9 8 4	
♥	8 5	
♦	5	
♣	J 9 2	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
		1♣	1NT
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	2♦
4♠		All pass	

Opening Lead: Diamond two

East's imaginative bidding probably helped declarer more than a straightforward route would have. The one-no-trump overcall was designed at least partly to obstruct, but East was forced to retreat to his long suit. When South drove to four spades, neither East nor West could act again despite having a remarkably cheap save available. In four spades, South ruffed the second diamond high. With nine top tricks, the 10th surely had to come from hearts or clubs. The heart finesse was a non-starter, there being just 16 points outstanding, but if the heart king lay singleton, doubleton or tripleton with East, it could be ruffed out, establishing the queen for the critical club discard. Declarer drew trumps in two rounds, retaining the spade seven in dummy, of course. Then he played his heart five. West contributed the six, which held the trick, as South played dummy's three. West did his best when he returned a club. Declarer ducked in dummy, and East played the king. He returned a club, and declarer tried his jack, expecting the king to be a false-card. But no, West turned up with a card he was unlikely to hold, and declarer was forced to take the ace. South took the heart ace and ruffed a heart, which brought forth East's king, just as declarer had hoped. Now South led his spade four to the seven in dummy and cashed the heart queen for a club discard to bring home his game.

By Bobby Wolff

DUSTIN

WOW-- LOOK AT THEM! THEY ALL HAVE LEAN MUSCLE TONE AND ABS.

I NEED TO START TRAINING THE WAY HOLLYWOOD STARS DO.

SO YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE A CLASS IN PHOTOSHOP?

BLONDIE

BOSS, DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE OFF A LITTLE EARLY TODAY?

NOT AT ALL, MY BOY.

LEAVE AS EARLY AS YOU WANT, WITHIN REASON, OF COURSE.

GREAT! WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER WITHIN REASON, BOSS?

I'D SAY FIVE TO SEVEN MINUTES, TOPS.

PICKLES

HOW COME YOU HAVE THAT BANDAGE ON YOUR WRIST, GRAMPA?

NO REASON.

GRAMMA SAID IT HAPPENED WHEN SHE BEAT YOU AT ARM WRESTLING.

NOT TRUE. I WASN'T EVEN TRYING. I WAS BEING A GENTLEMAN AND LET HER WIN.

BESIDES, IT WASN'T FAIR. SHE'S ALWAYS PUSHING A HEAVY VACUUM AND LIFTING BIG POTS AND PANS!

BETWEEN FRIENDS

THIS IS THE THIRD TIME WE'VE MOVED DANNY SINCE HE'S BEEN AT UNIVERSITY.

WE MUST BE GETTING THE HANG OF IT-- THIS IS THE EASIEST MOVE SO FAR.

I GUESS WE'RE JUST LEARNING TO BE MORE PREPARED-- BRINGING A COUPLE OF DOLLIES MADE A DIFFERENCE.

NOT TO MENTION SIX OF DANNY'S TWENTY-SOMETHING FRIENDS.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS.

BABY BLUES

WEL HI, CLASS! I'M YOUR NEW TEACHER, MS. SHUKIN.

YES, UM... HAMMIE?

SHE KNOWS MY NAME!

IT'S ON THE SEATING CHART, DOOFUS!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

I WAS NEVER VERY POPULAR IN HIGH SCHOOL. I MEAN, THE CRAZIEST THING I DID WAS...

...I WENT TO TGIF ON A WEDNESDAY.

OH, NO...

GARFIELD

I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED AT HOME.

AND A COUPLE OF THINGS I COULD DO WITHOUT.

BEETLE BAILEY

NOW THAT YOU ARE HERE, GO BACK WHERE YOU BELONG!

HERE

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

I TOLD THE JUDGE I BELIEVE YOU ARE AN UPSTANDING CITIZEN WHO HAD AN UNCHARACTERISTIC BREAK FROM CIVIL BEHAVIOR.

HE SAID THAT SOUNDED LIKE TEMPORARY INSANITY.

SO THAT'S A GOOD THING!

NOT REALLY... HE WAS TALKING ABOUT ME!

REX MORGAN, M.D.

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WE BOTH KNOW THE RISKS INVOLVED, BUT THE HOSPITAL IS ALREADY OVERWHELMED. THEY NEED THE HELP.

Cellphone records suggest wife's affair may not be over



JEANNE PHILLIPS

Dear Abby: I found out a year ago that my wife of eight years had an affair for three years with my best friend. Two months ago I realized she is still contacting him. I found out because I went through her cell records. She said she was just texting him about how he ruined our life. Now I have no access to them, and I suspect she's using a text app so I won't know. She keeps her phone with her all the time.

I can't live like this, and I don't know what to do. I always let her do what she wanted and never had a concern before this. I was always laid-back, but now I can't stop thinking she is up to no good. How do I approach this with her? We have been to

counseling. Every time I bring up her affair, she says our marriage will never work because of trust issues, and I agree. Please help. — Out of Chances in Florida

Dear Out: Your wife and best friend betrayed you, so your trust issues are well-founded. If she would like to stay married to you, she should not be hiding her cell-phone and texts from you. If she's unwilling to cooperate, then what she said is 100% correct — your marriage WILL never work.

Dear Abby: I had a baby a year ago. I'm 46, and my son's father just turned 50. We are looking to buy a house, but I am conflicted. We are not married, and it will be my money that we use for the down payment. I have expressed that I would like to be married before we buy the house, but nothing has happened. I have brought the subject up several times, but I now feel nervous about his not following through.

How should I proceed? — Down Payment Dilemma in New York

Dear D.P.D.: That the father of your baby keeps "forgetting" to address the fact that you want to be married is a red flag. It appears he is unwilling to make that commitment. Before moving forward with buying property with someone who is reluctant to make a commitment, it is extremely important that you discuss this with a lawyer. An attorney can help to ensure your financial interests will be protected. Until you have done that, keep your check-book firmly CLOSED.

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Kneuk

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MIRGE
THHUC
SWRULA
TOSEOH

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: FENCE LARVA ROTARY SURMIT
Answer: The deacon introduced herself to the church's minister by saying — AI YOUR SERVICE

SUDOKU SOLUTION

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NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Rafael on the tennis court
- Mineral easily split into layers
- Reached base feet-first
- Michelle who wrote "Becoming"
- Gem found in the Outback
- Daly with a Tony for "Gypsy"
- Like the ocean and most potato chips
- Pianist Cliburn plays basketball defense?
- Building extension
- Spoken
- Garb
- TV host Behar takes mass transit?
- Trash-loving grouch of children's TV
- They bring tears to chefs' eyes
- Young seal
- "Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"
- Unstraighten, as a wire
- Illinois city on the Illinois River
- Actress Rogers flips out?
- "That's enough!"
- Kelly seen live in the morning
- Hair goop
- Martial arts level
- Damsel
- Battle site where Davy Crockett died
- Singer Dylan has fun in the snow?
- Change somewhat
- "It's a shame ..."
- Bit of legislation
- Businessman Gates gets out of the poker game?
- Zola who wrote "J'accuse ...!"
- "So that's how it is"
- Fury
- Printer powder
- of the d'Urbervilles
- Perfect world
- Watermelon throwaways
- Game recap figures
- Words to songs
- Dressed like RuPaul
- Gobi or Mojave
- Perfect world
- Much-anticipated parts of Super Bowl broadcasts
- "The Kiss" sculptor
- Get in place for the camera
- Large coffee vessel
- Lowly laborer
- Muff one
- Month of many unhappy returns?
- Fall asleep while watching TV, perhaps
- "Today" show rival, for short
- Spot for a football coach
- Went by bicycle a), b), c) and d), on a multiple-choice test
- Stratagem
- Fictional 6-year-old at the Plaza Hotel
- Soup-serving utensils
- Entrepreneur's designation in a calculation of one's net worth
- "And to go before I sleep": Robert Frost
- Award earned by a scout
- Elizabeth of the "Avengers" series
- Time long gone
- Boy in knickers, perhaps
- Bartender on "The Simpsons"

DOWN

- Rhinoplasty, informally
- Mollusk with an iridescent inner shell
- Wasting time
- Quantity: Abbr.
- Stores for future use
- Date night staple
- Apple tablets
- Soup container
- Bit of seaweed

ANSWER TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE:

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Puzzle by Lynn Lempel

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NBA

Players hated the food while inside the bubble, so they called this Detroit chef

BY JEFF SEIDEL
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT All heck was breaking loose.

Several NBA players were complaining on social media about the quality of food after entering the NBA "bubble" in Orlando, Fla.

So the NBA turned to someone who could fix it — chef Shawn Loving, the department chair of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program.

"I got a call from Sean Ford, who operates USA Basketball and he told me the NBA folks were interested in connecting with me to see if I could support the food efforts down in Orlando," Loving said.

The answer came quickly.

"Absolutely," Loving replied. "I'd love to help. I'm not sure how I can, but I'll do my very best."

Loving's summer was open because he was planning to go to Tokyo for the 2020 Summer Olympics to cook for the U.S. men's basketball team. But the Olympics were canceled.

So he went to Orlando

in mid-July and basically started a restaurant from scratch.

Now, he runs a kitchen inside the NBA bubble in Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex, making 120-140 meals a day for the players.

"It's a lot of movin' and groovin' man but proud to do it," said Loving, a certified Master Chef. "We've hit a stride and we're in great shape."

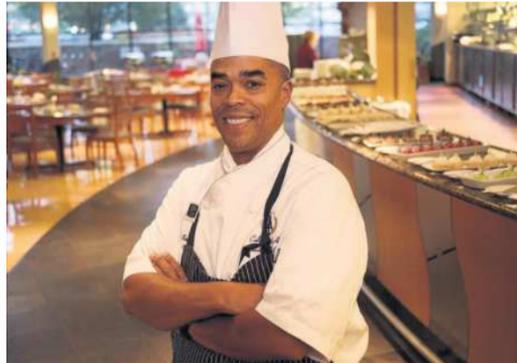
Loving, 49, wasn't much of a basketball player, growing up on Detroit's east side.

"That wasn't my calling," he said with a laugh.

No. His calling was food.

"My mom was an excellent cook and she always made great homemade meals and my dad was in the food service business when I was growing up," Loving said. "He was more into the hospital food service type thing. I was intrigued when I would see all of the wonderful Thanksgiving meals my mom would put together and started to understand the chemistry of cooking."

Loving turned his pas-



MANDI WRIGHT Detroit Free Press/TNS

Shawn Loving runs a kitchen inside the NBA bubble in Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex, making 120-140 meals a day for the players.

sion into his job. He used to own and run Loving Spoonful, a restaurant in Farmington Hills, Mich.

Which led him to an unusual side gig with a Detroit Pistons player.

After Rip Hamilton was traded to the Pistons in 2002, Loving became his personal chef.

"I took on the job of working for him at his home while I ran my restaurant and owned it," Loving said. "A lot of the players began to come to my restaurant or seek those same flavors."

Loving started cooking for several Pistons, including Chauncey Bil-

lups, Ben Wallace, former Kentucky star Tayshaun Prince and Rasheed Wallace.

"Then, it got to the point where I started to do all of the airplane flight food for Roundball One (the Pistons team plane)," he said. "And I did that for several years, which included when we won the championship."

His involvement with the NBA started to mushroom — risotto-style.

"From there, I started to get opportunities with Nike and doing things for LeBron (James), catering his commercials,

being the personal chef on site for his commercials and stuff like that," Loving said. "And it just grew from that point, word of mouth."

Loving started working for USA Basketball and went to the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing and Rio in 2016. He's also been to world championships in Turkey (2010), Spain (2014) and China (2019).

"It just started growing," he said.

When Loving arrived in Orlando, he sent a special breakfast to San Antonio Spurs Coach Gregg Popovich.

"Coach Pop is here," Loving said. "So I surprised him and sent him his favorite, a crab omelet, and he was so happy. He gave me a call. It's fun to be able to help people you have helped before."

Loving is staying at the Waldorf Astoria Resort on the Disney property. "There are really two bubbles," Loving said. "There is the bubble where the players play. I'm in what would be considered the 'Yellow Bubble.'"

Still, he is under strict rules. "We can't use

Ubers," Loving said. "There's three vans that are specifically for me and my team that are to-and-from every day. That's the only thing we get in. Those drivers are tested. It's all tight. My kitchen is distanced — everything is spaced out."

He operates a kitchen with nine other chefs and three sous chefs. But their meals aren't normal, because they have pregame meals and postgame meals.

"A pregame meal has everything to do with calorie count, carb count and protein count," he said.

On Thursday afternoon, he rattled off several teams about to play.

"A game-day meal today was a steak cut of halibut fresh fish with mustard and fresh herbs and crumbs on it," he said. "We had a pre-breakfast of a power burrito with roasted sweet potatoes, egg whites and fresh spinach — that was one of today's powerful pushes."

Loving said he plans to work in the bubble until the end of the month, so that he can return to Schoolcraft.

"I have a job," he said. "I need to come back home to keep my job. The NBA is asking me if I could come back on weekends and just keep things kind of going."

NBA

No shortage of points scored inside the bubble

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

The last time there was a slate of five or more NBA games on the same day, with every team scoring at least 110 points, was more than 32 years ago.

That is, until the opening of the league's so-called bubble amid the coronavirus pandemic — where it already has happened twice.

Scoring numbers are

soaring inside the NBA's bubble, where the restarted season is happening at Walt Disney World. Entering Sunday's games, 17 of the 22 teams inside the bubble were exceeding what had been their scoring averages before the season was suspended on March 11 because of COVID-19.

Games on average have seen nine points more than what had been the norm this season. The number of 3-pointers in each contest — which had been on a

record clip when the season got suspended — is up as well. And Indiana's T.J. Warren, not even a top-50 scorer when the pandemic hit, is leading the bubble in points per game so far, averaging 34.4 and nearly doubling what was his season average.

"T.J. Warren is on a different planet right now," Pacers guard Victor Oladipo said.

He's not alone. The bubble is working for just about everybody, or so it seems.

There was a six-game NBA schedule on Feb. 21, 1988, and all the teams playing that night scored at least 110 points.

That hadn't happened, on a day of five or more games, again in the NBA until July 31 — the second day of bubble games. It happened again Saturday.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle says there might be multiple reasons why the numbers are up, but foremost on the list is that the NBA has created

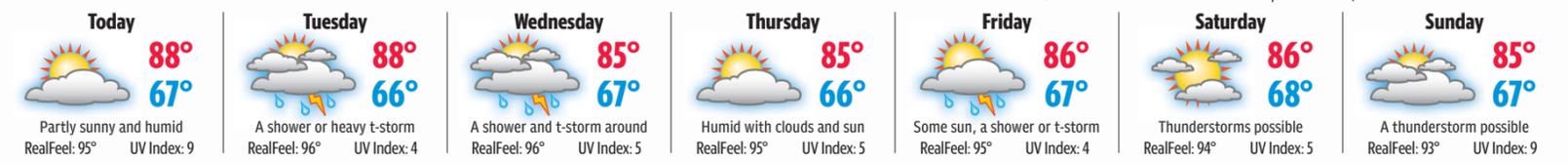
an environment where players are comfortable.

"We came from a situation at home where players could only do individual workouts, you know, with a coach with a mask on and rubber gloves," Carlisle said. "When you walked in the practice facility, you had to clean your shoes. You had to fill out a form, you had to take your temperature, you had to do a lot of things and that was before serial testing began. So a lot has gone into this."

It's paying off. Maybe this should have been expected, even after teams went 4 1/2 months without playing a real game during the suspension.

Hostile fans aren't screaming at and distracting shooters in the bubble. Nobody is weary from a long flight the night before. And the conditions inside the three different game arenas at Disney — from the lighting to the temperature — are relatively close to identical.

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Lexington through 4 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	
High/low	89°/60°
Normal high/low	86°/66°
Last year high/low	92°/69°
Record high	99° (1930)
Record low	51° (1989)

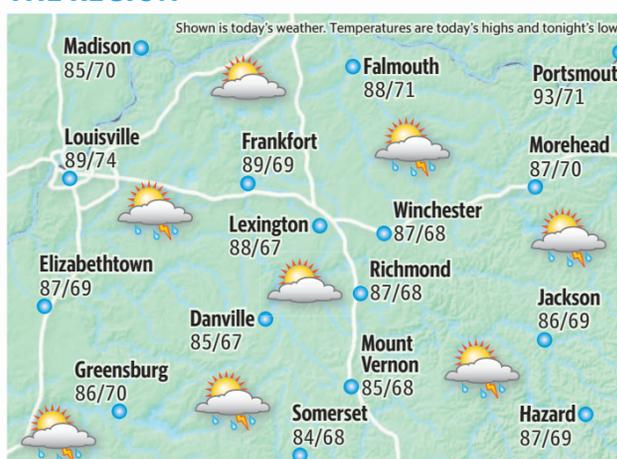
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Month to date (normal)	0.31" (1.05")
Year to date (normal)	30.81" (29.58")
Last year to date	34.35"
Record for date	1.31" (1952)

SUN & MOON	
Sunrise	6:49 a.m.
Moonrise	none
Sunset	8:37 p.m.
Moonset	1:19 p.m.

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	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	90	74	t	93	74	t
Boston	90	72	pc	92	73	s
Chicago	90	69	t	84	65	pc
Denver	87	60	pc	94	61	pc
Houston	96	77	s	95	77	s
Los Angeles	83	60	s	84	60	s
Miami	92	80	pc	92	80	t
New York City	90	75	pc	88	73	t
Seattle	81	56	s	74	53	s
Washington, D.C.	93	76	pc	93	76	pc

LAKE & RIVER LEVELS

Levels	Flood Stage	Level	24 hr change
Herrington Lake	750	740.63	-0.05
Green River Lake	713	675.34	-0.04
Lake Cumberland	723	730.06	+0.16
Cave Run Lake	765	730.41	+0.01
Ky. River Lock 4	31	7.27	-0.12
Ky. River Lock 10	26	10.08	-0.08
Ky. River Lock 14	20	9.65	+0.06
Ohio River/Ashland	52	34.19	-0.76

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Traditional African fabrics are seeing a resurgence as support for Black-owned businesses grows. **Page 24**



US tops 5 million confirmed virus cases, to Europe's alarm

BY NICOLE WINFIELD AND LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

ROME
With confirmed coronavirus cases in the U.S. hitting 5 million Sunday, by far the highest of any country, the failure of the most powerful nation in the

world to contain the scourge has been met with astonishment and alarm in Europe.

Perhaps nowhere outside the U.S. is America's bungled virus response viewed with more consternation than in Italy, which was ground zero of Europe's epidemic. Italians were unprepared when the outbreak

exploded in February, and the country still has one of the world's highest official death tolls at over 35,000.

But after a strict nationwide, 10-week lockdown, vigilant tracing of new clusters and general acceptance of mask mandates and social distancing, Italy has become a model of

virus containment.

"Don't they care about their health?" a mask-clad Patrizia Antonini asked about people in the United States as she walked with friends along the banks of Lake Bracciano, north of Rome. "They need to take our precautions. ... They need a real lockdown."

Much of the incredulity in Europe stems from the fact that America had the benefit of time, European experience and medical know-how to treat the virus that the continent itself didn't have when the first CO-

VID-19 patients started filling intensive care units.

More than four months into a sustained outbreak, the U.S. reached the 5 million mark, according to the running count kept by Johns Hopkins University. Health officials believe the actual number is perhaps 10 times higher, or closer to 50 million, given testing limitations and the fact that as many as 40% of all those who are infected have no symptoms.

"We Italians always saw

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DAVID WALTER BANKS NYT

Radhika Kumar, a contact tracer for California Connected, in Diamond Bar, Calif., July 10. Convincing infected people to open up means helping them confront deeply-held concerns about deportation or job loss.

Contact tracer faces two contagions: the virus and fear

BY JO BECKER
New York Times

LOS ANGELES

Radhika Kumar goes to work every morning hoping to save lives. As a contact tracer for Los Angeles County, her job, at least on paper, entails phoning people who have tested positive for the coronavirus, along with others they may have exposed, and providing them with guidance on how to isolate so as not to infect others. If that sounds easy, it is not.

To convince people to cooperate, she has to get them to trust her. She has to convince them that they might be infected, even if they have no symptoms. "Oh, yes," she'll say, "I've been hearing that a lot." She has to let people curse at her and hang up; then she has to call them back the very next day. And if she wants



PHILIP CHEUNG NYT

Healthcare workers at a drive-thru testing site for the coronavirus in Riverside, Calif., on July 25.

them to heed her advice, she has to listen, really listen, to how scared they are that if they stay home from their jobs, they might not be able to feed their

families. "Sometimes it can really get to you," said Kumar. "The other day I had one young lady, and she was screaming on the

phone, 'You don't understand. I have three kids. I have to go to work.'" She went on. "I kept calling back and calling back. I'm very relentless like that. I thought about it all night: What am I going to do? I called her again first thing in the morning, and I was so relieved when she picked up."

Even as officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continue to tout contact tracing's effectiveness and state and local health agencies across the nation deploy new armies of tracers, tracking down all the people with the coronavirus is proving to be a Sisyphean task.

One of the key reasons, as Kumar and many other tracers are finding out, is fear.

Lulled by the state's early success in flattening the curve, officials in California, which now has more confirmed cases than any other state, failed not only to anticipate the outbreak's more recent trajectory but also people's reluctance to cooperate with the government's tracing effort. Some simply can't be bothered, but more often people decline to participate because they are worried about wage loss, deportation or stigmatization.

Taken together, those factors have created a snowball effect

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Explosion bares pitfalls of sending aid to Lebanon

BY LORI HINNANT AND BASSEM MROUE
Associated Press

BEIRUT

Hospitals and schools, then shattered and bent water pipes, then the crater that once was Lebanon's port.

The rebuilding needs of Lebanon are immense, but so is the question of how to ensure the millions of dollars promised in international aid is not diverted in a country notorious for missing money, invisible infrastructure projects and its refusal to open the books.

And the port - the epicenter of the Aug. 4 explosion that shattered Beirut, the center of Lebanon's import-based economy, and a source of graft so lucrative that Lebanon's political factions were willing to divide its control so everyone could get a piece - sits at the heart of the fears.

Sunday's donor teleconference was hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron, who was mobbed last week by tearful victims of the Beirut

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— THE EDITORS

Notes from a virus tracker's log

BY JO BECKER
New York Times

The New York Times asked Radhika Kumar, a contact tracer for California Connected, an ambitious effort by the state to track people who have been infected with or exposed to the coronavirus, to keep a log of her interactions over the course of a day's work.

"Some days are good, and then you have some challenging days!" she wrote in an email. "Today was a good day despite not being able to get hold of everyone. Tomorrow will bring another set of adventures."

Kumar recorded the number of times she attempted to contact each person, whether they were willing to provide her with a list of contacts who may have been exposed, and a summary of her conversations. The people in the cases below were all first contacted July 28, though in some cases, follow-up conversations with a case extended to the next day.

CASE1

Two attempted calls. Case and partner were positive. Case provided partner's information but is not sure how they were infected, other than maybe from the gym or grocery store. Stated that he went to the gym for the two weeks when they opened, did take precautions to sanitize hands and use mask.

CASE2

Two attempted calls. Telephone call at 11 a.m. Unable to complete interview since case had a "work call" to attend to. Telephone call on July 29 at 10 a.m. to conduct interview. Case stated that roommate has tested positive, but not sure about exposure. Denied any other contacts outside of household. Case thinks exposure may be from going to the beach, and denied any other contact/exposure. Case provided roommate information to be contacted by contact tracer.

CASE3

One attempted call. Call answered by spouse. Stated case, and son, work as independent

painters. Unsure of how may have been exposed or infected. Spouse stated usually they work at homes that are not occupied. Discussed various ways of contact from work areas to grocery stores. Grocery store is a possibility. Able to add household contacts who have tested negative.

CASE4

One attempted call. Most likely exposed at work. Works as an electrician and was told of exposure from work. Case began to self-quarantine until started to feel symptoms. Currently self-isolating at home. Household contacts were added. Reemphasized the importance of notifying close contacts to self-quarantine to stop infection. Case requested additional information via email.

CASE5

Seven attempted calls. Left voice message at 9:16 a.m. and again at 2:05 p.m. Able to contact patient at 3:25 p.m., and call dropped mid-interview. Case was anxious about getting "excuse" for work. Reassured that

Health Officer Order may be of assistance. Called back and voice message again. July 29: Checked work voicemail and have a message from case. Telephone call on July 29 at 10:44 a.m. and left message. Attempted to connect with case and left message at 11:56 a.m. Attempted to contact case at 2:07 p.m. and left voice message. Attempted to contact case at 4:02 p.m. and left message.

CASE6

Five attempted calls. Left voice message at 9:19 a.m. and again at 2:07 p.m.; telephone call on July 29 at 10:48 a.m. and left voice message. Attempted to contact case at 2:21 p.m. and left voice message. Attempted to contact case at 3:50 p.m. and left voice message.

CASE7

Five attempted calls. Left voice message at 10:54 a.m. and again at 2:13 p.m. Telephone call on July 29 and left voice message. Attempted to contact case at 2:25 p.m. and left voice message. Telephone call to case at 3:52 p.m. and left voice

message.

CASE8

Two attempted calls. Left voice message at 11:08 a.m. Attempted to contact case and able to conduct interview after lunch. Case is an elderly lady who lives alone. Tested positive prior to a medical procedure. Assured me that her family is doing the "right thing" to stop the spread by testing and "cleaning everything." Case was very thankful for the phone call and listened attentively but was adamant about not providing contact information.

CASE9

Two attempted calls. Called case on July 28 and left message at 11:17 a.m. Attempted to call patient at 2:10 p.m. Voice-mail for case is in Spanish, more likely that case is fluent in Spanish. Indicated that we are able to provide translation, if needed, on second voice message at 2:10 p.m. Asked for assistance from supervisor to reassign case to Spanish-speaking colleague.

CASE10

One attempted call. Case is middle-aged, lives with family. Case works as an independent

construction worker. Last day of work was July 17. One other family member and case is positive in household of six. Case is more comfortable in Spanish, so assistance from other positive case was appreciated. Stated that family member who tested positive may have been exposed at work in warehouse. Four members of household are negative and self-quarantined separately. Negative members have not tested, nor have symptoms.

CASE11

One attempted call. Family member of case No. 11. May have been exposed at workplace. Able to add other household members who have not tested nor have symptoms. Was not comfortable to provide individual cell number and preferred to have case No. 11 cell number since they live in same household. Case was gracious enough to help with some contact information, and able to gain essential information to connect to positive cases.

Case notes have been condensed and edited.



PHILIP CHEUNG NYT

People visit the Grand Central Market during the coronavirus pandemic in Los Angeles on July 22. Convincing infected people to open up means helping them confront deeply-held concerns about deportation or job loss.

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TRACER

that has overwhelmed tracers' ability to reach people before it is too late.

In LA County, tracers were assigned 13,766 cases over the week ending July 28. But more than one-third of the calls to people who tested positive went unanswered, and more than half of those who did pick up refused to provide at least one close contact.

"People are reluctant because they are scared," said Kumar, a 55-year-old mother of two. "I've even had one person ask, 'Are you FBI?' I said no, but they were like, 'Well, you could be.' I just kept saying, 'I could be, but I am not!'"

It wasn't supposed to be this way. This spring, after California public health officials were forced to abandon widespread tracing in the face of an overwhelming onslaught of cases, Gov. Gavin Newsom regrouped and launched the most ambitious program in the nation to keep track of infected people and those they may have exposed.

The effort, called Cali-

fornia Connected, has cost upward of \$30 million. It includes a new online academy run by the University of California to train county and state employees as disease investigators and a public education campaign to reassure Californians that any information tracers gather is confidential.

The state met an ambitious timetable of enrolling 10,000 trainees by early July. But while public health officials credit the manpower surge with helping to contain the pandemic at the margins, the program has been no panacea.

To be effective, contact tracing must take place promptly. The sooner public health workers reach a person who has tested positive, the sooner they can explain how to isolate and, as importantly, get a list of the person's close contacts so they can advise them to quarantine at home.

When the state decided it needed 10,000 new tracers to accomplish that goal, it based the decision on an estimate that by this

point in the summer, California would be seeing about 3,600 new cases a day, said Dr. Mark Ghaly, who, as the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, oversees California's virus response.

But that estimate failed to account for the explosion of cases that followed the easing of the state's stay-at-home order. On the day earlier this month that California surpassed New York to top the nation in total confirmed cases, the state recorded a record 12,807 cases, or more than three times the earlier estimate.

The spike has also caused long delays at testing labs, meaning investigations triggered by positive results are taking longer to initiate.

Ghaly believes that California has enough tracers, at least for now. But at the county level, where daily call logs are getting longer and longer, officials said initial contact is now taking up to a week in some places, if it happens at all.

In LA County, where the number of tracers has gone from 200 to 2,600, Kumar and her colleagues are better equipped to keep up; once they are

notified of a case, they are able to attempt to follow-up within a day more than 94% of the time.

But they are grappling with a more basic challenge: getting people to answer the phone. Response rates vary, but in Los Angeles, they are so worryingly low that the county is now offering \$20 gift cards to people who complete an interview. Each day, tracers tackle a log of somewhere around 3,000 to 4,000 calls, said Dr. Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, chief medical officer for the LA County Public Health Department.

On an average day, they might complete roughly half, meaning 1,500 to 2,000 roll into the next day, along with whatever new cases pop up. The county attempts to contact a person on three consecutive days before labeling the case a refusal.

Over the most recent seven-day period for which data was available, less than 60% of people who tested positive for the virus agreed to an interview.

Of those, only 40% were willing to provide at least one close contact. Of those close contacts, less than 64% picked up the

phone and participated. And it remains an open question as to what percentage of people that are reached actually follow the guidance offered, which is the entire point of the program - but which officials have no ready way to track.

"We worry the most that we make all these calls, but they don't translate into isolation or quarantine," Ghaly said. "So we are spending more and more time trying to make the calls educational. It's sort of a choice between, can we do a high volume of calls versus can we make impactful and effective calls."

That is where people like Kumar come in. Born in Malaysia, she came to the United States more than three decades ago. After raising her children, she decided to go back to school in 2011; public health appealed to her, she said, as a way to give back to her adopted country. Now it's personal; one of her close friends, a nurse, is battling the virus.

She spends anywhere from 20 to 45 minutes on a call, acting as an epidemiological investigator, educator and social worker wrapped in one.

Contact tracing is not just a matter of reading from a script, though every tracer is given one. It is not just calculating the number of days a person must self-isolate or learning certain tricks of the trade, like the fact that it is better to call older people earlier in the morning because the younger ones tend to sleep in. Ultimately, it involves something much harder to teach.

"How do I convey my message and be empathetic when I cannot even see their expression when they cry?" Kumar said she asks herself. "It's not just an interview. It's a conversation. I say, 'I am here to help. Let's figure this out together.'"

One recent call involved a young mother who was positive, expecting twins and speaking from a room with her two other young children just on the other side of the door. "What do the babies feel like when they move?" Kumar asked, hoping to build a

connection before she gently asked the mother what she was doing to isolate.

The woman told her that whenever she leaves the room, she wears gloves and a mask, but then her voice caught. "It's hard to hug my kids with gloves on," Kumar recalled her saying.

She told the woman she understood but that it was important to keep her distance.

Some people she calls are worried because their immigration papers aren't in order. "Yup, I don't care about that; I care that you are safe and your family is safe," she'll respond, before assuring them that LA does not share information with federal immigration authorities.

One restaurant worker she recently contacted didn't want to give his place of work, for fear managers would blame him for having to quarantine themselves. Other times, people will tell her they are self-isolating when she can hear that they are out and about.

She said the best approach is to educate rather than confront. She explains why it is important that co-workers be notified and that the county can do that without ever mentioning the infected person's name. Sometimes it works, but not always; one older lady adamantly refused to name the family members helping to care for her, insisting they were "doing the right thing" and "cleaning everything."

On a recent Friday, Kumar managed to speak with 10 of the 14 people on her list. In most instances, it took multiple attempts. One person cited a "work call" and told her to try again in the morning.

But she keeps at it. For every case she finds and isolates, she figures she is preventing at least some spread. That is all she can hope to do, she said, until there is vaccine.

"We are making a difference - I know we are," Kumar said as she prepared for another day of calls, a long list of new cases in front of her.

Patients are dying at a lower rate despite COVID-19 surge

BY SOUMYA KARLAMANGLA
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES

When the number of people being sent to the hospital with COVID-19 began to creep up in Los Angeles County early this summer, officials warned that a major increase in deaths was inevitable. A record-breaking number of cases could result in a record-breaking number of deaths, they predicted.

But nearly two months later, that has not materialized. The coronavirus continues to kill hundreds of people every week in L.A. County, but the death toll has remained lower than expected.

The trend is due in part to younger people falling sick, as well as better control over the disease's spread in high-risk settings, such as nursing homes. But doctors say there's another factor pushing up survival rates: better treatments.

"It was so grim in the beginning," said Dr. Armand Dorian, an ER physician and chief medical officer for Verdugo Hills Hospital at USC. "Now we actually have regimens of treatments that do help. ... Since the beginning, say, February to now, we've learned a lot."

The trends are not limited to L.A. County. In Cali-

fornia, 3.6% of people diagnosed with COVID-19 between March and May died of the disease.

Among those diagnosed between June 1 and Aug. 3, that figure dropped to 1.2%, according to a Times analysis of state data. Expanded testing, changing patient demographics and better patient care all played a role in that drop, experts say.

The statistic is what epidemiologists call the case-fatality rate: the number of deaths divided by the number of cases. This measures how deadly the disease is once people catch it – the chance of surviving. While the pandemic remains bleak, the lowered case-fatality rate is a glimmer of progress, experts say.

The case-fatality rate exists alongside another statistic: the mortality rate – deaths divided by the total population – which reflects the spread of the disease within the population.

In an interview with Axios released last week, President Trump discounted the nation's mortality rate, which is worse than most other countries', while lauding its case-fatality rate, which is better than most countries'.

But an improved case-fatality rate cannot offset the vast spread of the

deadly virus, experts say. California's mortality rate is rising as the state's death toll from COVID-19 surpassed 10,000 on Thursday. If many people keep falling ill, then many people will die, even with improvements in survival rates.

Dr. Tim Brewer, an infectious disease specialist and epidemiologist at UCLA, said that even the medical improvements could be negated if the number of patients continues to grow. An overwhelmed healthcare system could hamper physicians' ability to provide lifesaving care, he said.

"We've acquired a tremendous amount of information in the last seven months that has been helpful. We just need everybody to recognize that the virus has not gone away," Brewer said.

When COVID-19 patients first began showing up in hospitals in the spring, doctors didn't know which medicines or treatments would be effective. Little was understood about how the virus was transmitted or the best way to protect staff. USC's Dorian described healthcare workers dealing with that unprecedented crisis as "deer in headlights."

But that has changed rapidly as doctors around the world study and treat

the coronavirus. Research findings in one country may within days become clinical guidelines in another.

"The collaboration between physicians all over the world over how to best treat COVID-19 has been quite extraordinary," said Dr. Bilal Naseer, a critical care doctor in Sacramento with CommonSpirit Health, a large nonprofit hospital system. "I think the confidence level of physicians and healthcare teams is very high now – how to early-identify patients with COVID-19 and how to prevent severe disease is really much better understood."

Early in the outbreak, panicked health care workers administered multiple drugs to patients to try to save them, unsure which may help. But that strategy made it hard to tell what was and wasn't working, so physicians couldn't gain knowledge they could use to help the next patients.

"Physicians around the world and in L.A. were basically throwing anything we could at these patients," Brewer said. "We needed to get our panic level down a little bit and do research and trials and studies."

One of those studies, conducted by British scientists, led to a surprising finding. For other deadly coronaviruses, such as SARS and MERS, steroid medications had been shown to worsen symptoms.

But the UK researchers

found that dexamethasone, a common and low-cost steroid, reduced mortality for patients on ventilators by a third, and by a fifth for those requiring oxygen, according to the study published in June.

Doctors had already begun administering remdesivir, an antiviral medication developed by Gilead Sciences, that had been shown to shorten the time it takes for patients to recover from the infection. Both medicines are now regularly prescribed by physicians treating COVID-19 patients, they say.

"We're miles away from having real cures like vaccinations and more specific meds," Dorian said. "But we have something. It feels good to say, 'Why don't we give remdesivir?'"

San Diego State University epidemiologist Eyal Oren pointed out that many people who get sick may not die, but will still endure long-term health consequences. He warned that looking at small improvements in survival rates may elide the reality that thousands continue to die from COVID-19, particularly people of color.

"Why do we have this many cases and this many deaths?" he said. "What's the big picture?"

But for some, the improved survival rates are a sliver of hope.

Before the latest wave of patients in L.A. County, the most people ever hospitalized with COVID-19 in the county at one time was just over 1,950 in late

April. That record was broken in July, when more than 2,200 people were hospitalized with the infection.

Yet, average deaths never exceeded what they had reached in the spring. The county's case-fatality rate from COVID-19 has dropped from 4% in May to 2% now, according to county data.

"To me, that probably means we're doing better care," said Dr. Jeffrey Gunzenhauser with the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

When patients do end up in the hospital, doctors have new protocols to improve their odds of survival. Early in the pandemic, doctors rushed to put patients on ventilators when they were struggling to breathe.

But now it has become clear that it may not be necessary to intubate these patients, which can open them up to other complications that actually decrease their chance of survival.

Now, physicians lie patients on their stomachs to allow more oxygen into their lungs and give them oxygen through tubes inserted into their nose.

"We were on a hair trigger to put people on vents at the beginning of the epidemic," said Bradley Pollock, the chair of the department of public health sciences at UC Davis. "If someone looked like they were declining, we're going to immediately put them on a vent – that was a mistake, in retrospect."



MARK LENNIHAN AP

A woman passes a fence outside Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery adorned with tributes to victims of COVID-19, May 28 in New York. America's failure so far to contain the spread of the coronavirus as it moves across the country has been met with astonishment and alarm on both sides of the Atlantic.

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VIRUS

America as a model," said Massimo Franco, a columnist with daily Corriere della Sera. "But with this virus we've discovered a country that is very fragile, with bad infrastructure and a public health system that is nonexistent."

With America's world's-highest death toll of more than 160,000, its politicized resistance to masks and its rising caseload, European nations have barred American tourists and visitors from other countries with growing cases from freely traveling to the bloc.

France and Germany are now imposing tests on arrival for travelers from "at risk" countries, the U.S. included.

"I am very well aware that this impinges on

individual freedoms, but I believe that this is a justifiable intervention," German Health Minister Jens Spahn said last week.

Mistakes were made in Europe, too, from delayed lockdowns to insufficient protections for nursing home elderly and critical shortages of tests and protective equipment for medical personnel.

Hard-hit Spain, France, Britain and Germany have seen infection rebounds with new cases topping 1,000 a day, and Italy's cases went over 500 on Friday. Some scientists say Britain's closed pubs might have to close again if schools are to reopen in September.

Europe as a whole has seen over 207,000 confirmed virus deaths, by



JAE C. HONG AP

Sam Samusi, left, wears an N95 mask July 6 while waiting for his train at Union Station in Los Angeles.

Johns Hopkins' count.

In the U.S., new cases are running at about 54,000 a day – an immensely high number even when taking into account the country's large population. And while that's down from a peak of well over 70,000 last month, cases are rising in nearly 20 states, and deaths are

climbing in most.

In contrast, at least for now Europe appears to have the virus somewhat under control.

"Had the medical professionals been allowed to operate in the States, you would have belatedly gotten to a point of getting to grips with this back in March," said Scott Lucas,

professor of international studies at the University of Birmingham, England. "But of course, the medical and public health professionals were not allowed to proceed unchecked," he said, referring to President Donald Trump's frequent undercutting of his own experts.

When the virus first appeared in the United States, Trump and his supporters quickly dismissed it as either a "hoax" or a scourge that would quickly disappear once warmer weather arrived. At one point, Trump suggested that ultraviolet light or injecting disinfectants would eradicate the virus. (He later said he was being facetious).

Trump's frequent complaints about Dr. Anthony Fauci have regularly made headlines in Europe, where the U.S. infectious-disease expert is a respected figure. Italy's leading COVID-19 hospital offered Fauci a job if Trump fired him.

Trump has defended the U.S. response, blaming China, where the virus was first detected, for America's problems and saying the U.S. numbers are so high because there is so much testing. Trump supporters and Americans who have refused to wear masks against all medical advice back that line.

"There's no reason to fear any sickness that's out there," said Julia Ferjo, a mother of three in Alpine, Texas, who is "vehemently" against wearing a mask. Ferjo, 35, teaches fitness classes in a large gym with open doors. She doesn't allow participants to wear masks.

"When you're breathing that hard, I would pass out," she said. "I do not want people just dropping like flies."

And health officials

watched with alarm as thousands of bikers gathered Friday in the small South Dakota city of Sturgis for an annual 10-day motorcycle rally. The state has no mask mandates, and many bikers expressed defiance of measures meant to prevent the virus's spread.

Amid the scorn from other countries, Trump national security adviser Robert O'Brien, newly recovered from a bout with the virus, gave an upbeat picture Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"We're going to fight like heck. We're working hard on vaccines. We're working hard on testing machines that are portable and fast. ... We're working on therapeutics," he said. "I'm so impressed with our scientists and our doctors and our first responders and the folks who are attacking this disease, and God bless them all."

Many Europeans point proudly to their national health care systems that not only test but treat COVID-19 for free, unlike the American system, where the virus crisis has only exacerbated income and racial inequalities in obtaining health care.

"The coronavirus has brutally stripped bare the vulnerability of a country that has been sliding for years," wrote Italian author Massimo Gaggi in his new book "Crack America" (Broken America), about U.S. problems that long predated COVID-19.

Gaggi said he started writing the book last year and thought then that the title would be taken as a provocative wake-up call. Then the virus hit.

"By March the title wasn't a provocation any longer," he said. "It was obvious."



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Lebanese priest Marwan Mouawad, center, celebrates Sunday during Mass at Saint Maron-Baouchrieh Church, which was damaged by last Tuesday's explosion that hit the Beirut seaport, in Baouchrieh neighborhood in Beirut, Lebanon. In interviews with The Associated Press, Father Rabih Thoumy and Mouawad recount the horror of the moment the blast rocked the church. Thoumy says: "God has saved us."

Lebanon priests recount horror as blast rocked church

BY MARIAM FAM
Associated Press

The video shows Father Rabih Thoumy swinging a chain censer sending smoke into the air when abruptly there is a rumble and then a loud bang as the shockwave from Beirut's devastating explosion slams into the church.

Thoumy darts for cover as stained glass and other debris fall from above. The camera tips over, coming to rest focused on a carpeting of glass shards covering the floor.

The world witnessed fleeting glimpses of the horror wrought on the Lebanese people on Tuesday through videos that circulated widely online, among them that dramatic footage as Thoumy celebrated Mass via live-stream from Saint Maron-Baouchrieh church.

"If we hadn't run quickly ... we would have been more badly hurt," Thoumy, who suffered minor injuries on his head from the glass, told The Associated Press. "God has saved us."

The Tuesday evening mass - only about 10 peo-

ple were present with the church closed to worshippers amid the coronavirus pandemic - had begun just minutes earlier when the church started shaking. Then it felt like it was swaying.

Church priest, Father Marwan Mouawad was chanting off-camera when the lights went out and the glass rattled and then came crashing down. A gust of dusty wind - "like a storm," he said - buffeted him as shards fell on his back. A nun was also injured in the head.

"For a second we thought it was an earth-

quake," Mouawad said. "Then we thought it could be an explosion targeting a politician."

It was neither. The massive blast was apparently the ignition of 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate, a chemical used for explosives and fertilizer, that had been stored at the Beirut port.

At least 160 people were killed and thousands injured with many more left homeless in a devastating blow to a city and country already reeling from severe economic turmoil and the coronavirus pandemic and



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People pray as they attend a Sunday Mass at Saint Maron-Baouchrieh Church, which was damaged by last Tuesday's explosion that hit the Beirut seaport, in Baouchrieh neighborhood in Beirut, Lebanon.

related woes.

Inside the church, wooden pews that in normal times would have been full of worshippers were left littered and deeply scratched by the jagged glass.

"If there were (more) people," Mouawad said, "we would have definitely seen deaths."

When he finally left the church, he found what he likened to a "ghost city" of blown-out buildings and damaged cars. Later he learned that many members of the church's congregation had been injured elsewhere.

Like other faith communities around the world, the church was already struggling due to the pandemic. It closed to worshippers before reopening with limited capacity, and then closing again as cases increased in the country. Donations and collection plate money have dried up as parishioners increasingly struggled to stay afloat themselves.

Now, it faces increased needs from congregation members, many asking for help with food, medicine or repairing homes damaged by the explosion.

While the church has yet to begin its own repairs due to financial

constraints, it reopened Friday to worshippers with limits on numbers. Only a smattering of the faithful attended service that day. Some didn't know early enough that the church had reopened; others may have been scared, said Mouawad. There were tears and shock.

"They all said the same thing: 'Thank God that He has saved you.'"

Even before the blast, Lebanon has struggled.

"We see our people dying. We see our people going hungry," Mouawad said. "We try to do the work but we have very limited capabilities. ... We cannot replace the role of the state," which is not meeting the people's needs, he said.

But amid hardship he still sees God's work, such as in the man who recently called offering to donate food for the needy just when the church had run out of supplies for its twice-a-week soup kitchen.

"If there was no faith, we wouldn't have been able to remain steadfast despite all these crises," he said. "The people say 'we rely on God and God will, for sure, not abandon us.'"

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ammonium nitrate explosion begging him to ensure the corruption they blame for the blast that devastated the capital does not profit from its destruction.

The blast, caused by the explosion of chemicals stored at the city's main port, killed more than 150 people, injured 6,000 and left hundreds of thousands homeless. Protests against the government's role in the devastating blasts turned deadly Saturday, contributing to the resignation of two Cabinet ministers.

The head of the International Monetary Fund, which wants an audit of the national bank before handing over any money, was clear: No money without changes to ensure ordinary Lebanese aren't crushed by debt whose benefits they never see.

"Current and future generations of Lebanese must not be saddled with more debts than they can ever repay," IMF head Kristalina Georgieva said during the conference. "Commitment to these reforms will unlock billions of dollars for the benefit of the Lebanese people."

International leaders, including President Donald Trump, government officials and international organizations participated Sunday in the teleconference co-organized by

France and the United Nations to bring emergency aid to Lebanon.

International diplomacy usually calls for careful language. Rigged votes are "irregular." The response to furious protests should be "measured." Disappearing funds require "transparency."

But Macron's response to the crowd in Beirut and in a later speech there was unusually blunt: The aid "will not fall into corrupt hands" and Lebanon's discredited government must change.

In the short-term, the aid streaming into Lebanon is purely for humanitarian emergencies and relatively easy to monitor. The U.S., France, Britain, Canada and Australia, among others, have been clear that it is going directly to trusted local aid groups like the Lebanese Red Cross or U.N. agencies.

"Our aid is absolutely not going to the government. Our aid is going to the people of Lebanon," said John Barsa of USAID.

But actual rebuilding requires massive imports of supplies and equipment. The contracts and subcontracts have given Lebanon's ruling elite its wealth and power, while leaving the country with crumbling roads, regular electricity cuts, trash that piles on the streets and intermittent water supplies.



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Words are written by Lebanese citizens in front of the scene of Tuesday's explosion that hit the seaport of Beirut, Lebanon, Aug. 9. Public fury over the massive explosion in Beirut took a new turn Saturday night as protesters stormed government institutions.

"The level of infrastructure in Lebanon is directly linked today to the level of corruption," said Neemat Frem, a prominent Lebanese businessman and independent member of parliament. "We badly need more dollars but I understand that the Lebanese state and its agencies are not competent."

Lebanon has an accumulated debt of about \$100 billion, for a population of just under 7 million people - 5 million Lebanese and 2 million Syrians and Palestinians, most of them refugees. Its electricity company, controlled like the port by multiple factions, posts losses of \$1.5 billion a year, although Frem said most factories pay for their own generators because power is off more

than it's on.

"There's grand theft Lebanon and there's petty theft Lebanon exists but that's not what got the country in the hole we're in," said Nadim Houry, executive director of the Arab Reform Initiative.

Prior aid, Houry said, ended up as a tool in the hands of the political leaders, who kept their slice and doled out jobs and money to supporters.

Protesters, tired of the small indignities they endure to get through a day - 37% of people report needing to pay bribes, compared with 4% in neighboring Jordan, according to Transparency International - and the larger issue of a collapsing state, are going after both.

"The public is going to

be incredibly distrustful of the way this is done, and I think rightly so," said Frank Vogl, a co-founder of Transparency International and chairman for the Partnership for transparency Fund.

On Saturday, they seized offices of the Economy Ministry, hauling away files they said would show corruption around the sale and distribution of wheat. Lebanon's wheat stockpile, stored next to the warehouse filled with ammonium nitrate, was destroyed in the explosion.

"We restored the economy ministry to the Lebanese people," one man called out as they rifled through the desks.

Julien Courson, head of the Lebanon Transparency Association, said the

country's nonprofits are forming a coalition to monitor how relief and aid money is spent. He estimated Lebanon loses \$2 billion to corruption each year.

"The decision-makers and the public servants who are in charge of these files are still in their positions. Until now, we didn't see any solution to the problem," he said.

A first step would be an online clearinghouse for every contract linked to reconstruction, Courson said. And the first project has to be highly visible and spread the benefits widely, said Christiaan Poortman, board chairman of Infrastructure Transparency Initiative.

"That will help keeping some of the political stuff at a distance," Poortman said. "Donors will have to be on top of this. The issue of procurement is always where lots of corruption takes place ... it needs to be done quickly, and there is always the temptation to not follow the rules and go ahead and do something where a lot of people are going to make a lot of money."

Speaking at a news conference in which he conspicuously did not appear alongside Lebanese President Michel Aoun, Macron said he was approaching Lebanon with "the requirements of a friend who rushes to help, when times are hard, but not to give a blank check to systems that no longer have the trust of their people."



BROOKE HERBERT The Oregonian/AP

Teresa Raiford, executive director of Don't Shoot Portland, shown here during a July 17 event outside the federal courthouse in Portland, Ore., says, "The disgusting people, in my opinion, are the people with guns and tasers that are attacking people that are showing up to protests."

Black people in Portland struggle to be heard amid protests

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS AND SUMAN NAISHADHAM
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PORTLAND, ORE.

Chaotic and often violent protests against racial injustice have topped the headlines for days, but lost in the shouting are the voices of many Black Portland residents themselves — and their feelings about the unrest are nuanced and diverse.

Some feel the overwhelmingly white crowds of protesters — and particularly those committing vandalism — are co-opting the Black Lives Matter movement. Others welcome white demonstrators because with their larger numbers they can draw attention to the city's racial inequity in ways that Black demonstrators alone can't.

Some believe deeply that there can't be a Black Lives Matter movement without defunding the police. Others say a recent

vote to cut a specialized gun violence reduction unit is behind a sharp spike in shootings that's devastated their community.

Primarily, there is a persistent worry that a critical opportunity for achieving racial justice in Portland's tiny Black community could be lost. Many cite competing voices and the harsh glare of a national spotlight, which has reduced the situation to a culture war when the reality is much more complex.

"It happens so much that the things that we care about get hijacked and get put on the back burner. And that just gets put into a big barrel with everything else," said Neil Anderson, a Black business owner. "We all want the same thing. But so often we get drowned out."

The city's Black Lives Matter protests rocketed into the national con-

sciousness in mid-July, when President Donald Trump sent agents from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to protect a federal courthouse that had increasingly become a target of protesters.

The action galvanized the city and united demonstrators, but it also exposed a simmering tension between Black demonstrators and their white allies, as well as disagreements among Black residents themselves about the way forward.

The Wall of Moms, a group of mostly white women and self-described parents, gathered nightly to form a human chain between protesters and federal agents. Within two weeks, the group had imploded, with some Black community leaders accusing its leadership of trying to monetize their movement. The group reformed under Black

leadership and a new name.

Demetria Hester, a Black woman who leads the new Moms United for Black Lives, said the departure of federal agents and the dissolution of the Wall of Moms has refocused the protests.

"These are the moms who actually want to ... make our reparations happen. Make this revolution happen," she said.

Seneca Cayson, who helped lead peaceful gatherings in downtown Portland, has mixed feelings. He feels white protesters who commit vandalism and taunt law enforcement are distracting from his message, but he also recognizes they are drawing attention to racial injustice in a way he could never do.

"What the white people have is something that we don't, and that's rights," said Cayson, as he prepared to lead another peaceful rally with several

other Black men. "We are fighting alongside them to ... be equal."

The Portland Police Bureau, with its newly appointed Black police chief, is for many Black residents just as polarizing as the protests.

For many, part of breaking down racial barriers means defunding the police entirely. The city population is less than 6% Black but people of color were disproportionately stopped by the gun violence reduction team. An analysis of police use of force published last month found that in 2019, officers were much more likely to use force against Black people — and particularly young Black men — than other groups despite overall trends towards less use of force.

"It is the entire culture of the Portland Police Bureau that is fundamentally unmanageable and must change," said Jo Ann Hardesty, the city's first Black councilwoman and an activist who has pressed for police reform for 30 years. "Thirty years is a long time to be asking for the exact same reforms. The difference now is there are tens of thousands of Portlanders who want the exact same thing."

Some Black residents say they can't imagine racial justice in their city

without doing away with the police. Vandalism, and even violence, during protests to elevate Black grievances after hundreds of years of oppression is appropriate, they say.

Teresa Raiford, head of Don't Shoot Portland and a former mayoral candidate, said people who are questioning the legitimacy of protest through so-called "direct action" against police are on "the wrong side of history."

"There are people that are hellbent on protecting the status quo and the system as the way it is even if the outcomes don't serve us," she said. "The politicizing of Black people is not only vicious, it's violent and we're not being heard."

Raiford said: "The disgusting people, in my opinion, are the people with guns and tasers that are attacking people that are showing up to protests. When we talk about anarchy ... you know that we have stolen people that were brought to stolen land where they were used as slaves. And I think people are realizing that — including white people."

In June, the City Council cut nearly \$16 million from the Police Bureau budget. The cuts shuttered programs like the gun violence reduction program and ended the presence of school resource officers in three school districts.

In July, the city experienced a sharp rise in gun violence that has overwhelmingly hurt Black people. There were 99 shootings — more than triple the amount from the previous July — and the city has tallied 366 non-suicide shootings this year compared to 388 in all of 2019. Roughly two-thirds of the victims in July were Black, said police Sgt. Derrick Foxworth.

Kimberly Dixon, who lost her son to gun violence in 2013, said the dissolution of the gun violence reduction team has hurt the Black community. Mayor Ted Wheeler said he is working on a solution that will be made public soon.

"You took away the expertise that was there, the relationships that were there," Dixon said. "That connectivity is important, historical context is important. When you disbanded it, did you rebuild? ... This is the carnage that is left in the community."

NYPD besieges a protest leader as he broadcasts live

BY LIAM STACK, ANNIE CORREAL AND JULIANA KIM
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NEW YORK

Derrick Ingram, an organizer of a group leading New York's Black Lives Matter protests, was besieged inside his Manhattan apartment Friday while a police helicopter patrolled overhead, officers banged on his door and police dogs waited in the hallway.

The street outside had been closed off by roughly two dozen police vehicles and dozens of officers, including some who were wearing tactical gear and carrying shields. At the end of the block, Black

Lives Matter supporters had gathered with bullhorns and cameras to protest what appeared to be Ingram's imminent arrest.

"What did I do? What did I do?" he said on a livestream posted on Instagram. "I was born Black, that's what I did."

The tense standoff in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood continued for several hours as Ingram, 28, talked to lawyers via Zoom and communicated with the outside world over the Instagram video.

He declined to let the officers enter his apartment without a warrant. A police spokesman, Sgt. Jessica McRorie, said later

that the officers were there to arrest him on charges that he had assaulted an officer by yelling in her ear with a megaphone.

In the end, police left shortly after 1 p.m. without arresting him, and he turned himself in Saturday morning at the Midtown North Precinct, accompanied by his lawyer and about 100 peaceful supporters.

But the tremendous show of force Friday renewed questions about how the Police Department is addressing the protests for racial justice that have continued in New York for weeks and how they are dealing with

those who participate in them.

The episode came about 10 days after the arrest of a transgender woman, Nikki Stone, 18, who was taken away from a protest in an unmarked van in a move that drew criticism from Mayor Bill de Blasio and Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

In that instance, de Blasio suggested the arrest had been justified, but he criticized its execution, saying police leaders should have handled it differently given continuing tensions over the department's practices.

Ingram was arrested Saturday on a second-degree assault charge in connection with an incident during a protest in midtown Manhattan on June 14, McRorie said in a statement.

The sergeant said that Ingram had struggled with an officer who tried to

stop him from crossing a police line during the demonstration. Ingram is accused of placing a live megaphone against the officer's ear and yelling, "causing pain and protracted impairment of hearing," McRorie said.

When Ingram was brought before a judge Saturday afternoon, a prosecutor from the Manhattan District Attorney's Office asked that the charge be reduced to a misdemeanor assault and that Ingram be released without bail. The judge agreed, and Ingram was released.

"Our office does not condone the extraordinary tactics employed by police on Friday," said Danny Frost, a spokesman for the district attorney's office. "These actions were disproportionate to the alleged offense that occurred two months ago

and unjustifiably escalated conflict between law enforcement and the communities we serve."

Ingram's lawyer, Dorothy Weldon, could not immediately be reached for comment.

Ingram is a founder of Warriors in the Garden, a group that has led many marches and rallies around the city since forming in June.

With hundreds of people watching the scene unfold on Warriors in the Garden's Instagram account, Ingram sat in the living room of his West 45th Street apartment while a police officer pounded on his door and told him to come out.

At one point, the officer could be heard saying police were treating Ingram "like a gentleman."

"Why do you think

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JOHN MINCHILLO AP

A demonstrator holds a sign that reads "Defund the police" during a protest march in support of the Black Lives Matter movement and other groups, July 30, in New York.

Who opposes defunding the NYPD? These Black lawmakers

BY JEFFERY C. MAYS
New York Times

NEW YORK

With New York City on the cusp of cutting \$1 billion from the Police Department, a city councilwoman, Vanessa L. Gibson, told her colleagues that enough was enough.

She acknowledged that some council members, spurred by the movement to defund the police, were seeking to slash even more from the department's budget. But she pointed out that her constituents did not agree.

They "want to see cops in the community," Gibson said.

"They don't want to see excessive force. They don't want to see cops putting their knees in our necks," she said. "But they want to be safe as they go to the store."

Gibson is not a conservative politician speaking on behalf of an affluent district. She is a liberal Black Democrat who represents the West Bronx, and her stance reflects a growing ideological rift over policing in one of the country's liberal bastions.

It is a clash across racial, ideological and generational lines that is divid-

ing Black and Latino council members in New York City. The discord illustrates how complicated the nation's struggle with its legacy of racial oppression and discriminatory policing has become after the killing of George Floyd and the coronavirus crisis magnifying long-standing and widespread racial disparities.

The debate helps explain why the movement in the council to carry out major cuts to the Police Department has not succeeded.

Laurie Cumbo, a Black councilwoman from Brooklyn who is majority leader, compared calls to defund the police to "colonization" pushed by white progressives. Robert Cornegy Jr., a Black councilman also from Brooklyn, called the movement "political gentrification."

This divide has widened in big cities across the United States, including in Minneapolis after Floyd was killed at the hands of the police.

Mayor Ras Baraka of Newark, New Jersey, called defunding the police a "bourgeois liberal" solution for addressing systemic racism.

At the heart of the dispute in New York City is the effect of police offi-

cers in neighborhoods that have higher rates of discriminatory policing. The issue came into focus in the weeks leading to the July 1 deadline to pass the city's budget, as council leaders pledged to cut police funding by \$1 billion in response to the wave of protests after Floyd's death.

But a fissure opened when it became clear during negotiations that passing a budget with the \$1 billion in cuts meant reducing police presence on the streets and eliminating school safety agents.

During the debate, Black and Latino council members representing poor and middle-class communities of color, including Brownsville, Brooklyn, and Jamaica, Queens, wanted to take a measured approach to cutting the police budget. White progressives, allied with some Latino and Black council members from gentrifying and racially mixed neighborhoods, called for more aggressive reductions.

Gibson was among a handful of Black and Latino council members who said cutting the size of the police force would exacerbate conditions in neighborhoods already struggling with a rise in shoot-

duced, he said.

"You can't just say, imagine if half the police force was gone," Menchaca said. "You have to think about the things you get because of that."

Figuring out how to handle violence is one of the most complicated parts of the effort to defund the police. Overall, serious crime in New York City has not jumped this year, but murders and shootings have: The city is on pace to surpass 800 shootings for the first time in three years.

There were 793 shootings as of Aug. 2, compared with 450 over the same period last year. The shootings have fueled a 31% increase in homicides: As of Aug. 2, 237 people had been killed, compared with 181 people by the same time in 2019.

The Center for Policing Equity, a think tank at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, released a road map last month to rethink how to allocate money for public safety. It suggested that law enforcement agencies focus on chronic offenders and that a deluge of nonpolice resources be sent to areas with high crime rates and high police interactions.

"You have to care about the violence of poverty and the violence of policing, which usually co-occur," said Phillip Atiba Goff, a founder and chief executive of the center.

By a 32-17 vote, the Council, with de Blasio's support, eventually passed an \$88.2 billion budget that included the reduction in police funding. But the \$1 billion cut was mostly cosmetic, moving responsibilities from the Police Department to other agencies. The size of the police force will barely change. Nearly all the no votes were cast by white conservatives opposed to any reductions or white and Latino council members who wanted deeper cuts.

Corey Johnson, the council speaker, said he would have preferred to cut more, but wanted to defer to his Black and Latino colleagues who raised concerns about the safety of their neighborhoods.

Gibson said she had seen the effect of what she described as over-policing in her district in the West Bronx, adding that she knew how interactions between officers and young Black men influenced how the police are viewed.

She said she supported the Black Lives Matter movement and, as a councilwoman, had sponsored legislation to force the Police Department to disclose how it uses sur-

veillance technology.

But her district has also had an uptick in violent crime, like the fatal shooting of Brandon Hendricks, a 17-year-old basketball star expected to attend St. John's University. A week later, on July 5, Anthony Robinson was fatally shot while crossing the street with his 6-year-old daughter.

"I hate to say that's our everyday reality, but it is," Gibson said. "Many residents equate public safety with more policing. If I go to them and tell them there would be less police, they would not be happy."

The rift between those who want to slash the police budget versus those who want to take a more cautious approach has grown in cities around the country, but seems pronounced in New York.

Some council members accused Reynoso and others on his side of "being the product of gentrified" communities and being a part of a "white-led movement" to defund the police.

Councilman Brad Lander, a white progressive from Brooklyn who voted no on the budget because he favored more cuts to the police, said his views had been shaped by listening to people who have most directly experienced the harm of discriminatory policing.

"It is the responsibility of white people, progressive or not, to push yourself to listen carefully to Black voices," said Lander.

Still, Lander said he respected the views of his Black and Latino colleagues who were concerned that cutting the police budget would hurt their community.

About a week after the council's vote, Councilwoman Diana Ayala, who represents East Harlem and the South Bronx, reflected on the movement to defund the police.

She said that she had received thousands of emails in favor of it, but that most came from people who lived outside her district or in another state. She also said she had heard from about 60 callers from East Harlem who had voiced their support, and "half were white or new to the community."

Speaking at a memorial for Kenneth Brown, 35, who was shot and killed near the Wagner Houses, a public housing complex in East Harlem, last month, Ayala recalled how her own son had been in the crossfire of a shooting.

"In communities like mine," Ayala said, "we are not safe yet."

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'hostage negotiation' is here right now?" Ingram said to those who were watching the video. "They have dogs. I can hear the dogs in the hallway. They're texting me right now."

Addressing the audience, he said he was afraid that the officers would hurt him if he went outside or would plant something incriminating in his home if he let them in.

The video was interrupted at another point. When it resumed, he said he believed the officers were interfering with his cellphone calls so that

every time he got one, a "detective" was intercepting it. The claim could not be verified.

In a statement issued later, Ingram said the officers who came to his home had not produced a warrant and had "used threats and intimidation tactics."

"This was an attempt to silence our movement," he said. "This militarized police response endangers the safety of residents in Hell's Kitchen and across" New York City.

Warriors in the Garden formed in New York amid the demonstrations that began after the killing in

police custody of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Several of its leaders — most of whom are Black and in their 20s — live in Hell's Kitchen and elsewhere in midtown Manhattan.

One of the group's leaders, Joseph Martinez, 20, said in June that the name was a reminder "to tend this vision we have while fighting in this climate of violence and brutality."

The group's Instagram following has swelled to more than 30,000 users over the course of the summer as it attracted the attention of so-called influencers. Several of its members have been arrested during the recent protests.

Before he began organizing protests, Ingram

used his own Instagram account mostly to talk about his Haitian heritage and his diet and fitness regimen. He has participated in protests despite having lupus, an autoimmune disease that he said put him at a higher risk of complications were he to contract the coronavirus.

"We are fighting two pandemics," Ingram told a reporter in June, referring to the virus and racism.

During the livestream Friday, he said he had never assaulted or threatened anyone.

On Saturday morning, Ingram led a march of 100 protesters to the Midtown North Precinct station house on West 56th Street, where he planned to turn himself in.

With one fist held high and the other holding onto a fellow protester, Ingram chanted along, "Where's the warrant? They don't have it!"

The group was met by two dozen officers in riot gear, who blocked off 56th Street at Eighth Avenue. Police allowed only Ingram through with his lawyer and three fellow organizers.

Ingram held hands with the other organizers as they separated from the demonstration and made their way inside. Protesters shouted, "We believe in you! We love you!"

Kia Williams, 20, a co-founder of Warriors in the Garden who walked with Ingram into the station, said Ingram decided to turn himself in before

matters with police escalated.

"He's doing it for us," Williams said. "He knew this was the right thing to do in order to protect everyone else."

Several protesters said Friday's confrontation was one in a series of episodes in which officers took seemingly extreme measures to make an arrest.

"People are asking, 'Why, why is this happening?' and we're able to ask why because we're finally watching," said Chi Ossé, 22, another co-founder of Warriors in the Garden. "And we're watching in a mass and sharing it with the rest of the world."



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A parade of boats Thursday on Lake Erie showed support for President Donald Trump near his fundraiser in Bratenahl, Ohio.

Trump boat parade cruises down the Delaware: 'Today's about America'

BY JULIA TERRUSO
The Philadelphia Inquirer

ON THE DELAWARE RIVER Allison Butler held an American flag above her head and belted out the chorus to Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA," wearing a Trump 2020 bathing suit while on a boat floating down the Delaware River.

The boat carrying her Saturday was one of several hundred that formed a flotilla on the waterway between Philadelphia and New Jersey, one of many such boat parades that have popped up across the country in recent months — much to President Donald Trump's delight.

"Trump 2020!" Butler shouted across the Delaware as the song ended.

The parade cruised from near Dave & Buster's in Philadelphia, just north of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, and headed south to near West Deptford under clear skies and on choppy waters churned up by the deluge of motorboats.

Trump boat parades have taken off since they started with supporters in Florida in May, with the president unable to hold his signature large rallies

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IT'S GREAT TO SEE ALL THE TRUMP FLAGS FLYING. IT'S GOOD TO SEE EVERYBODY OUT AND ABOUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE. SEEMS LIKE A LOT OF POSITIVE ENERGY.

Tony Cook, of Salem, N.J.

because of the coronavirus pandemic. They have since spread to Arizona, California, Michigan, and South Carolina.

Keith Mease, of Carneys Point Township, N.J., summed up the afternoon like this: "Today's about America." He marveled at the turnout, noting that Trump has drawn crowds for rallies and tailgates over the last four years, not just in the three months before Election Day.

"I've never seen this much external support, year-round, for a president," Mease said.

As polls have pointed to a clear erosion in Trump's political standing in Pennsylvania and other battleground states amid his mishandling of the pandemic, he has relished the spontaneous nautical pep rallies. He often tweets out thanks for them and

holds them up as a sign of enthusiasm for his campaign compared with that of presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden.

Parades over the weekend were also planned on Lake Charles in Louisiana and on Long Island, where a TrumpStock boat parade coincided with a fundraiser Trump was attending in the Hamptons.

Saturday on the Delaware River, there were boats with cardboard cutouts of Trump, boat-riders in Trump masks, boats decorated with his name or likeness, and a ton of flags with various slogans: "Make America Great Again," "Don't Tread on Me," and "F—Your Feelings: Trump 2020."

The Trump campaign said in late May that the biggest sellers on its website were blue boat flags bearing the president's last name.

A small handful of people protested along the banks of the river, including a man in West Deptford who wore a Trump mask and a prison inmate outfit, and carried around a golf club, mocking Trump's penchant for golfing during a time of national crisis.

Rick Bodine had his 26-foot formula motorboat plastered with the word TRUMP in preparation for Saturday's parade. He was there with his wife, Jessica, and a group of friends.

"Go Trump 2020!" Bodine, 48 of Bensalem, said as someone else on the boat shouted, "Buy American!"

Bodine works as an air-conditioning and heating contractor and said his business has taken off in the last four years, which he credits to Trump. "Freedom and work," Bodine said. "I've been thriving in the last four years."

Passengers on Bodine's boat, named Karma Seas, said they weren't concerned with polling that shows Trump sinking. "There's a lot of us keeping our mouth shut but voting the way we should vote," one said.

"My mom's a Democrat," Bodine agreed. "And she voted for Trump and nobody knew she did — until now."

But Saturday was not a silent display of support. It was loud — with motors roaring and country music blasting, taking on the feel of a river tailgate as people sun-lounged and danced on boat decks, honking horns and raising drinks at one another.

"It's great to see all the Trump flags flying," said Tony Cook, of Salem, N.J., sipping on a Bud Light. "It's good to see everybody out and about for a good cause. Seems like a lot of positive energy."

Trump "has done nothing but good as far as I'm concerned," Cook said. "And he's not a politician. He's for us."

The Trump campaign has been leaning into the boat parades. And for good political reason.

Boaters happen to be concentrated in some swing states, making the kind of exposure the parades get a boon for the campaign. Florida is first in boat rental licenses, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association. Michigan ranks sixth and Pennsylvania is 10th.

restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic on such large gatherings.

"We can't tolerate these types of gatherings in our city during COVID-19," Newsham said. "It's just too dangerous."

Mayor Muriel Bowser, speaking to reporters near the scene of the shooting, noted that public drinking and marijuana use outside were prohibited, as were gatherings of more than 50 people as a precaution against spreading the coronavirus.

"It's very important that as a community we have a zero-tolerance for this activity," she said. Bowser added that police will have to make some "difficult decisions" and "break up these events."

The gathering had been advertised on fliers as the "34th-n-EAT" cookout that would start late Saturday, The Washington Post reported. It would, the flier added, be a "drama free event."

Salmonella cases linked to onions increase to nearly 900

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A salmonella outbreak linked to onions has expanded to 43 states and Canada, prompting a recall from a producer in California and various grocery chains, health officials said.

As of Sunday, there had been 640 reported salmonella cases, including 85 hospitalizations, tied to the outbreak, the Food and Drug Administration said. Many of the reported cases were in the Western states of Utah (90); Oregon (85); California (76); and Montana (52). There have also been 41 cases reported in Illinois.

The Public Health Agency of Canada reported 239 cases with 29 hospitalizations as of Friday. No deaths have been reported in Canada or the United States.

The FDA identified the likely source of the outbreak as red onions from Thomson International, a produce supplier in Bakersfield, California. Last week, the producer recalled red, yellow, white and sweet onions shipped since May 1 because of the risk of contamination. The FDA has started an investigation at the company.

The onions were distributed to wholesalers, restaurants and retail stores across the country and in Canada, Thomson said last week. The producer declined to comment Sunday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that consumers throw away any onions or foods made with onions supplied by Thomson, or any related products that have been recalled. Health experts say to throw away onions or products containing them if consumers are unsure of who supplied the onions.

The illness, named salmonellosis, can persist for four to seven days, the CDC said. Children, older adults and people with weaker immune systems are most at risk of developing severe illness.

Symptoms include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps. Those who are severely ill may also experience a high fever, headaches, a rash or bloody stool.

It is likely that a substantial number of cases will be reported over the next few weeks because of the lag between when a person eats onions and gets sick, and when that person is tested and has an agency report the illness, said Martin Wiedmann, a food safety professor at Cornell University.

He recommended not to consume the onions, even if they have been cooked, because cross contamination with utensils may have occurred.

"It's better to be safe than sorry," he said. "Just don't use them."

Thomson's onions were distributed in mesh sacks and cartons under the names TII Premium, El Competitor, Hartley, Onions 52, Imperial Fresh, Utah Onions and Food Lion, the producer said. The FDA said the onions were also distributed under the names Thomson Premium, TLC Thomson International, Tender

Loving Care, Majestic and Kroger.

Grocery chains and producers have joined Thomson in recalling the onions, including Publix and Giant Eagle. Taylor Farms Texas, a company that makes prepared foods, has also voluntarily recalled its products with onions in Kroger and Walmart stores.

Taylor Farms said Kroger shoppers in Louisiana and Texas should immediately dispose of Taylor Farms' macaroni salad, rotini pasta salad and chicken salad croissant sandwiches.

Walmart shoppers in Texas should also dispose of chicken salad sandwiches. Walmart shoppers in Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma and South Dakota should discard Marketside branded diced yellow onion, mirepoix and fajita stir fry.

"As soon as we were notified by Taylor Farms of the recall," Walmart said in a statement on Sunday, "we immediately alerted our stores and distribution centers to remove the affected products from store shelves and inventory, and we placed a sales restriction on them."

Walmart and Kroger have also been instructed to remove and dispose of any remaining products tied to the onions in their stores, Taylor Farms said.

Across Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Maryland, the grocery chain Giant Eagle recalled all bagged and bulk red, yellow and white onions last week, after the company was notified that its onion supplier, Onion 52, had sourced its products from Thomson. There have been no reported illnesses from the onions connected to Giant Eagle, the company said last week.

Giant Eagle has recalled almost 50 other products that include onion as an ingredient since July 25. They include salads, subs, dips, pizzas, pastas and salad dressings.

Red onions bagged and in bulk from Del Monte Fresh Produce that were sold at Publix stores across Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia have been voluntarily recalled, Publix said in a statement Wednesday.

There had been no reported cases of the illness linked to Publix as of Wednesday, a company spokeswoman, Maria Brous, said in a statement.

"As part of our commitment to food safety, potentially impacted product has been removed from all store shelves, which were subsequently cleaned and sanitized," Brous said.

The CDC estimates that salmonella causes about 1.35 million infections and 26,500 hospitalizations in the United States each year. Although most people recover without treatment, more than 400 deaths in the country annually are tied to acute salmonellosis.

Salmonella can be spread when the hands, surfaces and tools of food handlers are not clean, and when people eat raw or undercooked food, the FDA said. It can also be spread to people from animals.

DC shooting leaves 1 dead, about 20 injured

Associated Press

A dispute that erupted into gunfire during a large outdoor party in Washington, D.C., early Sunday left one person dead and some 20 others injured, including an off-duty officer "struggling for her life," according to police.

Christopher Brown, 17, died in the shooting that occurred after midnight in a southeast side neighborhood where people had gathered for music and food, Peter Newsham, the chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, told reporters.

"There was some kind of a dispute," Newsham said. "Multiple weapons

were produced."

Police said at least three shooters may have been involved, though no arrests were immediately announced. Newsham said a motive for the shooting wasn't clear.

Fellow officers took the injured off-duty officer to a local hospital.

"She's struggling for her life right now," he said. He added that "the rest of the gunshot wounds, as far as we know, are non-life-threatening."

Nelson Bostic, a resident in the area, told WTOP he heard a burst of rapid gunfire, then saw "people laying on the ground" and "ducking under cars."

"It was terrible," he

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WE CAN'T TOLERATE THESE TYPES OF GATHERINGS IN OUR CITY DURING COVID-19. IT'S JUST TOO DANGEROUS.

Peter Newsham, chief of the Metropolitan Police Department

said.

Relatives of the teenager killed described him as someone who was full of energy and quick to smile. He also had a 1-year-old son.

"A lot of people know him as just a good person," his mother, Artecka Brown, told WUSA9. "That was an innocent life taken for no reason."

There may have been hundreds of attendees at the party despite city re-

Earthquake rattles North Carolina

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A 5.1 magnitude earthquake felt in Charlotte shortly after 8 a.m. Sunday was centered just over a mile south of Sparta, near the Virginia border, the strongest quake to hit North Carolina in more than a century.

In fact, it was the strongest earthquake in the state since 1916, according to the National Weather Service, when a 5.2 magnitude quake occurred near Skyland, just outside of Asheville.

Sparta is an Alleghany County town of about

1,800 people, 100 miles north of Charlotte.

People in the immediate area of Sparta reported “strong shaking,” the U.S. Geological Survey reported. The quake was centered about 2.2 miles deep, officials said. Photos posted on social media showed cracks in street pavement, brick facades on homes crumbling and items thrown off store shelves.

It was the strongest of six reported earthquakes centered in that region since Saturday. Others in the cluster ranged in magnitude from 2.1 to 2.6, according to the USGS.

People in the Charlotte region reported being roused from sleep by the

shaking and comments began to flood social media.

Charlotte area residents were quick to point out this was just the latest unexpected development in a year that already brought a global pandemic, economic crisis, contentious presidential election and a hurricane — just last week — to North Carolina.

“I’m ready to get off of this 2020 roller coaster. I did not have earthquake on my Charlotte 2020 bingo card,” Erin Breedon wrote on Twitter.

Sean Bemis, a research scientist in the Virginia Tech earthquake lab, said earthquakes, particularly of this magnitude, are less common here than on the West Coast where tectonic plates are well-studied and active.

But, there is a history of seismic activity in this region, particularly

around the Appalachian Mountains, he said. That includes a 5.8 magnitude earthquake in Virginia in 2011.

“We know these things happen (but) we’re still working on ‘what are the mechanisms that are driving these things to happen?’” he said.

Bemis said the Piedmont region’s saturated soil composition may have made it easier for the earthquake’s energy to move and residents in Charlotte and beyond to feel the rumble.

USGS officials Sunday afternoon estimated there was a 45% chance for aftershock earthquakes of magnitude 3 or greater in the next week. The estimates for another quake magnitude 5 or greater are much lower, at 1%.

“We expect there to be aftershocks after an earthquake of this size,” Bemis said, echoing analysis

from USGS scientists.

Researchers will study this event, Bemis said, which could inform policy recommendations for building codes, infrastructure and other safety measures.

“It’s telling us a damaging earthquake is possible,” he said.

“You knew right away it was an earthquake”

The U.S. Geological Survey said reports are coming in around the greater Charlotte region, and from as far south as Augusta, Ga., and as far north as Staunton, Va.

While some expressed dismay online at sleeping through the big event, Charlottean Shari Carriker couldn’t have missed it.

Carriker was eating breakfast in the family’s second home just two miles outside Sparta when the house shook for about 10 seconds.

“You knew right away it

was an earthquake. There was no question about it,” she said.

They have seen pictures of damage nearby on social media and are checking on friends and neighbors. They are, she said, just literally and figuratively “shook up.”

“We have no damage, except the coffee in my husband’s coffee cup that sloshed out,” she said. “But it was scary. Really, really scary.”

It wasn’t their first earthquake, she said, recalling feeling an earthquake and seeing a resulting landslide from a distance in El Salvador while they were there building homes with Habitat for Humanity in 2001. But Sunday’s quake felt stronger.



JASON KOSKI AP

In this photo provided by Jason Koski, Bryan Maley, right, a grad student in the Master of Public Health program, interviews a student on campus about mask-wearing experiences as part of a public health survey on July 30 in Ithaca, N.Y.

No parties, no trips: Colleges set COVID-19 rules

BY MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

As they struggle to salvage some semblance of a campus experience this fall, U.S. colleges are requiring promises from students to help contain the coronavirus — no keg parties, no long road trips and no outside guests on campus.

No kidding. Administrators warn that failure to wear masks, practice social distancing and avoid mass gatherings could bring serious consequences, including getting booted from school.

Critics question whether it’s realistic to demand that college students not act like typical college students. But the push illustrates the high stakes for universities planning to welcome at least some students back. Wide-scale COVID-19 testing, quarantines and plexiglass barriers in classrooms won’t work if too many students misbehave.

“I think that the majority of students are going to

be really respectful and wear their masks, social distance, keep gatherings small,” said incoming Tulane University senior Sanjali De Silva. “But I fear that there will be a distinct group of students that will decide not to do that. And it’ll be a big bummer.”

Tulane students have already received a stark warning from the school in New Orleans, an early pandemic hot spot. After a summer weekend of large gatherings, Dean of Students Erica Woodley wrote to students, stressing her key point in bold, capital letters.

“DO NOT HOST PARTIES OR GATHERINGS WITH MORE THAN 15 PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE HOST. IF YOU DO, YOU WILL FACE SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM THE UNIVERSITY,” Woodley wrote, signing off with, “Do you really want to be the reason that Tulane and New Orleans have to shut down again?”

The emphasis on student behavior is part of a

broader effort to create safe bubbles on campus even if the virus surges elsewhere. The University of Texas at Austin is not allowing parties either on or off campus. In Massachusetts, Amherst College is prohibiting students from traveling off campus except in certain cases, such as medical appointments and family emergencies.

Many universities have spelled out expectations for student behavior in pledges and compacts that cover everything from mask wearing to off-campus travel. The pledges often cover faculty and staff, too.

It’s unclear how well these rules will work. Critics say the very nature of the college experience — with cramped housing and intense social activity — works against success. Some colleges are already backing off plans for in-person classes this fall.

“The majority of kids who go to college are civic-minded, responsible people. They’re also young,” said Scott Gallo-

way, professor of marketing at New York University. “If some of them don’t comply, it’s a problem. And I think some to many will have a difficult time ignoring every instinct pulsing through their body at that age that they’re supposed to socialize and find mates.”

Galloway plans to teach online this fall and return to campus when there’s a vaccine.

Outbreaks involving fraternities have already been reported at some schools, including the University of Southern California, the University of Washington and the University of Mississippi. The University of California at Berkeley recently decided to begin the fall semester with fully remote instruction after a local flare-up of cases linked to fraternity parties.

“After weeks of developing a very elaborate plan for a hybrid model in the fall,” officials decided “it was just too risky to teach face-to-face,” Chan-

cellor Carol Christ said during a virtual event hosted by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The pledges apply the advice public health officials have been giving since March for college settings. Yale’s compact includes a commitment to remain in Connecticut during the fall semester through Nov. 21 and a promise not to “invite or host non-Yale-affiliated individuals” on campus without permission. Ohio State University’s “Together As Buckeyes Pledge” includes a promise to conduct daily health checks.

“We want to be clear: Our return to on-campus operations in the autumn is fully dependent on each member of the university community following all requirements and guidance,” read a July 24 letter from Ohio State officials.

Cornell University students must agree not to organize, host or attend events that may cause “safety risks” to people, under a school compact released this week. University of Pennsylvania students are warned in the school’s compact that alcohol and drugs are not an excuse for risky COVID-19-related behavior. Syracuse University’s pledge includes commitments to get a flu shot and

to avoid going to social gatherings with more than 25 people.

“I think that people will really keep each other in check. I know I will,” said Suhail Kumar, an incoming Syracuse sophomore. “If I see my roommates unmasked or not following protocol, I’m definitely going to let them know because I don’t want to jeopardize anything for myself.”

Failure to comply with the pledges will be treated as a disciplinary violation.

Syracuse students can face “serious consequences” for violating COVID-19 guidance, and students who host large parties could face sanctions up to suspension and expulsion, according to the school’s web site.

At Penn, incoming senior Ben Zhao is optimistic the new rules will be followed.

Zhao, who is from the Chicago suburb of Northbrook, Illinois, is looking forward to being back on campus after an interrupted spring semester, even with the prospect of online classes. He misses his friends, the school newspaper, where he is executive editor, and studying with classmates.

“They’re all big things that I don’t want to necessarily miss out on for my senior year,” he said.



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President Donald Trump signs an executive order related to coronavirus pandemic relief during his news conference Saturday at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J.

Trump aides defend his pandemic relief orders

BY LAURA KING
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WASHINGTON

As the United States surpassed 5 million confirmed coronavirus cases, President Trump's senior aides on Sunday defended his handling of intertwined economic and public health crises, declaring that Democrats would bear the blame for millions of Americans' financial distress if lawmakers challenged Trump's controversial new directives on pandemic relief.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., denounced the orders unveiled by Trump on Saturday at his New Jersey golf resort as "meager, weak and unconstitutional." In multiple interviews on Sunday's news-talk shows, she did not say whether Democrats would go to court to try to overturn the measures, but urged a return to negotiations on the more than \$3-trillion relief package passed by the

House in May.

"We have to reach an agreement," Pelosi said on "Fox News Sunday."

The Republican plan, much smaller at \$1 trillion, rejects many of the key House provisions, including aid to states whose budgets have been ravaged by the virus and a continuation of a \$600-a-week enhanced jobless benefit. Talks by the two sides broke down last week.

Pelosi and other senior Democrats suggested that the president's attempts to unilaterally chart spending and tax policy — normally the purview of Congress — might well fall apart on their own, as top Trump lieutenants struggled to explain the envisioned mechanisms for carrying out the president's wishes, at times contradicting one another.

Larry Kudlow, director of the White House National Economic Council, acknowledged that states had not committed to making up a \$100 share of the \$400 enhanced unemployment benefit the

president announced, as Trump suggested they would.

"We will probably find that out today and tomorrow as we make our canvass — we have been in touch with them," he said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, on "Fox News Sunday," said states would be able to move immediately to set up new unemployment insurance provisions, but Kudlow indicated the timing was unclear.

Separately, Kudlow equivocated when pressed in the CNN interview as to whether Trump's order would actually freeze evictions, as the president said it would. Democrats say the actual order only calls for a review of the issue.

"We're setting up a process, a mechanism, OK?" he said. "I can't predict the future altogether."

One of the thornier questions for Trump's surrogates was the future of Social Security and

Medicare, which are funded by payroll taxes that the president announced he was deferring for Americans earning less than \$100,000 a year until year's end. Trump also said, if reelected, he would seek to abolish the payroll tax altogether.

Asked on CNN how to reconcile that with Trump's promises to protect Social Security and Medicare, Kudlow denied that Trump intended to eliminate the payroll tax if he won in November.

"I — I think he was referring — doing away with it, I believe he was referring to doing away with the payback of the deferral" of payroll taxes, he said.

"That is not what the president said at all," host Dana Bash rejoined.

Mnuchin, on Fox, said lost revenue from payroll taxes would not imperil Social Security and Medicare because the money would be made up from elsewhere.

Trump's economic adviser, Peter Navarro, appearing on NBC's

"Meet the Press," brushed aside questions raised by Democrats and even some Republicans about the legality of the president's directives. Nebraska GOP Sen. Ben Sasse called the executive actions "unconstitutional slop."

"I'm confident that every single one of these orders, which cleared through the Office of Legal Counsel, will stand up," Navarro said.

Administration officials sought again Sunday to spotlight what they described as positive news on the pandemic front in the U.S. — which now leads the world in officially reported deaths from the virus at more than 160,000.

"We are working 24-7 on these things," Navarro said in his NBC interview. "And we've made great progress on therapeutics, on vaccine development. The president is going to probably be able to get one or more vaccines by the end of the year."

Trump's national security adviser, Robert O'Brien, who said he had recovered from a bout with coronavirus, described the state of testing in the United States as a "miracle."

"There's no country in the world that comes close to what America is doing on testing," O'Brien

said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

But experts from outside the administration cast the fight against the coronavirus in a far bleaker light.

Scott Gottlieb, a former Food and Drug Administration commissioner, predicted on CBS that, by the end of the year, U.S. deaths would be somewhere between 200,000 and 300,000.

Tom Inglesby, the director of the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, said the length of time it took to obtain diagnostic test results was a huge impediment to quelling outbreaks.

"It's unacceptable for the country to have testing come back a week or even two weeks later," he said on NBC. "It's not useful at that point."

Pelosi, in her Fox interview, described the contagion as "moving like a freight train." On CNN, she said the stalemate over pandemic-relief measures was rooted in Republicans failing from the beginning to understand "the gravity of the situation that we are in" with the coronavirus.

"They have ignored that," she said. "The problem has grown. And it has become an enormous economic problem."

Azar leads US delegation to Taiwan

BY JOHNSON LAI
Associated Press

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar arrived in Taiwan on Sunday in the highest-level visit by an American Cabinet official since the cabinet in formal diplomatic relations between Washington and Taipei in 1979.

Beijing has already protested Azar's visit as a betrayal of U.S. commit-

ments not to have official contact with the island. China claims Taiwan as its own territory, to be brought under its control by military force if necessary.

Azar is due to meet with the island's independence-leaning President Tsai Ing-wen along with health officials during a three-day visit aimed at highlighting cooperation in the fight against the coronavirus.

Taiwan's government-

run health care system has been credited with keeping the number of coronavirus cases to under 500 with just seven deaths, despite its close proximity to China where the virus originated.

China sees Taiwan as a key irritant in its troubled relationship with Washington, with whom it is also at odds over trade, technology, the South China Sea and China's response to the virus pandemic.

The U.S. maintains only unofficial ties with Taiwan in deference to Beijing but is the island's most important ally and provider of defense equipment.

Azar is the first health secretary to visit Taiwan and the first Cabinet

member to visit in six years. In 2014, then-Environmental Protection Agency administrator Gina McCarthy visited Taiwan, sparking protests from Beijing.

Azar's office said he will hold discussions on COVID-19, global health and Taiwan's role as a supplier of medical equipment and technology.

Azar's visit was facilitated by the 2018 passage of the Taiwan Travel Act, which encouraged Washington to send higher-level officials to Taiwan after decades during which such contacts were rare and freighted with safeguards to avoid roiling ties with Beijing.

China has cut contacts with Tsai over her refusal

to recognize China's claim to the island and has brought increasing diplomatic, economic and military pressure against her, including by poaching away several of its remaining diplomatic allies and excluding it from international gatherings including the World Health Assembly. That, in turn, has increased already considerable bipartisan sympathy for Taipei in Washington and prompted new measures to strengthen governmental and military ties.

Also Sunday, Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu met with the first representative of Somalia to the island ahead of the territory's opening of a representative office in

Taipei.

Wu earlier tweeted that Mohamed Omar Hagi Mohamoud had "braved Chinese pressure" — a reference to reports that China had sought to block relations between Taiwan and the region on the Horn of Africa that broke from the rest of Somalia but is not recognized by the United Nations as an independent country.

"The fact 'sovereignty & friendship aren't for sale' deserves international recognition," Wu tweeted.

On his arrival, Mahamoud tweeted that "We are ready to establish good relations with all countries — those we share values of democracy are special."



President Donald Trump speaks at the March For Life rally on the National Mall, January 24, 2019, in Washington, D.C.

Trump 'is so much anti-life,' Kentucky Catholic bishop says

BY MIKE STUNSON
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LEXINGTON, KY.

The Rev. John Stowe has long been critical of President Donald Trump, and the Catholic bishop of the Diocese of Lexington did not hold back in recent comments about what it means to be pro-life.

In a live video chat July 31 with the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs, Stowe said Trump is "so much anti-life."

"For this president to call himself pro-life, and for anybody to back him because of claims of being pro-life, is almost willful ignorance," Stowe said. "He is so much anti-life

because he is only concerned about himself, and he gives us every, every, every indication of that."

Stowe's comments come as Trump has been vocal about the beliefs of Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden's own beliefs.

Trump attacked the former vice president Thursday, saying Biden, a practicing Catholic, would take away constitutional freedoms if elected president, *The Hill* reported.

"Take away your guns, take away your Second Amendment. No religion, no anything," Trump said of Biden. "Hurt the Bible. Hurt God. He's against God. He's against energy." Stowe channeled pre-

vious comments made by Pope Francis in saying why Trump should not be considered pro-life.

"Pope Francis has given us a great definition of what pro-life means," Stowe said. "He basically tells us we can't claim to be pro-life if we support the separation of children from their parents at the U.S. border, if we support exposing people at the border to COVID-19 because of the facilities that they're in, if we support denying people who have need to adequate health care access to health care, if we keep people from getting the housing or the education that they need, we cannot call ourselves pro-life."

Pope Francis questioned

Trump's pro-life stance in 2017 when the president tried to end DACA, a federal immigration program that offered protections to some people who were brought to the United States illegally as children.

"I have heard the president of the United States speak," the pope said at the time, according to the National Catholic Reporter. "He presents himself as a pro-life man. If he is a good pro-lifer, he should understand that the family is the cradle of life and you must defend its unity."

In June, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of DACA and its so-called Dreamers, marking a major blow to the Trump administration.

Trump became the first sitting president last year to speak at the March for Life in Washington, an annual gathering to protest abortion.

He advocated for limiting abortion access, saying he would "defend the right of every child, born and unborn, to fulfill their God-given potential," NBC News reported.

Following a 2019 controversy at the March for Life gathering that included a confrontation between Catholic high school students from Kentucky and a Native American elder, Stowe shunned the students' apparel. Some of them were wearing Trump's "Make America Great again" hats.

"It astonishes me that any students participating in a pro-life activity on behalf of their school and their Catholic faith could be wearing apparel sporting the slogans of a president who denigrates the lives of immigrants, refugees and people from countries that he describes with indecent words and haphazardly endangers with life-threatening policies," Stowe wrote in a *Herald-Leader* opinion article.

At his New Jersey golf club, Trump finds supportive audience

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE
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BEDMINSTER, N.J.

They hustled down the stairs, the rain dabbing their polo shirts and golf attire, as they dashed inside the clubhouse, drinks in their hands and masks missing from their faces.

It was an unexpected perk of their country club membership: being the audience for President Donald Trump's hurriedly announced news conference Friday evening at his course in Bedminster, New Jersey.

They were props in a surreal gathering that violated COVID-19 safety guidelines but gave Trump a stage on which to end his week by falsely claiming the coronavirus pandemic ravaging the nation and endangering his reelection campaign was "disappearing."

As if it were a political rally, the well-heeled crowd offered cheers and jeers as the president delivered broadsides against his political foes. Club members booed when a reporter suggested the news conference violated social distancing regulations put in place by Gov. Phil Murphy, D-N.J.

"You're wrong about that because it's a political activity. They have expectations for political activities. And it's also a peaceful protest," Trump said. The audience roared when the president suggested that the club's members "know the news is fake."

The news conference was not on the president's daily schedule when it was released late Thursday. White House word about the addition came less than an hour before Trump

began talking.

Trump had flown in from Ohio to begin a three-day stay at the club. He played a round of golf Friday and then met with campaign staff to map out the next few weeks in a race that has seen him consistently trailing Democrat Joe Biden. Reporters traveling with the president received notice in the morning of a "lid," which meant no public appearances were expected the rest of the day.

As evening approached and the rain moved in, the lid was lifted.

Aides scrambled to get the club ready. They set up the presidential podium and monitors with the office's seal in a gilded room with chandeliers. It was the same room, not far from the fairways, where Trump, on another August weekend three years ago, first said there was blame on "many sides" of the clash between white supremacists and anti-racist protesters that had just occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Reporters arriving at the club before the news conference watched as members, many carrying glasses of wine, hurried from an upstairs dining room to the first floor ballroom. They, like the reporters, had their temperatures checked. Neither group was given the rapid COVID-19 test usually administered by the White House to anyone who will be near the president.

After reporters tweeted that most in the crowd, packed shoulder to shoulder, were not wearing masks, a staffer handed masks to anyone in the audience who wanted one. Most, but not all, put on a face covering.

10 most vulnerable senators in 2020

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The Senate map has expanded in Democrats' favor heading into the fall, and that's bad news for Republican incumbents.

Eight Republicans now rank among the most vulnerable senators as the GOP defends its majority in the Senate, with Georgia's David Perdue once again making the list. Georgia has become an increasingly competitive Senate and presidential battleground, putting pressure on both of its Republican senators who are on the ballot this cycle.

Perdue's entry pushes Michigan Democratic Sen. Gary Peters off the list. While Peters still has a real race against Republican John James, the state appears to be a less competitive presidential battleground for President Donald Trump's campaign. Michigan went by a slim margin for Trump in 2016, but former Vice President Joe Biden has the edge in recent polling. While James has outraised Peters the last four quarters, the Democrat had a cash-on-hand advantage of nearly \$11.6 million to

James' \$9.2 million as of July 15.

The first half of the list has not changed since the start of the cycle, with Alabama Democrat **Doug Jones** once again taking the No. 1 spot. The 2016 presidential results in these states were factored



Doug Jones

into the rankings, along with conversations with strategists on both sides of the aisle and race ratings from Inside Elections with Nathan L. Gonzales.

After a prolonged GOP primary, Republicans finally have their challenger to take on Jones: former Auburn University football coach Tommy Tuberville, who had Trump's backing in his primary against former Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Jones maintained a sizable financial advantage in the race as of June 30, with \$8.8 million on hand to Tuberville's \$562,000. But the Democrat still faces an uphill battle given Alabama's partisan lean.

Former Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper of Colorado won the Democratic nod in June to take

on Sen. **Cory Gardner**, who is one of two GOP senators running in states that backed Hillary Clinton for president in 2016. Republicans believe they can effectively attack Hickenlooper over a finding by Colorado's Independent Ethics Commission that he violated the state's ban on gifts for public officials while in office. (Hickenlooper's campaign has called the allegations "political smears.") But GOP attacks may not be enough to help Gardner overcome the Centennial State's leftward shift in recent years. Gardner did have a cash-on-hand edge at June 30, with \$10.7 million to Hickenlooper's \$4.6 million.

The Arizona general election between Sen. **Martha McSally** and Democrat Mark Kelly, a retired astronaut and Navy veteran, has been underway for months with Kelly unopposed in Tuesday's Senate primary. Kelly built a national profile combating gun violence with his wife, former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, and has continued his prolific fundraising. His July 15 report showed him with \$21.2 million on hand to McSally's \$11 million. Arizona is also expected to

be a presidential battleground, and some public polling shows McSally faring worse than Trump.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee, along with conservative outside groups such as Americans for Prosperity Action, have invested heavily on North Carolina Sen. **Thom Tillis**' behalf in recent weeks, but it may not be enough to compensate for Trump's eroding support in the Tar Heel State. The NRSC disclosed spending shy of \$4 million in ads against Tillis' challenger, Democrat Cal Cunningham, an Army veteran and former state senator. Democratic super PACs are also making the race a priority.

Sen. **Susan Collins** of Maine has touted her COVID-19 response work in the Senate, including on the Paycheck Protection Program, but if recent polls are any indication, it hasn't significantly bolstered her odds of winning reelection in a state that rejected Trump four years ago. Collins' 2018 vote to confirm Brett M. Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court became a rallying cry for her opponents and created a literal windfall of more than \$3.5 million for her Democratic challenger, Sara Gideon, the state House speaker.

As an appointee who now has to run to stay in office, Sen. **Kelly Loeffler**'s personal fortune was expected to mean she would not need support from national Republicans

or outside groups. But she has been in a bitter feud with Republican Rep. Doug Collins in the November special election in which all candidates run on the same ballot, and some outside groups have had to step in to support her. Even after the Justice Department closed the investigation with no charges filed, Loeffler may have lingering damage from insider trading allegations over coronavirus-related stock sales. Democrats have a fragmented field, though they appear to be consolidating around Atlanta pastor Raphael Warnock.

Iowa real estate executive Theresa Greenfield, with the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee's backing, won the June primary to take on Sen. **Joni Ernst**, who's seeking a second term. The race has looked increasingly competitive as Trump has struggled in the Hawkeye State and across the country.

Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock of Montana entered the race against Sen. **Steve Daines** five months ago, and he already had more in his campaign account than Daines - \$7.6 million to the incumbent's \$7.1 million - as of June 30. Bullock remains popular and visible as he leads the Treasury State's response to the coronavirus pandemic, though the increase in cases statewide, along with economic tumult, could factor into voters' consideration come No-

vember.

Massachusetts Sen. **Ed Markey** has narrowed the polling gap with Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy III ahead of the Sept. 1 Democratic primary. But he's still in serious trouble. Markey has won endorsements from the stars of the party's progressive wing, such as New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who cut a late-July ad for him. Few policy differences separate Markey from Kennedy, scion of a political dynasty with deep Massachusetts roots.

Georgia's changing political landscape and emergence as a pivotal presidential battleground has outside groups funneling millions into both the state's Senate races. That's a cause of concern for **David Perdue**, whose challenger Jon Ossoff established himself in a 2017 special election as a prolific fundraiser. The Democrat, a former congressional aide who heads a documentary film production



David Perdue

company, has not yet come close to matching the \$27 million he raised in losing the most expensive House contest ever. Ossoff outraised Perdue in the two most recent quarters, but he had \$2.5 million on June 30 to Perdue's \$10.7 million.



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An official turns away two voters at a voting center lacking ballots in Carolina, Puerto Rico, on Sunday.

Amid chaos, Puerto Rico delays primaries

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SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

The elections commission in Puerto Rico suspended the primaries on the island on Sunday afternoon amid historic electoral chaos, after more than half the 110 precincts on the island did not receive voting materials and were forced to remain closed.

The agreement between the leadership of the main political parties in Puerto Rico ruled that the voting process will end “in those electoral precincts that opened their electoral briefcases.”

“On the other hand, [in] those electoral precincts where voting did not start at 1:45 p.m., the election will be suspended until next Sunday, Aug. 16, 2020, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,” the agreement says.

The order was released hours after the leaders of the official political parties in Puerto Rico called for the suspension of the chaotic election process, which also led some candidates to make allegations of attempts of fraud by their opponents. Others, including Gov. Wanda Vázquez, called for the immediate resignation of the elections commission.

The chaos and confusion that ensued angered voters and politicians alike, who blamed the Puerto Rico elections commission and demanded an explanation for why ballots had arrived at only about 20% of voting centers halfway through the morning.

But even as countless voters refused to wait in

line at precincts that opened late, only the precincts that did not open at all could host elections next Sunday, Aug. 16, according to the party officials.

“Any legal or legislative action we take will be addressed, but it was important for us to take this decision, that we made demands to be able to communicate with voters,” said Puerto Rico Sen. Anibal José Torres, who is also the president of the Popular Democratic Party.

The commission’s order also prohibited publicizing preliminary results in any voting precinct before the end of the primary process next Sunday.

After an emergency meeting with the local Elections Commission, the presidents of the main parties joined the pleas from some of the candidates for the PDP and the pro-statehood party currently in power, the New Progressive Party (NPP), to postpone the primaries. “This is the first time that this happens with the Elections Commission, that the materials are never sent,” said NPP president Thomas Rivera Schatz. He added that the person responsible for the election debacle was the president of the Elections Commission, Juan Ernesto Dávila.

“He caused this, no one else caused this. The problem of material not arriving was the responsibility of the Elections Commission. The NPP complied, the PDP complied,” he added.

Meanwhile, Dávila said in an interview with the local Telemundo station in Puerto Rico that he had no intention of stepping down

and blamed Sunday’s unprecedented problems on a ballot printing backlog inside the island’s single ballot printing facility.

Sunday’s election included candidates in both main parties who would face off in the general elections in November, including the gubernatorial, legislative and municipal races. Residents in Puerto Rico do not have the right to vote in the U.S. presidential election.

Earlier Sunday, candidates for the island’s contentious gubernatorial race were hurrying to find alternatives while they pleaded with voters outside of the metropolitan area to wait in line and to show up at their designated precincts, despite the long lines that had formed since the early morning. In an island where voter turnout has reached nearly 80% in recent general elections, many voters showed up at their precincts with masks on and stood under the hot summer sun, some with their clothes soaking with sweat.

At 3 p.m., some precincts were still waiting to receive ballots. The delays and lack of explanations that began early on Sunday caused confusion among poll workers, some of whom were turning away voters.

At the Nuestra Señora De La Piedad School in the municipality of Carolina, Ivette Pagán, a precinct official for the PDP, said almost 300 people had arrived and were not able to cast their vote in the primary election. Pagán said that the eight officials there since 6 a.m. and had

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Frances Maldonado, a voter who stood in line at La Piedad from Carolina

seen many elderly voters show up.

She added that some of the voters, who stood in a line that circled the school, were hoping to return next week to vote, despite the health risks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But even hours before the primaries were supposed to end, it was not immediately clear to many voters if their precinct had been ordered to close or if they should stay in line.

“Never in my life had I seen this. I was born in 1952 and I’ve always voted and I had never seen this,” said Frances Maldonado, a voter who stood in line at La Piedad from Carolina. “They’re waiting for the order to be signed, for them to officially close the school because the ballots never arrived.”

And even in schools

where there were ballots, there were issues with the electoral process.

In San Juan, El Nuevo Día indicated that “there were not enough officials to attend the large numbers” of people in some schools and that people had left without voting because of the long lines.

In the San José School in Guaynabo, the ballots did arrive. An elderly poll worker stood at the entrance of the precinct, taking the temperature of voters. However, voters still had to wait about an hour and a half before they could vote due to social distancing measures inside the polls. There was also only one machine that could count votes in every classroom, according to NPP officials.

THE RESULT OF A ‘COUP’ AND THE END OF DEMOCRACY: PRIMARY CANDIDATES REACT

At least two of the gubernatorial candidates for both major parties on the island said Sunday’s election problems were “a disaster.”

In a press conference, Gov. Vázquez, who was not elected to the post and is running for her first term as governor, blamed the election commission under her administration.

“The poll officials were ready to be part of a transparent, responsible and fair process.... Control over the ballots, their printing and the departure of delivery trucks is the absolute responsibility of the Election Commission,” said Vázquez.

She also criticized her NPP opponent, Pedro Pierluisi, for his “inappropriate intervention,” for speaking with Dávila, the president of the elections commission.

In a statement, Pierluisi said the decision to partially suspend the primaries was “disastrous” and that paralyzing the elections on Sunday was “illegitimate.” He admitted to speaking with

Dávila but rebuffed Vázquez’s claims.

Pierluisi served as Resident Commissioner for Puerto Rico in Washington under former governor Luis Fortuño from 2009 to 2017. Last year, he served a brief seven-day term as interim governor, after then-Gov. Ricardo Rosselló named him as his successor. The Puerto Rico Supreme Court, however, ruled his term as unconstitutional, after more than two weeks of protests that led to Rosselló’s ousting.

Meanwhile, the candidates for the opposing party, the PDP, were all in favor of the agreement to suspend the elections.

Puerto Rican Senator Eduardo Bhatia and the mayor of the municipality of Isabela Carlos Delgado Altieri attributed the debacle to the President of the Senate of Puerto Rico, Thomas Rivera Schatz, who drafted an electoral reform that was approved in June, less than five months before the general elections.

“It is the result of Rivera Schatz and the NPP’s coup. Under the new electoral law, they fired all the vice presidents of the elections commission exactly one month ago,” Bhatia told the local newspaper El Nuevo Día.

The mayor of the capital of San Juan, Carmen Yulín Cruz, meanwhile, blamed Vázquez.

“Wanda Vázquez has assassinated the democracy of the people of Puerto Rico,” the mayor told the local press when she arrived to cast her vote at a school in Cupey. “We already live in a colony, the Fiscal Control Board runs over us, we have earthquakes, a pandemic, how much longer will this place endure?”

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Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., at a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Jan. 16. As a senator and a contender to be Joe Biden's running mate, Harris has struggled to reconcile her calls for police reform with her record as a prosecutor.

'Top cop' Kamala Harris' record of policing the police

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During this summer of tear gas and turmoil, Kamala Harris has not been quiet.

On "The View," the California senator spoke about "reimagining how we do public safety in America."

On the Senate floor, she sparred with Rand Paul after the Kentucky Republican blocked a bill to make lynching a federal crime, and she is among the Democrats sponsoring policing legislation that would ban choke holds, racial profiling and no-knock warrants.

On Twitter, she expressed frustration that police officers who killed a Black Kentucky woman, Breonna Taylor, during a drug raid on the wrong residence, "still have not been charged."

As a leading contender to be Joe Biden's running mate in the final days before his decision, Harris has emerged as a strong voice on issues of police misconduct that seem certain to be central to the campaign. Yet in her own unsuccessful presidential run, she struggled to reconcile her calls for reform with her record on these same issues during a long career in law enforcement.

Indeed, an examination of that record shows how Harris was far more reticent in another time of ferment a half-decade ago.

Since becoming California's attorney general in 2011, she had largely avoided intervening in cases involving killings by



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Kamala Harris, then a district attorney, at the African American Cultural Center in San Francisco, June 12, 2004.

police. Protesters in Oakland distributed flyers saying, "Tell California Attorney General Kamala Harris to prosecute killer cops! It's her job!"

Then, amid the national outrage stoked by the 2014 killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, came pleas for her to investigate a series of police shootings in San Francisco, where she had previously been district attorney. She did not step in. Except in extraordinary circumstances, she said, it was not her job.

Still, her approach was subtly shifting. During the inaugural address for her second term as attorney general, Harris said the nation's police forces faced a "crisis of confidence." And by the end of her tenure in 2016, she had proposed a modest expansion of her office's powers to investigate

police misconduct, begun reviews of two municipal police departments and backed a Justice Department investigation in San Francisco.

Critics saw her taking baby steps when bold reform was needed — a microcosm of a career in which she developed a reputation for taking cautious, incremental action on criminal justice and, more often than not, yielding to the status quo.

The daughter of an Indian mother and Jamaican father who met in Berkeley, California, in the social protest movement of the 1960s, Harris has said she went into law enforcement to change the system from the inside. Yet as district attorney and then attorney general — and the first Black woman to hold those jobs — she found herself constantly nego-

police on the streets creates more safety. That's wrong. It's just wrong."

All of which poses a question: Is Harris essentially a political pragmatist, or has she in fact changed? And is she the woman to lead a police reform effort from the White House?

AN OFFICER'S DEATH

Harris was elected San Francisco district attorney in 2003, defeating her former boss, Terence Hallinan. He was seen as one of the nation's most progressive district attorneys, unafraid to confront police, once even indicting the city's police chief, albeit briefly.

Hallinan also had a low conviction rate, and Harris viewed his office as dysfunctional. The police union endorsed her in a runoff.

But in April 2004, barely three months into the job, Harris found herself at odds with police after a gang member gunned down an officer named Isaac Espinoza.

During her campaign, Harris had opposed the death penalty, in part, as being discriminatory toward people of color, and she did not seek it for Espinoza's killer. Rank-and-file officers were infuriated. Heather Fong, the new police chief, called it an affront to those who "risk their lives for the sake of the public's safety."

Then, at the funeral, Harris was blindsided when Sen. Dianne Feinstein called for the death penalty.

The blowback "totally traumatized her," said Peter Keane, a former member of the Police Commission, which oversees the city's Police Department. Throughout her tenure, he said, Harris had "traditional prosecution, pro-police, instincts. She has always tried not to be a target of the police."

In 2007, she stayed quiet as police unions opposed legislation granting public access to disciplinary hearings. Gloria Romero, the former state

Senate majority leader, who authored the bill, said many San Franciscans publicly supported the move, but not Harris.

"There could not have been a more profound wall of silence," said Romero, a Bernie Sanders supporter who has been critical of the Democratic establishment. "It's easy to call yourself progressive today, but, I mean, come on, it's easy to reinvent yourself."

Police use of force had been a contentious issue in San Francisco long before Harris took office. From 2001 to 2004, The San Francisco Chronicle reported, there were more complaints about use of force in the city than in San Diego, Seattle, Oakland and San Jose, California, combined. Harris pursued few on-duty cases of force-related misconduct, although that was not unusual at the time.

Most district attorneys prosecuted officers in "only the rare case," said Louise Renne, who as San Francisco city attorney once employed Harris. She and other supporters of Harris said it was unfair to criticize her through the prism of today.

"At that time, Kamala was a very progressive DA, and some of the criticisms now are a bit of revisionist history," Renne said.

Timothy Silard, Harris' former chief of policy and one of a number of current and former aides who spoke on her behalf, said Harris experienced hostility in the department from the beginning. He recalled commanders and homicide detectives who refused to speak to her or look her in the eye during meetings in which she demanded they solve more murders in poor neighborhoods. Instead, they addressed white men — her subordinates.

"Did she set out as a professional prosecutor to anger the cops?" he asked. "No. Why would she do that? But did she shy away from doing bold things

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Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., at a news conference on police reform and equal justice legislation on Capitol Hill in Washington, June 8.

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and important things because it was something the police department or police union didn't like? Never."

From 2002 to 2005, Black people made up less than 8% of the city's population but accounted for more than 40% of police arrests. Silard and Paul Henderson, who was Harris' chief of administration and now directs a city agency that investigates complaints about police, said Harris told her staff not to prosecute arrests based on racial profiling.

"We regularly received calls from officers saying, 'We can't believe that you're discharging this case. This was a good case.' Well, no, it wasn't," Henderson recalled.

Harris also created a "reentry" program called "Back on Track" that aimed to keep young low-level offenders out of jail if they went to school and kept a job.

As police chief of East Palo Alto, Ronald Davis studied the program. "Reentry was not a prevailing thought in law enforcement," he said. "She said this is a unique opportunity to reduce recidivism."

But some said she did not do enough.

"We never thought we had an ally in the district attorney," said David Campos, who was a supervisor and police commissioner while Harris was district attorney and is now chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party. "You have someone saying all the right things now, but when she had the opportunity to do something about police accountability, she was either not visible, or when she was, she was on the wrong side." (Campos backed Sanders' presidential bid.)

In 2010, Harris' office was caught up in a scandal over a police crime lab technician who had been skimming drugs and had a past conviction for domestic violence. A judge found that her office had failed to disclose the information to defense lawyers as required. The judge also faulted her

office for not having procedures for producing exculpatory information on police witnesses.

Harris has said that she learned of the crime lab problems only when they became public and has acknowledged that her office was too slow in putting a policy in place. Her aides had earlier been working toward a written policy, but Silard said he believed it had been delayed amid negotiations among several agencies. "The implication that she buried it is ridiculous," he said, adding that she had initiated the review.

Gary Delagnes, then head of the police union, has a slightly different recollection. "She never pushed hard for it, and we were obviously happy about that," he said. In the end, hundreds of cases related to the scandal were dismissed, and Harris' aides rushed to institute a policy.

Delagnes, who had a reputation as a strident defender of police officers, said that while many officers never forgave Harris for the Espinoza decision, he could not recall any other major actions the union strongly opposed. He called her the city's most "pro-public safety DA" of the last 20 years.

He sees her current statements as "an extremely hard left turn."

"She is Jekyll and Hyde from what she was in 2004," he said. "That is not the Kamala Harris that I knew."

'WE WEREN'T ABSENT'

Calls to review police misconduct grew after Harris took office as attorney general in January 2011, in a state with a historically high rate of police shootings.

Anaheim's mayor at the time, Tom Tait, remembers the crisis confronting his city in July 2012 after an unarmed 25-year-old, Manuel Diaz, was fatally shot in the back by police. A day later, hundreds of protesters descended on City Hall, forcing its evacuation.

"It was tense," Tait said. He called Harris'

office, asking her to conduct an outside investigation. Harris phoned him two days later to say she would not intervene, he said.

That same year, she demurred when asked to review the fatal police shooting of Mario Romero, 23, outside his home in Vallejo.

"We went to Kamala Harris' office in Sacramento three times; we were turned away every time," said Cyndi Mitchell, Romero's sister. "They never said they wouldn't get involved. It wasn't really a no, but it wasn't a yes."

California law gives the attorney general broad authority over law enforcement matters. But aides to Harris said that in these and other cases, she hewed to the state Justice Department's hands-off policy, not interceding in officer-involved shootings unless the local district attorney had a conflict of interest or there was "obvious abuse of prosecutorial discretion."

Brian Nelson, a top aide to Harris while she was attorney general, said she was reluctant to big-foot district attorneys, having been one herself.

"The idea there was going to be some far-off figure that was going to be more responsive to the community didn't seem right to her," Nelson said.

On Aug. 11, 2014, two days after Michael Brown was killed in Missouri, police officers in Los Angeles fatally shot Ezell Ford, an unarmed 25-year-old Black man with a history of mental illness, sparking a wave of demonstrations. Harris deferred to Jackie Lacey, the city's first Black district attorney, who ultimately brought no charges.

Harris began her second term as attorney general the next year by outlining steps to make policing fairer and more transparent, saying "we must acknowledge that too many have felt the sting of injustice." Still, she hesitated, refusing to endorse AB-86, a bill opposed by police unions that would have required her office to appoint special prosecutors to examine deadly police shootings.

In San Francisco, police killed 18 people during

Harris' six years as attorney general. But if there was a single flashpoint, it was the shooting of 26-year-old Mario Woods in December 2015. Widely circulated cellphone videos showed officers surrounding Woods - disturbed, strung out on methamphetamines and armed with a steak knife. Five officers fired 46 rounds, hitting him with 21.

A series of rallies followed and an 18-day hunger strike by five men who came to be known as the Frisco Five. Many believed that Harris would take action as her predecessor, Jerry Brown, had done in 2009 when he obtained a court order replacing the police department in Maywood, California, under his oversight after widespread misconduct.

In a letter to Harris, Jeff Adachi, then San Francisco's public defender, urged her to exert her authority in the Woods case and several other shootings. "An investigation," he said, "would settle the pressing question of whether the racism evidenced in these incidents is endemic."

Ultimately, it was the Justice Department that intervened, led by Davis, the former East Palo Alto police chief, who had become director of the agency's office of community-oriented policing services. Davis said his work was bolstered by warnings from Harris that she would investigate San Francisco police if necessary.

"We weren't absent," said Venus Johnson, a former associate attorney general who advised Harris on criminal justice issues, adding that there were frequent discussions with San Francisco officials. "We weren't putting our heads in the sand. We were actively involved." (The city later adopted some recommendations from a 68-page Justice Department report that found disproportionate use of force against people of color. In 2018, the district attorney said he would not bring criminal charges in the Woods case, although he called the shooting unnecessary and disturbing.)

In 2016, former Rep.

Loretta Sanchez, then vying with Harris for a Senate seat, made a campaign issue of police shootings, particularly her opponent's refusal to support AB-86. That year, Harris offered a compromise to the bill that would expand her office's authority to review police misconduct, but only if sought by district attorneys or police chiefs. California lawmakers are still considering the idea.

And after the election, a month before her Senate swearing-in, Harris began investigations of both of the Kern County Sheriff's Office and the Bakersfield Police Department, where officers had been involved in multiple deadly shootings.

"Obviously, she recognized Black communities were being policed poorly," said Nelson, her former aide. "That was always in the background of all of our conversations."

'A DIFFERENT YARDSTICK'

In her measured way, Harris pursued a variety of other criminal justice reforms.

After the Supreme Court ordered California to reduce prison crowding, Nelson said, Harris saw a "seminal reform opportunity." She created a division in her office to help counties devise alternatives to incarceration.

But a few years later, her office would come under fire when it argued against releasing too many eligible parolees, contending that it would reduce the state's prison labor force. Harris repudiated the move after it became public, saying she had not been aware.

She also began requiring body cameras at the California Department of Justice, the first state agency to adopt them. But she did not support legislation mandating them for police, warning against "one-size-fits-all" regulation. The bill failed.

One of her most lauded initiatives was OpenJustice, a database that provided public access to crime statistics collected by the state. That included data about the use of force and won the support of some police groups as well as activists.

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Brian Nelson, a top aide to Sen. Kamala Harris while she was California's attorney general

"That was very useful to us," said Melina Abdullah, an African studies professor at California State University, Los Angeles, and a founder of the L.A. branch of Black Lives Matter. "As a Black woman who also went to Howard University, who is also from Oakland, she gives me a symbolic sense of pride."

But overall, she had mixed feelings about Harris, saying that her policies were "not transformative enough" and that "she could have played a much stronger role."

Chivona Newsome, a founder of Black Lives Matter in New York City, also has misgivings.

"I'm not 100% sold, but we have to look at evolution," she said, adding that she was encouraged after Harris expressed support for redirecting some police funding. But, she said, "That 'top cop' thing has just stuck - she built such a strong brand on it as an AG, as the DA - and it's hard for people to erase that in their memories."

Harris is not alone in toiling inside the system. In L.A., Lacey has been criticized by Black Lives Matter activists, who see her as too pro-police. Several of them, including Abdullah, protested on her porch earlier this year, prompting her husband to brandish a gun.

"You are very much aware that your fellow African Americans expect a lot from you," Lacey said in an interview. "I know Sen. Harris and I both want to do the absolute best job we can in these roles. But I do think there's a different yardstick for us."

She and Harris have known each other for years. But as she tacks left, Harris has endorsed Lacey's opponent in her reelection bid, George Gascón. (Gascón succeeded Harris as San Francisco district attorney but moved south to challenge Lacey.)

"They probably are aligned in many of their progressive values," Lacey said. "I don't take it personally."

Harris, for her part, is trying to advance some of the protest movement's aims from the Senate.

"The decision I made was, 'I'm going to try and go inside the system, where I don't have to ask permission to change what needs to be changed,'" she said earlier this year, adding that protesters had helped bring pressure from the outside.

As for her own career, she said, "I know we were able to make a change, but it certainly was not enough."

Afghan council frees prisoners to set up talks

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KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

A traditional Afghan council concluded Sunday with hundreds of delegates agreeing to free 400 Taliban members, paving the way for an early start to negotiations between Afghanistan's warring sides.

The declaration calls for an immediate start to negotiations and a cease-fire. The move looks to bring the United States a little closer to bringing home its troops and ending its longest military engagement.

No date has been set for the release, but negotiations between Kabul's political leadership and the Taliban are expected

to begin as early as next week, and will most likely be held in the Mideast state of Qatar, where the Taliban maintain a political office.

These Afghan negotiations were laid out in a peace deal signed by the U.S. and the Taliban in February. At the time of its signing it was touted as Afghanistan's best chance at ending decades of war.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani praised delegates for their decision, urged the Taliban to stop fighting.

Taliban political spokesman Suhail Shaheen said the decision "was a good step, a positive step." He said negotiations could start within one week of their prisoners being freed.

As for a cease-fire, Sha-

heen said the Taliban were committed to the deal it struck with the U.S., and according to that deal "the cease-fire will be one of the items to be discussed during the intra-Afghan negotiations."

Later Sunday afternoon, an explosive device hidden in a cart killed two people in Kabul. The spokesman for the capital's police, Firdus Faramarz, said policemen were trying to remove the device when it exploded. Five police were injured.

A recent spike in violence in Afghanistan has been mostly attributed to the Islamic State affiliate, whom the Taliban are fighting, as are the Afghan government and U.S. forces. Previously, a U.S. Defense Department official who spoke anonymously

because of the sensitivity of the subject said Washington considered IS its biggest threat in Afghanistan, and wanted a deal that would recruit the Taliban in a coordinated fight against it.

The council's decision to free the Taliban prisoners did not come as a surprise, as delegates were urged by the U.S. at the start of the council, or jirga, on Friday to take "this difficult action" so negotiations could begin to bring an end to the war.

The U.S.-Taliban deal in February called for the government to free 5,000 prisoners and for the Taliban to free 1,000 government and military personnel in its custody as a goodwill gesture ahead of the start of negotiations.

Kabul balked at the release, but eventually freed all but the last 400. President Ghani said he was not authorized to free these because of the seriousness of their crimes, and asked for the council to decide instead. He did not detail what the 400 were accused of.

Delegates were therefore given the stark choice of either freeing the prisoners or seeing a war that has killed tens of thousands continue. The delegates said they wanted international guarantees that the Taliban would not return to the battlefield.

Washington's peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad spent more than a year and a half negotiating the deal with the Taliban to provide for the withdrawal of American soldiers after more than 19 years in Afghanistan.

The withdrawal began earlier this year, but roughly 8,600 U.S. soldiers remain in Afghanistan. Their return will depend on the Taliban honoring its commitment

to fight against other terrorist groups and ensure Afghanistan is not again used to attack America or its allies.

U.S. Defense Secretary Mike Esper on Saturday said Washington will bring home another 3,600 soldiers by November, leaving less than 5,000 in Afghanistan.

"We think that we can do all the core missions, first and foremost being ensured the United States is not threatened by terrorists coming out of Afghanistan. We can do those at a lower level," Esper told the Fox News Channel's "Justice with Judge Jeanine" program.

The withdrawal of U.S. and NATO troops is not dependent on the success of negotiations between Kabul's political leadership and the Taliban. But U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has made it clear that Washington wants a negotiated end to the conflict, including a cease-fire.



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GROUNDING TANKER PROMPTS 'ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY'

This photo provided by the French Defense Ministry shows oil leaking Sunday from the MV Wakashio, a bulk carrier ship that recently ran aground off the southeast coast of Mauritius. The Indian Ocean island has declared a "state of environmental emergency" after the Japanese-owned ship that ran aground offshore days ago began spilling tons of fuel.

Nagasaki urges ban on bombing anniversary

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TOKYO

The Japanese city of Nagasaki on Sunday marked its 75th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing, with the mayor and dwindling survivors urging world leaders including their own to do more for a nuclear weapons ban.

At 11:02 a.m., the moment the B-29 bomber Bockscar dropped a 4.5-ton plutonium bomb dubbed "Fat Man," Nagasaki survivors and other participants stood in a minute of silence to honor more than 70,000 dead.

The Aug. 9, 1945, bombing came three days after the United States dropped its first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, the world's first ever nuclear attack that killed 140,000. On Aug. 15, Japan surrendered, ending

World War II.

At the event at Nagasaki Peace Park, scaled down because of the coronavirus pandemic, Mayor Tomihisa Taue read a peace declaration in which he raised concern that nuclear states had in recent years retreated from disarmament efforts.

Instead, they are upgrading and miniaturizing nuclear weapons for easier use, he said. Taue singled out the U.S. and Russia for increasing risks by scrapping the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

"As a result, the threat of nuclear weapons being used is increasingly becoming real," Taue said. Noting that the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty entered into force 50 years ago, Taue urged the U.S. and Russia to show a "workable way" towards their nuclear disarmament at their NPT review process next year.

He said that "the true horror of nuclear weapons has not yet been adequately conveyed to the world at large" despite struggle and efforts by hibakusha, or atomic bombing survivors, to make Nagasaki the last place of the tragedy.

He also urged Japan's government and lawmakers to quickly sign the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

After taking part in the ceremony, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe criticized the treaty for not being realistic. None of the nuclear states has joined, and it is not widely supported even by non-nuclear states, he said.

"The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted without taking into consideration the reality of the harsh national security environment," Abe said at a news conference. "I

must say the treaty is different from Japan's position and approach" even though they share the same goal of abolishing nuclear weapons, he said.

Abe has repeatedly refused to sign the treaty. He reiterated that Japan's approach is not to take sides but to serve as a bridge between nuclear and non-nuclear states to encourage dialogue to achieve a total nuclear ban. Survivors and pacifist groups say Japan is virtually siding with the U.S. and other nuclear states.

Abe cited "severe national security environment and a wide gap between the two sides on nuclear disarmament." He also noted Japan faces threats of development and modernization of nuclear weapons from "neighboring countries in the region."

Taue, who spoke before Abe, disagreed, saying: "Among the nuclear-weapon states and countries under the nuclear umbrella, there have been voices stating that it is too early for such a treaty. That is not so. Nuclear

arms reductions are far too late in coming."

While Tokyo renounces its own possession, production or hosting of nuclear weapons, as a U.S. ally Japan hosts 50,000 American troops and is protected by the U.S. nuclear umbrella. The post-WWII security arrangement complicates the push to get Japan to sign the treaty as it beefs up its own military to deal with threats from North Korea and China, among others.

An aging group of survivors have expressed a growing sense of urgency to tell their stories, in hopes of reaching younger generations to continue their effort toward establishing a nuclear-free world.

"There is not much time left for us survivors," said Shigemi Fukabori, 89. He was a 14-year-old student mobilized to work at a shipyard when Nagasaki was bombed.

"I'm determined to keep telling my story so that Nagasaki will be the last place on Earth to have suffered an atomic attack."

Fukabori, who almost instantly lost four siblings, said he never forgets the pile of charred bodies, bombed-out street cars and the badly injured desperately asking for help and water as he rushed back to his house in the back of the Urakami Cathedral, which was also nearly destroyed.

"We don't want anyone else to have to go through this," he said.

"Nagasaki bears a responsibility as a witness of catastrophic results the nuclear weapon caused to humanity and environment," Fukabori said in his speech at the ceremony, representing the Nagasaki survivors. "I hope as many people as possible to join us, especially the young generations to inherit our baton of peace and keep running."

Many peace events, including survivors' talks leading up to the anniversary, were canceled because of the coronavirus, but some survivors have teamed up with students and pacifist groups to speak at online events.



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A party on the northeastern outskirts of Berlin, Aug. 1. Across the continent, crowds are flocking to events organized on social media and messaging apps, despite risks and a backlash.

At Europe's illegal parties, virus is the last thing on anyone's mind

BY ALEX MARSHALL, THOMAS ROGERS AND CONSTANT MÉHEUT

New York Times

Nightclubs around Europe are closed. But that doesn't mean the continent's party people are staying home.

As coronavirus lockdowns are eased, illegal raves are growing in popularity. Outdoor events for hundreds, or in some cases thousands, organized via social media and messaging apps, are in full swing every weekend, causing headaches for police forces and lawmakers, and stirring public debate and news media panic.

Tom Wingfield, a senior lecturer at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, said in an email that there were no medical studies about the coronavirus and outdoor parties, but that a likely lack of social distancing posed risks for transmission. Throw in alcohol or drugs, and those risks could be exacerbated, he said.

Some countries have tried bringing nightclubs back. In Switzerland, most regions let venues reopen in June, provided they kept attendees' contact details. (After many partygoers gave false information, ID checks became mandatory in some areas.) Clubs in Barcelona, Spain, reopened at the end of June but shut again a few weeks later as the virus surged in the city.

In most countries, the idea of packed dance floors is too much to even consider right now. Many nightclub operators fear they will be the last businesses allowed to reopen.

Until then, thousands



ALEX MARSHALL NYT

A party in Tottenham Marshes in North London, July 31.

are partying in secret, despite the risk and the backlash. The weekend before last, *Times* reporters attended three events, in Berlin, in London and near Paris. Here's what we saw.

BERLIN: 'PARTYING IS A HUGE PART OF THE CITY'S IDENTITY'

It was midnight on Saturday, and a rave in a field on the northeastern outskirts of Berlin was just getting started. A DJ in shorts stood near turntables connected to a generator, playing a warm blend of house music and techno. A tent selling beer had been set up nearby, and multicolored lights had been affixed to the trees.

The crowd of about 200 was getting bigger by the minute. Despite the sign instructing partygoers to

maintain a distance of at least 1.5 meters, about 5 feet, the dance area was packed, and nobody was wearing a mask.

With the pandemic-mandated closure of Berlin's clubs stretching through the summer, illegal parties like this one have sprung up to fill the gap. Most are free to attend, and take place in isolated locations to escape police scrutiny; many are advertised via Telegram, an encrypted messaging app. To arrive at the party Saturday, attendees had to follow a map sent on the app and walk 15 minutes through an empty industrial area from the nearest train stop.

Although the number of new coronavirus infections remains relatively low in Germany, they have begun to climb in

recent weeks, and parties like this have become a point of contention in a broader debate about whether young people are threatening the country's much-lauded success. The parties' persistence has infuriated some public health officials and politicians, and complicated attempts by the leaders of the city's club scene to push for officially sanctioned events.

Some partygoers Saturday argued that raves were a much-needed way to blow off steam after a period of isolation, and pointed out that outdoor events pose less risk. Berlin's coronavirus regulations allow for gatherings in parks of up to 1,000 people, but only if social-distancing measures are maintained and no alcohol is sold.

Standing between the

beer tent and the packed dance area, Paul Evina-Ze, 32, an American caricaturist living in Berlin, said, "Partying is a huge part of the city's identity, and you can't just expect people to wait two years." He added that he was not concerned about the virus. "I feel like if I were going to get it, it wouldn't affect me."

Evina-Ze's girlfriend, Valta Klints, 25, said the city should lead the way in allowing raves under controlled conditions. "Other people are looking to Berlin as an example," she said.

A public backlash against ravers in the city began in May, when demonstrators gathered in boats on the city's major canal in support of workers affected by club closures. The protest turned into a flotilla of about 3,000 people and drifted in front of a hospital where COVID-19 patients were being treated.

Another wave of criticism came in late July, after police broke up a rave with approximately 3,000 attendees in Hasenheide, a city park.

The cover of a recent edition of *Der Spiegel*, the German newsmagazine, featured a picture of the Hasenheide party, with the headline "Are we too reckless?" In an interview in the magazine, Karl Lauterbach, a federal lawmaker with the center-left Social Democratic Party, said people who attend the raves and ignore distancing rules "must be penalized with fines in the hundreds of euros."

Berlin police have stepped up their presence in parks, and in a radio interview with public broadcaster RBB, a spokesman for the force said officers would now intervene earlier, when parties were first forming. But, he added, "The police cannot replace people's common sense." (Berlin's police department did not reply to an email seeking comment for this article.)

Leading figures in the

club scene and some politicians are calling for a more proactive approach. The Club Commission, a trade body, has called on district authorities to make public spaces available to party organizers under conditions that ensure hygiene measures are maintained.

Lutz Leichsenring, the commission's spokesman, said by phone that the Hasenheide party had "stigmatized the club scene," but that the persistence of the raves had also made it clear to politicians that using police to shut them down wasn't going to solve the problem.

Uta Reichardt, 34, said at the party Saturday that she supported the Club Commission's approach, adding that she had been disappointed when police shut down an outdoor rave she attended two weeks earlier. Reichardt, an academic at the University of Iceland who was visiting Berlin, said allowing the events would be "a sign to a certain generation of people between 20 and 40 that their culture is valued."

"At the moment," she said as she moved toward the dancing crowd, "I feel like tolerance is needed from all sides."

NEAR PARIS: 'I DON'T GIVE A DAMN'

In normal times, the forested shore of the Étang de la Haute Maison, a pond about 12 miles east of Paris, is a coveted spot for fishermen on the lookout for carp or pike.

But Saturday night, a different crowd gathered in the woods by the water: around 400 young people, moving to techno music that boomed from loudspeakers as spotlights swept a dance floor.

The popularity of "free parties," as the illegal events are known here, has been surging in recent months. "It's true, since the end of the lockdown, we've seen many more people attending the free parties," said Julien Faux,

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Belarus says longtime leader is reelected

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MINSK, BELARUS

He bungled the coronavirus pandemic and last week faced the biggest anti-government protests in decades, but on Sunday, President Alexander G. Lukashenko of Belarus was on course to win his sixth term in office, in an election his critics dismissed as rigged.

According to a government-sponsored exit poll released after voting ended, Lukashenko won just under 80% of the vote against four rivals, avoid-

ing a runoff.

A heavy cloak of security descended over the capital, Minsk, where internet service was cut off, phones worked only sporadically and soldiers and riot police cordoned off the central square and the main public buildings. Long before the results were announced, the opposition, predicting that the count would be illegitimate, had called for protests Sunday night.

The result, as in previous elections, was never in any real doubt: Lukashenko controls vote counting, a vast security apparatus and a noisy

state media machine unwavering in its support for him and contempt for his rivals. Facing the biggest outpouring of dissent during his 26 years of autocratic rule, he hoped to return his restive country to the predictable political rhythms that have kept him in power.

"Nothing will get out of control. This I guarantee," Lukashenko said Sunday, warning that anyone seeking to upset stability "will receive an immediate response from me."

Security services arrested hundreds of protesters and many journalists in recent days, and on the

eve of voting, the principal challenger, Svetlana Tikhonovskaya, went into hiding in Minsk after security agents detained at least eight members of her campaign staff. The exit poll showed her in second place, with less than 7% of the vote.

Thousands of opposition supporters gathered Sunday night near a war museum in Minsk to contest the apparent election results, and security officers detained dozens of them. Protesters blocked a nearby avenue, with police officers firing stun grenades in an effort to dislodge them.



SERGEI GRITS AP

A man rides a bike and takes pictures as people gather to cast votes Sunday in Minsk.

Tikhonovskaya had entered the race after her husband, Sergey Tikhonovskiy, a popular blogger and would-be presidential candidate, was arrested and thrown in jail on what were widely viewed as trumped-up financial charges.

Lukashenko radiated confidence as he cast his vote in Minsk on Sunday.

"They aren't even worth repressing," he said of his opponents. "To be honest, we have been soft so far. I can tell you honestly, we have always restrained the law enforcement."



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A party on the northeastern outskirts of Berlin, Aug. 1. The party was organized via the messaging app Telegram.

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26, a regular attendee of the events since before the pandemic. He was dancing behind the DJ on Saturday night, as a skull-and-crossbones flag, hung between two trees, flapped above his head.

The event, called The Piracy, had all the trappings of a legal party: A dedicated Facebook page advertised a lineup of DJs, and tickets were sold online.

The difference was that the location was released only by email less than an hour before The Piracy began. It came with a warning to approach the site quietly and not to tell anyone else where it was.

"It's all about the smooth conduct of the party," the email said. It added that partygoers should bring masks and respect social-distancing measures.

That turned out to be wishful thinking.

"People need that freedom to party," said Sarah Stalter, 21, a college student from Switzerland, in France on vacation. Surrounding her were hundreds of unmasked people, some crammed onto the dance floor in a forest clearing while others sat to the side in groups, passing around bottles of alco-

hol and joints.

"I don't give a damn," Stalter said as she wiggled to the sound of heavy techno beats. "Of course this virus scares me, but I've got to enjoy my 20s."

Faux, a firefighter who was involved in France's pandemic response, said he had witnessed firsthand the coronavirus' devastating effects, and that people "may be taking the risk of infection far too lightly."

But, he added, "The desire to party is stronger than the disease."

The proliferation of illegal parties poses a challenge for local authorities, who have wavered between strict repression and turning a blind eye.

"The police just let it go until they change their mind," said Antoine Calvino, the co-founder of SOCLE, a union of French rave organizers. "It's completely random, and we'd like not to be in this gray area anymore."

Police recently launched a crackdown in the Bois de Vincennes, Paris' largest public park, where every weekend partygoers with flashlights could be seen wandering the dirt paths on the lookout for raves in the woods.

The organizers of The

Piracy had their sound system confiscated by the police at a previous party, according to an announcement they posted on Facebook in July. In an email exchange, a spokesman for police in the city of Champs-sur-Marne, where Saturday's party took place, said the force had not been notified of the event, and therefore hadn't intervened.

"The police have other things to do than chasing young people listening to music in the open air in the woods," said Frédéric Hocquard, a Paris deputy mayor responsible for tourism and nightlife.

But Hocquard added that given the course the pandemic was taking — a slow resurgence in France has seen an average of 1,300 cases a day since the beginning of August — it was likely to be months before nightclubs could reopen, meaning open-air parties were the only option.

He added that Paris' City Council, in collaboration with SOCLE, was working on a legal framework for the events and a charter to ensure better health conditions.

"It's not just a summer thing," Hocquard said. "A shift is taking place."

LONDON: 'SHOCKING RETURN OF RAVE'

Just after midnight the Friday before last, two

young men stood on a street in the Tottenham district, surrounded by brick warehouses, looking lost.

"Are you going to the rave?" one man with a posh accent asked a passer-by. He couldn't work out where it was, he added: The map he'd been sent via WhatsApp was confusing.

The details of the party they were looking for had been sent to a group on the messaging app a few hours before: To join, you had to submit a social media account so organizers could check you out. Advance tickets were sold via PayPal.

Messages in the WhatsApp group included appeals for discretion. "We are protecting our community," read one. "Don't share our infos to anyone," it added.

"It's like a military operation," one of the plummy-voiced men said, after finally deciphering the map. "If people put half as much effort into solving coronavirus, we'd all be out of it by now."

Soon, after walking through an underpass, the thud-thud-thud of a kick drum came into earshot and the two men walked up a path toward the sound. After a quick bag search by security guards, they moved into a woodland clearing, where about 300 people were dancing

to house music, the trees around them illuminated by green and purple lights.

The Guardian, the news outlet, has declared that Britain is now in the midst of a "shocking return of rave." About 30 years ago, young people here created a moral panic when they began holding parties in secret locations, fueled by ecstasy and acid house, a new type of dance music at the time.

Today, the moral panic is less about drugs and more about the coronavirus, with fears that illegal parties could promote a second wave. In June, 6,000 people attended a party near Manchester, in northern England, where a woman was raped and several people were stabbed. Parties have been taking place around Britain every weekend since, with fewer reports of violence. But criticism from newspapers and politicians has been harsh.

Some party organizers have tried to respond to public concern: "Covid-19 measure been taken," said a message in the WhatsApp group about Friday's event. "A station at the entry will be at your disposition with facial mask and hydro alcoholic gel," it added. These were not in evidence on arrival, and only a dozen or so attendees wore masks. For most, the coronavirus seemed far from their minds.

Dancers were packed tightly in front of a DJ. In the middle of the improvised dance floor, a tall man stood with his eyes closed, moving his arms like a bird's wings, transported by the music. People chatted to each other for a moment, then hugged, instant friends. Occasionally a balloon drifted above the dance floor, filled with nitrous oxide, the party's drug of choice.

One attendee, a 25-year-old architect who asked not to be named in case he was thrown out of the WhatsApp group, said he'd been going to illegal raves for a couple of years. "Last year, it was smaller," he said. "Everybody just wants to get out now, I suppose."

Pubs and restaurants in Britain had reopened, he added, but no one in authority was thinking about dance-music culture. He would have thought twice about going to an indoor or boat party, he said, but outdoor ones seemed fine.

As the night went on, more people arrived, even a man on crutches. Someone climbed a tree at one point, and the music stopped while a security guard ordered him down. That was the closest the event came to an incident until, around 4 a.m., three police officers turned up, shining flashlights across the crowd.

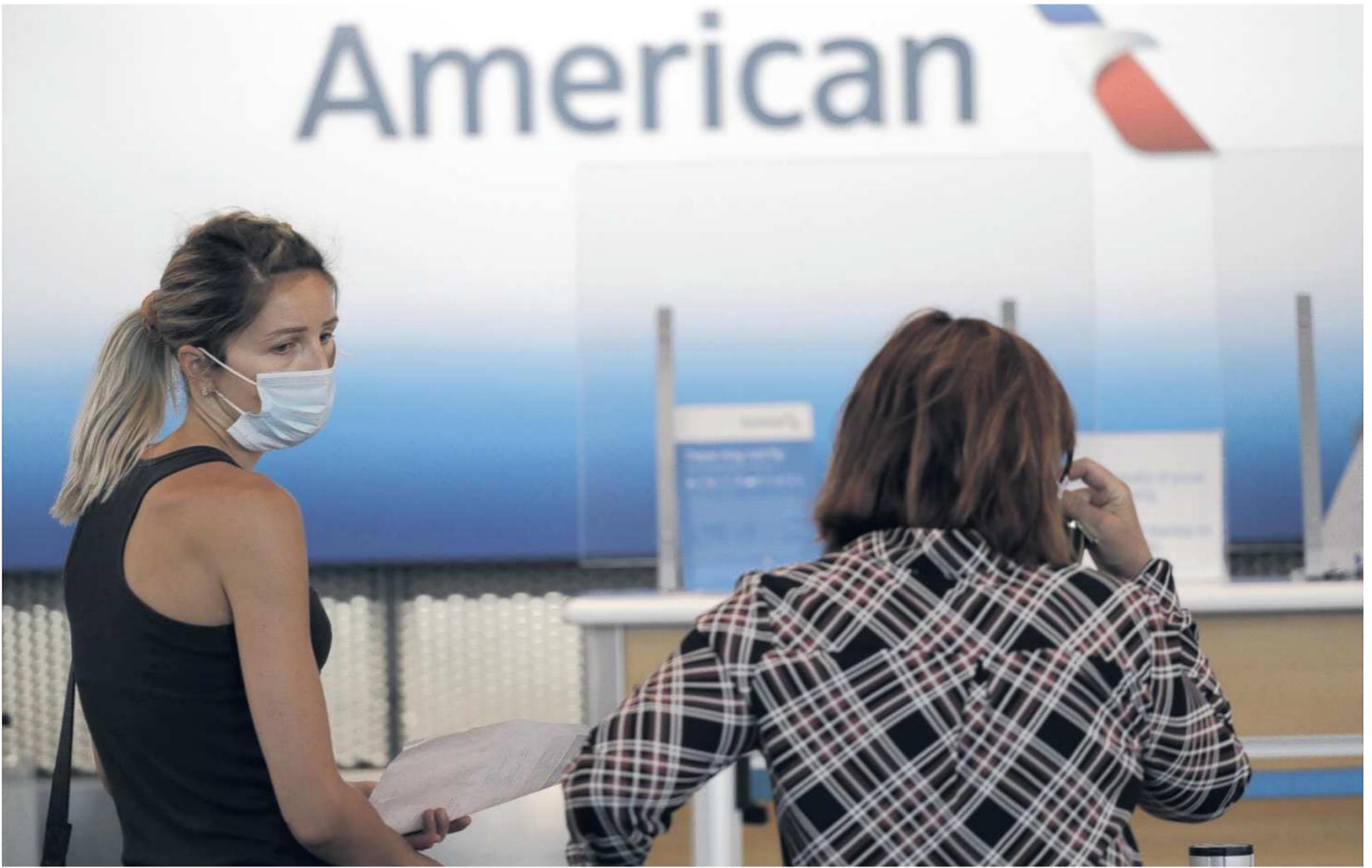
They left as quickly as they arrived, but their presence was enough to send some home.

About 20 minutes later, the police returned — 20 officers this time — and stood in the path to the clearing. One officer said they'd agreed with the DJ that he could keep playing until 4:30 a.m.

They wouldn't make any arrests unless the DJ refused to stop, the officer added. (The London police did not answer emailed queries about the event and their strategy for dealing with illegal parties.)

The sun was rising when the clock struck 4:30, and the music did indeed stop, before restarting for a final tune, an encore of sorts. Then everyone quickly dispersed.

The next evening, the party's organizers sent a new map to the WhatsApp group, with details of another party that night, and a plea: "PLEASE DO NOT SHARE."



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Travelers wear masks in June as they wait at the American Airlines ticket counter in Terminal 3 at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

Empty middle seats? Airlines' COVID-19 policies compared

BY HUGO MARTÍN
Los Angeles Times

Devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic, some U.S. airlines are hoping to put potential passengers at ease by imposing tougher rules for mask wearing, including threats of banning fliers who refuse to cover their faces.

All of the nation's largest carriers require that passengers wear masks or other face coverings during the flight and while boarding and exiting the planes, with an exemption for small children and allowances for briefly removing the masks to eat, drink or take medication.

"Our tougher policy

shows how important this issue is to us and our guests," Max Tidwell, Alaska Airlines' vice president of safety and security, said in a statement Wednesday. "If you don't wear a mask, you won't be flying with us."

Airlines can't fine passengers for refusing to wear masks because the federal government does not require it. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao has refused to support a nationwide mandate, saying she'll leave it up to airlines.

But some airlines have taken it upon themselves to add the threat of banning passengers from future flights if they refuse to wear a mask.

The tougher policies

come as U.S. airlines struggle with passenger demand that has dropped to less than 30% of the demand before the pandemic struck.

Q: Which airlines require that I wear a mask during my flight?

A: Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Hawaiian Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, Spirit Airlines and United Airlines, among others, require that passengers wear face coverings during the boarding, the flight and while exiting the plane. They allow passengers to remove their masks briefly to eat, drink or take medication.

Q: What happens if I refuse to keep my mask on during the flight?

A: Alaska, American, Delta, Spirit and United say passengers who remove their masks or refuse to wear one in the first place would be banned from future flights. American Airlines said its ban would last as long as it requires masks on flights. Alaska and United said the duration of their bans would be determined by an investigation into the incident. Delta representatives declined to say how long their airline's ban would last. Spirit did not respond to emails asking about the duration of its ban.

Other carriers, such as Hawaiian, JetBlue and Southwest, have not posted on their website the consequences of flouting the face-covering policy.

On all airlines, flight attendants have been instructed to remind passengers of the policy but not to escalate the matter in a way that results in a confrontation during a flight.

Q: What if I have a medical reason for not wearing a mask?

A: Southwest and JetBlue offer no medical exemptions to the rule: No mask, no flying. (Southwest's policy took effect July 27; JetBlue's policy starts Monday.)

"Our policy is meant to offer the strongest level of protection for everyone given all that we currently know about how COVID-19 is transmitted," JetBlue spokesman Philip Stewart said.

Delta requires passengers who claim to have a medical reason for not wearing a mask to go through a consultation process that can take up to an hour.

Q: What if I don't have a face mask?

A: Most of the major airlines will provide passengers with a mask if needed.

Q: Can I wear a mask with a valve?

A: United, Delta and JetBlue have banned passengers from wearing masks that include a

breathing valve, which filters air coming in but allows air to escape when the wearer exhales. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said such masks may protect the wearer but do not prevent the spread of the coronavirus to others.

Q: Which airlines are leaving middle seats empty to lower the risk of virus transmission on the flight?

A: Delta, JetBlue and Southwest have all committed to keeping the middle seat vacant at least for the near future unless a family requests to sit together. Alaska representatives said their carrier will reassign seating during the boarding process to create space between passengers whenever possible.

American and United adopted policies of keeping the middle seats vacant last spring but rescinded that policy over the last couple of months as demand for air travel has gradually increased.

Saudi Aramco says profit fell 73% as demand for oil shrank

BY STANLEY REED
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Saudi Aramco Oil Co., the world's largest oil company, said Sunday that its quarterly earnings plunged more than 73% compared to a year ago, as lockdowns imposed to curb the coronavirus pandemic drastically cut the demand for oil and slammed prices.

Despite the steep fall in earnings, to \$6.6 billion from \$24.7 billion, the company said it would continue paying a quarterly dividend of \$18.75 billion, almost three times its cash flow. Saudi Aramco is locked into paying such a large amount — \$75 billion a year — because of commitments made in the run-up to its initial public offering on the Saudi Tadawul stock exchange.

Nearly all of the dividend money will go to the Saudi government, which owns more than 98% of the company.

Continuing to pay such a large dividend distinguishes Saudi Aramco from other oil giants, like BP and Royal Dutch Shell, which have recently cut their payouts to preserve capital in difficult times.

"While other oil companies are taking the opportunity to reset the dividend, Saudi Aramco are somewhat locked into the IPO commitments," said Neil Beveridge, an analyst at Bernstein, a market research firm.

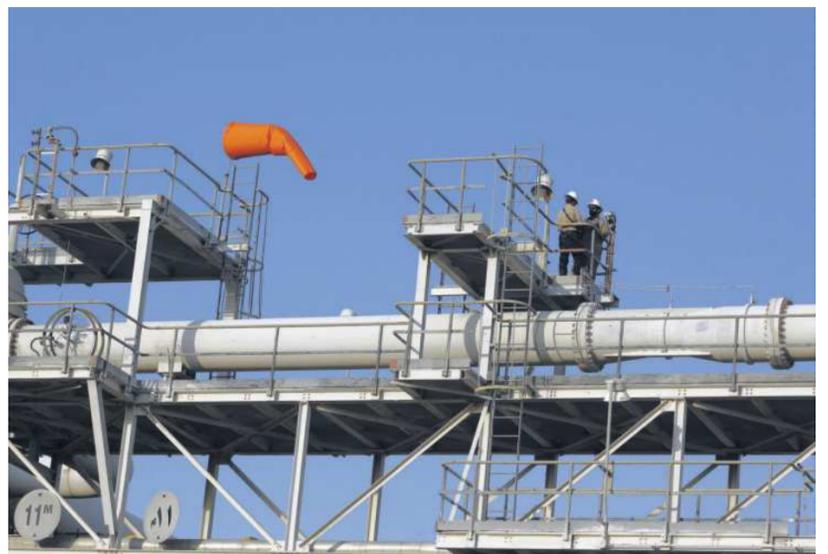
Beveridge estimated that Saudi Aramco is likely borrowing around \$12 billion to pay the dividend.

Recently, a surging Apple dethroned Saudi Aramco as the world's

most valuable company. Apple now has a market capitalization of about \$1.9 trillion compared to about \$1.76 trillion for the Saudi company.

The earnings results showed other impacts of the fact that Saudi Aramco is under the overall direction of the Saudi government. Rather than cutting production as the pandemic took hold, as might have been expected, the company ramped it up under the orders of the government, which was engaged in a price war with Russia.

The company said Sunday that it achieved a record daily production of 12.1 million barrels April 2. The Saudi production surge sent a gusher of oil into the market as demand was plummeting, rattling markets. Futures for the U.S. benchmark,



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Workers stand on a platform at a Saudi Aramco oil separator processing facility on Sept. 20, 2019, in Abqaiq, near Dammam in the kingdom's Eastern Province.

West Texas Intermediate, briefly reached a negative price.

In May, Saudi Arabia reined in production through an agreement reached under pressure from the Trump adminis-

tration. Prices for Brent crude, the international benchmark, have risen from their April lows of under \$20 a barrel to about \$44 a barrel but still remain down about a third on the year. Under that

agreement the Saudis are able to increase production by 500,000 barrels a day in August, but without a discernible impact on prices so far.

Virus causing financial pain even for people still working

BY SUDHIN THANAWALA
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ATLANTA

Getting her job back should have been a relief for Leesa Huddleston.

A kitchen worker at an Indiana casino, Huddleston returned in June after a three-month furlough caused by the coronavirus. She felt fortunate to no longer be among the roughly 30 million Amer-

icans who remain jobless and are now struggling with suddenly reduced unemployment aid.

Yet the return of her job hardly ended Huddleston's financial troubles. Her employer, its revenue shrunk by the loss of customers, cut her schedule to four days a week. That meant a \$300 drop in monthly pay — money that, along with overtime, had allowed Huddleston to afford rent, a car pay-

ment and other necessities. Now, she'll have to decide what to stop paying when she runs through her savings.

"I go from day to day," said Huddleston, 59. "I handle it better some days than others."

Huddleston belongs to a category of Americans who are largely overlooked at a time when unemployment is high and a critically important \$600-a-week federal

jobless benefit has just expired: People who still have jobs but whose financial struggles have nevertheless escalated in the face of the pandemic.

Some have endured pay cuts or have had their hours slashed. Others have been furloughed temporarily — without pay. Many just feel seized by fear that their job could vanish at any time or that their struggling employer will go out of business.

They are caught in the grip of a pandemic that has pummeled the economy, forcing lockdowns that closed businesses and leaving many people too worried about infection to

travel, shop, gather in crowds or eat out — or barred from doing so by states or localities. Yet their predicaments, as much as the wave of layoffs the virus triggered, speak to the dire impact the virus has had on the American labor force.

They don't portend good things for the economy, said Elise Gould, a senior economist at the Economic Policy Institute, a progressive think tank, who notes that anxious consumers, whether they hold a job or not, typically cut back on spending, the primary driver of the economy.

"The insecurity of what

has happened to people around them may lead people to save as much as possible," she said. "And that could decrease spending in the sense that, 'I don't know what happens next.'"

Consider Ellen Boudreau, a 59-year-old bookkeeper in Manchester, New Hampshire. She's become a self-described "miser" since her work hours were reduced after a six-week layoff and her husband, David, a lab technician, had his schedule cut to four days for several months — and then was furloughed every

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James Jackson stands outside his home July 30 in West Park, Fla. Jackson's employer, the Diplomat Beach Resort, in Hollywood, Fla., was forced to close in March because of the coronavirus outbreak.

For pandemic jobless, the only real certainty is uncertainty

BY SHARON COHEN
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CHICAGO

For three decades, Kelly Flint flourished as a corporate travel agent, sending everyone from business titans to oil riggers around the planet. Then came the worst pandemic in a century, leaving her jobless and marooned in an uncertain economy.

Furloughed since March, Flint has dipped into her retirement account to pay her bills, frustrated that her \$600 weekly emergency federal aid payments have expired. She yearns, too, for an end to the twin disasters that now dominate her life: recession and pandemic.

"I don't deal well with the unknowns," she says. "I never have."

Across America are legions of Kelly Flints, women and men who don't know when they'll receive another paycheck

— or if.

The COVID-19 outbreak and resulting economic upheaval have thrown millions of lives into disarray. Industries have collapsed, businesses closed, jobs disappeared. Compounding the misery is a question no one can answer: When will this all be over?

If 2020 had to be condensed into a single word — and there are many, many words to describe it — uncertainty would hover at the top of the list. Uncertainty about health. About the future. About the country itself. And uncertainty about livelihoods and jobs and economic security in a historical moment where each day seems to bring a fresh wave of unwanted developments.

America has faced economic calamity before, most recently during the recession of 2008, when the jobless rate soared to 10%. That pales in comparison to the two crises

that have cost more than 160,000 American lives and ushered in spiraling unemployment — 30 million job losses, of which 17.5 million people remain unemployed.

Uncertainty, painted onto the landscape by the numbers. And behind each one, a human being. Here are some of their thoughts.

'BLESSINGS IN FRONT OF ME'

"I'll either be here or I'll build my peace elsewhere. ... I can't get wrapped up in the unknowns when I have blessings in front of me."

— LISA VINES, 56, of Memphis, Tennessee, laid off in March from her sales job at a promotional product company where she'd worked for 20 years.

'ROLL WITH THE PUNCHES'

"I've learned that you can't possibly plan for everything and, though it's a cliché, you've just

got to roll with the punches. And I've learned to go where the next thing leads me. Hopefully, that will be soon."

— JARED SAIGH of Iron River, Michigan, laid off in 2019 from a marketing company. He was then hired to lead a nonprofit attached to his local hospital, but the offer was rescinded after the pandemic swooped in.

'A DAY-TO-DAY PROCESS'

"This is a day-to-day process, and I can't worry about the things I cannot change."

— JAMES JACKSON, 51, of Florida, who lost his job as a hospitality worker after his workplace closed in March. He's now looking for a warehouse job and worries about having enough food for his kids, 8 to 18, and being able to afford school supplies and clothes.

'YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE'

"There are certain things you can't control, and you have to let it go. I can't control the pandemic. I can't control the job market. ... In the back of my mind, there's still a tiny drawer of anxiety and worry. ... But I'm starting to tell myself, 'Listen, you're going to be fine.'"

— BRETT LIPSHUTZ, 46, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who lost his job as a bilingual software trainer when the pandemic hit. He's starting a tofu business with friends and expects to be able to teach French in the Milwaukee public high schools this fall.

'I DON'T HAVE VERY MUCH OF A PURPOSE'

"I feel like I don't have very much of a purpose now."

— MORGAN GITHMARK, 24, of North Carolina, who had to quit her marketing job in March because it involved face-to-face encounters with customers at big-box stores. She is diabetic and has an increased chance of serious illness if she contracts the coronavirus.

'MAKE A PLAN THAT MAKES SENSE'

"I'm the type of person who, if I have an idea of what I'm facing, I can try to make a plan that makes sense. But you don't really know what it

is you need to do."

— MICAH ANDERSON, 37, who lost his job when the Portland, Oregon, club where he tended bar was forced to close in the pandemic's early days. Now he walks almost everywhere. He has reduced his food budget to essentials. He doesn't go out with friends. He's become politically active, calling the offices of federal lawmakers, urging them to back a bill creating a \$120 billion fund to help rescue restaurants and bars.

Uncertainty ripples outward. There are so many things that, because of it, simply can't be done.

Job uncertainty is new for Flint, 53, the travel agent. She's never been unemployed, and it's "doubly scary," she says, because she's single. Every week, she sends out fresh resumes from her home in Galveston, Texas. "I've had anxiety that I've never had before. I've even had panic attacks. I've had crazy dreams of zombies," she says. "It has worn on me."

For Micah Anderson, the uncertainty has been the hardest part — "having zero idea of what next week is going to even look like."

"You just have no clue. You make decisions the best you can. And you hope that they turn out OK."

Profits rebound at Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway

BY PETER EAVIS
New York Times

The strong recovery in the stock market – and a surge in the value of Apple's stock, in particular – drove a rebound in profits for Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway in the second quarter.

Berkshire on Saturday said it earned \$26.4 billion in the second quarter, a turnaround from a \$49.7 billion loss in the first quarter, when a plunge in the stock market, prompted by the coronavirus

outbreak, caused huge paper losses in Buffett's giant stock portfolio. In the second quarter of last year, Berkshire earned \$14.2 billion.

The weak economy, caused by the pandemic and business interruptions, weighed on many of the companies that the conglomerate owns. Berkshire warned that the pandemic could lead to changes in the economy that could hurt its operations.

"We cannot reliably predict when business activities at our numerous

and diverse operations will normalize. Nor can we predict how these events will alter the future consumption patterns of consumers and businesses we serve," it said in its second-quarter filing.

Aside from its stock holdings in companies like Apple and Bank of America, Berkshire owns outright a wide array of large businesses – in the insurance, railway, energy, retail and manufacturing sectors – that provide a snapshot of the health of the U.S. economy.

In the quarter, Berk-

shire reported a \$26.7 billion increase in the value of its stock holdings, powered by a \$27.7 billion surge in the value of the company's investment in Apple's stock, whose price has soared this year even as the global economy sputtered badly.

Berkshire's stock gains don't become cash profits until the company sells an investment, which was typically an uncommon occurrence. But in the second quarter, it sold its stakes in airline companies as Buffett soured on their prospects in the virus-afflicted economy. Overall, Berkshire sold \$13.6 billion of equity securities in the second quarter, a jump from \$2.1 billion in the first quarter.

Although Buffett has a long record as a savvy investor, Berkshire's stock has performed worse than the broader stock market this year, falling 7.4%, versus a 3.7% increase for the S&P 500 stock index.

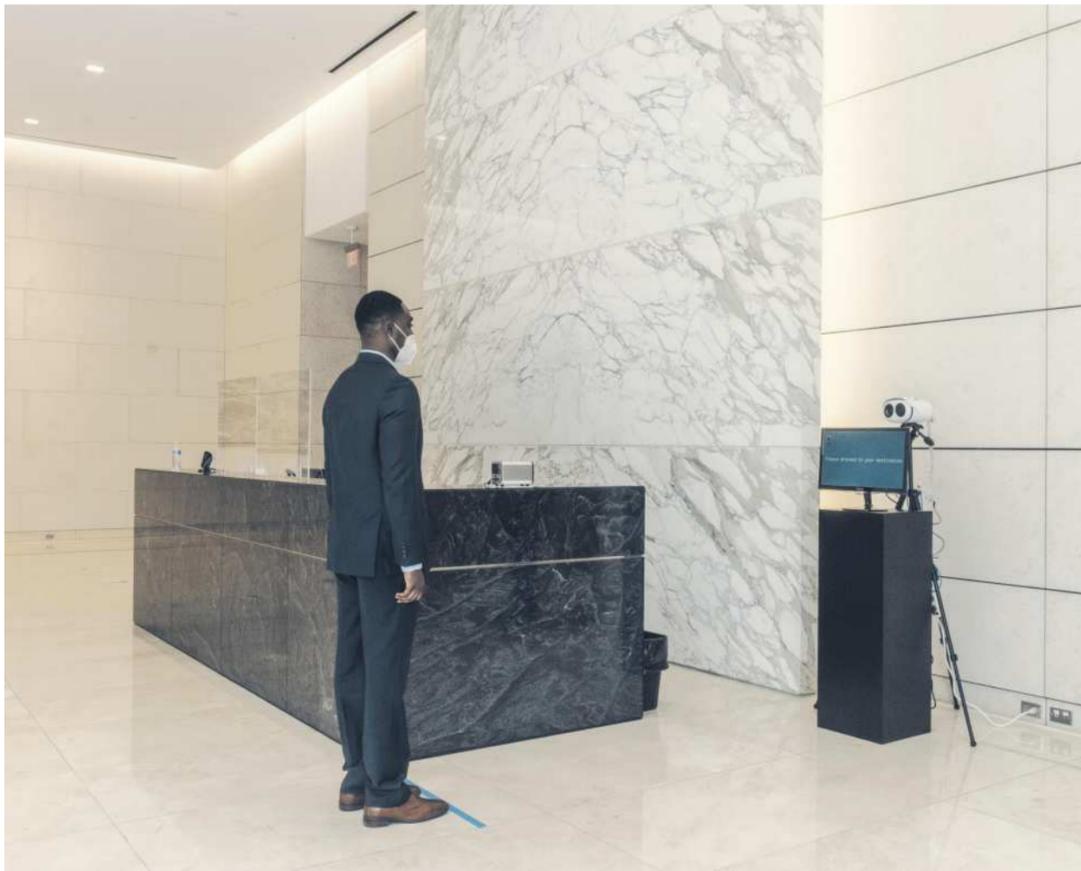
In a sign that Buffett might believe that Berkshire's shares are undervalued, the company spent \$6.7 billion buying back its own stock in the second quarter, a record amount, and up from \$1.7 billion in the first quarter.

During and after the 2008 financial crisis, Berkshire made big investments and acquisitions that ended up producing big returns. But the company has so far announced only one large acquisition during the

coronavirus crisis – a \$4 billion deal to buy natural gas pipeline assets that was agreed to last month. Berkshire said Saturday that it expected the deal to close in the fourth quarter.

Berkshire's holdings of cash and short-term Treasury bills – money it can, in theory, use to make big acquisitions in the future – rose to \$146.6 billion in the second quarter from \$137.2 billion in the first quarter.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Berkshire's large North American railway operation, reported a fall in revenue in the second quarter as the pandemic contributed to a decline in volume of goods it transports.



JARED SOARES NYT

A thermal camera takes a person's temperature at an office in Arlington, Va., on June 9. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration suggests employers make an infectious disease preparedness and response plan.

Be prepared, ask questions if you have to return to the office

BY SARA ARIDI
New York Times

Since the coronavirus hit the United States in the spring, about 35% of American workers have switched to telecommuting, according to a recent survey by the National Bureau of Economic Research. And with the end of summer fast approaching, you may be wondering about your return to the office – should you return at all.

Or even if you continued to go into work, you might feel uneasy about the rising number of cases across the country and the prospect that you or your colleagues may contribute to the spread of the virus. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, known as OSHA, has suggested that employers develop an infectious disease preparedness and response plan, as well as implement basic preventive measures, like promoting frequent hand-washing and telling employees to stay home if they are sick. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also has a list

of best practices, such as identifying how employees could be exposed to the coronavirus at work and encouraging them to wear face coverings.

Still, employers may not enforce safety precautions because OSHA's recommendations are not mandatory, said Merrick Rosein, a professor at CUNY School of Law. "The biggest problem and complaint from lots of advocacy groups is that there's very little teeth," he said. Virginia took the matter into its own hands last month, becoming the first state to mandate workplace safety rules in response to the pandemic. In any case, "there's no way you can just completely eliminate the risk, but what you have to do is minimize the risk," said Wafaa El-Sadr, a professor of epidemiology and medicine at Columbia University. "It will require everybody doing their bit."

Here are some tips and things to take into consideration as you figure out your return to the office.

BE PREPARED FOR THINGS TO LOOK DIFFERENT

"The whole process of coming into the office is likely going to change," said Elizabeth Brink, a principal and global work sector leader at the architecture and design firm Gensler.

Some businesses have set up contactless entries: Employees in certain properties developed by Rudin Management in New York can enter the building hands-free by pulling up a QR code on an app created by its tech startup, Prescriptive Data, that also allows users to check the air quality and elevator wait times (some are limited to four riders at once). Additionally, the developer has installed sanitizer dispensers at each entry point of its office buildings as well as diagrams that illustrate how to enter and exit the building to prevent crowding.

Once you reach the area where your desk is, you'll probably notice that seats have been rearranged to ensure social distancing. "Any office that I've heard of that has hot-desking –

week to reduce density in the office, or throughout the day, so employees relying on mass transit can avoid commuting during rush hour?

The CDC suggests employees fill out daily health surveys and disclose whether they have COVID-19 symptoms before coming into work. But that comes with limitations. "You have some people who may minimize the symptoms, and you have some people who might exaggerate the symptoms," El-Sadr said. But she has found that "most people will be quite honest."

Employers may also implement daily temperature screenings. Related Companies – the main developer behind the Hudson Yards complex in New York City – has installed infrared cameras in the lobbies of several large office buildings in the city that signal when a person's temperature is over 100 degrees, said Philippe Visser, Related's president of office development. Some companies are putting technology in their employees' hands: The staff returning to work at Rudin Management's New York office has been checking symptoms using an app from a company called TrueCare24, said Samantha Rudin, the firm's senior vice president.

While not all people who test positive for the coronavirus have a fever, if an employee is feeling feverish and knows her temperature will be checked before going into the office, she may be more inclined to stay home, Allen said.

It's also important to understand how your company will respond if an employee tests positive for the coronavirus. In most cases, employers shouldn't have to shut down their facilities, according to the CDC. If fewer than seven days have passed since a sick employee has been at work, the CDC suggests closing off any areas she had used for prolonged periods of time. If possible, the employer should wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting, lest other workers become exposed to the virus, and open doors and windows to allow for ventilation.

Employers should also alert workers who may be infected and ask them to stay home for two weeks while they monitor their symptoms.

Keep in mind that your employer's strategy for reopening most likely depends on your industry and your company's resources. If your employer hasn't already announced its plans, ask about them.

"Your company and building should be communicating frequently about what strategies they're putting in place," Allen said.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

If you feel as if your employer isn't taking the necessary steps to ensure your safety or is discriminating against you for any reason, read up on federal, state and local laws.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission enforces several federal anti-discrimination laws, including the Americans With Disabilities Act. If an employee has a disability that puts her at greater risk from the coronavirus, she may be entitled to accommodations that would reduce her exposure, like a modified work schedule or shift assignment, unless the employer can prove the accommodations would be an undue burden on it.

The Family and Medical Leave Act offers 12 weeks of unpaid leave to full-time workers who have worked for their employer for at least one year; 13 states and Washington have laws that require paid sick leave; and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, an emergency measure passed in March by the federal government, offers two weeks of paid sick leave to eligible employees who are ill, quarantined, or seeking diagnosis or preventive care for coronavirus. It also covers those caring for a sick relative or child whose school is closed or whose child care provider is unavailable.

Additionally, in the early days of the pandemic, several large employers, such as Apple and Walmart, announced new sick leave policies in response to the outbreak.

Not sure where you stand? Find a local advocacy group that can offer advice. There's Make the Road New York, a nonprofit with sister organizations in a number of states, which supports workers' rights and offers legal services to those in need. Or reach out to A Better Balance, a national nonprofit that often receives calls through its helpline from pregnant and low-income workers who may be entitled to specific accommodations but aren't sure of their rights, according to Dina Bakst, a president and a founder of A Better Balance.

Employees can only do so much, Bakst said: "The onus should be on the employer to ensure health and safety."

EXTRA BUSINESS



LILY LAREGINA AP

Steel Valley High School students dance at a prom organized by a student's father June 23 in Homestead, Pa. The pandemic has created planning havoc for entrepreneurs. In the business of bright prom dresses with sequins and beads, though, lead times are longer than most.

Prom shop owners face gamble on pandemic's future

BY MATT KEMPNER
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Prom shop owners from around the nation traditionally converge in downtown Atlanta this time of year to guess what teens will want to wear next spring and order new dresses.

But for the few in the battered industry brave enough to make a pilgrimage this week to the World of Prom trade show — billed as the biggest of its kind in the U.S. — there was a very different kind of guesswork at play.

Will the rite of adolescence be obliterated

again by coronavirus concerns?

Some came to AmericasMart with one underlying goal for their buying decisions: stall as long as possible.

"It's a period of total uncertainty," said Joy Salyards, who owns Reflections Prom & Pageant in Harrisonburg, Va.

Many teens don't even know whether they will be in school classrooms in coming weeks. How can Salyards guess what the state of angst will be among government leaders and parents more than six months from now?

"We don't know what governors are going to do

and what states are going to do tomorrow."

The pandemic has created planning havoc for entrepreneurs in lots of industries. In the business of bright prom dresses with sequins and beads, though, lead times are longer than most.

In typical years, prom trade show attendees said, there are long waits to catch elevators. Lots of designers put on multiple runway shows each day, with every seat taken. Free booze and food, parties and DJs are expected.

This week, many permanent shops looked empty and temporary

exhibitors were completely absent as rules about social distancing and mask-wearing were posted prominently. Few sellers bothered with runway shows.

Teens and their parents usually start buying prom clothes in late January and through the spring. Store owners suspect students are likely to make dress decisions later than normal — if at all. And many of their options likely involve sorting through what never moved off store racks last prom season.

This past spring, most shop owners never hit their stride before school systems canceled proms, along with graduation ceremonies and other events. Shops have been stuck with mountains of unsold dresses, debt to designers and little appetite to buy more.

In typical years, Salyards puts in hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of orders with designers who fly in to sell their

wares at the prom show. This time she committed to less than \$10,000 in dresses, most for pageants that are still being held. She isn't even considering buying homecoming dresses.

Lani Williams' shop, Joani's Fashions in Shelby Township, Mich., is profitable most years. Not this one. She still has 99% of her inventory left over from last prom season and lingering debt. "It's scary," she said.

Williams shopped at the trade show but didn't place any orders. She hopes to stall until Thanksgiving or maybe even Christmas, when she might have a better read on what's ahead.

"If I miss out on the next season, I don't see myself staying afloat," she said.

Atlanta is one of the country's biggest hosts for conventions and trade shows. AmericasMart covers about 7 million square feet, spreading over three buildings and multiple floors. It attracts buyers and sellers from around the nation and, sometimes, the world, and claims to have the largest collection of wholesale home, gift, area rug and apparel.

Virtually every major trade show and convention in the metro area has been postponed or canceled since mid-March. Part of the largely unused Georgia World Congress Center was converted for space to count absentee ballots and, twice, for overflow hospital beds during the pandemic.

AmericasMart held a small trade show in June, followed this week by the prom show and a simultaneous apparel show that normally attract 11,500 attendees and exhibitors and their staff. This year, it said, it expected only 4,500.

But those at the show — which ended Friday — said they saw far smaller numbers on the three floors set aside for prom and bridal dresses.

Daniel Adrian, who rents space in the center for his Philadelphia-based Clarisse dress business, said normally he relies on a staff of 40. This year it was just him and his future sister-in-law at the show.

David Knapp, who does accounting for his wife's Best Bride, Prom & Tux shop in Asheville, N.C., won't place dress orders until next month, when he hopes to hear news about how the latest phase of vaccine trials is progressing. Still, he said he'd be happy if next year's sales reach even 75% of normal levels.

Denise Knapp is more hopeful. Like others in the industry, she is hoping many parents will organize small, informal prom gatherings, such as photo sessions in families' backyards.

Johnathan Kayne, a Nashville-based dress designer who gained notoriety on the TV show "Project Runway," said he's encouraging others in the industry to push such alternatives, maybe through the social media hashtag #SaveProm.

For some teens, the dress and the look are more important than the school-sanctioned dance.

"All the attention is on them for one night, and that doesn't always happen," Kayne said. It's their first time wearing a gown and "for people to see them in a different way."

Another trade show in September at AmericasMart is expected to focus on bridal goods. Some owners of prom dress shops said bride and mother-of-the-bride dresses are the one part of their business that's growing. Weddings are still being planned, even if they are small backyard affairs, they said.

In the meantime, the pandemic has clarified basic priorities. Said Salyards, the Harrisonburg shop owner, "Here are my goals: To stay alive and to stay in business."

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other week in July.

Her husband wants a new television to replace a projection model at their home. Boudreau, though, has pushed back. She's worried, in part, about other expenses, including the possibility of a costly trip to the veterinarian for their 15-year-old Shih Tzu.

"He really wants the TV," she said. "Normally, I wouldn't have thought about it. We don't have the security anymore of a job."

In Atlanta, Sirmorris Mitchell was forced to dip into his savings to pay for diabetes medication after his work hours, too, were reduced. Mitchell had been trying to re-establish his independence with the help of Homes of Light, a homeless services organization connected to United Way. Then the coronavirus eliminated his part-time office job.

Having initially worked full time with a home-and-office cleaning company this spring, Mitchell, 50, now barely gets even a few hours a week.

"When all this junk took off and they started closing businesses down and I couldn't find work like I wanted to, it put a big impact on me," he said. "And then when you got diabetes and stuff, it's

hard to deal with everything at once."

The financial pressures of the still-employed come against the backdrop of a catastrophic toll of layoffs. The number of laid-off Americans who have applied for unemployment benefits has topped 1 million for 20 straight weeks. All told, roughly 30 million people are out of work, the government says.

On Friday, the government said the economy added 1.8 million jobs in July, a pullback from the previous two months' gains and evidence that the resurgent coronavirus is weakening hiring and any economic rebound. The hiring of the past three months has regained barely more than 40% of the jobs lost to the pandemic-induced recession.

The number of Americans who have endured wage cuts or reductions in work hours isn't as definitive. But federal data, combined with economic research, puts the figure at around 11 million. In July, more than 7 million Americans reported that they were working part time because their hours had been cut — far more than the 2.8 million who said so in February — the government said.

And from March through June, businesses reduced the pay of an additional 6.8 million workers, economists at the University of Chicago and the Federal Reserve estimated in a study that relied on data from payroll processor ADP.

Overall, about half of Americans in a poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research released in July say they or someone in their household has lost some income since the pandemic struck. That includes 27% who say someone has been laid off, 33% who report someone has endured a reduction in hours, 24% who say someone has taken unpaid time off and 29% who say someone had wages or salaries reduced.

Typically during recessions, employers have avoided cutting pay for fear of further worsening morale. The pay cuts during this downturn underscore the depth of the economic toll.

Gould, the EPI economist, noted that worker pay had risen meaningfully in the couple of years before the pandemic struck as demand for labor rose in a growing economy. Any gains in bargaining power, though, have likely been lost.

"Workers that have their job now are like, 'I'm going to hold onto this job,'" she said. "I'm not



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Leesa Huddleston, seen Aug. 3 in Shelbyville, Ind., returned in June after a three-month furlough caused by coronavirus. Her employer cut her schedule to four days a week.

going to do anything to rock the boat. I'm not going to ask for a raise. I'm not going to talk about any hardships."

In the meantime, anxiety about job security has reached a higher pitch for some. Since being furloughed in March and then recalled to work, Steve Ward, a mattress salesman at Macy's flagship store in Manhattan, has seen three of his colleagues let go.

Ward, who has worked at Macy's for 35 years, fears that his job could be next because the pandemic has shrunk the number of customers in his de-

partment by roughly half.

"I worry about myself, the future," said Ward, 58, who had hoped to retire at 65. "In the back of my mind, I do think about what retail will look like. What's going to happen to Macy's? This is not going away unless there is a cure."

In Shelbyville, Indiana, Huddleston's reduced hours have forced her to become even thriftier. A labor union, UNITE HERE!, helped pay her \$734 monthly rent when she was out of work. To meet her expenses now, she dips into the unemployment aid she had

received during her furlough. A food pantry helps with groceries. She tucks away half a sandwich or other leftovers from lunch provided by the casino and often eats macaroni and cheese.

Yet she worries that it won't be enough to keep her solvent indefinitely.

"I just pray to God that he helps me through it," she said.

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Don't be ashamed of those extra pounds

BY COURTNEY RUBIN
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With the explosion of lockdown-friendly home exercise programs and advice, it may seem as if it's never been easier to workout at home. But the reality is, it's probably never been harder. For every person posting a sweaty "crushed it" selfie on Instagram, there's another one (or four) just trying to endure pandemic-induced stress. Add in constant access to the refrigerator and a pantry overstuffed with panic buys, and the guilt about what we've eaten — or the exercise we haven't done — piles on faster than you can say "Quarantine 15."

"So you've gained weight," said Elyse Resch, a nutrition therapist. "So what? You're alive. We're doing the best we can with the resources we have." (Not to mention many

others straining under severe challenges, like significant health concerns and financial worries.)

You, too, can shrug off minor or moderate weight gain or the loss of your pre-pandemic fitness level. Read on.

BREAK THE CYCLE

Above all, have compassion. "I don't think most people change their minds by being yelled at or punched in the face, but that's how we talk to ourselves," said Phoenix Jackson, a clinical psychologist who specializes in trauma. When Jackson is having trouble speaking to herself as kindly as she might a beloved friend, she likes to find a photo of herself as a child and think of how gently she'd like that person to be spoken to.

Next, recognize that weight and ambitious exercise regimens may

offer the illusion of control in a world that seems out of control, but the anxiety they produce is not helpful. This is part of a larger problem: Most of us feel pressure to achieve or maintain a certain body size because we've been taught that it's important. Excess weight has been linked to considerable health risks, though it does not, by definition, mean a person is unhealthy. Unfortunately, fatphobia promotes just the opposite: Fat people are denied health care, earn less money at work and have a harder time finding work in the first place, research has shown.

"Break the cycle by asking yourself where you learned that weight gain was something to be ashamed of," Paula Freedman, a clinical psychologist who specializes in eating disorders, wrote in an email. Ask: Does this belief help me be the type

of person I want to be? (Freedman added that you may have to break this down further: What type of person do I want to be? How do I want to treat myself and other people?)

Christy Harrison, a nutrition therapist who examined the issue of excess weight and the virus in a *Wired* article published in April, said in an interview last month that few of the early research studies on the matter controlled for race, socioeconomic status or quality of care — "social determinants of health that we know explain the lion's share of health disparities between groups of people," she wrote. Nor did they control for how doctors' biases influence the way they care for higher-weight patients. But strong evidence exists that obesity (defined as having a body mass index of 30 or higher) puts you at greater risk of dying

from COVID-19.

"At the end of the day, regardless of what the science does or doesn't say about COVID and weight, we still don't have any way for people to lose weight and keep it off," Harrison said.

She suggested asking yourself: What am I getting out of worrying about food and my body right now, and what am I losing? What could I be doing with that time and energy? One survey suggested women fretted for 21 minutes a day and men for 18 minutes a day. (And to some people, that number may sound awfully low.) Still, that's a lot of time that could be devoted to anything from guilty pleasures to relationships — or to life- and world-changing causes.

"Fearing weight gain and feeling bad about your body takes you away from what really matters and being able to participate in this cultural moment," Harrison said.

EAT IF YOU WANT TO

One tenet of diet culture — or wellness culture, which is really just the rebranding of diet culture — is that eating for any other reason besides

screaming biological hunger is a bad thing. This belief came from the rise of diet clubs in the 1960s, where women went to talk out their feelings so they could avoid emotional eating.

"You have to be starving to deserve to eat in this culture," Harrison said. "But we are designed to get pleasure out of food and connect over food."

Let's say food really is giving you comfort. "Go with it, love it, be grateful for it," Resch said. With one caveat: You'll need to stay present to get the actual comfort and satisfaction. If you're too busy judging yourself when you eat, you're not savoring the texture and flavor.

ASK WHY YOU EXERCISE

So you're not working out enough, or as hard as you did pre-lockdown, and you think this is a problem. This may be because, for you, exercise is about controlling your body or compensating for what you've been eating — yet another belief to be discarded.

"Exercise is its own pleasurable thing you can do for joy and for mental health benefits," Harrison said. "It's hard to tune into that when you have all these voices in your head saying, 'But if I can't get my heart rate to this I'm not going to get the benefits.'"

Resch prefers the word "movement" to "exercise."

"Exercise connotes something you have to do," she said. "You want to take out the sense of doing it for a purpose like weight loss or keeping muscle on." Instead, ask yourself what makes you feel good in your body. It could just be standing up and stretching.

Channel your energy into something more productive than obsessing about weight and exercise — like working to change diet culture, such as calling out thin-promoting or fat-shaming comments on your social networks.

Suman Ambwani, an associate professor of psychology at Dickinson College, said people are sometimes reluctant to challenge these sorts of statements.

"But we found in one study a couple of years ago that someone who called attention to this issue and rejected appearance-related self-worth and the thin ideal was actually seen as more likable than someone who just colluded with body-shaming," she said.

Meet niacinamide, an unsung hero of skin care

BY GIA MAZUR
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Retinoids, acids and vitamin C might be the queen bees of skin care ingredients, but dozens of worker bees in your products also help transform your skin.

Thanks to its versatility for almost any skin care concern and skin type, Niacinamide is one of them.

Before we talk about what niacinamide does for our skin, we need to understand how skin functions.

Our skin is truly amazing. Skin largest organ keeps the good stuff in and the

bad stuff out. The skin barrier is the outermost layer and works as our first line of defense against the outside world, including pollution, UV rays and bacteria. Soft, plump, firm, hydrated skin is the sign of a proper barrier function.

It's incredibly easy to throw off your skin's barrier function, however, including by overexposure to the sun, over-exfoliation, daily environmental stress or using harsh, drying ingredients. You'll know if your barrier is compromised because your skin will feel dry, rough and sensitized. In this state, your skin is more susceptible to irrita-

tion, breakouts and signs of aging.

Thankfully, niacinamide is your skin barrier's best friend.

Another name for vitamin B3, niacinamide boosts ceramide production, which supports the skin barrier. I've heard ceramides compared to cement between bricks (or skin cells), keeping everything sealed together. Niacinamide also has been shown to increase production of collagen, a protein that acts like the scaffolding of your skin and gives it its structure.

Through kick-starting both collagen and ceramide production, niacinamide creates a strong

barrier, which leads to improved elasticity. This reduces the appearance of enlarged pores and leads to a more even skin tone. Peach & Lily Glass Skin Serum combines niacinamide, peptides, hyaluronic acid and extracts to create clear, smooth and translucent skin.

Free radicals and environmental damage can hurt the skin, make it appear dull over time and expedite the appearance of lines and wrinkles. Because of its ability to improve the skin's barrier, niacinamide reduces the impact of free radicals for a healthy, fresh complexion and has been shown to fade dark spots. Peter Thomas Roth PRO Strength Niacinamide Discoloration Treatment works to reduce the look of dark spots and hyperpigmentation left behind by blemishes, sun damage

and aging as well as uneven skin tone.

It also is known for its anti-inflammatory properties, which makes it useful in treating acne. Glossier Super Pure Serum blends 5% niacinamide with zinc PCA to balance the complexion, smooth texture and help reduce congestion in pores without irritation. The Inkey List Niacinamide helps regulate skin's sebum production, which can lead to fewer blackheads and breakouts.

One of the most unique things about niacinamide is its compatibility with other ingredients. A holy grail of mine, Summer Fridays Jet Lag Mask, not only contains niacinamide to even skin tone, visibly reduce the look of pores and soften fine lines but also is packed with more skin-loving ingredients to banish dullness and dry-

ness. Vitamins C and E brighten and replenish skin, chestnut extract exfoliates and makes complexion look more radiant and fresh, and sodium hyaluronate boosts moisture.

You also can use multiple products in your routine that contain niacinamide, and it shouldn't irritate or sensitize your skin at all. It's even safe for sensitive or rosacea-prone skin. (Stranger things have happened, so always do a patch test first.)

If you check your ingredient lists, you may already be using products that contain niacinamide. It's a great addition to any skin care routine and, with its host of uses, there's definitely a niacinamide product that's right for you.

FROM THE KANSAS CITY STAR

Kansas shows mask mandates bring decline in COVID-19 cases

BY THE KANSAS CITY STAR EDITORIAL BOARD

Do masks work? Better yet, do we really need to ask?

Apparently so.

OK. But as the national debate on whether masks inhibit the spread of COVID-19 goes on far beyond its logical conclusion, what should be a new closing argument has just been made. In Kansas, of all places.

The state's 15 counties

with mandatory mask orders — including Wyandotte and Johnson counties in the Kansas City area — have seen a greater decline in coronavirus cases than the remaining 90 counties that don't mandate them.

Since July 12, not long after counties were given the option of accepting or rejecting Gov. Laura Kelly's mask mandate, those with mask orders have seen cases decline from about 26 to 16 per

100,000 population. Cases in counties with no mask mandate have stayed relatively flat.

In a state as geographically diverse as Kansas — the 15 mandatory-mask counties contain about two-thirds of the state's population — there are plenty of variables. Density of population is only one of them. Still, an armchair comparison tells you that masks have made a marked difference in the Sunflower State.

All of the decline in cases, says Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary Dr. Lee Norman, "comes from those counties wearing masks."

"Masks work," says Dr. Sanmi Areola, director of the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment. Johnson County's average number of cases has leveled off and even declined under the mask mandate — "from a high of 116 cases

per day the week of July 12 to 90 cases per day last week," Areola told The Star Friday.

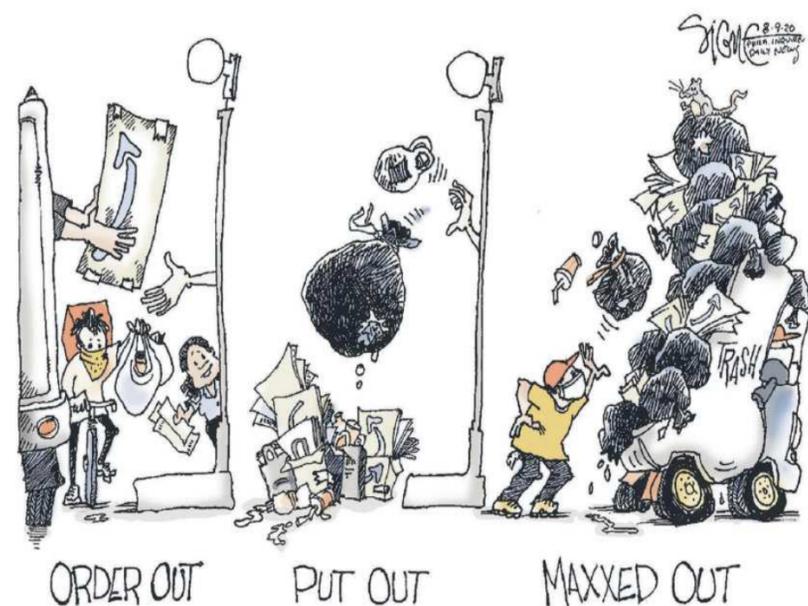
Wyandotte County has seen an even steeper decline in its seven-day rolling average of new COVID-19 cases since the mask mandate, from 93 to 59.

"That is encouraging to us," Dr. K. Allen Greiner, medical officer for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Health

Department, told county leaders about the difference that mask usage is making. "We think it's a major way we can control all this."

Norman used a chart in his press conference Wednesday that some took issue with, noting that the two lines on the graph — one depicting case trends in counties with mask mandates, the other in counties without a mandate — were actually on different axes. That made the case decline in counties with a mandate look more dramatic.

If that was intentional, it was completely unnecessary. The drop is already dramatic and is a statement of the power of masks.



FROM THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

18 is enough: Limit terms of Supreme Court justices

BY THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD

The Supreme Court term that ended last month was a refreshing reproach to the perception that the justices are simply politicians in black robes.

True, there were several 5-4 decisions in which Republican appointees voted one way and Democratic appointees the other. But in some truly consequential cases — including a historic decision protecting gay and transgender workers against discrimination — liberal and conservative justices found common ground. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., an appointee of President George W. Bush, joined Democratic appointees in several rulings, including a decision striking down an anti-abortion law in Louisiana.

Unfortunately, it will take more than signs of consensus on the court to remove it as a subject of partisan debate, especially in a presidential election year.

Shortly after the term ended, 87-year-old Ruth Bader Ginsburg, whom President Clinton appointed, announced that she was being treated for a recurrence of cancer. Democrats immediately raised justifiable concerns that Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) would try to ram through a Trump appointee if Ginsburg died or retired this year. This is the same McConnell who blocked the Senate from considering President Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland in 2016

because it was an election year and the American people "should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court justice."

President Trump, meanwhile, has made it clear that he sees future appointments to the Supreme Court as a campaign issue. And Vice President Mike Pence recently said that Roberts had been a disappointment to conservatives.

For their part, Democrats have continued to complain about the mistreatment of Garland. During the contest for the Democratic presidential nomination, several candidates — though not former Vice President Joe Biden — expressed interest in expanding the number of seats on the Supreme Court. The proposed platform for the Democratic Party envisions unspecified "structural court reforms" to counter the Republicans' success in filling (or prolonging) vacancies.

Court-packing is a terrible idea. And if a Democratic Congress expanded the Supreme Court to influence its rulings, what would prevent a future Republican Congress and president from following suit?

The Democrats' exasperation with Trump and McConnell is understandable, but the solution isn't tit-for-tat partisanship but rather a depoliticization of the process for appointing justices. Liberal and conservative legal experts have joined in proposing that justices — who now serve for life

unless they choose to retire — be appointed instead to fixed terms. The most popular proposal would provide for an 18-year term.

Fixed terms would have several advantages. They would prevent justices from serving past their prime or clinging to their positions in an attempt to ensure that a president they trust will appoint their successors. The current system of life tenure on the court encourages presidents to maximize their influence by choosing younger nominees who potentially will serve for decades.

Most important, fixed terms would lower the stakes in any particular nomination to the court. That would especially be the case if, as some advocates of fixed terms suggest, appointments to the court occurred on a regular basis.

A proposal for 18-year terms favored by the reform group Fix the Court would allow a president to make two Supreme Court nominations during a four-year term. Most recent presidents have appointed at least two justices, but the frequency of appointments has varied.

The argument on the other side is that, because the Supreme Court was created by the Constitution, Congress may not force justices to step down.

Even if a statute providing for fixed terms would pass constitutional muster, however, it would be better if the change were accomplished through an amendment to the Constitution. That is admittedly a more arduous process, but an amendment would mean that successive Congresses couldn't repeal or reinstate fixed terms to gain partisan advantage.

FROM THE BALTIMORE SUN

Hurricanes, fires, heat — climate warnings march on

BY THE BALTIMORE SUN EDITORIAL BOARD

After a stifling hot July, August arrived on the East Coast with tornadoes and torrential rain from Tropical Storm Isaias. While severe weather is not a new phenomenon, experts warn that this pattern of stronger, wetter hurricanes and tropical storms, and longer stretches of high temperatures in the summer, is likely a product of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

And it's far from the only sign that there's a fundamental shift going on: A report released last week suggests rising seas caused by climate change mean the risk of flooding is headed much further inland than it has in the past with more than \$14 trillion in assets put at risk.

If climate change just meant cranking up the air conditioning in July or vacating flood-prone areas in August, that would be one thing, but it's far more devastating than that. The report on coastal flooding published in Scientific Reports, for example, cites the Northeast United States as one of the world's most vulnerable regions as flood areas expand between now and the end of the century.

What amounts to a human-made carbon dioxide blanket around the world inevitably leads to hotter, wetter and more extreme weather. And the consequences of that are expected to lead to reduced crops

and food shortages, loss of biodiversity, increased poverty and social upheaval and wild fires like the still-raging Apple fire that is consuming 42 square miles in Southern California's San Bernardino Mountains. Cutting emissions, reducing carbon levels, and adapting to a changing world are humanity's best strategies for softening the blow. But there's also a fourth strategy that ought to be pursued: fighting disinformation.

One of the tragedies likely to echo far into the future is the manner in which climate change has become, instead of a widely accepted scientific theory about which an estimated 97% of experts agree, a matter to be twisted and distorted by polluters and others who seek financial or political gain. Just one week ago, President Donald Trump traveled to Midland, Texas, to pledge his fealty to the oil and gas producers and warn that "zealots, radicals and extremists trying to shut down your industry" will not be successful.

That President Trump's willful disregard for climate change science isn't new doesn't make it any less dangerous. Nor is it the only science he disavows. While in Texas, Trump held a fundraiser where he was photographed not wearing a mask nor keeping recommended social distancing. And this was just hours after mask-averse Rep.

Louie Gohmert was booted from the same trip because of a positive COVID-19 test. There's a lesson not learned. One presumes there's considerable crossover between the mask-refusing crowd and the climate change deniers.

Over and over again, the Trump administration has chosen the wrong path on climate, and the cost of this could prove considerable. There are limits to how much can be done at the local level, particularly when it comes to forging international agreements. The more needed actions are delayed, the worse the consequences and the harsher the remedies.

President Trump is harming our children's future so that special interests can profit. The shame is that he and his enablers may not be around when the bill comes due for acidic oceans, drought and flood-damaged infrastructure, human plagues worsened by extreme weather and loss of drinkable water.

Nov. 3 is the day Americans can do something meaningful about climate change by casting a ballot to kick the current Oval Office inhabitant out. Even past Republican presidents and party nominees from Ronald Reagan on were willing to acknowledge that climate change is real and worrisome.

Trump has been a disaster in this regard as is his broader contempt for science that has helped raise the COVID-19 death tally, which is horrific, but trails the estimated 250,000 deaths caused annually by climate change, according to a 2019 analysis published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

A dubious concern for poor students

BY JUSTIN PERRY

In many conversations, I hear people say, “I don’t talk politics.” This is rarely accurate, as everything has political implications.

When the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system announced it was moving to full remote classes to start the year, people silent on federal pandemic incompetence found their voice on school politics.

They ignored that the remote-instruction decision was made because the CDC offered guidance that schools could safely reopen only in communities with a positive COVID-19 test rate under 5% (we were at 10%, now just under 9%). There were

other concerns: there is a shortage of school nurses, custodial, and transportation staff and many school buildings were not up standards for a safe re-opening.

Some people have blown past these obstacles and pushed for wide-spread reopening. They claim their concern is the “underprivileged” or most marginalized students (the non-white poor who lack remote-learning support and those with special needs). They blame “emotional” teachers for wanting to follow the science and teach remotely.

Question: If there was an in-person instruction option for our most marginalized youth, while all the other children staying

home with remote instruction, would you support it?

If not, you’re using “those kids” and their families’ bodies as pawns for your desire to see schools fully reopen for your own economic reasons or your child-care convenience.

All over the country, communities who have taken short-cuts in response to COVID-19 now want to restore normalcy on the backs of school staff and children. We’ve lacked the courage to challenge adults about minimizing movement, observing distancing and wearing masks, but some have no problem criticizing educators for not feeling safe going back into the classroom when test-

ing in the area is nearly twice the recommended positivity threshold.

Similarly, the Mecklenburg County manager decided without county commission engagement to reopen the county’s pre-K program with in-person instruction, despite only 11% of pre-K teachers saying they felt comfortable with this – 11%.

It should be noted that three-quarters of those in the survey were women of color and nearly two-thirds of them were Black. Their responses were disregarded. Finally, this pre-K program, designed to provide the most marginalized workers free childcare, has eliminated the income cap. It will now also subsidize affluent people.

Once again, we’re asking Black and brown women who are more susceptible to COVID-19 to sacrifice their bodies – against their expressed desire – for the sake of someone else’s economic gains?

Is there anything more on brand for America in this time of awakening to systemic racism? This same demographic is performing tasks around the community, underpaid, often underinsured, with nothing better than the label “essential.” When only 11% of your staff feels good about in-person instruction, and you dismiss the fears of the great majority, essential comes off more like indentured.

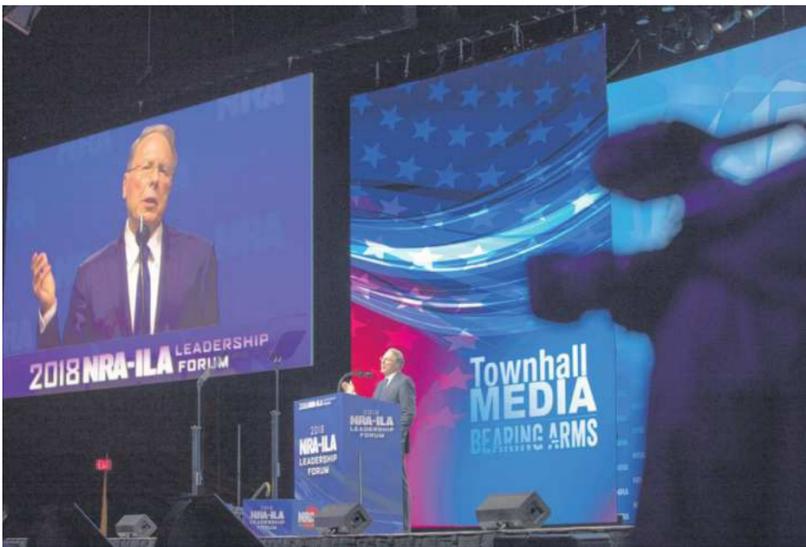
If you are really worried about marginalized children, take these other steps.

Tell Sen. Thom Tillis

and state Senate leader Phil Berger to stop defunding our schools. Challenge your state legislator to expand Medicaid so more people have access to health care during this pandemic. Push Berger to bring House Bill 1225 to the floor to address ventilation issues at Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools. Challenge the county to listen to pre-K teachers, to fill 46 school nursing vacancies and get our community’s positive test numbers below 5% before pushing for in-person school instruction. Challenge your neighbors to practice social distancing and wear masks.

We’re already talking politics. Let’s do it more maturely.

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Wayne LaPierre, the chief executive of the National Rifle Association, speaks during the NRA’s annual convention in Dallas, May 4, 2018.

New York wants to dissolve NRA; it will probably behead it

BY HARRY LITMAN
Los Angeles Times

New York state Atty. Gen. Letitia James has pointed a loaded gun at the National Rifle Association, accusing its leaders of fraud and self-dealing. Does she have enough firepower for a big kill?

Yes and no.

James’ 164-page civil complaint is chock-full of allegations of brazen and embarrassing corruption. It devotes 17 pages alone to the conduct of the organization’s controversial frontman, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Wayne LaPierre. According to the lawsuit, LaPierre treated the NRA, and the membership fees of its 5 million members, as a personal piggy bank, tapping the nonprofit to fund an extravagant, luxurious lifestyle.

Among the claims in the complaint: LaPierre charged the NRA for private jet travel not only for himself, but also for his wife (a “volunteer” with the NRA) and extended family. He has argued that the private jet is necessary for his security, but the lawsuit alleges that more than \$1 million went for trips when LaPierre wasn’t even a passenger.

There’s much more: Allegations of personal expense reimbursements to the tune of \$1 million in four years; of

several million dollars in annual expenses for LaPierre’s personal and home security; of goodies, including an African safari and the use of a 107-foot yacht, provided by NRA vendors; and of a secret “poison pill” contract, not disclosed to the NRA’s board, designed to pay LaPierre millions for life, even after he had left the organization.

The complaint includes similar if slightly less lurid allegations against three other members of NRA leadership.

“Enough is enough,” James thundered at the news conference justifying her call for the organization’s dissolution. She has a reputation for ambition, even scalp hunting – during her 2018 campaign, she promised to investigate the New York-chartered NRA, calling it a “terrorist organization.” It is surely no coincidence that the lawsuit was filed fewer than 100 days before the 2020 presidential election, but the meticulously detailed complaint looks solid, and it was signed by section chief James Sheehan, a well-respected career federal and state prosecutor.

Even if James and company can prove most or all of the allegations, is it enough to kill the NRA?

At the least, the lawsuit is likely to bring down LaPierre, and to force the organization to disavow

him along with his conduct. One of the most polarizing figures in America, LaPierre has made himself into the face of 2nd Amendment extremism, reflexively parrying every effort at gun reform and doing it with self-righteous arrogance. James’ complaint seeks to have him removed for cause and required to make good on his illegal compensation, with interest. The facts as presented could also lay the groundwork for federal criminal tax violations and possibly state criminal fraud charges as well.

Whatever LaPierre’s defense, he would find it difficult to escape serious damage in the fight, and the NRA could easily be decapitated. The organization, however, may well survive.

Dissolution is an extreme penalty, and there appear to be very few instances where courts have upheld such a punishment. To succeed, James must prove root-and-branch, systemic corruption of such duration that it puts the organization beyond salvation.

Comparisons have been made to the dissolution of the Donald J. Trump Foundation in 2019, another New York “charity” hauled into state court for illegal, self-dealing behavior. But the two cases aren’t the same. President Trump voluntarily walked

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away from his moribund nonprofit. The NRA won’t walk away.

Moreover, if the court orders the dissolution of the NRA in New York, where it has operated for nearly 150 years, there is little to stop it from reincorporating elsewhere. (The NRA attorney who let the organization continue to be chartered in New York all these years is presumably in hot water.) Trump, whose 2016 campaign benefited from millions in NRA support, already tweeted his advice: “Move to Texas and lead a ... beautiful life.”

The lawsuit is also certain to be a fundraising bonanza for the organization, which immediately called it a “baseless, premeditated attack on our organization and the Second Amendment freedoms it fights to defend ... We will confront it and prevail.”

In the end, the NRA will almost certainly settle. Beset by infighting and defections in recent years, in part over whistleblower charges related to LaPierre’s extravagances, it will think better of airing its dirty laundry in court or putting its fate into the hands of a Manhattan jury.

James will be happy to settle too, as long as she can declare a victory. For that, she will insist on LaPierre’s scalp, in addition to structural reform in the organization, such as the creation of a vigorous whistleblowing program.

Given LaPierre and the NRA’s outsized success at determining gun policy in this nation, dethroning the organization with humiliation and penalties would represent no small achievements on James’ part. As the organization emerges from New York’s assault, it might see the wisdom of less obnoxious leadership and a modicum of flexibility. That’s a direct hit, even if it isn’t fatal.

Lessons from the diamond

BY HARVEY MACKAY

I know it’s already August, but this summer my thoughts can finally turn to the crack of the bat as I watch my Minnesota Twins “Bomba Squad” launch dinger after dinger! As much as I love basketball and football, there’s a certain magic about the great national pastime.

For me, baseball is a learning experience, full of life lessons.

In one “Peanuts” cartoon, Charlie Brown is having a bad day. He strikes out for the third straight time. In disgust, he says, “Rats!”

Back in the dugout, he laments to Lucy, “I’ll never be a big-league ballplayer. All my life, I’ve dreamed of playing in the big leagues, but I just know I’ll never make it.”

Lucy responds, “You’re thinking way too far ahead, Charlie Brown. What you need are more immediate goals.”

“Immediate goals?” asks Charlie.

“Yes,” says Lucy. “Start right now with this next inning. When you go out to pitch, see if you can walk out to the mound without falling down.”

Moral: Most importantly, goals need to be realistic: beyond your grasp but within your reach in the foreseeable future.

When it comes to getting things done, I have a philosophy: “Find a way, or make one.” I don’t tolerate excuses, and you shouldn’t either.

A high school baseball coach was frustrated with his first baseman, who made error after error. At practice, the coach grabbed a glove to show the player how it should be done. The first grounder took a bad hop and clobbered him in the chest. Next came a pop-up that he lost in the sun, and it smashed into his forehead. Later, a wild throw from the shortstop caused him to stretch, tearing his pants. Exasperated, the coach turned to his first baseman and shouted, “You’ve got this position so messed up, even I can’t do a thing with it.”

Moral: The person who wants to do something finds a way; the person who doesn’t finds an excuse.

Maintaining a good reputation can help you in

bad circumstances by giving you the benefit of the doubt.

Rogers Hornsby, considered to be among the greatest right-handed hitters in baseball history, had a lifetime batting average of .358. In 1924, he hit .424 with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The story goes that Hornsby came to bat one day against a flashy rookie pitcher with a blazing fastball.

Whoosh went the first pitch to Hornsby, who kept his bat cocked.

“Ball one,” said the umpire.

Second pitch and third pitches, same story.

Angry and frustrated, the young pitcher shouted at the umpire, “Those three pitches were all strikes!”

“Young man,” said the umpire, “when you throw a strike, Mr. Hornsby will let you know.”

Moral: You can’t buy a good reputation; you must earn it.

I often get asked when I am going to retire. I’m still active as chairman of MackayMitchell Envelope Company, I maintain a schedule of corporate speeches, write this nationally syndicated weekly column, manage my Harvey Mackay Academy and I recently finished my eighth book, “You Haven’t Hit Your Peak Yet!”

Pittsburgh Pirate outfielder Paul Waner was asked when he would know when it was time to quit baseball.

“Well,” said Waner, “as you get older, you slow down and the infielders back up, because they’ve got more time to throw you out at first base. At the same time, you lose a little power, so the outfielders move in because you aren’t hitting the ball so far.” Then he added, “When they can shake hands, you’ve had it.”

Moral: A person doesn’t become old until regrets take the place of dreams.

Mackay’s moral: No matter when the season begins, start business “spring training” so you can win the World Series.

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The designer Yetunde Olukoya at her home office in Fulshear, Texas, on July 29. Olukoya estimates that about 80 percent of her customer base is African-American.

White customers, Black fabrics

BY SHIRA TELUSHKIN
New York Times

The recent outpouring of support for Black-owned businesses has brought attention to fashion labels that work with African prints. The labels, many of them founded by West African designers living in the United States and Britain, are turning the traditional patterns of West African fabric into contemporary American silhouettes.

“May was our biggest month ever, and June is going to be bigger than May,” said Addie Elabor, founder and designer of D’iyanu, an African print label introduced in 2014.

Nicolette Orji, also known as Nikki Billie Jean, founder of the All Things Ankara blog and a designer herself, was similarly upbeat. “Anyone who is selling anything online right now is feeling that support, and it’s amazing – though kind of overdue.”

While the largest market for most of these designers is Black people born and raised in America, success this year has also brought new buyers.

“When I first released my masks, one of my white friends texted me to say, ‘Can I buy this, or would that be a bad idea?’” said Maya Lake, founder of Boxing Kitten, the label that is often credited as one of the first to put ankara print on the American fashion radar.

“I said she should buy it. I mean, especially now if you want to support Black-owned businesses. I think it’s fine.”

But, Lake said, there is an important distinction between non-Black buyers using their money to support Black designers and

non-Black designers using African-associated prints to make money for themselves.

“As a Black American, I relate to the fabric in a different way,” she said. “If someone doesn’t have a personal connection, culturally, to the fabric, that’s not cool,” she said, referring to fashion houses like Stella McCartney, which got pushback for using ankara prints. “Just going to a place and studying a thing doesn’t mean you can co-opt it to make money.”

The distinction between buyers and designers is an important one for many in the industry.

“I would like to see African print everywhere,” said Yetunde Olukoya, a Nigerian-born designer who moved to the United States with her husband when she was 26. “As long as it’s made in Africa and puts value back into the people who actually made this fashion popular, then I would love to see it worn all over the world.”

Ray Darten, the label she started in her living room in 2016 with 160 pieces she sewed by hand, now employs more than 100 workers in Nigeria.

For Olukoya, ankara print clothing counters the narratives that too often associate much of Africa with poverty and disease. “Americans needed to learn that there are beautiful things that come out of here,” she said.

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For Elabor, who moved to the United States from Nigeria as a child, it is important that any designer who popularizes African print be of African descent. “Otherwise, it

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would make it seem like we had to wait for another race to come and use this before the world could see it as popular,” she said.

Orji, of All Things Ankara, has seen a sharp increase in white buyers on her site in the last month, a trend she welcomes. She does publish photographs of non-Black models in ankara print. “If we want these prints to go viral, then we need more people to use them,” she said.

Part of what is driving the current conversation is that while African-born designers see African print as a way to spread their culture, they are selling it in a country that has its own separate history and relationship to these fabrics.

Many people in America – of all colors – grew up associating African print clothing with expressions of Black pride, based on its popularity during the civil rights era and its use in the Black Power movement as a way to show solidarity and connection with one’s African heritage. They see the fashion not as a way to spread African culture but to

reclaim it.

“The first time a customer cried in one of my pop-up shops, I didn’t know what to do,” said Olukoya of Ray Darten. “But then as she began to explain to me how she felt, I started crying as well. I’m Nigerian, I know where I am from, and I can’t imagine what it would feel like if I didn’t know where I was from. It’s not just about the clothes on the racks. It’s about being confident in them and confident in the culture.”

Abiye Yvonne Dede, a British designer born in Nigeria and founder of the clothing line L’aviye, estimates that about 70% of her business comes from the United States, with African Americans being her largest demographic.

A few weeks ago, she put up an Instagram post in which she wore her designs alongside models in L’aviye clothes. “Because we’re always being asked if L’aviye is Black owned,” the caption read.

Comments came quickly: “Now I can buy. I did research and could not find if it was black owned.

My bank account is already crying!!!”

Other designers see their African heritage as a point of departure from which they can bring something new to the global fashion scene.

“As I sat on vacation, looking basic because I had nothing else to wear, I decided to start pursuing swimsuits,” Buki Ade said about why she founded Bfyne, a swimwear company known for its innovative use of straps, sleeves and prints drawn from her Nigerian heritage.

“In these designs, you can walk into the room, and you don’t have to say a word because your outfit has already introduced you,” she said. “It’s a vibe.”

Recent months have brought more attention, including in Allure and Elle, magazines she believes would not have known about her label if not for a heightened awareness of Black designers. She is grateful for the attention but finds it hard to think about the reason so many Black designers are suddenly being given the spotlight.

With the notable exception of kente cloth, many recognizable African prints today are based on Indonesian batiks. Known as African wax block prints, or Dutch wax prints, they were introduced to West Africa by Dutch merchants in the mid-1800s after the Dutch tried to imitate traditional batik fabrics through machine-made work but found that their mechanized fabrics failed to penetrate the Indonesian market.

Vlisco, a Dutch fabric company established in the Netherlands in 1846, designed and produced cloth sold all over West Africa. Today it continues to design many of the most popular fabrics sold in the region, though the cloth itself is named and given its particular cultural significance by local women.

Even dashiki tops, as popularized in the United

States in the late 1960s, were styled from Vlisco’s Angelina print, which in turn was taken from a long-standing West African tunic design.

For centuries, patterns have been a way to communicate without saying a word, and it can be jarring for some to see these designs worn without regard to their original messages. (Some of the cloth used now for shorts, halter dresses and jumpsuits holds specific meaning in Nigeria or Ghana, where it may signal that one is pregnant, newly married or mourning a relative.) But others said there is no way to stop cultural innovation.

“There is a time to say you want to wear something because you look really good in it and you like it,” said Paulette Young, director of the Young Robertson Gallery in New York, which specializes in the visual arts of Africa. “And that’s OK, too.” Young wrote her dissertation on the Dutch origins of African wax fabrics.

Scot Brown, an associate professor at UCLA and a historian of African American social movements and popular culture, is not worried about whether ankara print will lose its significance for the African American community if it goes mainstream. Although he loves his D’iyanu blazers, he sees the innovative use of this print for Western business clothes as another sign that African fashion will constantly evolve and adapt to changing conditions.

“When something goes mainstream, there is always some new underground thing happening,” Brown said, adding that expressions of Black pride will simply evolve and take up new forms. “Africa style is such a vast, almost infinite body of creativity that you don’t ever have to worry about running out of creative gas.”



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Janie Bryant attends the 22nd CDGA (Costume Designers Guild Awards) at The Beverly Hilton Hotel on Jan. 28 in Beverly Hills, California. Hollywood costume designers are among those hard hit by the pandemic.

How costume designers are coping with COVID-19

BY ADAM TSCHORN
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES

It's about five months into the pandemic, and no one is dressing for the screen. This goes for both the tiny, gridded screen of your WFH videoconference (admit it, you're still wearing sweatpants), as well as the TV and movie screens of Hollywood where production abruptly halted back in mid-March as part of California's effort to flatten the coronavirus curve.

One big difference, of course, is that while your on-screen wardrobe is totally your call, what appears on those other screens is the responsibility of a Hollywood costume designer who is earning a paycheck in the process. Since shutdown production means shutdown paychecks (unlike actors, directors and writers, costume designers don't get residuals), the first half of 2020 has found some of the most high-profile costume designers in the business — Emmy and Oscar winners among them — unexpectedly out of work.

We checked in with a handful of Hollywood heavyweights to see how they're faring, what they've been doing since the Hollywood dream machine ground to a halt and what they see on the horizon.

JANIE BRYANT

Known for her work on the "Mad Men" and "Deadwood" TV series (the latter of which earned her an Emmy Award for costume design), Bryant's recent work also includes "The Romanoffs," "The Last Tycoon" and "Why Women Kill." We caught up with her on July 15 — just as she was crossing the border from Tennessee into Arkansas en route back to L.A. after a six-week visit with family.

Last gig: Designing costumes for the TV miniseries "The Old Man" starring John Lithgow and

Jeff Bridges. "We had been filming since September and finished half the show and we were getting ready to go to Morocco to film the other half," Bryant said. "Then in March — I think it was the 13th — the day the Safer-at-Home ordinance came out — they closed down (production). So we locked the doors and left everything like it was in a time capsule. We weren't supposed to wrap until mid-July."

Next gig: Designing costumes for the second season of "Why Women Kill," hopefully. "(Production) was supposed to start in mid-July and overlap just a little bit with 'The Old Man,' but we're waiting to get the green light," Bryant said.

Financial impact: "I'm down 100%. I haven't done any costume design work since March," she said.

In between: In addition to the Tennessee road trip, Bryant has used her unexpected down time to focus on two side projects. The first is designing a menswear collection for online custom men's shop Inherent Clothier with the label's co-founder and CEO Taylor Draper. (It's in inspiration-board stage right now, Bryant said, and is expected to launch in fall 2021.) The second is something she vaguely describes as something in the "textile-hosiery-sock world."

"I'm very, very, very excited to be doing this," Bryant said, "because I'm from a Southern textile family, and this is where my roots are."

Outlook: "I've been thinking about the worst-case scenario; what are other things that I want to do? I feel like this is the time we all kind of have to reinvent ourselves and think of other possibilities," she said.

RUTH E. CARTER

A costume designer whose credits include "Do the Right Thing," "Dolemite Is My Name," "Malcolm X" and "Amistad,"

Carter made Oscar history in 2019 as the first Black person to win a costume design Oscar for her work on "Black Panther." The third week of July found her sitting in front of her computer in her office in the Miracle Mile neighborhood of L.A.

Last gig: In November 2019 she finished working on "Coming 2 America" (expected to hit theaters in December, it's a sequel to 1988's "Coming to America"). In December 2019 she worked with Eddie Murphy for his return to "Saturday Night Live."

Next gig: Marvel Studios' "Black Panther 2," for which Carter said she expects to start prepping in the fall.

Financial impact: Having already scheduled between-film down time to focus on other projects, Carter said she hasn't had any costume-design work scuttled as a result of the pandemic although she has missed out on lecture-circuit appearances. "I usually do university lectures around the country where I talk about the behind-the-scenes of making costumes for 'Black Panther' and other films," she said. "But all of that has been canceled."

In between: Not working isn't the same as not busy, though, and the ambitious slate of side projects Carter has been focusing on this year includes a coffee-table book for Chronicle Books, an updated and expanded touring exhibition of her costumes (set to open at SCAD in Atlanta in January), and a line of "Coming 2 America" film-inspired fan apparel for Target.

Carter also said she's been busy in her new role as a member of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences' board of governors, which she was elected to last year. "We are doing a lot for Black Lives Matter," she said, "and bringing in all kinds of people — international people and people

of color — into the academy. So I've actually had the time to really focus on that."

Outlook: "All of us as freelancers know that there's going to be a period of time where we're not working," Carter said. "That just comes with the territory. And those of us who have just finished (projects) have the luxury of having built-up savings. But for those who are just starting out, this is a difficult time." She added that for every out-of-work costume designer with promising side projects, there can be dozens of people who are out of work without the same safety net.

"I could have up to 25 people on my staff on average," she said, "costumers that support (me), seamstresses and tailors that support (my) designs, that build (my) work. They might not have their sights set on being (costume) designers so they can (be flexible) moving from project to project. But when all the projects shut down at the same time, they're left without any resources."

SALVADOR PEREZ

In addition to being a prolific costume designer for film (including "Drumline," "Think Like a Man" and three "Pitch Perfect" movies) and television ("Veronica Mars," "The Mindy Project" and, most recently, "Never Have I Ever"), Perez is also the president of the Costume Designers Guild, which represents more than 1,100 costume designers, assistant costume designers and costume illustrators — approximately 90% of which, Perez said, are currently not working.

Last gig: The Disney feature "Vacation Friends," which was shut down in the early days of the pandemic. "We had shot two weeks in Puerto Rico and were coming back to Atlanta to shoot the rest of it," Perez said. "And they shut us down — on Friday the 13th (of

men's suiting collections with Mr Porter, a tie-in with the "Kingsman" films — for which she was also the costume designer).

Last gig: A print advertising campaign for Smashbox Cosmetics shot on March 12. "I was supposed to start prepping for a film Olivia Wilde is directing called 'Don't Worry, Darling' on March 16," Phillips said. "But the week before, it got pushed to the second week of April. And by the second week of April there wasn't even a discussion (about starting up production). .. so we're waiting."

In mid-March, Phillips also got sick, an illness that dragged on for a month. Although she didn't get a COVID-19 test at the time, she said an antibody test she took in late April came back positive.

Next gig: When we caught up with Phillips on July 13, she was getting ready for an Allure magazine cover shoot the following day — her first job in four months. "I'm really excited about it," she said, "I can't tell you who the talent is, but it's a global superstar."

Financial impact: As a costume designer, Phillips said her work is down 100%. As a stylist, it's down 90%. "There's no work, zero, zip, zilch," she said, adding that she felt incredibly fortunate to have been able to build up assets during three decades of steady work.

"(But) to be honest with you, it's put me in a very precarious financial position, personally, that I never would have anticipated. And (it's) not just me but the people who depend on the employment from the studio in a job that I hire them on. The weight of that, the stress of that, is taxing."

In between: After wrapping "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" in December 2018, Phillips said she had already planned to take a year off from movie work to focus on a philanthropic project called RAD (short for Red Carpet Advocacy) she launched with co-founder Carineh Martin in January 2019. Phillips said that while the threat of the coronavirus means traditional opportunities for leveraging brand-celebrity-charity synergy — awards shows, movie screenings and the like — temporarily aren't an option, she's spent much of her recent in-between time using the RAD platform to connect creatives with charitable causes.

The result? Phillips said she's actually been "busier than ever" during the last four months. By way of example, she pointed to RAD's recent campaign with photographer Mark Seliger that, by auctioning off celebrity portraits from his archives, raised more than \$250,000 for 19 different charities' COVID-19 relief efforts.

"We're working on another COVID-related campaign that I can't officially discuss yet," Phillips said. "Which I think will happen in August."

Outlook: "Our whole world has changed," Phillips said. "Not only with COVID but also with the protests and this kind of civil rights movement we find ourselves in. ... It feels inauthentic and tone deaf to be purely motivational. It's a time when RAD could be of service."

ARIANNE PHILLIPS

Thrice-nominated for a costume design Oscar — most recently for her work on Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" — Phillips is also a stylist (perhaps best known for her work with Madonna that's included tour costumes, music videos and photo shoots) and fashion designer



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In an undated image provided via Kibbo, a rendering of a parking lot transformed into a Kibbo lot. Kibbo, a new entry in the booming business of American life in vans, rents vans to its members and also creates communities for them to engage with.

A van life startup aims for community

BY CANDACE JACKSON
New York Times

What if the answer to “where to live now” is actually “lots of places” and “kind of nowhere”?

Kibbo is a new entry in the booming business of U.S. van life. It rents vans to its members and creates communities for them to engage with.

It plans to start with five wilderness locations where its vans can park. The first, expected to open in September, include Ojai and Big Sur, California; Zion, Utah; and the Black Rock Desert in Nevada, home of Burning Man. These locations – you could call them campsites, or trailer parks? – have a central hub, or clubhouse, designed to feel like co-living space. There will be Wi-Fi, restrooms, and a kitchen with shared food.

The other upside? Members lease these mobile homes, with all-access membership and Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 4x4 cargo van rentals starting at about \$1,500 a month. (Members with their own vans will pay about \$1,000 a month for access to clubhouses.)

Marian Goodell, the CEO of Burning Man, owns her San Francisco apartment but has been living in a borrowed Kibbo van for the past several weeks, test-driving the lifestyle.

“Before COVID, this was an interesting idea,” Goodell said. (She was parked just outside Grand Rapids, Michigan.) “But now, this crisis is going to create more micro-communities.”

Next year, the company plans to add five urban locations in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Silicon Valley. Members may



KIBBO NYT

In an undated image provided via Kibbo, the interior of Kibbo's Mercedes-Benz Sprinters. Kibbo rents vans to its members and also creates communities for them.

come, go and return as they wish.

Much of the United States is mobile already, though in very different ways. The country has a long-established network of RV parks where people can vacation or live permanently. And the Sturgis annual motorcycle rally revved up this month, despite local opposition; last year it brought nearly 500,000 motorcycle enthusiasts to Sturgis, a town of 7,000 in South Dakota.

Then there are the darker aspects of our current life on wheels: Many cities are in the midst of a growing homelessness crisis, with tens of thousands of U.S. residents living in vans or cars out of desperation. (In Los Angeles alone, 16,500 homeless people were living in cars in 2019.)

This year, the City Council in Berkeley, California, grappling with people sleeping in vans overnight in commercial districts, voted to try a program of permits for overnight use of city lots.

This stands in opposition to the Instagram-friendly influencer version of #vanlife – vintage Volkswagen buses with

cute curtains, California sunsets, wide-brim hats, where what's going on after the pictures are taken is a bit unclear.

“It's really difficult to be in a van in a city,” Kibbo founder Colin O'Donnell said. We were actually speaking in one of his vans, parked on a San Francisco street in a perpendicular spot. He sat in the passenger seat, swiveled backward. There were cork floors and a kitchenette between us, with a little fridge, a little stove.

It's difficult even for people who have other housing. At one point in our chat, a Volkswagen pulled into the spot next to us and then, spying us, the driver did a double take and quickly backed out. O'Donnell is aiming for the laptop warrior set, not retirees.

“There's a snowbird demographic that's not really the demographic we're looking at,” he said. Kibbo members “are working. They're creating. They're people interested in participating in the city at large.”

O'Donnell is already a member of a co-living community; he has about a dozen roommates in a

converted Victorian house, which partly inspired the idea. Along with Monday night group dinners, book clubs and agreements on quiet hours, there are also semi-public events like open-mike nights and political talks.

Kibbo sounded appealing for a certain type of childless extrovert. I asked O'Donnell if he thought his new business had a borderline dystopian quality. Cities are now so expensive that even people with decent jobs live in vehicles, traveling the wilderness? “Dystopian and utopian are close kins,” he said. The freedom to choose is the difference, he added.

He was also a founder of LinkNYC, a company that converted pay phones to Wi-Fi hot spots in New York City. (The company was championed by city government; was criticized for overserving the richest parts of the city, and for people using its Web browsers in public, which were then turned off; and was often regarded as a menace to privacy for its cameras and potential data tracking, though the company said it did not track users.)

“It got me thinking, what if we could change more than just pixels?” O'Donnell said. “I started thinking about dynamic cities.” Life on wheels is his solution to the high cost of city living. Though real estate costs are now undergoing their own transformation, the housing crisis continues. (Average rent for a San Francisco one-bedroom: \$3,280.)

He's pitching Kibbo as a cheaper, more flexible alternative to paying rent and an easy way for cities to add housing. If people just lived in vehicles – or “mobile bedrooms,” as he called them – you could build a “house” as easily as parking a car.

The pandemic, he said, has made negotiating with commercial landlords much easier. For beleaguered resorts and ghost town corporate campuses, he's pitching a Kibbo site as a new kind of reliable tenant.

The pandemic is also bringing new people to populate those vans.

O'Donnell said interest is coming from all sorts of people who are suddenly working from home. “People are spending so much money on this product that's outdated and undesirable,” he said. “It's starting to look more like a prison like you're stuck in, especially after four months of quarantine.”

Ysiad Ferreiras, 36, is eager to sign up. Ferreiras is from the Bronx, New York, but has been living in a San Francisco apartment for the past three years, working at a political technology company. “It would allow me to try out different cities if I'm considering a move,” he said. “It would make it easier for me to present as someone currently living in a place.”

Kyrié Carpenter, a 34-year-old anti-ageism activist and coach, who also lives in San Francisco, plans to join. She has a Sprinter Van she calls Le Rêve (“the dream,” in French). During the pandemic she and her partner have been on the road,

working remotely and living mostly out of the van.

“Stealth camping” in cities has always required some strategizing, she said. “We look like a plumber,” she said, because her van doesn't have side windows, which helps, but finding a safe, flat parking spot isn't always easy. They've learned through trial and error that parking on a hill makes for a rough night's sleep.

Carpenter, who also rents an apartment in San Francisco with roommates, said she liked the idea of not being attached to any one place or ever needing to own property. “I grew up in Florida, and my mom's a Realtor. We had a front seat to the housing market crash,” she said.

Kibbo, she added, could help make the sense of freedom that comes with van life a more permanent thing.

O'Donnell said the pandemic accelerated his timeline for the business, with preorders underway and the first communities opening by Sept. 1 (there is already a waiting list). Kibbo, named after a camping, crafting and world peace movement in 1920s England, is far from a proven concept.

But Goodell, from Burning Man, said she was excited about Kibbo's concept. In her view – and she should know something about gatherings – the pandemic has increased the desire for people to connect safely in smaller groups in their cities or on the road.

She planned to send feedback to O'Donnell about living out of the Kibbo van when she got home. The biggest challenge so far? The lack of a bathroom. She made use of a marine toilet and a portable solar-powered 2-gallon pouch often used in camping. For her, that was fine.

“The experience reminds me very much of Burning Man,” she said.



FRONTLINE PBS via AP

This image provided by Frontline/PBS shows Filipino journalist Maria Ressa in a scene from the documentary "A Thousand Cuts." The documentary tracks Ressa's dual life in recent years.

'Don't shut up!' Film spotlights Filipino journalist

BY RYAN PEARSON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Maria Ressa says she didn't take Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte seriously when he declared four years ago that "corrupt" journalists weren't "exempted from assassination."

"In 2016, it was really, really laughable. And I thought, 'Oh, doesn't matter.' I laughed," said the country's most well-known journalist and leader of the independent Rappler news organization.

Grim reality set in as Ressa was arrested and thrown in jail, targeted in a series of criminal cases and convicted this summer on libel and tax evasion charges seen widely as attacks on press freedom. She now faces six years in prison.

"A Thousand Cuts," a new documentary from Filipino-American filmmaker Ramona S. Diaz, tracks Ressa's dual life in recent years. She's seen smiling while accepting international media awards and praise from the likes of George Clooney, then grimly facing down online harassment, legal action and real world threats for Rappler's reporting on extrajudicial killings in Duterte's drug war.

The film argues that Americans should learn from the recent history of the Philippines, where social media has helped to divide the country and critical press outlets are regularly lambasted by the president. ABS-CBN, the country's largest TV network, was shut down by the government's telecommunications regulator in May.

Promoting the film in a Zoom interview from her home in Manila, Ressa shook her fists and laughed with dark humor - "Urgh! Angry!" - about what she called her "war of attrition" with the government. She's pleaded not guilty and is appealing her convictions.

"You don't know how powerful government is until you come under attack the way we have. When all the different parts of government work against you - it's kind of shocking," she said. "I can't wait to really write this - because I can't write at all right now, because then I would be in contempt of court."

Facebook has become the center of the internet for most Filipinos, and Rappler utilized it to grow rapidly as a startup news site. But the film shows how Duterte's populist campaign harnessed the platform to spread its message and target Ressa and other journalists.

Duterte supporters live-streamed protests at the Rappler office, and death threats flooded the comments alongside red heart emojis. Disinformation on the social media platform exacerbated the problem, she said.

"Social media, the tech platforms have created a system where lies laced with anger and hate spread faster than facts. And it has placed people like me at risk," Ressa said.

Ressa began wearing a bulletproof vest because of threats. She is seen in the film repeatedly pleading with Facebook representatives to delete violent posts or cut live streams. Last month, she grew frustrated watching Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and other tech leaders speak before the U.S. Congress.

"For the tech giants, it's willful blindness, willful ignorance, willful arrogance - because people like me are feeling the impact of the decisions they make," Ressa said.

Diaz, who spoke from her home in Baltimore, hopes her film can help protect Ressa - and other independent journalists.

"It's a global story," she said. "There are very many Marias around the world. And that's why it's key to keep the story of press freedom ... and the importance of independent media alive."

Even during a pandemic shutdown and under court-ordered restrictions, Ressa is doing her part.

"Part of the reason we've survived the last four years is because I haven't stopped talking," she said. "That's the best strategy so far to deal with a government that wants you to shut up. Don't shut up!"

ON THIS DATE

Birthdays

Actor **Rhonda Fleming** is 97. Singer **Ronnie Spector** is 77. Actor **James Reynolds** is 74. Rock singer-musician **Ian Anderson** (Jethro Tull) is 73. Country musician **Gene Johnson** (Diamond Rio) is 71. Singer **Patti Austin** is 70. Actor **Daniel Hugh Kelly** is 68. Folk singer-songwriter **Sam Baker** is 66. Actor **Rosanna Arquette** is 61. Actor **Antonio Banderas** is 60. Rock musician **Jon Farriss** (INXS) is 59. Singer **Julia Fordham** is 58. Journalist-blogger **Andrew Sullivan** is 57. Actor **Chris Caldovino** is 57. Singer **Neneh Cherry** is 56. Singer **Aaron Hall** is 56. Former boxer **Riddick Bowe** is 53. Actor **Sean Blakemore** is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Lorraine Pearson** (Five Star) is 53. Singer-producer **Michael Bivins** is 52. Actor-writer **Justin Theroux** is 49. Actor **Angie Harmon** is 48. Country singer **Jennifer Hanson** is 47. Actor-turned-lawyer **Craig Kirkwood** is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Nikki Bratcher** (Divine) is 40. Reality TV star **Kylie Jenner** is 23.

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ON THIS DATE

Today in history

In **1680**, Pueblo Indians launched a successful revolt against Spanish colonists in present-day New Mexico.

In **1861**, Confederate forces routed Union troops in the Battle of Wilson's Creek in Missouri, the first major engagement of the Civil War west of the Mississippi River.

In **1921**, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.

In **1944**, during World War II, American forces overcame remaining Japanese resistance on Guam.

In **1945**, a day after the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Imperial Japan conveyed its willingness to surrender provided the status of Emperor Hirohito remained unchanged. (The Allies responded the next day, saying they would determine the Emperor's future status.)

In **1962**, Marvel Comics superhero Spider-Man made his debut in issue 15 of "Amazing Fantasy" (cover price: 12 cents).

In **1969**, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actor Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.

In **1988**, President Ronald Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to still-living Japanese-Americans who were interned by their government during World War II.

In **1991**, nine Buddhists were found slain at their temple outside Phoenix, Arizona. (Two teenagers were later arrested; one was sentenced to life in prison, while the other received 281 years.)

In **1993**, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In **1995**, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were charged with 11 counts in the Oklahoma City bombing (McVeigh was convicted of murder and executed; Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to life in prison).

In **2006**, British authorities announced they had thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up 10 aircraft heading to the U.S. using explosives smuggled in hand luggage.

In **2016**, Lonnie Franklin Jr., the Los Angeles serial killer known as the "Grim Sleeper," was sentenced to death for the murders of nine women and a teenage girl. Franklin was found dead in his cell on March 20, 2020.

Ten years ago: The House pushed through an emergency \$26 billion jobs bill that Democrats said would save 300,000 teachers, police and others from layoffs; President Barack Obama immediately signed it into law. Hollywood producer David L. Wolper, 82, died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Five years ago: A draft of a secret study obtained by The Associated Press found that air traffic controllers' work schedules often led to chronic fatigue, making them less alert and endangering the safety of the country's air traffic system. A power plant operator in southern Japan restarted a nuclear reactor, the first to begin operating under new safety requirements following the Fukushima disaster.

One year ago: Jeffrey Epstein, accused of orchestrating a sex-trafficking ring and sexually abusing dozens of underage girls, was found unresponsive in his cell at a New York City jail; he was later pronounced dead at a hospital. (The city's medical examiner ruled the death a suicide by hanging.)

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PEOPLE

COWELL INJURES BACK WHILE TESTING ELECTRIC BICYCLE

Simon Cowell broke his back Saturday while testing his new electric bicycle at his home in California.

Cowell was expected to have surgery Saturday evening, according to a spokesperson for the entertainment mogul. Cowell fell off the bike while in the courtyard with his family at his house in Malibu. He was taken to a hospital and was said to be under observation and doing fine.

Cowell created "America's Got Talent" and serves as a judge on the show. He has also been the judge on "Britain's Got Talent," "The X Factor" and "American Idol."

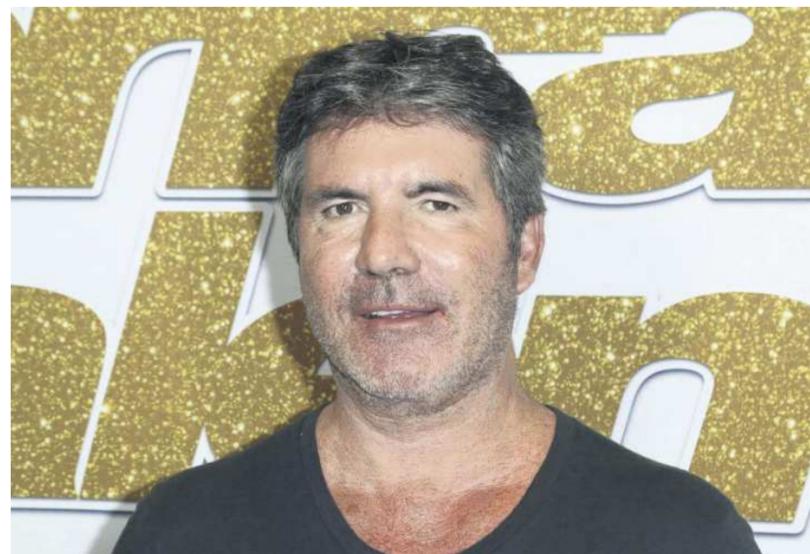
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BURTON TO DIRECT VIETNAM WAR-ERA DOCU-SERIES

Easton, Pa.-based film company Lou Reda Productions is teaming up with **LeVar Burton** for a new docu-series based on a critical time for Black people, half a century ago in the United States.

"Two-Front War" will be focus on the connection between the role Black soldiers played in Vietnam and the fight for civil rights they were part of in the United States at the same time.

Burton, known for his roles in "Roots" and "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and for hosting the children's program



WILLY SANJUAN Invision/AP

Simon Cowell arrives at the "America's Got Talent" red carpet on Aug. 28, 2018, in Los Angeles. Cowell broke his back Saturday while testing his new electric bicycle at his home in California.

"Reading Rainbow," is set to direct the series. The docu-series will feature perspectives from Black veterans, journalists, students, activists and civilians whose lives were shaped by the tumultuous period in American history.

Burton's involvement more than a dozen Emmy victories, a handful

of NAACP awards and countless other honors to the project, while Lou Reda Productions has won a Peabody Award, People's Choice Award and its own Emmy among nine total nominations.

The docu-series is not currently tied to a channel or streaming service.

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Saturday's Puzzle Answer

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PUZZLER CROSSWORD

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- Unpleasant surprise
 - Hammett's Spade
 - Pointed tool
 - Bizarre
 - Do a takeoff
 - Time span
 - Free
 - Metric land measure
 - Bro or sis
 - Spill the beans
 - Temple city of Japan
 - Result
 - Dorothy's aunt
 - Further down
 - Wanting it all
 - Web site
 - Guys lacking social graces
 - Feel for
 - Single digit
 - Get to safety
 - Gauges
 - Attention getter
 - Coast Guard off.
 - Old Greek marketplace
 - They're above the abs
 - Dugout VIP
 - Give it a go
 - Making do (with "out")
 - Place a wager
 - Knack for music
 - More friendly
 - Sweet drink
 - Tint
 - Old-time anaesthetic
- DOWN**
- Worthless coin
 - Barbarian
 - Former Giants' slugger Mel —
 - Toddler's bed
 - over (fainted)
 - Swedish import
 - IRS time
 - Milder
 - Famed fabulist
 - Scribble
 - Toil
 - A March sister
 - Dog complaints
 - Narcissus' flaw
 - Hunter's org.
 - Dict. entry
 - Madame — Barry
 - Chemical compound
 - Treat a sprain
 - Large cask
 - Affirmative
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 - Einsteinium symbol
 - Deli loaf
 - Time of the mammals
 - Poisonous tree snake
 - on (incited)
 - Viennese dessert
 - Ceremonial fire
 - Mini-play
 - Bradbury of sci-fi
 - Freud, to himself
 - Born as
 - Canine warning

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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FIND THE PATH - SOLVE THE PUZZLE

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The goal is to fill the grid with consecutive numbers that connect horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Each puzzle has only one possible solution. The first and last numbers of a puzzle will be in circle markers.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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Party time

WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

- Five mountain chains
- Five words starting and ending in H
- Five words ending in ONE
- Two parts of the eye
- Ford F150, for one

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: RECTANGLE TRIANGLE PENTAGON DECAGON HEXAGON OCTAGON CIRCLE OVAL / FINCH RAVEN HERON CRANE / UNO DOS TRES / CARD / GOLD

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KAKURO

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How to solve:

Kakuro is a crossword that uses numbers. The "clues" are in the small triangles. The answers contain the numbers 1 through 9.

The numbers in an answer must add up to the clue. However, no number can be duplicated in an answer.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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8/10 © 2020 Numberpuzzles.com/Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication Level: Easy

Follow all of the rules of a classic Sudoku game -- no repeats within the same row, column or 3x3 grid -- but be careful. Each axis of the X of black squares that criss-crosses the puzzle is another no-repeat zone.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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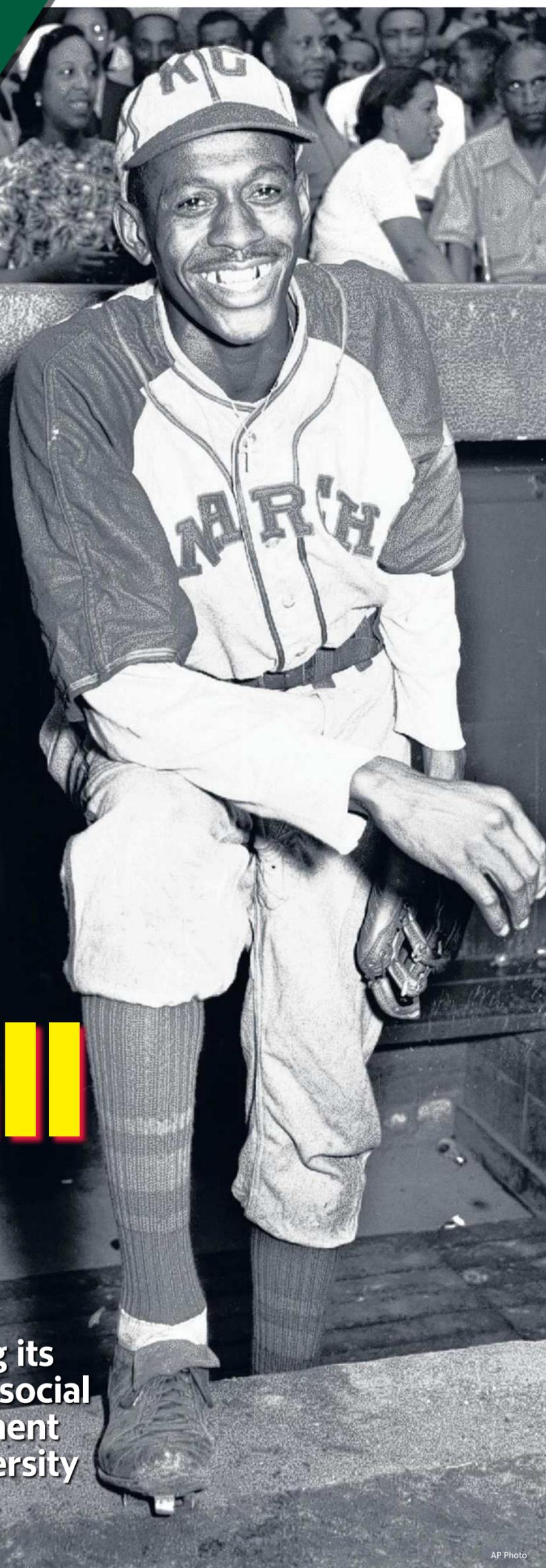
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Baseball XTRA

So much more than just a baseball story

The Negro Leagues, celebrating its 100th anniversary, is a story of social injustice, the civil rights movement and overcoming all of that adversity stacked against them **PAGE 2**



AP Photo

Cardinals' ongoing COVID-19 outbreak becomes a test case for MLB's evolving protocols

BY DERRICK GOOLD
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

When the Cardinals were rearranging furniture and wearing out the Wi-Fi at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee a week ago, they weren't the first Major League Baseball team to experience an outbreak of COVID-19 and have to quickly quarantine, en masse, on the road.

The Miami Marlins had blazed that trail the previous

week. They helped author a regimen for how to react, became the first trial run for baseball's protocols, and lit a route for the Cardinals to follow, and they did - back into open air, back to the field. But then suddenly back into isolation, back into the unknown with Friday's three new positive tests.

If the Marlins were a test case, the Cardinals have become a cautionary tale.

Not only for how to handle and return from an outbreak,

but for doing everything and anything possible to avoid one altogether.

"I would imagine that what we've all experienced - us and the Marlins, MLB - and what we're gathering and best practices, it's going to be helpful trying to get through this," said John Mozeliak, president of baseball operations. "Unfortunately, it's a little late for us. But for perhaps other teams, yes,

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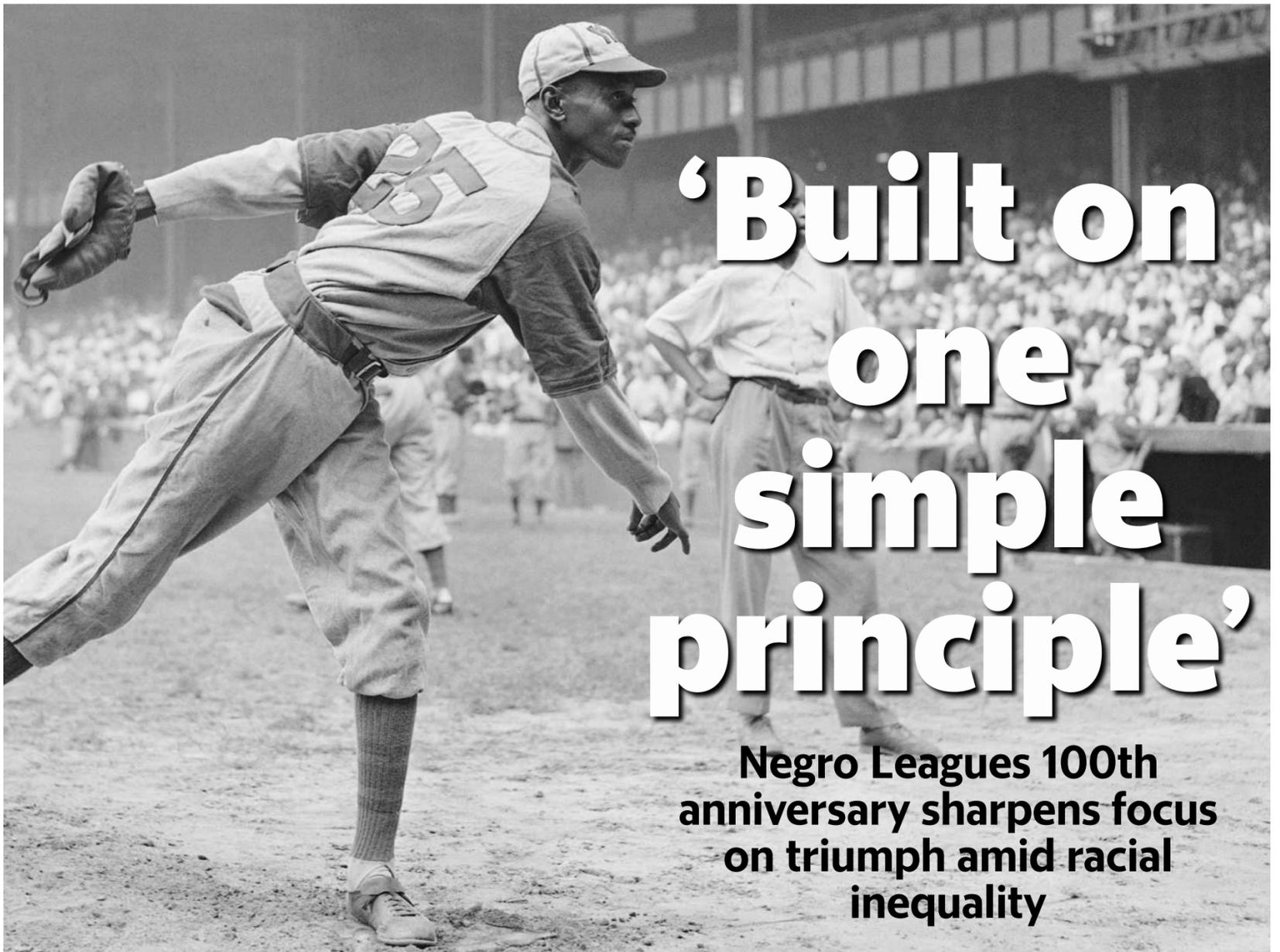
BEN MARGOT AP

FIGHT MARS A'S 9TH STRAIGHT WIN

Benches cleared and even the stands emptied during Oakland's 7-2 victory over the Astros on Sunday, with tempers flaring at last between the AL West rivals. **6**

POLLOCK, BETTS POWER DODGERS

AJ Pollock and Mookie Betts each hit a three-run homer, rallying the Los Angeles Dodgers past the San Francisco Giants 6-2 on Sunday. **7**



'Built on one simple principle'

Negro Leagues 100th anniversary sharpens focus on triumph amid racial inequality

MATTY ZIMMERMAN AP

Kansas City Monarchs pitching great Leroy Satchel Paige warms up at New York's Yankee Stadium on August 2, 1942 for a Negro League game between the Monarchs and the New York Cuban Stars. The Negro Leagues Museum had several months of events planned for the Leagues 100th anniversary, but the coronavirus pandemic derailed those plans.

BY JACK HARRIS
Los Angeles Times

Every time Bob Kendrick steps out of his office, the President of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum gets to walk through the past.

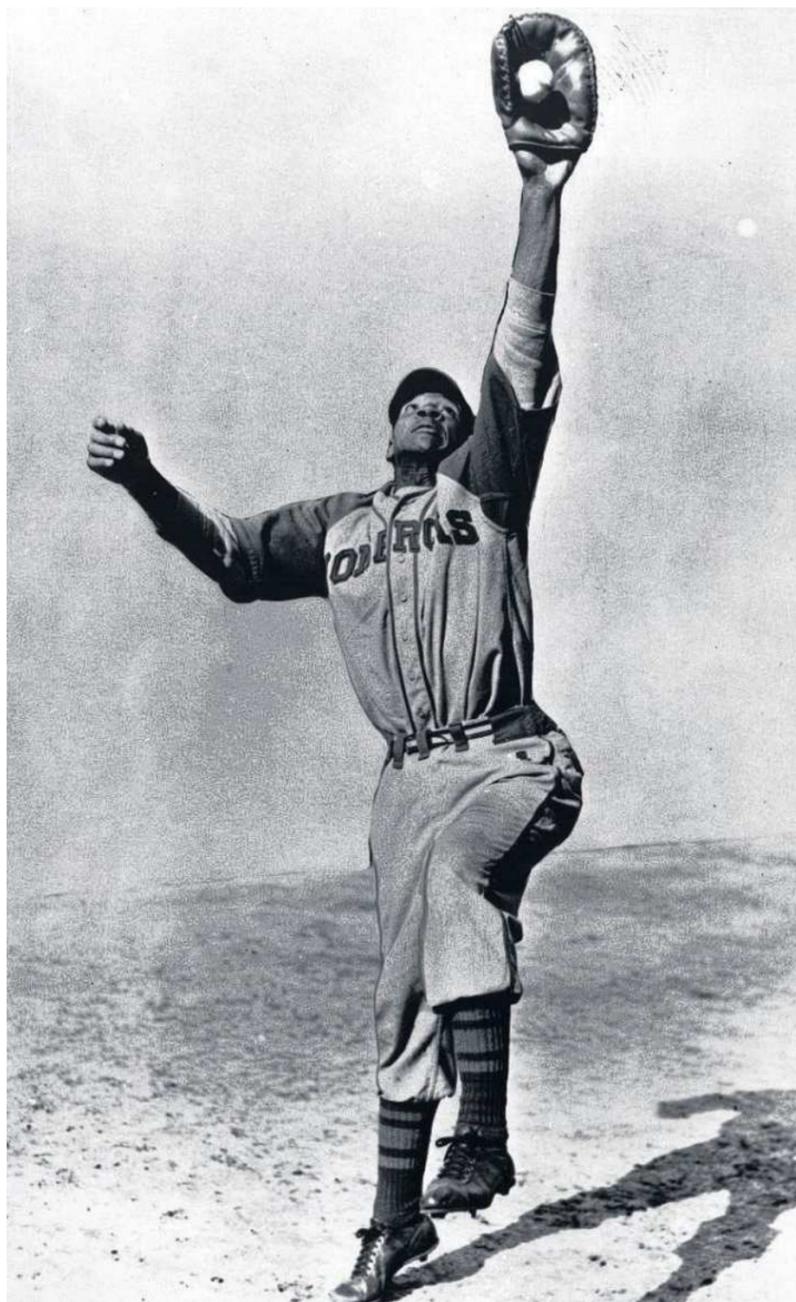
It's one of his favorite parts of the job, perusing hallways adorned with old cotton jerseys of the Homestead Grays and Kansas City Monarchs and Pittsburgh Crawfords; strolling by statues of Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Buck O'Neil and other stars of a bygone era; delivering well-practiced dissertations to one visitor at a time.

"This story is so much more than just a baseball story," Kendrick said, his voice rising with emotion during a recent phone call from the museum in Kansas City, Mo. "This is a story of social injustice. It is a story of the civil rights movement. And it's a story of overcoming all of that adversity stacked against them."

He was hoping to amplify that message this summer, to celebrate the Negro Leagues' 100th anniversary with several months of museum-organized events. The novel coronavirus pandemic derailed those plans. But the recent protests over social inequality have given him another type of megaphone instead.

His museum, he said, doesn't just honor an often-overlooked history. It isn't simply memorializing teams born out of segregation and the players who helped dismantle it. Now more than ever, he finds the Negro Leagues' history reverberating today, connections to the present threaded within the story's every stitch.

"The social justice upheaval we're experiencing," he



COURTESY NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM

Buck O'Neil is one of the great players to play in the Negro Leagues. Historians say the common assumption is that the Negro Leagues were second-class, but in reality, the Negro Leagues came to rival their MLB counterparts in attendance and in talent.

said, "it magnifies and quantifies the value of our museum to a greater extent."

Because every time Kendrick walks out of his office these days, he isn't just walking through the past. He sees lessons applicable to the present, and ways to build a better future in baseball and beyond.

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Negro Leagues historian Phil Dixon, 63, has published everything from books to photo albums to baseball cards over his decades of research, taking aim at misconceptions he feared distort the leagues' legacy.

A common assumption, Dixon has found, is that the Negro Leagues were second-class, home to a few big stars that few fans ever got to see.

So, he and other historians have unearthed newspaper articles, photo archives, box scores — all manner of artifacts to paint an accurate picture of the leagues.

"I tried to break a lot of these long-held beliefs," Dixon said. "Probably the greatest one was, 'Too bad nobody ever saw these guys.' That is a big lie."

In reality, the Negro Leagues came to rival their MLB counterparts in attendance and in talent, Dixon said, overcoming the very discrimination from which they were created.

"It's all built on one simple principle," Kendrick explained. "You won't let me play with you? Then I'll create my own."

As Black communities in Northern industrial cities grew during the Great Migration of the 1920s, which saw millions of African Americans flee terror and oppression in the South, Negro League

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Negro Leagues historian Phil Dixon

BaseballXtra



Negro Leagues Baseball Museum president Bob Kendrick, seen standing next to a statue of outfielder Leon Day at the museum's Field of Legends display in 2019, says when he walks out of his office at the museum these days, he isn't just walking through the past. He sees lessons applicable to the present.

FROM PAGE 2

NEGRO LEAGUES

clubs became a cultural touchstone, a place where inequality and injustice seemed to fade nine innings at a time.

"Baseball had been this catalyst that sparked economic growth in many urban communities across the country," Kendrick said. "Essentially, wherever you had a successful Black baseball team, you can rest assured you had a thriving Black economy."

There were ups and down. The Great Depression forced the original Negro National League, which had been guided by the "father of Black baseball," Rube Foster, to fold. From 1927 to 1942, no official Negro World Series was held.

But Black teams pushed on, forming another Negro National League and a Negro American League in the 1930s while cultivating iconic players such as Paige (the whimsical right-handed pitcher with a blazing fastball and wicked repertoire of breaking balls), Gibson (historians can't agree on the number of home runs he hit, though the Hall of Fame claims it to be "almost 800"), O'Neil (who became MLB's first Black coach) and eventually Jackie Robinson (who played his lone Negro League season in 1945).

All that success ultimately became the leagues' undoing. After Robinson broke baseball's color barrier in 1947, most promising Black players began entering MLB's minor league system, diluting the Negro Leagues' talent pool. By the end of the 1950s, both major Negro Leagues were gone for good.

"It was good for the soul of our country," Kendrick said of baseball's integration. "It moved us in ways socially that we never fathomed. But it is

bittersweet. There is always a cost to progress."

In the Negro Leagues' case, Dixon believes their reputation was diminished over time, thriving Black institutions mistakenly remembered as a low-tier afterthought.

"I think a lot of what we believe about the inferiority of Black teams is really social conditioning," he said. "We are culturally conditioned with baseball history. A lot of the things we believe are how we've been conditioned to believe. It's hard to break away from that."

This is where Dixon draws parallels between the Negro Leagues and today, raising questions of racial biases and subconscious prejudices that have existed in baseball for the last 100 years – and in society for much longer than that.

"The more they portray the history, talk about the history of baseball, the way you portray that history gives a perception of racism," he said. "I can't explain it. The history has been very biased in its presentation."

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Jerry Hairston Jr. changed the topic unprompted.

The phone call with the 16-year MLB veteran who finished his career with the Dodgers in 2013 began with stories of his grandfather, Sam Hairston, a Negro League star who was the first African American to play for the Chicago White Sox.

Hairston Jr. laughed at the memories, recalling dinner table stories of Sam's career (which began on an Alabama steel mill company team and culminated with his winning the Negro American League triple crown in 1950) and house visits from some of his former teammates.

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YOU LOOK AT THE CIVIL RIGHTS STORY IN GENERAL, MUCH OF IT IS SO PAINFUL. IT'S AFRICAN AMERICANS BEING SPRAYED BY WATER HOSES AND DOGS BEING UNLEASHED ON US. THESE EPISODES OF BEING BEAT DOWN BY POLICE. BUT WHEN YOU COME TO THE NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM, IT'S AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT LOOK AT SOMETHING THAT IS A CIVIL RIGHTS STORY. IT'S TRIUMPH OVER IT, AND IT'S PROUD. YOU CAN'T ONLY SEE MY PAIN. YOU HAVE TO SEE MY TRIUMPH AS WELL AS WE TRY TO PLANT THE SEED FOR EQUALITY IN OUR COUNTRY.

Bob Kendrick, President of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

"I'd be learning about the Negro Leagues in school," Hairston Jr. said, "and go, 'Wait a minute, [six-time Negro League All-Star] Double Duty Radcliffe, he was at my house a few months back.'"

Sam Hairston died in 1997. But his grandson cares deeply about his journey and what it said of baseball's relationship with race.

"We appreciate the Negro Leagues more now," Hairston Jr. said. "But the one thing I fear is that we don't appreciate our Black players today. We talk about change, we talk about how we want to do certain things for the Black players. Well, how about having more Black people in front offices? How about having more Black coaches?"

His tone sharpened.

"We need to take more action. Don't just tell us about it."

Herein lies the paradox of professional baseball, a sport that simultaneously integrated and diversified its player pool without doing the same to its front office, ownership or

league executive ranks.

While roughly 40% of MLB's players are of color, according to a 2019 racial and gender report card published by the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports, the league has just six minority general managers/heads of baseball operations, and one minority owner (the Angels' Arte Moreno).

MLB's inclusion of Black players and executives is even worse. Only 8.4% of players on 2019 opening day rosters were African American. And until the Houston Astros' hiring of Dusty Baker this offseason, the Dodgers' Dave Roberts was the league's only Black manager.

"Baseball has been at the forefront of social change in this country," said Kendrick, the Negro League Museum president. "Yet, in some ways, it has suffered from some of the same things it actually helped preach."

Kendrick traces the start of the problem back to the dissolution of the Negro Leagues.

"All of these Black owners no longer owned teams," Kendrick said. "You don't really see many African American general managers. You had all of that in Black baseball when Black baseball had its own business. You had Black managers and Black coaches and team positions – they were fulfilling every aspect of the business of the game of baseball. And we lost that."

The diversification of MLB's non-playing roles has been slow and limited ever since.

"We saw the field integrate," Kendrick said. "The hierarchy of our sport really did not get that same transformation."

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When Tony Reagins, MLB's Executive Vice President of Baseball and Softball Development, convened his staff for one of their recent weekly Tuesday meetings, he planned to only briefly acknowledge the Black Lives Matter protests over social equality.

The cause resonated with Reagins, who became MLB's fourth Black general manager when promoted by the Angels in 2007 (a position from which he resigned in 2011). He wasn't sure, however, where the conversation would lead within his unit of the league's office.

Two hours of tears, thoughts and talking later, Reagins realized what much of society is seemingly coming to understand. George Floyd's killing at the hands of a police officer has wrought a newfound awareness of injustice, an increased appetite for change. This time, not even the baseball world is shying away.

"Individuals really opened up about their experiences," Reagins said of the meeting. "Racism. Prejudices. Biases. All of that came into play. It really allowed us to look deep into who the in-

dividual was, and look deeper into ourselves. To verbalize your thinking out loud, it brings a different perspective.

"That's a big part of what needs to take place, is having the conversations."

Such conversations are the ones Negro League historians wish the sport had decades ago, when it could have diversified the culture – and not only the rosters – of America's pastime. Instead, as former big leaguer and current baseball analyst Doug Glanville can attest, race became a topic most Black players felt they couldn't address.

"It's hard as a Black player, when your experience is taboo," Glanville said. "Sharing what is absolutely eating away at you is something you have no forum for and no place to talk about."

Kendrick noticed the same thing, especially after hosting a recent town hall discussion with six current big leaguers.

"Inevitably, they're going to walk into a locker room without a lot of people who look like them," he said. "Sometimes, they may be the only African American in that locker room. That's why I think it's really important that baseball be out in front of this cause. Because what it does is, it helps even more so demonstrate that this is not an African American cause. This is something that all Americans need to be on the same team, trying to tackle this issue. And when our national pastime is involved, it does serve as a bit of an awakening."

Kendrick's hope is shared by others in the sport who are optimistic that baseball, with its complicated and at-times porous history of racial inclusion, can be a leader in promoting profound change. Players and teams, including the Dodgers, have spoken out.

"For us to change as a society in a large sense, you need everybody on deck," Glanville said. "All kinds of voices can add to this conversation and add to this change. . . . We'd like to see change happen across the board when it comes to who is participating and making those changes. And baseball is uniquely situated with a great opportunity."

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Before Kendrick hung up the phone, eager to return to the museum halls and begin interacting with patrons (socially distanced, of course), he had one more point to make.

So often, he said, stories of social change and racial injustice are wrapped up in pain and sorrow, failures and shortcomings. The Negro Leagues' history is different, a triumphant reminder that the push for equality – in baseball or otherwise – hasn't been all bad.

"You look at the civil rights story in general, much of it is so painful," he said. "It's African Americans being sprayed by water hoses and dogs being unleashed on us. These episodes of being beat down by police."

"But when you come to the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, it's an entirely different look at something that is a civil rights story. It's triumph over it, and it's proud. You can't only see my pain. You have to see my triumph as well as we try to plant the seed for equality in our country."

BaseballXtra

BY TYLER KEPNER
The New York Times

Of all the elements that make baseball distinctive, nothing compares to pitching. In what other team sport does the most influential player spend most of the schedule resting? Training for the treacherous job of throwing overhand repeatedly, at high speeds, requires careful calibration and strict routines.

And then there is 2020, when quarantined pitchers are firing baseballs into hotel room mattresses to stay loose.

"I lined up the mattress, I set up chairs to act as hitters, and I would throw for about a half-hour every day, just trying to simulate something, just trying to make sure I was putting some velocity into it so the arm stayed in shape," said Miami Marlins pitcher Brandon Kintzler, whose teammate, Elieser Hernandez, had the same idea. "Hernandez's room was next to me, and I know he was doing the same thing, because I could hear the ball bouncing everywhere."

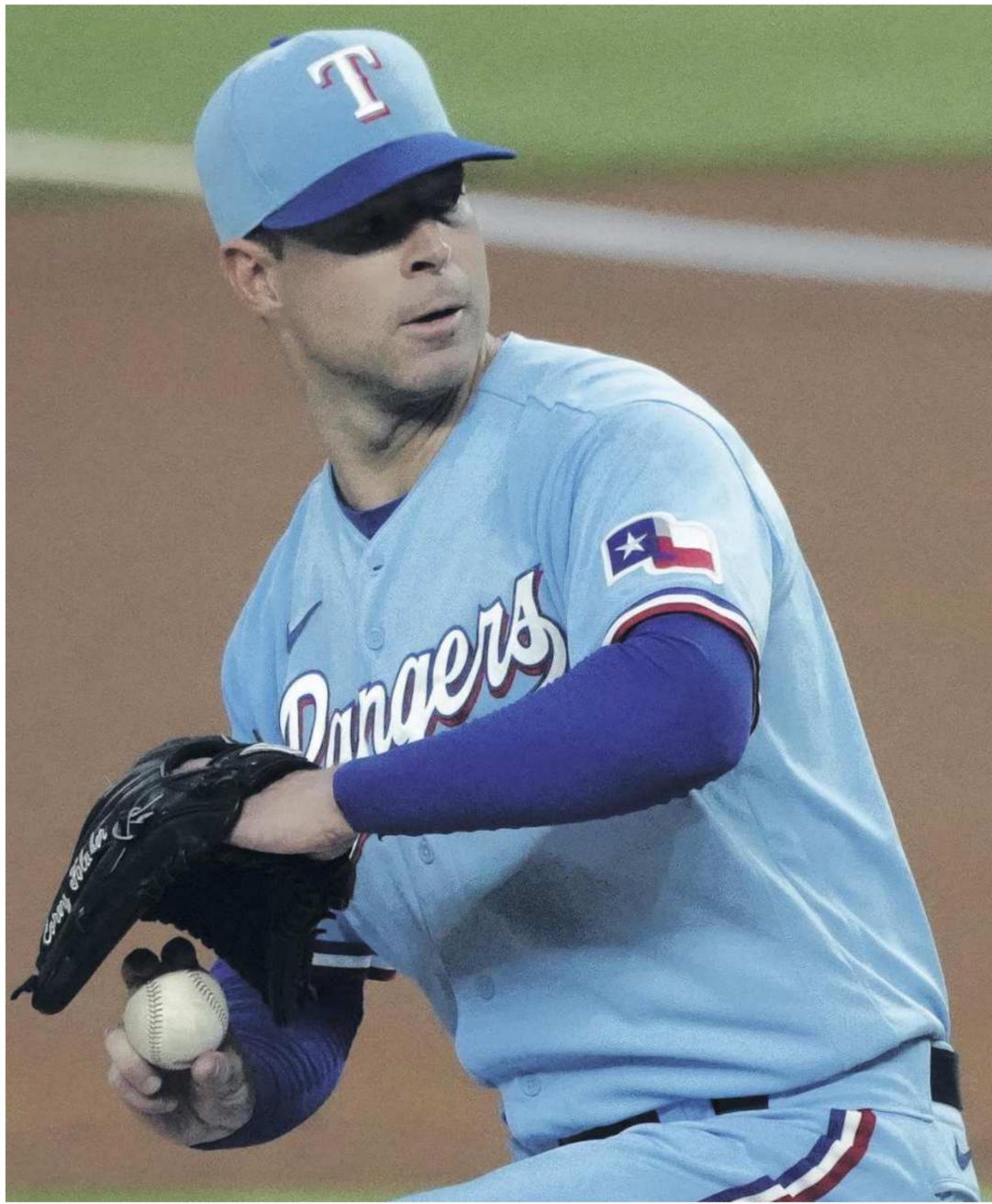
Kintzler and his teammates were effectively trapped in their hotel rooms for a week after an outbreak of positive tests for the coronavirus tore through the Marlins' roster after their first series last month, in Philadelphia. The St. Louis Cardinals, too, hunkered down in their Milwaukee hotel for five days after their own outbreak on July 30. Jack Flaherty threw baseballs into his mattress, Adam Wainwright into his pillows.

Beyond the health risks of the virus itself, the pandemic scrambled the preparation of baseball's most finely tuned creatures. When MLB shut down in mid-March, the sport was four weeks into its six-week spring training. Three-and-a-half months of inactivity followed, then teams held three-week summer training camps for a 60-game season that started on July 23.

Somewhat predictably, the early season has been marked by a rash of arm injuries. No type of pitcher has been spared, from rookies like A.J. Puk to 40-year-old Rich Hill, middle relievers like Tommy Kahnle to closers like Ken Giles. High-profile casualties include Cy Young Award winners (Justin Verlander, Corey Kluber); World Series' most valuable players (Cole Hamels, Stephen Strasburg); and Shohei Ohtani, the celebrated two-way player for the Los Angeles Angels.

"Pitchers are a unique breed, and they rely very heavily on getting into the flow, where everything seems to slow down and it just goes exactly right," said Dr. Anthony Romeo, a former team physician for the Chicago White Sox.

"I think that's something many pitchers are experiencing this year, that the only normal part of their life is on the pitching mound, and everything else is completely



LOUIS DELUCA AP

According to Baseball Prospectus data compiled by The Ringer, there were 30 pitcher arm injuries requiring an injured-list stint through the first 10 days of this season. The previous high for any season in the last decade was 12. Texas Rangers pitcher Corey Kluber lasted less than an inning before being injured this season.

Pitchers are creatures of habit

A SEASON OF CHAOS IS TESTING THEM

disrupted – how they interact with their teammates, how they travel, how they interact with their families. All of that is a tremendous distraction, and I think it's really hard for many of these pitchers to get into the flow the same way they're used to."

The healthy pitchers have been largely effective, even with the designated hitter now used in both leagues. Through Thursday, MLB pitchers had a 1.262 WHIP (walks plus hits per inning pitched), better than the season-ending WHIP for every season since 1972. The collective earned run

average, 4.17 – while in line with 2018, when it was 4.15 – is much lower than last season's 4.51.

Yet the pileup of injured pitchers is concerning. According to Baseball Prospectus data compiled by The Ringer, there were 30 pitcher arm injuries requiring an injured-list stint through the first 10 days of this season. The previous high for any season in the last decade was 12.

Pitching injuries are common at the start of every season, but Dr. Chris Ahmad, the New York Yankees' team physician, predicted on his blog in May that inactivity

during the pandemic "may greatly compound and exaggerate the risk factors" associated with the usual rash of early-season Tommy John surgeries. (Kahnle, a Yankees reliever, had the procedure Tuesday.)

For pitchers, the physical gains they made during the familiar spring training buildup were all but erased by the long layoff.

"It's not like all of a sudden you bank what you did in spring training 1.0 and you pick up where you left off in spring training 2.0," said Dr. Keith Meister, the Texas Rangers' team physician. "It

was a pretty diverse offseason for different people in terms of ability to work out or throw. The last level of getting ready for games was those competitive innings, and we definitely didn't have a lot of those into the lead-up of this season, and that was a concern.

"But you have to be very careful about over-analyzing a very small snapshot. When we look at injuries, we look at them over a three- to five-year cycle."

To mitigate the risk for this year, most teams have been extremely conservative with pitchers' workloads, continuing a long

trend. Through Thursday, 23 of the 30 major league teams were averaging fewer than five innings per start, taking advantage of the extra depth this season offered by expanded, 30-man rosters to begin the season.

Rosters have since been pared to 28; initially, baseball had planned to reduce the roster size again later this month to 26 but decided last week to hold off on further cutbacks. The league has taken other measures to reduce the strain on pitchers, holding seven-inning games during doubleheaders and a putting a runner on second base in extra innings to resolve games faster.

But there was no way to fully account for the stress of pitching in real games – even without fans in the stands – after just three weeks of camp. Meister said the first month of this season would essentially be an extension of spring training, with pitchers continuing to build to top form.

"But sometimes it's not necessarily just the build-up, it's the spike in effort," he added. "Guys will tell you all the time: Once the uniform color changes on the other side of the field and you're not throwing live batting practice and intrasquads, all of a sudden everything jumps up."

The Rangers encouraged pitchers to back off a bit during the layoff, Meister said, but to try to stay active with regular throwing sessions. Wes Johnson, the Minnesota Twins' pitching coach, said he wanted his starters to stay in a "holding pattern" by working four-inning simulated games throughout the break, with relievers throwing two bullpen sessions – one long, one short – per week.

"But muscle capacity goes up the more you take on, and that's really hard to replicate when you are throwing sim games at an indoor facility or in a wide-open park," Johnson said. "So I think that's some of the challenge. We had some guys built up, but you just can't replicate adrenaline and having a real hitter in the box."

While pitchers navigate this strange season, the bigger questions may come next year. If baseball gets back to its usual six-month grind, what happens to prospects who missed a full year of games because the minor league season was canceled? Can veterans safely resume their usual workloads after a big drop this year? What about young pitchers or those coming off injuries, who had hoped to reach certain innings thresholds this season?

The mystery of the pitching arm – that fickle, fragile, fantastic apparatus that makes baseball so beguiling – is about to get more complicated, and even the experts wonder what comes next.

"We're trying to get a hold of how to manage that – and to be completely honest with you, we don't know yet," Johnson said. "I don't think anybody knows. There's not a manual for this one."

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IT'S NOT LIKE ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU BANK WHAT YOU DID IN SPRING TRAINING 1.0 AND YOU PICK UP WHERE YOU LEFT OFF IN SPRING TRAINING 2.0. IT WAS A PRETTY DIVERSE OFFSEASON FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN TERMS OF ABILITY TO WORK OUT OR THROW. THE LAST LEVEL OF GETTING READY FOR GAMES WAS THOSE COMPETITIVE INNINGS, AND WE DEFINITELY DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF THOSE INTO THE LEAD-UP OF THIS SEASON, AND THAT WAS A CONCERN.

Dr. Keith Meister, the Texas Rangers' team physician

BaseballXtra

BY DERRICK GOOLD
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The symptoms that some COVID-19 positive members of the Cardinals organization have experienced in the past week have been severe enough to go to the emergency room for treatment and “clarity,” manager Mike Shildt revealed on his weekly radio show.

The Cardinals’ manager, on his way to take his daily test for the novel coronavirus, joined KMOX/1120 AM for his usual time slot and detailed how a few of the 16 personnel who have tested positive for the virus have been dealing with waves and mixtures of symptoms, and that some of them had to seek medical attention to receive fluids. The team has said multiple times over the past week that none of the individuals have been hospitalized.

“There are people that have symptoms, and have had a few visits to the ER for some IVs and a little more clarity,” Shildt told the radio station. “Nobody has had to stay. But there are people dealing with – I mean, this is real. And people are experiencing a lot of the symptoms that we hear about, that are associated with this. A variety of them. Most of them are experiencing multiple ones. Seems like they rotate with them. And again, nobody is in close to any critical shape, but people are having to deal with some things that aren’t comfortable at all. And hopefully we can get that behind them. They’re getting great care.”

Shildt did not specify if the individuals going to the ER were players or staff.

While players and staff receive their Sunday tests for the virus, the Cardinals are awaiting the results of their Saturday tests. Those results will determine the next step for the Cardinals and give them a sense of when or if they’ll return to the field.

The Cardinals’ weekend series against the Cubs was postponed Friday when three new positive tests, including two for players, surfaced. The

COVID-19 symptoms sent some Cardinals team members to ER for treatment, ‘clarity,’ Shildt says

St. Louis Cardinals

JEFF ROBERSON AP

Cardinals are next scheduled to play Monday against the Pittsburgh Pirates, but that game at Busch Stadium is doubtful, and is likely to be postponed officially at some point Sunday. The entire series is in question, but as of Saturday was expected to be handled “day to day.” The Cardinals have already had 10 consecutive games postponed and are looking at going close to two weeks without a game.

The delay between games has gone on long enough that some of the first Cardinals to test positive can begin their return testing and the protocols to rejoin the team.

“He’s doing good, man I talked to him this morning. He’s going to do one test today,” Jose Molina told the Angels beat writers. “Right now he has no symptoms. He just had light symptoms the first day. Besides that he’s been doing great. Just looking forward to those negative test and when they start playing again. But he feels very good right now.”

Catcher Yadier Molina, one of the nine players to test positive and one of the eight to identify himself as positive, is taking a test Sunday, his brother Jose Molina told media who cover the Angels on

Sunday morning. After a positive test, players are required to go seven days before they take another saliva test, and each player with a positive test will be out at least eight days.

Players are required to have consecutive negative tests – taken 24 hours apart – before they can continue on the path back to the field. They must also take an antibody test and a cardiac evaluation exam.

During his regular appearance on KMOX/1120 AM’s “Sports on a Sunday” program, Cardinals president of baseball operations John Mozeliak struck a cautious tone about the next 24 to 48 hours for the team.

“I’d like to sit here and tell you everything is going to be great and there’s no concerns moving forward,” he said. “I’m just not in that position yet to do that. Having a little hope, having a little optimism is all that I ask. It’s really hard to make a definitive road map on where we’re going and what we’re doing because there are still a lot of questions. The unknown is the trickiest thing to deal with. We still have a lot of questions marks going forward.”

Mozeliak has a meeting Sunday afternoon to determine what the week ahead will look like, and

that meeting will hinge on the results of Friday and Saturday’s tests.

The Cardinals and Major League Baseball are trying to determine the length of time the Cardinals need to get control of the outbreak and eradicate it from the roster. Six days of quarantine in Milwaukee did not squelch the spread as hoped, so the team and MLB are left to discuss a lengthier pause to the schedule and the problems that could mean for the team’s participation in the 2020 season and their opponents’ schedule. As of now, the Cardinals have 55 games remaining on their schedule and fewer than 48 days to do so.

The past week’s news has generated ample speculation to fill the vacuum of unknowns.

“The rumor mill concerning the Cardinals has been in full force over the last week and a half,” Mozeliak said on his radio appearance. “I think the easiest thing to say is – look, if I had something to share, I’d share it. But right now we don’t know what tomorrow will bring. I have a meeting later today which will probably give us a lot more clarity on what everything looks like. But I’m not going to speculate at that because I’m still trying to collect

information before I even go into that. Ultimately once we have something to share, we’re going to do it. This is not like trying to make a trade or trying to recruit a free agent and I’m trying to do it secretly. It’s just there are so many moving parts, I don’t want to get out in front of it.”

In the days since the first two positive tests and the initial embers of the outbreak that has engulfed the club, there has been a standard battery of questions asked in each Zoom conference call that Cardinals officials have held with St. Louis media.

They range from next steps to timetables.

The reporter who asked the question may change, but the questions do not when it comes to these two, necessary topics:

– Are the people who have COVID-19 feeling any symptoms? Have any been hospitalized?

– Have any players expressed to management their decision to opt-out?

As of Friday, Mozeliak said he has not heard from any player who has decided to opt-out. Mozeliak disclosed on Friday that Ryan Helsley, one of the nine players who have tested positive, did experience a low-grade fever Thursday. About half of the 16 individuals who tested positive have had some symptoms, and

many of them experienced the symptoms after the positive test. Those symptoms have ranged from headaches to low-grade fevers and to coughs. At least one unidentified member of the staff had more severe symptoms, a team official said. That was the extent of the answer to the almost daily question.

Shildt’s description of ER visits was a new disclosure Sunday.

The Cardinals were quarantined for six days in Milwaukee and they were required to have consecutive days without a new positive to leave their hotel. The 13 people who received positive test results in Milwaukee were transported back to St. Louis, away from the team, and not at the hotel. The Cardinals flew home Wednesday, and Shildt, in the radio interview, described the process of wearing a facemask, a face shield, staggered boarding, spaced seating, and no food or drinks the entire time – all to follow protocols.

He called it part of “an even more stringent normal.”

That’s what gives the Cardinals pause – is that a positive test came with them from Milwaukee. That forced the team to renew its contact tracing, determine the probability of other positives, and isolate and identify at least one player for a rapid test. And also consider the possibility of a longer layoff before a return.

“There are a lot of lessons to be learned from the last time we went through this, now,” Mozeliak told KMOX at the end of his segment. “And can we incorporate some of that to make better decisions? I think that’s what we have to do. There is a lot of anxiety on what’s going to happen next, what to expect – so we’re trying to be as transparent as possible internally just to keep things going. Everything I’ve shared with you is all I’ve been able to share with players at this point.”

“It’s a matter of trying to understand when we have confidence to re-gather as a group – will we feel safe?”

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they could benefit from this experience.”

The Cardinals players and staff, all of whom have been instructed to isolate this weekend and spend the three days apart, were each visited for another round of tests Saturday for the virus. They did not plan a public update of their situation until Sunday, an official confirmed. After learning of three new positives, bringing their total to nine players and seven staff members in previous nine days, the Cardinals began contact tracing and some rapid testing to determine the probability of additional positive tests this weekend.

Members of the Cardinals’ traveling party have been tested at least once a day for the past eight consecutive days, helping to inform their understanding of the virus’ spread through the roster.

“The thing that I want to stress and cannot say enough is that we’re most worried about and caring about our teammates, and their health, and that they

don’t have any issues going forward,” third baseman Matt Carpenter said. “I know we want to get back on the field when it’s safe, when it makes sense, and when it’s possible. But right now, we’re thinking about our teammates and how they’re doing.”

A majority of the 16 Cardinals who have tested positive remain asymptomatic, the team said. No one had severe symptoms that required hospitalization. Some players have experienced mild symptoms such as coughs, low-grade fevers, and headaches, though many had improved by Friday.

The Cubs’ only scheduled visit to Busch Stadium during this season was postponed this weekend. The Cardinals have had 10 consecutive games postponed, and their next scheduled game – Monday against Pittsburgh – is uncertain. That series is in question. The teams and Major League Baseball are awaiting the results of this weekend’s tests, while also aware that the Cardi-

nals may need an extended pause to regroup from a two-stage outbreak.

“We’re just trying to get through today,” Mozeliak said.

If the Cardinals are unable to host the Pirates this week, they’ll go at least two weeks between games. Jack Flaherty, who was scheduled to go Sunday for the first time in 16 days, could be facing three weeks between starts. He’ll have faced an opponent only once, on opening day, since March 10. The delay between games is already long enough that some of the first players to test positive for the virus will have missed the mandatory eight days and are eligible to begin the return process and its testing.

The Cardinals have had two days on the field in the past 10, and that presents its own issues when it comes to game-readiness and injury risk. At each turn the upcoming week is a moving target, as if the schedule is day-to-day.

“I think stops/starts are difficult,” Mozeliak said. “I think from players, staff, to employees it’s emotionally – we’re pulling at a lot of different

cords here. To think that we were going to play (Friday) and then to find out late that the likelihood of that was not going to happen ... certainly disappointing. I know everybody involved just wants to get back to baseball. But I know everybody wants to be safe. I think you have a fair question on what really the next week looks like.”

The Marlins have returned to play and won their first four games back. Eighteen players, including 17 members of the active roster, and 20 total from their traveling party tested positive for the virus during their outbreak in Philadelphia. Derek Jeter, Marlins CEO, told reporters the virus seeped into their ballclub because the team “got relaxed, and they let their guard down.” The Marlins had positives tests before playing a game on July 26. The next day they were assigned to their hotel, like the Cardinals would be in Milwaukee. Positive tests continued through the next several days. The Marlins went nine days without playing, and the individuals who were positive eventually bused back to Miami.

The healthy Marlins remained in quarantine through last Sunday – a week after the outbreak’s beginning – before Major League Baseball cleared them to leave Philadelphia.

The Cardinals followed similar protocols and had to go through consecutive days without a positive test to get clearance to travel from Milwaukee. They had been there six days. The Cardinals’ tests on Monday and Tuesday came back negative. The first new positive came from a Wednesday test. Another of the three new positives came via Thursday tests. Regarding the newest positive tests, the Cardinals “think we’re isolating the individual who may be connected to this,” Mozeliak said, “so there’s a small level of confidence that we may know where this all began.”

At the same time the Cardinals are going through more testing and contact tracing, they are also working with Major League Baseball to determine something that Marlins didn’t have to deal with – a return to play interrupted by the return of the virus. It’s not clear

if that means the Cardinals will have to isolate for the five, six days previously prescribed, or if they’ll have to go through additional days of negative testing.

They cannot wholesale replace their roster with players from the Springfield, Mo., alternate site at this point because not all of those players are on the 40-man roster, not all are eligible for the active roster, and a complete team is not feasible. Nor could they introduce those players into the unknown of the outbreak.

The Cardinals have gone from following protocols to the uncomfortable, unnerving position of informing them, shaping them.

They’re being tested so that maybe other teams can pass.

“If we can understand. If we can get this under control,” Mozeliak said. The team is “trying to mitigate the spread as best we can. What we’ve learned from this virus – sometimes what has happened has happened. You can’t always put the toothpaste back in the tube as an afterthought.”

Astros and A's clear benches, empty seats; Oakland wins 9th in row

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
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OAKLAND, CALIF.

The Oakland Athletics and Houston Astros apparently were tired of playing nice.

So following two quiet games at the Coliseum, true feelings seemed to come out and tempers flared Sunday, months after Houston's sign-stealing scandal was brought to light by Oakland pitcher Mike Fiers.

Things got so angry the benches cleared - and the stands emptied, too, during Oakland's 7-2 victory over the AL West rival Astros.

The Athletics' ninth straight win was far overshadowed by what erupted in the seventh inning.

Oakland's Ramon Laureano got hit by a pitch - for the third time in the three-game series - this one by Humberto Castellanos with one out in the seventh, and pointed at the pitcher.

Laureano then began exchanging words with animated Astros hitting coach Alex Cintron, left first base, threw down his batting helmet and began charging toward him in the first base dugout.

Astros catcher Dustin Garneau left the bench to tackle Laureano before the A's outfielder reached Cintron, and a wild scene ensued.

"I was just trying to stop the situation before punches were really thrown and stuff got out of hand," Garneau said. "That's really what my whole goal was for that incident."

Players rushed out of both dugouts to join the fray. Players who were sitting in the seats, observing COVID-19 social-distancing protocols, also rushed onto the field. Several Astros streamed out from their tunnel area.

Laureano was ejected by plate ump Ted Barrett, and the umpiring crew could easily be heard yelling at the players to "get back to the dugout!" through a ballpark with no fans.

"Ramon's not going over there for no reason,"



Oakland's Ramon Laureano, top, charges the Houston Astros' dugout after being hit, for the second time in the game and third in the series, by a pitch thrown by Humberto Castellanos during the seventh inning of Sunday's game.

A's manager Bob Melvin said, adding of Cintron: "I think the league will know who that is and that person will get suspended. Hopefully that's the case. Nowadays without fans in the stands and mikes everywhere my guess is they know who it is."

Oakland batters were hit five times during the series, no Houston hitters were plunked.

A's catcher Austin Allen was also ejected and As-

tros manager Dusty Baker was tossed a half-inning earlier for arguing balls and strikes. Houston lost its fifth in a row overall.

Oakland realized Laureano likely faces discipline.

"Look, we understand and you do the best you can with these things," Melvin said. "Obviously we don't want to get into a brawl like that and we understand the protocol. Unfortunately, it hap-

pened."

Baker said he didn't see what happened because, having been ejected, he couldn't get the game feed on his clubhouse TV.

When asked whether Cintron had crossed the line with his behavior, Baker reserved judgment.

"Who chirped first? Did Alex say something to him first or did Laureano say something?" Baker asked. "I don't know what happened. I've chirped at

players before myself. Guys always say, well, is it inappropriate for a coach to chirp at a guy, but are you supposed to just sit there and take it?"

"It's in the heat in the moment, we're all men out there, with high pride and anxiety and everything else. These things happen when you're on the baseball field," he said.

Ex-Astros player Fiers didn't pitch this series. He

went public to The Athletic in November about Houston's detailed sign-stealing scam. The Astros have won the past three division crowns, a World Series in 2017 and AL pennant last year. The A's won 97 each in 2018 and '19 only to lose the AL wild-card game.

Matt Olson hit a three-run homer in the third and Matt Chapman connected the very next pitch, taking the score from 1-0 to 5-0 on consecutive offerings from Astros starter Cristian Javier (1-1).

Robbie Grossman also homered and Mark Canha contributed an RBI single.

The A's (12-4) matched the 2013 club for the best record after 16 games over the last 30 years.

A's rookie left-hander Jesus Luzardo (1-0) earned his first major league win in his second career start. His day was done after allowing back-to-back two-out walks in the sixth.

The 22-year-old Luzardo outdid 23-year-old Javier in a matchup of two top pitching prospects.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: CF George Springer resumed hitting work in the batting cage but was still listed as day to day by Baker. The outfielder missed his third straight game after suffering a sprained right wrist diving for a ball during Thursday's loss at Arizona.

Athletics: RHP Jordan Weems, on the injured list with a lat strain, will throw to hitters soon at the club's San Jose alternate site. "I know everything's progressing well," Melvin said. ... LHP A.J. Puk (strained throwing shoulder) is playing catch out to about 90 feet but Melvin said, "It's going to be a while before he gets on a mound."

UP NEXT

LHP Sean Manaea (0-2, 8.03 ERA) tries again for his first victory of 2020 when the A's open a three-game road series vs. the Angels. RHP Lance McCullers Jr. (1-1, 9.22) pitches as the Astros return home to face the San Francisco Giants.

Former major leaguer on A's Christenson: 'That's just so far from who he is'

BY SHAYNA RUBIN
Mercury News

Former major league player David Newhan got a call from A's bench coach Ryan Christenson late Thursday evening. It wasn't unusual for Christenson to call - the best friends of 25 years talk regularly - but this time was different.

Christenson didn't need guidance, he didn't want sympathy, he just felt remorseful. A video clip from a telecast of the A's game that afternoon had shown Christenson making a gesture that looked like a Nazi salute.

"It's just so far from his intent and who he is as a person," Newhan said Friday night by phone from his home in South-

ern California. "There's not a bigoted bone in his body and it just makes me feel bad that he's having to go through this right now."

The two men, now 46, go way back. After playing two years at Pepperdine together, they were drafted by the A's in 1995.

They were in the minors for three seasons together until Newhan was traded to the San Diego Padres in 1997. They were best man in each other's weddings. They are like family.

"He's everything you'd hope for in a best friend," Newhan said. "Supportive, loyal, would do anything for you."

Newhan hadn't seen the video when Christenson called, so he called it up while Christenson broke it down, explaining that A's

reliever Liam Hendriks had introduced a karate-chop style high five, a new type of individualized celebration in the age of social distancing, and that's how it all started.

Christenson told Newhan he might be dragged into the situation, because he'd told a reporter that they were best friends and that Newhan is Jewish. Some of my best friends are Jewish. It was all such a mess.

Newhan never doubted Christenson's heart. What he saw in the video clip was so far out of character, Newhan said, he might have mistaken it for Photoshop.

"If there was any kind of intent behind it then, yeah, that'd be scary," Newhan said. "With Ryan, it's the complete opposite.

It's so obvious that he was caught off guard and then offended himself that he even did that... That's just so far from who he is and what he stands for."

Newhan's father, Hall of Fame sportswriter Ross Newhan of the Los Angeles Times, has known Christenson and his family since the boys met in travel ball. He was stunned when Christenson's face and the term "Nazi salute" popped up on his social media feed.

"The Nazi salute, that sends chills down our spines," said Newhan, whose father-in-law was the only member of his family to escape the Holocaust.

The elder Newhan was puzzled by what he saw in the video clip. But he wasn't chilled. He has

known Christenson too long. He knew there had to be an explanation.

In a statement made through the A's late Thursday night, Christenson apologized and attempted to explain. Friday, A's manager Bob Melvin and outfielder Mark Canha voiced their support for Christenson.

"Ryan Christenson is fully supported by everybody in our clubhouse," said Melvin, one of seven Jewish managers in baseball history. "They know who he is. So do I. Obviously it didn't look great, but that was not his intent at all. I know that for a fact."

"A lot of things get said in a locker room, clubhouse when reporters aren't around that can be off-color," Canha said.

"I've never known Ryan to even joke or do anything. I've never known Ryan to slip up once."

Christenson has been with the A's for 14 years. He played parts of six seasons in the majors, a light-hitting centerfielder who could cover a lot of ground, then began managing in the Oakland farm system in 2013.

Newhan played parts of eight seasons in the majors, the best of them coming in Baltimore, where he had a .311/.361/.453 slash line in 2004. A minor league manager for the A's in 2014, he spent two seasons as a hitting coach for the Detroit Tigers and currently works for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"We should stand up for people and be sensitive to each other," he said, referring to events of this week. "But, let's be logical and with intent behind things and figure out what did happen. Because what you think you saw might be smoke and mirrors."



MARK J. TERRILL AP

Los Angeles' AJ Pollock watches his three-run home run off San Francisco Giants relief pitcher Tyler Rogers, foreground, during the seventh inning of Sunday's game in Los Angeles. The homer gave the Dodgers a 3-2 lead.

BY BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

AJ Pollock and Mookie Betts each hit a three-run homer, rallying the Los Angeles Dodgers past the San Francisco Giants 6-2 on Sunday.

The Dodgers have won nine of 12, and they took two of three from their NL West rivals in the series. They've homered in 11 straight games, and their 29 long balls lead the majors.

With the Dodgers trailing 2-0 in the seventh, Cody Bellinger singled off Giants starter Kevin Gausman with one out and Justin Turner followed with a single off submariner Tyler Rogers (1-3). Max Muncy took a called third strike, but Pollock sent a 3-2 pitch to left-center for his fourth homer and a 3-2 lead.

"I feel pretty consistent every day, even the days where I don't get any results," Pollock said. "I'm competitive with my at-bats."

In the eighth, Will Smith drew a leadoff walk and Kike Hernandez followed with a double off Caleb Baragar. They scored on Betts' shot to

left-center after he was hitless in his first three at-bats, making it 6-2.

The Dodgers had seven hits a day after getting two in a 5-4 loss.

"When we can string together a little more consistent at-bats, we can do some damage," Pollock said.

Jake McGee (1-0) got the win with a hitless inning of relief.

Mike Yastrzemski snapped a scoreless tie with a two-run single in the fifth, giving the Giants a 2-0 lead.

Yastrzemski had one of two hits for the Giants, who put just two runners on base via walks through the first four innings against Walker Buehler.

In the fifth, Pablo Sandoval walked and Buehler hit Austin Slater with a pitch, putting two Giants runners on base in the same inning for the first

time. They moved up on Buehler's wild pitch.

After Tyler Heineman struck out, Yastrzemski stroked a two-strike single to center, scoring Sandoval and Slater.

Buehler gave up two runs and one hit in 5 2/3 innings, his longest outing in three starts this season. He struck out six and walked four.

The right-hander issued a four-pitch walk to Yastrzemski to open the game and was wild, high and outside, until settling down. Buehler retired the side in the second and fourth before the Giants struck in the fifth.

Buehler issued four leadoff walks.

"It's hard on a team that's this good - you don't want to mess it up. I didn't mess it up too bad," he said. "Keep trying to get where I want to be. After the last two, trying

to take a step forward."

San Francisco's Donovan Solano, the leading hitter in the majors, extended his career-best hitting streak to 14 games with a single in the eighth.

Gausman allowed one run and three hits in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out six and walked none before being pulled.

"I felt like I had more in the tank. My limit is not 80 pitches," he said. "I pitched well enough to warrant getting a couple of more guys out."

Giants manager Gabe Kapler cited the 81-degree temperature and Gausman facing the toughest part of the Dodgers' order for the third time in replacing him with Rogers.

"It just felt like the right time to keep him healthy and strong and safe all the way through the season based on getting into the seventh for the first time,"

Kapler said. "At the same time, we had a reliever ready who we felt confident could get us a ground ball with a runner on first base and get us out of it."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Giants: RHP Jordan Humphreys was placed on the restricted list for family reasons. ... LHP Jarlin Garcia was reinstated from the 60-day IL.

Dodgers: SS Corey Seager, who left Friday's game with lower back discomfort, is not being considered for the injured list. Instead, the team wants to give him a few days and reassess how he feels.

NOISY CUTOUTS

After working a 3-0 count, Pollock couldn't hear the plate umpire call a strike before his home run. He attributed it to the ump's voice being muffled by a face mask and the

pumped-in crowd noise.

"Yesterday was a little mellow and today the fans were going nuts," Pollock said. "I couldn't hear the umpire from 10 feet away from me it was so loud. It's weird. Our little cardboard cutout guys were going nuts today."

GIANTS MOVES

San Francisco acquired OF Luis Basabe from the Chicago White Sox for cash. Basabe hit .248 with 104 doubles, 40 triples, 44 homers, 257 RBIs and 116 stolen bases in 598 career minor league games with the Red Sox and White Sox organizations. He will report to the alternate training site in Sacramento. RHP Trevor Cahil was added to the taxi squad. LHP Andrew Suarez was optioned to Sacramento and added to the taxi squad. INF Abital Avelino was designated for assignment.

UP NEXT

Giants: RHP Lance McCullers Jr. (1-1, 9.22 ERA) starts Monday's opener of a three-game set at Houston. **Dodgers:** RHP Dustin May (1-0, 2.63) starts Monday in the opener of a four-game home series against San Diego.



MARK J. TERRILL AP

Los Angeles Mookie Betts is congratulated by Will Smith and Kiké Hernández after hitting a three-run home run during the eighth inning on Sunday. The Dodgers lead the majors with 29 home runs this season, including a long ball in 11 straight games.



JACK DEMPSEY AP

San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Logan Webb hands the ball to manager Gabe Kapler before leaving the game against the Colorado Rockies during the sixth inning of an Aug. 5 game. Kapler won't publicly announce his setup men in the bullpen, but instead he hints at which pitchers he's comfortable using.

AN EXERCISE IN FLEXIBILITY

Why Giants manager Gabe Kapler won't commit to fixed roles for relief pitchers

BY KERRY CROWLEY
Mercury News

The San Francisco Giants have now finished a quarter of the 2020 regular season, but their relief pitchers still don't have fixed roles.

First-year manager Gabe Kapler came under fire for how he managed his bullpen during two seasons leading the Philadelphia Phillies, but despite the Giants' 6-9 start this summer, he's in no rush to name a closer.

Kapler has no interest in publicly announcing his setup men and has only hinted at which pitchers he's comfortable using in long relief opportunities. Until he revealed probable starters for the Giants' weekend series in Los Angeles on Thursday, he was reluctant to give away their identities more than a few hours until first pitch.

"This is an exercise in flexibility for both myself and our bullpen coach and the pitchers as well," Kapler said Friday.

To some Giants fans, the team's bullpen has been an exercise in futility.

In a 7-2 blowout loss on Friday in Los Angeles, it was starter Jeff Samardzija, not an overtaxed bullpen, who took the Giants out of the game early. Samardzija gave up three home runs to three different Dodgers sluggers and needed Sam Selman, Rico Garcia and Wandy Peralta to cover the final four innings in relief.

Garcia and Peralta were pitching on back-to-back days after appearing in the late innings of Thursday's loss to the Rockies, but Kapler sees both pitchers among his most durable arms and thinks they bounce back well on a day-to-day basis.

Why use Garcia, a right-

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San Francisco Giants manager Gabe Kapler

handed pitcher who had been pitching in more high-leverage situations, in the midst of a blowout loss on Friday? Kapler gave a detailed answer during a pregame video conference with reporters in which he explained how the Giants' coaching staff considers its relief options on a day-to-day basis.

"We're going to keep evaluating (our relievers) on paper and with our eyes and the further along we get in the season, the more we're going to know on who are our long-term options for us in the pen and who we can rely on in the biggest moments," Kapler said.

Kapler is not opposed to fixed roles, but he also hasn't officially named Trevor Gott his closer yet despite using Gott in all three save situations the Giants have had

this season.

Why wait to tell Gott he's the favorite for the ninth inning?

"We want to match those guys up and not slot them into specific innings ahead of time without knowing all of that information," Kapler said. "The minute you say

talented right-handed hitters in the eighth inning followed by the bottom of a team's order in the ninth, Kapler said he wants the flexibility to use Gott in the eighth and another reliever after him.

"If we see the toughest part of the opposing lineup more likely to come up in the sev-

enth than the eighth or the ninth, we still want the guy who is best equipped to take down that part of the lineup of those high-leverage relievers," Kapler said.

The left-handed list is led by Tony Watson, but also includes Peralta and rookie Caleb Baragar. Conner Menez is likely pitching himself into a higher ranking on the Giants' list, while Selman began Friday's game at the very bottom.

When Samardzija exited in the bottom of the fifth on Friday, the Giants needed Selman to throw two innings in a lower-leverage situation. Given the Giants' depth issues in the bullpen following a challenging four-game set at Coors Field, it's possible Selman will be optioned to the team's alternate site Sat-

urday to create roster space for another reliever who would likely slot in at the bottom of the "leverage list."

Kapler also indicated the way the Giants are managing the bullpen during the 2020 season isn't necessarily the way he'll manage it moving forward. The team has a plethora of inexperienced pitchers and outside of Gott, Peralta and Watson, no relievers on the roster have an extensive track record.

If the Giants wind up building a bullpen with more veteran arms in 2021, fans should expect more traditional reliever usage. Reyes Moronta, a potential closer, could return from a shoulder injury by the end of the 2020 season while other hard-throwing right-handers such as Shaun Anderson and Sam Coonrod could spend the rest of this year proving they're capable of bigger roles next summer.

With the chance to add a few arms from the outside during the offseason, the Giants should have a more competent bullpen next season, particularly if four or five of the inexperienced relievers getting a shot this year become mainstays.

For a Giants team that now features several promising, yet struggling arms in its bullpen, it's too soon to think about the 2021 roster.

"We've got a lot of young kids trying to make a name for themselves," Kapler said.

For some of the pitchers, it's too soon to know what type of situation they'll be used in next.

Yankees see hot start cool off in a heated series against the Rays

BY JAMES WAGNER
The New York Times

Just more than a quarter into this unusual 60-game season, this is where the New York Yankees stand: A 10-6 record, leading the American League East. They possess one of the most talented rosters and best records in Major League Baseball, and were leading the American League in runs and home runs as of Sunday afternoon.

Yet as they wrapped up a weekend trip to Florida to play the Tampa Bay Rays, there were a few reasons for concern.

On Sunday morning, the Yankees placed slugger Giancarlo Stanton, who was off to a rousing start to the season, on the 10-day injured list with a left hamstring strain. They made the roster move even before an MRI examination was completed, a telling sign about the severity of Stanton's injury.

Then, in the afternoon, the Yankees watched a promising start from pitcher James Paxton evaporate into a 4-3 loss against the Rays, their stiffest division opponent. It capped a closely contested four-game series loss to the Rays (8-8), who had been sputtering before facing the Yankees. All three of the Yankees' losses to Tampa Bay were by two runs or fewer, and all of the games were tense: There were pitches thrown up and in, ejections and glaring or jawing at the other dugout.

"I know it's a short season, but we'll see them again and we'll be fighting it out with them the rest of the way," Paxton said.

Although the Rays have started slowly, in no small part to their shoddy defense and hitting, they showed the Yankees this weekend that they remained a feisty foe a year after they won 96 games, a handful short of the Yankees' 103 victories. "I've been here a long time and they always play us tough," Yankees outfielder Brett Gardner said.

While the Boston Red Sox have long been the Yankees' archrivals, of course, the Rays and Yankees have not been amicable opponents over the past few years, either. CC Sabathia, the longtime Yankees pitcher who retired after the 2019 season, was at the center of several brush-ups with the Rays over the years, including in 2018 when he hit Rays catcher Jesus Sucre in retaliation for Yankees catcher Austin Romine dodging a pitch near his head.

Aaron Judge, the Yankees star outfielder, said Saturday that the past episodes were still on their minds when they watched Rays pitchers, again, challenge his teammates, like D.J. LeMahieu and Gio Urshela, with pitches high and tight. The Yankees voiced their displeasure with the aggressive pitching in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, which resulted in hitting coach Marcus Thames being tossed by home plate umpire Ect Carapazza, who also ejected Yankees manager Aaron



New York Yankees starter James Paxton, left, walks the mound after giving up a solo home run to Tampa Bay's Brandon Lowe, top, during the seventh inning of Sunday's game in St. Petersburg, Fla. Paxton struck out 11 and allowed just one hit over six innings; then things unraveled.

Boone for defending Thames.

"We're just trying to do everything we can to win the game, and that's kind of where I'll leave it," Rays manager Kevin Cash said before Sunday's game.

For the Yankees, their formula for winning in this shortened season mirrors that of last season: One of the highest scoring lineups in baseball and a stout bullpen covering for

an inconsistent starting rotation.

Entering Sunday, the Yankees' bullpen had a 3.49 ERA, 11th-best in baseball. That counted as an accomplishment given the absences of star closer Aroldis Chapman, who is working his way back after testing positive for the coronavirus July 11, and Tommy Kahnle, a key reliever who had season-ending elbow surgery last week.

The starting rotation, on the other hand, had produced a 5.13 ERA, ranked 23rd in baseball, entering Sunday, despite strong performances from newcomer Gerrit Cole. The struggles of Paxton and J.A. Happ have been particularly problematic for the rotation. Paxton, who had back surgery in early February, showed diminished velocity and off-kilter mechanics in his first two starts of the sea-

son.

But against the Rays, the Yankees' winning formula was sometimes out of whack. Facing a strong Rays' pitching staff, the Yankees managed 14 runs in four games, squandering several fruitful scoring opportunities.

Paxton, though, looked much improved Sunday. Although his velocity still wasn't at his usual level — his fastball averaged 95

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New York Yankees starter James Paxton

mph last season — it was up to around 92 mph, a slight tick up from his first two starts. What was markedly better was Paxton's command, and the movement of his fastball. He struck out 11 and allowed just one hit over six innings before it all unraveled in the seventh.

Paxton left pitches over the plate in the seventh to the Rays' Mike Brosseau and Brandon Lowe, both of whom smashed home runs to wipe out the Yankees' 3-0 lead. In the ninth inning, Zack Britton, who had not given up a run this season before Sunday, had a wild pitch, a walk and two hits, including a walk-off, run-scoring single to Michael Perez.

"A pretty frustrating day," Britton said. He added later, "To be expected, close games against these guys."

When the Yankees take the field again Tuesday, back in the Bronx against the Atlanta Braves, they will be without one of their most valuable hitters, in Stanton. Their offense had featured some sputtering hitters — Gary Sanchez and Gleyber Torres — and some standouts — LeMahieu, Judge, Urshela and Stanton.

The Yankees had only used Stanton, who was coming back from a calf injury sustained during spring training in February, as the designated hitter on purpose — taking extra care to try to keep him healthy.

He also changed his body to try to avoid a repeat of 2019 in which he played in only 18 games. Stanton, who is listed at 6-foot-6 and 245 pounds, said he lost 20 pounds since last season in an effort to mirror the physique of the earlier, healthier years of his career. It was working: He looked like the 2017 NL MVP version of himself, for whom the Yankees pulled off a blockbuster trade with the Miami Marlins, hitting .293 with three home runs and nearly as many walks (10) as strikeouts (11).

But when the Yankees played Stanton in both games of a doubleheader for the first time this season Saturday, he felt discomfort running to second base on a wild pitch in the second game. Boone said he hoped the Yankees would be able to continue to help Stanton, both in the short and long-term, to stay healthy.

"It's going to be a tough loss however long he's out," Judge said. "But our motto, just like last year, is next man up. We've got a stacked team."

STEVE NESIUS AP



MATT SLOCUM AP

Atlanta's Ronald Acuna Jr. celebrates next to Philadelphia Phillies catcher Andrew Knapp after hitting a two-run home run off relief pitcher Deolis Guerra during the fifth inning of the first game of Sunday's doubleheader in Philadelphia.

Acuna hits 3 home runs in Atlanta's doubleheader sweep over Phillies

BY DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Spencer Howard dreamed of tossing a shut-out in front of friends and family in his big league debut. He settled for a few hundred cardboard cutouts in the stands and an early exit on the mound.

"The cardboard cutouts actually made a difference, surprisingly," Howard said, of calming his butterflies.

Hey, at least they couldn't boo.

Ronald Acuna Jr. homered twice and Freddie Freeman also went deep to spoil Howard's anticipated start and lead the Atlanta Braves to a doubleheader sweep of the Philadelphia Phillies with an 8-0 win on Sunday.

Acuna also homered in Atlanta's 5-2 victory in the first game. He had four hits in the second game and added his fourth career multihomer game.

"I don't think Ronald needed anybody else on his team today," Freeman said. "He kind of took care of everything. Pretty amazing to watch. He is a talent that doesn't come around very often in this game. It seems like he does more special things every single year."

The Phillies had waited since the restart to send Howard (0-1) to the mound and show why MLB.com had him ranked as the 36th top prospect in the minor leagues.

Phillies slugger Bryce Harper proclaimed in July that if Howard wasn't in the starting rotation by the end of the first week of the season, "there's a problem. That's all I'll

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Freddie Freeman on teammate Ronald Acuna's three-home run day



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Atlanta's Ronald Acuna Jr. had four hits and two homers in the second game of the doubleheader for his fourth career multihomer game.

say." There was a hiccup – Howard's bid to crack the rotation was derailed by service issues. The Phillies kept him on their taxi squad in Allentown, Pennsylvania, for enough days to delay his potential free agency until after the 2026 season.

His first inning was fine, striking out Marcell Ozuna swinging on a nasty 85 mph slider that had a gaggle of Phillies fans outside the ballpark blowing air horns and banging cowbells in delight. The 24-year-old Howard, a second-round pick in the 2017 draft, flashed more poise and promise in a neat 13-pitch second inning.

Freeman, though, hit a two-run homer in the

third and Acuna had a solo shot to the opposite field in right for a 3-0 lead. Howard struck out Ozuna in the fifth, and the designated hitter snapped his bat after he slammed it in frustration.

Howard allowed four runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings.

"I wouldn't say I felt sharp, just a little out of sync with my mechanics," he said.

Atlanta's Max Fried (3-0) was fantastic in his first three starts of the season (2.04 ERA with 15 strikeouts) and hummed along against the Phillies until he loaded the bases with two outs in the fifth.

Phillies fans nearly 460 feet away chanted "Let's go, Harper!" but Fried

retired him on a fly ball in a lefty-vs.-lefty matchup to escape the jam and send the Braves on their way to the victory in the seven-inning game. He struck out six in five innings.

Acuna hit a two-run shot off Trevor Kelley for a 6-0 lead in the sixth. Acuna is the first Brave with three homers in a doubleheader since David Justice in 1990.

"He's hitting those balls like a left-handed pull hitter, and they just keep carrying. Good for his confidence. It's been in the works for him for a while now," Braves manager Brian Snitker said.

GAME 1

Acuna hit a two-run

homer and Adam Duvall had a three-run double to lead the Braves in the opener. Tyler Matzek (2-0) pitched 1 1/2 scoreless innings for the win, and Mark Melancon worked a scoreless ninth for his third save. Acuna went deep off Deolis Guerra (1-1) for the go-ahead homer. The Braves scored five runs in the fifth inning. Phillies starter Vince Velasquez's struggles continued and he could find himself in the bullpen if Howard emerges as a reliable starter. He threw 76 pitches in four-plus innings at a laborious pace.

Phillies manager Joe Girardi said Velasquez would make his next start.

COLLECT THEM ALL?

The Phillies were supposed to hand out Tug McGraw bobbleheads to fans as part of the 1980 World Series champions weekend celebration. But the figurine never got the call from the promotional bullpen – it was never made.

Most of the giveaways on the 2020 promotions schedule are in storage and will be used next season, said Phillies director of merchandise Scott Brandreth.

The Bryce Harper bobblehead scheduled for June 28, perhaps the most anticipated item on the slate, is secure.

"Keep an eye on the 2021 promotional schedule, when that comes out," Brandreth said. "We're working on it right now, finding dates. We'll put the puzzle back together. I guess in a sense it might be easier to put the schedule together next year. We already know 12 of the items. Most of them are here."

The exceptions? The opening-day headbands and the 2020 opening weekend T-shirts. They've been donated or used to raise money for charity. McDonald's, which sponsored the T-shirt, gave some shirts to employees and is selling others to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

UP NEXT

The Phillies send RHP Aaron Nola (0-1, 3.97 ERA) to the mound against Atlanta LHP Sean Newcomb (0-1, 6.57) on Monday to wrap the four-game series. Nola struck out a career-high 12 batters in his last start against the Yankees.

Mets claim home series by beating Marlins behind deGrom, Gimenez

BY LARRY FLEISHER
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Jacob deGrom dodged trouble for five innings, rookie Andres Gimenez had three hits and scored three runs, and the New York Mets won a home series for the first time this season by beating the Miami Marlins 4-2 on Sunday.

DeGrom (2-0) allowed two runs and seven hits, marking the 25th time in his past 27 starts he permitted three runs or fewer. He struck out six, walked two and threw 98 pitches.

Winner of the last two NL Cy Young Awards, deGrom had an issue with the middle finger on his right hand during a 32-pitch second inning. He loaded the bases on two walks and an infield single, and a trainer briefly examined him.

"There's a little hot spot, I guess you could refer to it as," deGrom said. "It's not starting to get a blister, but I'll probably file it off and hope it's better for the next one. I felt it a little bit in Atlanta, just the way the ball was coming off my finger."

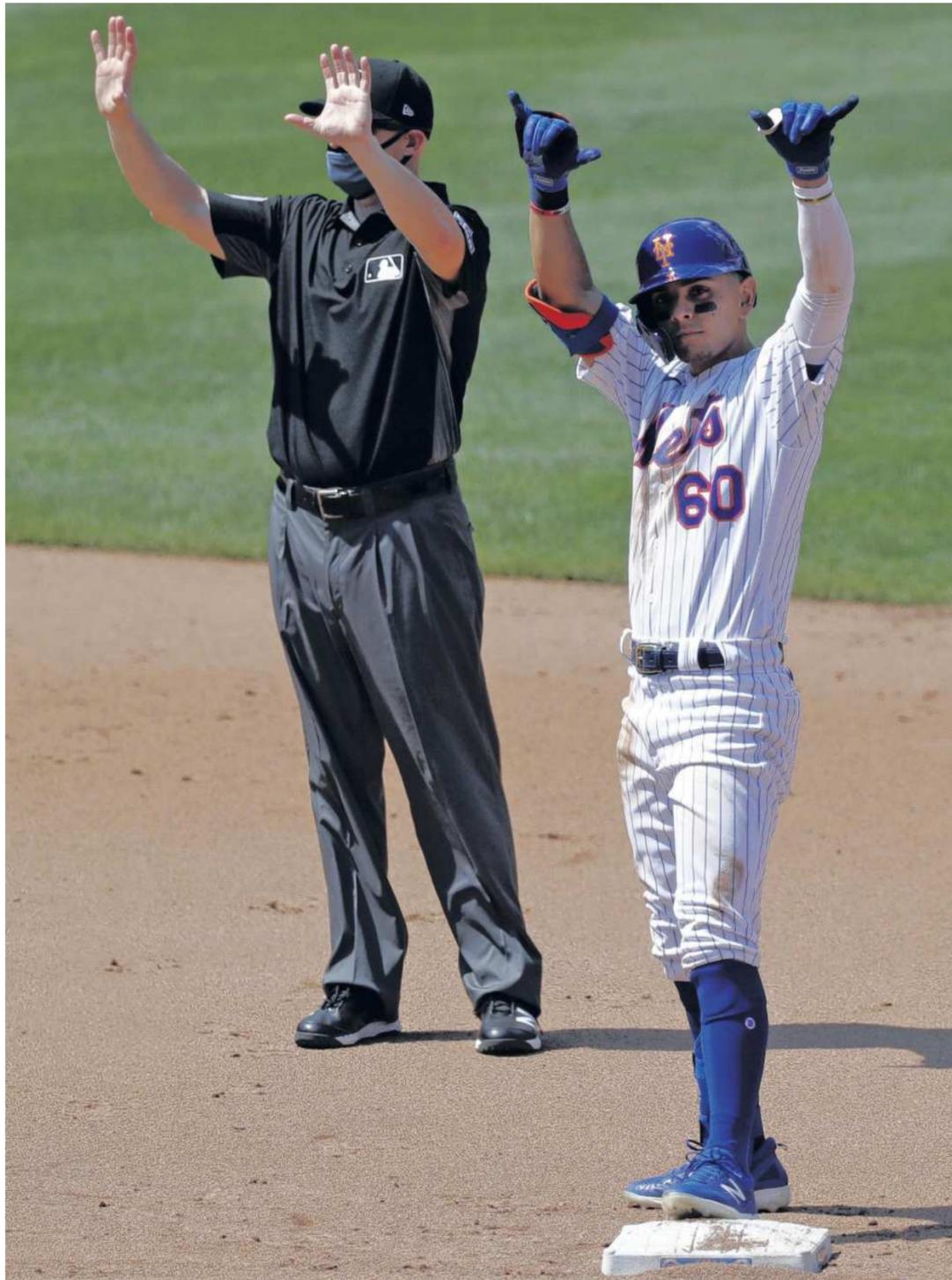
After getting checked out, deGrom fanned Monte Harrison and retired Jonathan Villar.

Jesus Aguilar hit a two-run homer in the fifth for the Marlins, who lost their second straight after getting off to a 7-1 start despite 18 players testing positive for the coronavirus. Aguilar hit deGrom's fastball to left field and then picked up his own bat after crossing the plate.

"We had numerous chances throughout the day," Miami manager Don Mattingly said. "I thought (deGrom) did a pretty good job. Blister or not, he's still 98, 99 (mph)."

DeGrom had a runner on base in each inning on a sun-splashed day in which his fastball velocity was slightly lower than his first three starts. His heater averaged 98.7 mph through his first three starts, and Sunday his 44 four-seam fastballs averaged 98.1 mph.

"That second inning, it was a lot of stress, a lot of pitches," Mets manager Luis Rojas said. "Jake,



KATHY WILLENS AP

New York's Andres Gimenez gestures to teammates after stealing second base during the third inning on Sunday. The rookie had three hits and scored three runs in the Mets' win.

he's got the stuff to get out of an inning like that."

Four relievers followed deGrom.

Edwin Diaz struck out Harrison to end the eighth with runners at second and third. Seth Lugo tossed a scoreless ninth for his third save.

Gimenez scored on an RBI groundout by Jeff McNeil in the third after stealing second base.

Gimenez also doubled and scored on a base hit by

Brandon Nimmo in the fourth, and came home on McNeil's sacrifice fly in the sixth.

"We're having fun watching him play. And this kid, he's a sponge," Rojas said. "Every day he's learning more and more, and his abilities are getting better and better."

Marlins rookie Eddy Alvarez had the first three hits of his career, stole his first base and reached four times. He also made

a diving stop at second base to rob McNeil in the third and prevent a potential two-run single.

Pablo Lopez (1-1) allowed three runs - two earned - and five hits in five innings. He became the first Marlins pitcher to make a second start this season.

The Mets took a 2-0 lead in the third when McNeil hit a sharp grounder and Michael Conforto's fly ball deflected off

left fielder Corey Dickerson's glove for an error.

UNHAPPY CAMPER

Villar, the Marlins' lead-off man, had another tough day at the plate, going 0 for 5 with four strikeouts. He entered with five strikeouts in his first 24 at-bats this season, and Sunday was the ninth time he struck out four times. He did it three times last year when he fanned a career-high 176 times for Baltimore.

Villar was also among several Marlins frustrated with plate umpire Mark Carlson. After his fifth-inning strikeout, Villar slammed his bat on the plate and, after getting called out on strikes, gestured at Carlson to express his view that the pitch was outside. "He's frustrated," Mattingly said. "He wants to contribute. He knows ball and strikes. Guys who know the strike zone when they complain, they're usually right."

MORE GIMENEZ

Besides getting his first career three-hit game, Gimenez showed off some of his baseball instincts. He advanced from first to third after a bunt single in the sixth, looking back at right fielder Matt Joyce to gauge his chances. That came after Gimenez dashed from second base into right field to back up first baseman Pete Alonso, who made an error on a grounder by Alvarez. "He's a good player," deGrom said about Gimenez. "He's been impressive so far. I just enjoy watching him play."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mets: RHP Michael Wach (right shoulder inflammation) was placed on the injured list. Rojas said Wach felt pain in the back of his shoulder after allowing four runs in five innings Friday. Wach said he will get treatment and will not pick up a ball for two to three days. . 2B Robinson Cano (groin) is slated to take at-bats at the team's alternate site in Brooklyn, and Rojas said Cano is responding well to treatment. . OF Jake Marisnick (strained left hamstring) is slated to take at-bats in Brooklyn.

UP NEXT

Marlins: RHP Elieser Hernandez makes his second start when the Marlins open a series against Toronto in Buffalo on Tuesday. Hernandez allowed an unearned run over 4 1/3 innings Wednesday in Baltimore.

Mets: LHP Steven Matz (0-2, 5.65 ERA) starts Monday as New York hosts Washington in the opener of a four-game series. Matz allowed five runs and seven hits over three innings in Tuesday's 5-3 loss at Washington.



KATHY WILLENS AP

A trainer visits New York Mets starting pitcher Jacob deGrom, third from left, on the mound during the first inning of Sunday's game. deGrom had an issue with his middle finger on his right hand, but after getting it checked out, he allowed two runs on seven hits. It was the 25th time in 27 starts he permitted three runs or fewer.



MICHAEL DWYER AP

Boston's Mitch Moreland, center, celebrates his two-run, walk-off home run during the ninth inning of Sunday's game against the Toronto Blue Jays in Boston.

Moreland's 2 HRs, walk-off shot sends Red Sox over Toronto 5-3

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

BOSTON

The biggest bats in the Red Sox lineup have struggled to produce this season. Mitch Moreland continues to do his part to fill in the gaps.

Moreland hit two home runs, including a walk-off shot over the Green Monster to send Boston past the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 Sunday.

"I knew I needed to make something happen," Moreland said. "The guy, he threw a lot of soft. I went up there kind of trying to see a pitch up in the zone and able to get it."

It was the fourth walk-off home run of Moreland's career and first since Aug. 4, 2017, against the Chicago White Sox. Moreland has six home runs in only 31 at-bats this season, a solid boost for a team that's waiting for the likes of J.D. Martinez and Andrew Benintendi to break loose.

It gave Boston its first series win of the season with a division matchup with Tampa Bay up next.

Moreland was mobbed by teammates as after he crossed home plate, skirting the league's social distancing policies. He also received a bucket of ice water over his head, and Moreland deemed it a necessary celebration for a team trying to snap its recent offensive woes.

"I'm pretty sure we broke a few rules," Moreland said. "I felt some guys patting me. I'm not going to say who, but some guys might have been hugging me. . . Obviously, got the ice bath. So maybe that killed off of it. Washed the germs off."

Xander Bogaerts drew a two-out walk from Thomas Hatch (0-1) to set up Moreland's game-winner. Matt Barnes (1-1) pitched a scoreless ninth to get the



MICHAEL DWYER AP

Boston's Mitch Moreland watches his two-run, walk-off home run in front of Toronto's Reese McGuire on Sunday. With two homers on Sunday, Moreland now has six home runs in 31 at-bats this season.

win.

Rafael Devers also homered for the Red Sox, a welcomed sign after he entered the day just hitting just .170 (9 of 53).

The Blue Jays now head to Buffalo, New York, where they'll play their remaining home games at the site of their Triple-A affiliate across the Niagara River from Canada.

Toronto's first game at Sahlen Field will be Tuesday night against Miami. The Blue Jays were barred from playing in Toronto this year by the Canadian government over health concerns about the coronavirus, and have been on the road for every game so far.

The Blue Jays have a day off on Monday, but manager Charlie Montoyo said the team has been invited to the stadium to get an early look at the changes, which include new lighting.

"We haven't seen them, either," Montoyo said. "We're going to give the players the option tomorrow night to see if they want to see what it looks like."

Boston starter Nathan Eovaldi went six innings, allowing three runs and six hits, including two home runs. But he got good backup from his bullpen, which held the Blue Jays hitless and scoreless the rest of the

game.

Blue Jays starter Matt Shoemaker also lasted six innings, giving up two home runs and allowing another run to score via a throwing error.

Moreland put Boston up 1-0 in the second inning, hitting a sinker from Shoemaker over the center field wall for his fifth homer of the season.

Cavan Biggio tied it in the third, jumping on a cutter from Eovaldi that drifted over the center of the plate and hitting his fourth home run of the year to center.

Boston took the lead back in the third when Shoemaker fielded Alex Verdugo's ground ball and

tried to start a double play. Instead, he threw the ball past shortstop Bo Bichette and into center field, allowing Jackie Bradley Jr. to score from second.

Toronto's Teoscar Hernandez got aboard with a double in the fourth and later scored on Vladimir Guerrero Jr.'s two-out single.

Bichette homered off Eovaldi in the sixth on a line drive to center to make it 3-2.

But Devers tied it again in Boston's half of the inning, driving a first pitch sinker from Shoemaker over the center field fence for his second home run of the season.

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Mitch Moreland

TRAINER'S ROOM

Umpire Paul Nauert, the crew chief who was behind home plate in Saturday's game, was absent from Sunday's finale. Nauert took a hard foul ball off his face mask in the third inning on Saturday but was able to complete the game.

It was a three-man crew on Sunday, with Ryan Additon taking Nauert's spot behind the plate, Chad Fairchild at first base and Carlos Torres at third base.

UP NEXT

Blue Jays: Hyun Jin Ryu (1-1, 5.14 ERA) will be on the mound Tuesday when Toronto hosts Miami in Buffalo. He is 3-1 with a 2.39 ERA in four career starts against the Marlins.

Red Sox: Roenicke hasn't named a starter for Monday's series opener against Tampa Bay. But he said that Colten Brewer (0-0, 2.57 ERA) would have a role, either as an opener or would get some bulk work out of the bullpen.

Yelich, Brewers get bats going; rally to beat Reds 9-3 for first home win

BY STEVE MEGARGEE
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Christian Yelich and Milwaukee's slumping hitters finally busted out, enabling the Brewers to earn their first home victory of the year.

Yelich homered, tripled and drew a bases-loaded walk as the Brewers beat the Cincinnati Reds 9-3 on Sunday to avoid their first 0-5 home start since 1970, the franchise's inaugural season in Milwaukee.

"I think every time we've played here, we've heard the same song every night: 'Everything's Gonna Be Alright,'" said Milwaukee first baseman Justin Smoak, referring to the Bob Marley tune that is actually titled "Three Little Birds" and plays at Miller Park after Brewers losses. "I think last night after the game, a couple of us said, 'I don't want to hear that song again.'"

The Brewers avoided that fate - Daryl Hall and John Oates' "You Make My Dreams" played after the game instead - because Smoak and the other struggling hitters in their lineup came through. Milwaukee entered the day hitting .210 but scored eight runs in its final three trips to the plate.

"It was good at-bats," manager Craig Counsell said. "It was deep at-bats. It was long at-bats. I thought we really did it all day."

Yelich had been hitting .114 but reached in four of his five plate appearances.

Smoak struck out in his first at-bat but then delivered three straight hits to break out of an 0-for-14 and 1-of-25 slump.

The switch-hitting Smoak, who went 3 for 5, delivered hits from both sides of the plate during a six-run outburst in the sixth inning. That rally included four walks, two with the bases loaded.

"When you're struggling, you can try and do too much trying to swing your way out of it, but that's not usually how it works," Yelich said. "Usually, it's guys putting together good at-bats and that's how it comes."

Milwaukee poured it on in the seventh with back-to-back homers from Keston Hiura and Yelich.

Hiura went 3 for 5 with two runs and two RBIs.

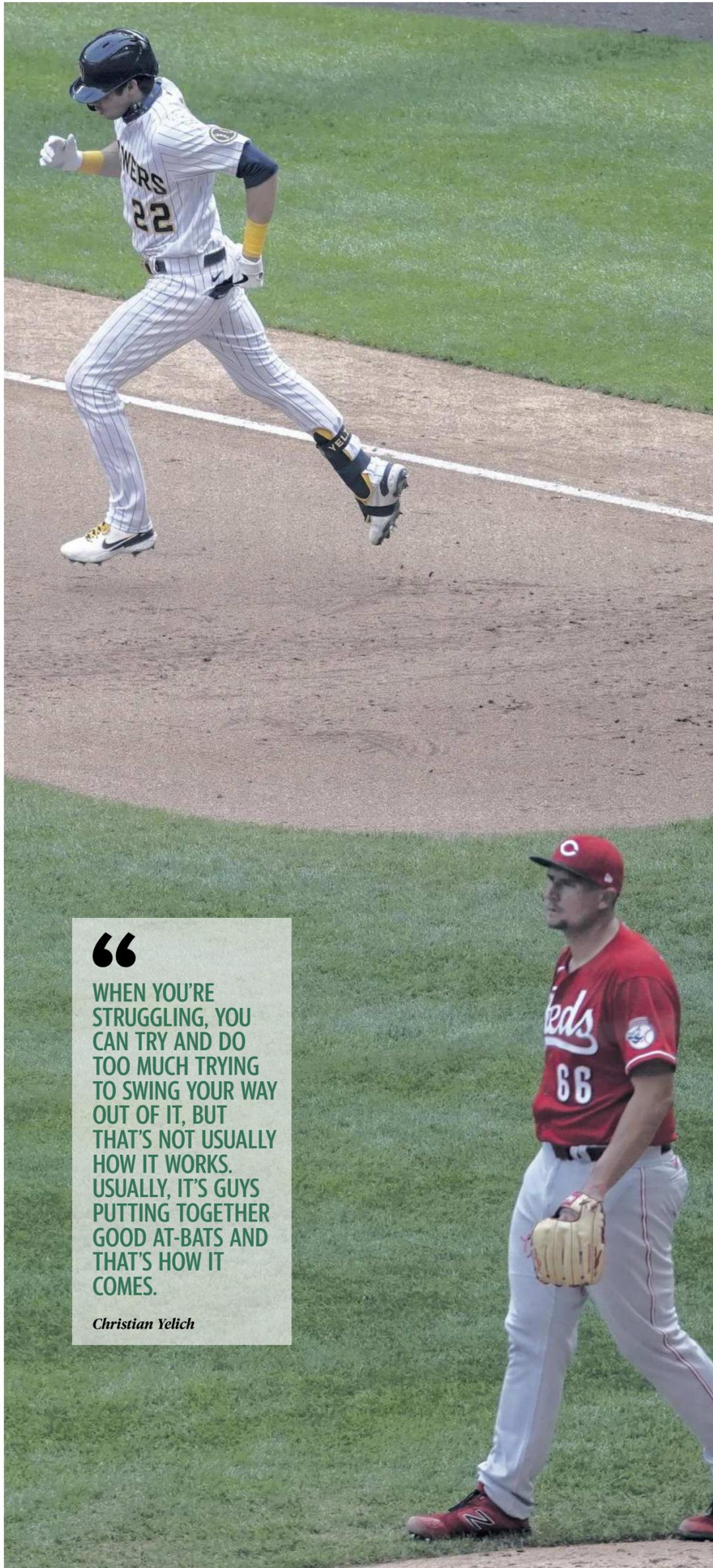
Cincinnati's Jesse Winker was 3 for 4 with a homer, double and two RBIs.

The Reds were seeking their first sweep at Milwaukee since August 2009 and led 2-1 when starter Sonny Gray (3-1) remained in the game to open the sixth with his pitch count at 92.

Gray gave up three hits to the Brewers' first four batters of the inning and left with the score tied and runners on the corners with one out. Michael Lorenzen replaced Gray and didn't retire any of the four hitters he faced as the Brewers eventually built a 7-2 lead.

"It just kind of snowballed the wrong way for us in the sixth," Gray said.

Eric Sogard walked to load the bases and Hiura singled home Mark Mathias to put the Brewers ahead. Lorenzen then walked Yelich with the



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Christian Yelich

Cincinnati Reds reliever Joel Kuhnel looks back after Milwaukee's Christian Yelich hits a home run during the seventh inning of Sunday's game in Milwaukee.

bases loaded to extend Milwaukee's lead to 4-2.

Lorenzen received a mound visit, then walked Logan Morrison to bring in one more run before exiting with the Brewers ahead 5-2. Smoak capped the rally with a two-run single off Cody Reed.

"As much success as Michael has had in his

career, right now he's struggling with his confidence," Reds manager David Bell said. "We're going to help him through it and keep looking for opportunities to allow him to pitch through it. I believe in him a ton. We all do. He's going to get through it."

GRAY (BARELY) EXTENDS STREAK

Gray gave up six hits or fewer for a major league-record 37th consecutive start. He allowed six hits and four walks in 5 1/2 innings while striking out seven.

The last time Gray gave up more than six hits in a start was Aug. 1, 2018,

when he was pitching for the New York Yankees and yielded seven runs in 2 1/2 innings of a 7-5 loss to Baltimore.

TRAINER'S ROOM

The Reds placed infielder Mike Moustakas on the 10-day injured list, retroactive to Thursday, with a bruised left quadri-

REDS' YOUNGEST FAN? SONOGRAM AMONG 'SPECTATORS' AT GAMES

This surprise baby reveal was a home run.

When Aaron Nemo was asked to help his brother and sister-in-law announce they were expecting their first child, he wanted to hit it out of the park. So he decided to cut out their sonogram picture and submit baby Nemo to be a fan cutout at the Cincinnati Reds' spectator-less Great American Ballpark, WXIX-TV reports.

"I wish I could say my heart was in an amazing place from the beginning, and I was just there to do something very sweet, but I kind of wanted to do something weird," Aaron Nemo, who lives in Brooklyn, New York, told the station.

Adam Nemo, who lives in Florida with his wife, says he didn't expect his brother to announce the pregnancy in the seats of a ballpark. But his father is a Reds fan, and he was wearing a Reds T-shirt when his wife got an ultrasound.

"When we thought about announcing, I was like, 'Let's give it to Aaron, let's let him come up with something,'" his wife, Kayleigh, said.

Both brothers say watching games has now turned into "finding Nemo" as they scan the stands for the cutout.

"Every time there's a foul ball down the right-field or left-field line, I pause it and am like, 'Is that, is that the baby?'" Aaron said.

"We do the same," Adam agreed. "We haven't seen it yet on TV - you start looking closer during the games, but have not seen it yet. Don't know where it is yet."

Reds officials say family members should be able to see the baby's cutout on the third baseline.

Reds officials earlier announced that fans could purchase cutouts for \$75 to be placed in the ballpark during the 2020 regular season. WXIX-TV reports that there are now a total of 3,200 cutouts ordered and nearly 2,000 installed.

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ceps.

Reds reliever Pedro Strop and center fielder Nick Senzel have groin injuries. Bell said Strop "is trending toward some time off here" but Senzel should be ready to return by Tuesday.

UP NEXT

The Reds have Monday off before beginning a two-game home series against Kansas City. Luis Castillo is the likely Cincinnati starter in the opener.

The Brewers stay home to begin a three-game series against Minnesota on Monday. The probable starter is Adrian Houser, who has allowed just one earned run over 12 innings through his first two starts. The Twins will start Randy Dobnak.

MORRY GASH AP



SMILEY N. POOL/TNS

Los Angeles Angels right fielder Jo Adell has the ball go off his glove and over the fence, allowing Texas Rangers outfielder Nick Solak to round the bases and score on the error, during the fifth inning of Sunday's game in Arlington, Texas.

4-base error on ball over fence helps Rangers top Angels 7-3

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, TEXAS

Los Angeles Angels right fielder Jo Adell went back on a deep fly ball in the fifth inning Sunday.

Looked like a fairly routine play – until it turned into anything but that.

Adell was charged with a rare four-base error when the ball popped out of the rookie's glove and flew the few remaining feet over the fence in the Texas Rangers' 7-3 victory.

Nick Solak hoped the original ruling of a home run would stand, but knew right away it hadn't when he saw a Texas hit replaced by a Los Angeles error on the scoreboard two innings later.

The official scorer changed what would have been Solak's first homer of the season to an error after consulting with the Elias Sports Bureau. Elias said it wasn't aware of any precedent for a four-base error on a ball that went over the wall.



RAY CARLIN/AP

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Lance Lynn had a shutout into the fifth inning, but got the win on Sunday. It was Lynn's 100th career win.

It's not the first time the Rangers have been caught up in a strange home run play – or non-homer, in this case. A little more than 27 years ago, Jose Canseco was playing right for Texas when a deep fly bounced off his head and over the fence.

"I think I deserve a

home run for sure," said Solak, who still had two hits and scored two other runs. "You know, you think like the Canseco play, I don't even know how that was scored, hopefully a home run.

"But as a hitter I'm always kind of, if I was a scorer, I'd always err on

the side of giving guys more hits. But that's me personally, so I don't know."

The Canseco ball was a homer for Carlos Martinez in Cleveland in 1993, but the big slugger was running toward the wall when the ball eluded his glove and bonked off his head.

Adell was drifting toward the warning track when he said he lost the ball as he turned his shoulder. By the time he found it again, the ball was right on top of him. He reached out quickly with his gloved left hand, and the ball popped out before clearing the fence.

Once he realized what happened, Adell put his hands over his head and stared toward the retractable roof in the Rangers' new \$1.2 billion stadium. Later came a conversation with star center fielder Mike Trout.

"He just told me that it ain't going to be the last time things like that happen," said Adell, who struck out all four times up in his fourth big league game. "It's one of those things where it sucks, but it's not the first time that that's happened in baseball. It's difficult."

Texas manager Chris Woodward said he intended to "fight" to get the ruling turned back into a homer. Rangers catcher Jeff Mathis said he didn't even know until

reporters told him after the game that Solak's long ball was scored an error, not a homer.

"It's an embarrassing play for a fielder and it's tough," Angels manager Joe Maddon said. "I went over and talked to him briefly and I thought he dealt with it well."

LYNN'S MILESTONE

Lance Lynn earned his 100th career win, losing a shutout on Tommy La Stella's two-run homer in the fifth. The right-hander's ERA ended up at 1.16 after he came in with a major league-leading 0.49 mark.

After La Stella's first homer of the season, Lynn (2-0) got Trout to pop out to end a five-inning outing on his 109th pitch. It was Lynn's third attempt at 100 victories after he won on opening day.

Texas reliever Jimmy Herget struck out Luis Rengifo with the bases loaded to end the eighth, preserving a three-run lead.

OTHER RANGERS RUNS

Shin-Soo Choo capped a four-run fourth with a two-run single that chased Angels starter Andrew Heaney (1-1). Rongned Odor ended an 0-for-18 skid with an RBI single for the first run in the fourth.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa put the Rangers in front in the third with a two-out double that scored Rob Refsnyder from first. Elvis Andrus stopped an 0-for-12 slide with an RBI single in the fourth.

WARMING AND STILL COLD

Shohei Ohtani had two hits and a walk and scored a run for the Angels. Anthony Rendon was 0 for 3, extending his slump to 0 for 21.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Nick Goody is dealing with a back issue, but Woodward said the club was another day from deciding whether Goody would need to go on the injured list. He last pitched Aug. 6. ... Woodward said the Rangers want to wait until they're comfortable with Danny Santana (right forearm strain) playing first base before activating him.

UP NEXT

Angels: RHP Julio Teheran (0-1, 6.75 ERA) is scheduled to pitch the opener of a three-game series at home against Oakland. He is 1-0 with a 2.92 ERA in two starts against the A's, both during his nine seasons with Atlanta.

Rangers: RHP Kyle Gibson (0-1, 2.45 ERA) starts the opener of a three-game home series against Seattle. He was 4-3 with a 3.64 ERA in 10 starts against the Mariners with Minnesota.

Rangers to put Minor on 'short leash' after slow start, confident he'll be fine

BY DREW DAVISON
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ARLINGTON

The Texas Rangers aren't too concerned about Mike Minor's slow start to the season.

Part of it stems from baseball being shut down in mid-March and Minor not being able to do full workouts during a stretch in his offseason home-

town of Knoxville, Tennessee amid the coronavirus pandemic. But the Rangers are going to put Minor on a "short leash" when he starts Tuesday against Seattle, limiting him to around 75 pitches.

"I think he is going to be fine," Rangers pitching coach Julio Rangel said. "We are going to try and keep a short leash on him. Take the next couple of outings as more of a build-

up and try to get him where he needs to be."

Minor is 0-3 with a 6.89 ERA in three starts, failing to make it through six innings each time. He threw 98 pitches in his first two starts and then "ran out of gas" after 83 pitches and five innings during his start last Thursday at Oakland.

"Mike might be a little behind as far as his arm conditioning," Rangel

said. "It's hard when you are at home and trying to stay in shape. He was able to throw live BP early on, and then there was a period where they shut down where he was. I think that was part of it; he wasn't able to throw while the rest of the guys were throwing.

"I don't see anything major with him. We were looking at some video about his mechanics, he

was a little slow. ... He became too methodical and too mechanical. I told him to stay athletic and in rhythm, which he did last outing until he hit that wall."

Minor got off to a fast start last season, going 3-2 with a 2.88 ERA over six starts in the first month.

NO GOODY

Right-hander Nick Goody is battling tight-

ness in his lower back and remained unavailable for Sunday's game. Manager Chris Woodward said the team would re-evaluate Goody's situation on Monday.

If it doesn't improve, a stint on the injured list is a possibility.

"He was pretty sore [Saturday]," Woodward said. "It's a really stiff back."

Goody has a 3.00 ERA in five relief appearances with one save.

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DERRICK TUSKAN AP

San Diego's Manny Machado is congratulated by Tommy Pham after hitting a home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the second inning of Sunday's game in San Diego. This was Machado's second solo home run of the game.

Lamet brilliant as Tatis, Padres pound Bumgarner, Dbacks 9-5

BY BERNIE WILSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Fernando Tatis Jr., Manny Machado and the rest of the San Diego Padres were way too much for winless Madison Bumgarner and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Dinelson Lamet was brilliant in taking a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Tatis continued his remarkable power surge with a two-run homer off Bumgarner, who allowed four of San Diego's club-record six long balls as the Padres beat the Diamondbacks 9-5 on Sunday.

Machado homered twice off Bumgarner. Wil Myers, Francisco Mejia and Ty France also went deep for San Diego.

Lamet (2-0) had allowed only one baserunner, on a hit by pitch, until Kole Calhoun homered on a 2-0 pitch leading off the seventh. Lamet got two more outs before manager Jayce Tingler pulled him in favor of rookie Luis Patino.

Lamet retired the first 14 Diamondbacks batters, struck out 11 overall and walked none in 6 2/3 innings. The hard-throwing right-hander hit Andy Young with a pitch with two outs in the fifth but otherwise kept Arizona off the bases until Calhoun's homer.

The Padres remain the only major league team without a no-hitter, having played 8,154 games since 1969 without one.

"The saying we have is, hope is the last thing you lose," Lamet said. "I'm not out there first pitch, thinking, 'OK, today I'm going to throw a no-hitter.' I'm going out



K.C. ALFRED TNS

San Diego Padres pitcher Dinelson Lamet throws against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday. Lamet took a no-hitter into the seventh inning before giving up a home run to Kole Calhoun.

there to get outs. I get ahead of a guy, get two strikes, I'm trying to get quick outs, I'm trying to get you out with as few pitches as possible. I'm attacking. So in my mind, the result is going to take care of itself."

Machado said Lamet had been locked in since Saturday.

"He told me yesterday, 'Hey, hold down the fort today because tomorrow I'm coming in with some gas and I'm going to put out that fire.' ... Today since the first pitch, he was ready to go," Machado said.

Lamet confirmed that conversation, saying: "Luckily, we were able to go out there and I was able to give a good effort

and we won the game."

San Diego took two of three in the series and is 5-2 against Arizona this season. With the Padres leading 9-1, Diamondbacks catcher Carson Kelly pitched the eighth. He allowed rookie Jake Cronenworth's leadoff double before retiring the side.

Arizona hit a pair of two-run homers off San Diego's bullpen in the ninth.

Machado homered off Bumgarner in the first and second, and Myers also connected against the struggling left-hander, who was finished after two innings, matching his career low.

France and Mejia homered off reliever Taylor

Widener in the third.

The six homers were the most the Padres have ever hit at home. It was the first time they've hit six homers in the first three innings, and just the fifth time that's happened in the majors in 20 years.

Tatis, the son of the former big league infielder, drove a 2-2 curve an estimated 418 feet into the second deck with two outs in the second, his eighth homer, for a 5-0 lead. The 21-year-old shortstop has hit five in the last four games and six in six games. He hit four in this series, including leadoff shots Friday and Saturday nights. He connected twice Saturday night.

Tatis has been on base

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homer brought in France, aboard on a walk.

After Tatis' homer, Machado connected again, his third.

France greeted Widener with a homer leading off the third, and Mejia hit a two-run drive off the right-field foul pole with two outs. They were the first of the season for both.

Bumgarner (0-3) continues to struggle with the Diamondbacks, who gave him an \$85 million, five-year contract in December after he spent a decade with the San Francisco Giants, helping them win three World Series titles in five seasons.

He allowed six runs and five hits in two innings, struck out two and walked two.

Arizona manager Torey Lovullo said the 31-year-old Bumgarner exited after experiencing back spasms.

Bumgarner also lost to the Padres on opening day, 7-2.

Young hit his first career homer, a two-run shot off Patino with one out in the ninth, and Nick Ahmed had a two-run shot off Tim Hill.

UP NEXT

Diamondbacks: LHP Robbie Ray (1-2, 9.45 ERA) is scheduled to start the opener of a three-game series at Colorado. He needs nine strikeouts for 1,000. The Rockies are set to counter with RHP Jon Gray (0-1, 3.31). **Padres:** RHP Garrett Richards (0-1, 4.60 ERA) starts the opener of a four-game series at Dodger Stadium on Monday night. The Dodgers counter with RHP Dustin May (1-0, 2.63).



MANUEL BALCE CENETA AP

Grounds crew tries to untangle the tarp as they attempt to cover the baseball diamond from a heavy downpour delaying the game during the sixth inning on Sunday in Washington. The game will resume at Baltimore on Friday, when the teams already were supposed to be opening a series.

Strasburg's debut shaky; O's-Nats suspended by tarp troubles

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Stephen Strasburg's season debut was about to unravel in a five-run fifth inning Sunday, when he walked a batter and vigorously shook his right hand.

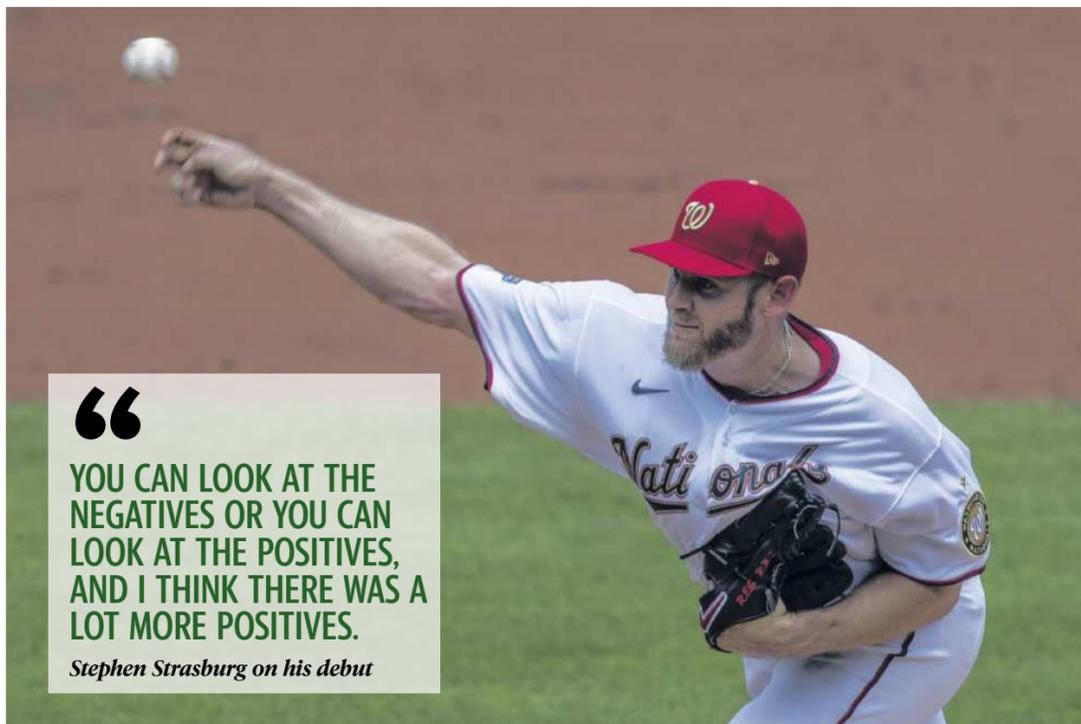
Washington Nationals manager Dave Martinez and a trainer exited the dugout to go check on the World Series MVP, who's had a nerve issue in his pitching hand. He waved them off.

Strasburg stayed in long enough to face three more batters and allow three more hits to the Orioles in a game that eventually was suspended with Baltimore ahead 5-2 in the top of the sixth — because the grounds crew had trouble unrolling the tarp when a shower arrived.

"I don't know if you can call it a rain delay. More of a tarp delay," Strasburg said with a smile. "Add this to the list in 2020."

The game will resume at Baltimore on Friday, when the teams already were supposed to be opening a series, meaning the Orioles will try to finish off this three-game Nationals Park sweep while playing at Camden Yards.

Strasburg missed his first two starts, and while the team pronounced him ready to go — "He's completely past it. He wouldn't be on the mound today if he wasn't," GM Mike Rizzo said a half-hour before the game —



MANUEL BALCE CENETA AP

Washington Nationals starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg throws during the second inning on Sunday. Strasburg was up and down in his season debut after missing his first two starts because of an injury.

“YOU CAN LOOK AT THE NEGATIVES OR YOU CAN LOOK AT THE POSITIVES, AND I THINK THERE WAS A LOT MORE POSITIVES.”

Stephen Strasburg on his debut

the righty acknowledged afterward he's still working his way back.

"To be honest, I felt it, and I don't know if it was necessarily like fatigue or just not having necessarily the stamina built up quite yet. But it's something where I don't think I'm doing any long-term harm on it, but it does have an impact on being able to throw the baseball and being able to commit to pitches," Strasburg said about shaking his hand in the fifth.

"So that's something I haven't quite figured out —

how to pitch through it yet. So I think the goal is to continue to get built up and get the pitch count up to where that won't be flaring up over the course of the start," he said.

Six batters in a row reached — five via hits — including Hanser Alberto's two-run double and Anthony Santander's two-run single.

"Strasburg was good the first four and we got to him in the fifth," Orioles manager Brandon Hyde said. "It was his first start because, so I really don't want to put too much into

it." Strasburg's take? "You can look at the negatives or you can look at the positives, and I think there was a lot more positives," he said.

Starlin Castro's first homer for the Nationals made it 5-2 in the fifth.

With Baltimore up in the sixth, the rain came, lasting just 20 minutes. But the game was held up for more than two hours before it was called, while attempts were made to make the soaked infield dirt usable.

But because of the tarp

issue — deemed "mechanical error," according to Martinez — the game was suspended, rather than ended.

"Our guys were ready to play," Hyde said. "It's just unfortunate things happened the way they happened."

NO DEAL

Rizzo said there haven't been any discussions with ownership about his contract, which expires after this season. "But I'm not worried about it. They'll take care of it when they deem themselves ready to

take care of it," Rizzo said. Asked what the timeline might be for discussing the status of Martinez, whose contract includes a club option for 2021, Rizzo responded: "I don't have a timeline, but Davey is deserving of one. He's earned it."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Orioles: C Pedro Severino was out of the lineup because his left hand was sore after he was hit by a pitch there in the ninth inning Saturday night. ... SS Jose Iglesias was given a day off before the team's scheduled off-day Monday so he could get 48 hours to rest his left quadriceps muscle, which has been a lingering issue this season.

Nationals: RHP Max Scherzer, who left his last start after one inning because of a bothersome right hamstring, is slated to take his next scheduled turn, Tuesday at the New York Mets. "We are not making any firm announcement, but I would imagine he is going to take the mound on Tuesday," Rizzo said.

UP NEXT

Orioles: Open a three-game series at Philadelphia on Tuesday. **Nationals:** Will play away from Washington for the first time in 2020, taking a train to New York for a four-game series at the Mets that opens Monday. That will be followed by series at Baltimore and Atlanta.



Jose Ramirez, center, of the Cleveland Indians scores past James McCann, right, of the Chicago White Sox during the 10th inning on Sunday in Chicago.

DeShields' sac bunt leads Indians over White Sox in 10 innings

BY JOHN JACKSON
Associated Press

CHICAGO

Delino DeShields snapped a tie with a perfectly placed squeeze bunt in the 10th inning, and the Cleveland Indians topped the Chicago White Sox 5-4 on Sunday night.

DeShields' bunt drove in Jose Ramirez, who started the inning on second as part of baseball's extra-inning rule for the pandemic-shortened season. Mike Freeman added a two-out RBI single that gave Cleveland a 5-3 lead.

Veteran left-hander Oliver Perez got the final two outs following a 46-minute rain delay for his first save. It was just the fifth save of his 18-year career.

Phil Maton (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win. Jimmy Codero (0-1) allowed two runs, one earned, in the loss.

Jose Abreu and James McCann homered for Chicago.

Ramirez, who made the last out in the ninth, advanced to third in the 10th on a one-out infield single by Carlos Santana and scored on DeShields' safety squeeze. One out later, Freeman singled to center to drive in Santana.

"It's been a part of my game since I started playing professional baseball," DeShields said of the squeeze bunt. "I'm very comfortable doing it. Sometimes, that's what it takes to get a rally going."

In the bottom of 10th, with the rain turning from light to heavy, Nomar Mazara started on second and advanced to third on a flyout by Luis Robert. McCann followed with a fly to short center that dropped in front of Bradley Zimmer — who appeared to slip as he started to come in — for an RBI single.

Brad Hand then walked Danny Mendick to put runners on first and second before the game was



Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Lucas Giolito, left, allowed two runs on four hits and struck out nine in seven innings in a 5-4 loss to Cleveland.

suspended.

"This one hurts a little bit," Chicago manager Rick Renteria said. "They really battled today. It was a really good ballgame, one that we wanted to be on the other side of. We have to be more efficient, more effective and better."

When the delay was over, Perez got Leury Garcia to pop out and struck out Yoan Moncada to close it out.

The game started as a battle of young aces with Lucas Giolito outdueling Shane Bieber.

Giolito allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings while striking out nine and walking five. Giolito retired the final seven batters he faced, including striking out the side in the seventh, and

left with Chicago holding a 3-2 lead.

Bieber allowed three runs in six innings while striking out eight. His ERA nearly doubled from 0.83 to 1.63.

"It was up and down," Bieber said of his start. "I felt like in the middle of the game I got in a groove but they took advantage of some mistakes."

ROSTER MOVES

Before the game, Chicago designated right-hander Drew Anderson for assignment and recalled right-hander Jose Ruiz from its alternate site. Anderson had been added to the active roster before Saturday's game. He allowed six runs in 1 1/2 innings to earn the loss in Cleveland's 7-1 win.

TRAINER'S ROOM

White Sox: DH Edwin Encarnacion (left shoulder inflammation) missed his fifth straight game. He is improving and was scheduled to do more aggressive work in the batting cage Sunday night. ... SS Tim Anderson (strained right groin) will travel with the team to Detroit and is expected to test the injury with a full workout on Monday.

UP NEXT

Indians: Following a day off on Monday, RHP Mike Clevinger (1-1, 3.24 ERA) starts the opener of a two-game home series against the Chicago Cubs. **White Sox:** LHP Dallas Keuchel (2-1, 2.55 ERA) takes the mound Monday night in the opener of a series at Detroit.

Indians' Plesac sent home after protocol misstep in Chicago

BY TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

Zach Plesac understood the importance of players behaving in order for baseball to have its season amid a global pandemic.

He broke the rules anyway.

The Indians sent Plesac back to Cleveland on Sunday in a car service after the young right-hander violated team rules and Major League Baseball's coronavirus protocols.

The 25-year-old Plesac went out with friends in Chicago on Saturday night following his win against the White Sox. The team got Plesac a car so he wouldn't be on a plane with teammates and staff in the event he contracted the virus.

Plesac apologized in a statement released by the team following its 10-inning victory over the White Sox on Sunday night.

"I realize I made a poor choice to leave the hotel, which broke protocols and could have endangered other people," he said. "I understand that in these times of uncertainty, I need to be more vigilant and responsible and I am determined to earn my teammates' forgiveness and get back to work."

It is not known if Plesac has been tested since breaking the team's code of conduct. He will be isolated from the team and can not take part in team activities until he twice tests negative for the coronavirus.

The Athletic first reported Plesac was sent home.

"At this point, we'll figure out what the appropriate next steps will be," Indians team president Chris Antonetti said.

With two off days this week, it was likely Plesac, the fifth starter, would have been skipped in the rotation anyway.

"It is coming at a complicated time for us," Antonetti said. "We don't need another starter. We were deliberating whether Zach should go to the bullpen or whether we should option him."

The Indians held a team meeting before Sunday's game to discuss the Plesac situation.

"We love Zach, we

support him, but he screwed up," pitcher Shane Bieber said. "We're going to handle this in house and we'll see where it goes from here."

Major League Baseball has been emphasizing the need for players to be more careful and follow its protocols in the wake of coronavirus outbreaks with the Miami Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals. The episode with Plesac, the nephew of former big league reliever Dan Plesac, is the most high-profile evidence of baseball's increasing concern about its guidelines.

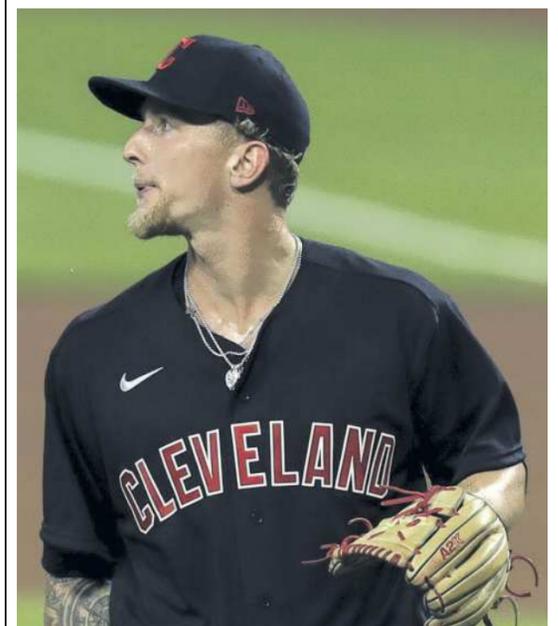
Last month, Plesac, who has become a reliable starter for the Indians, spoke of the importance of players abiding to the "code of conduct" that every team was required to submit to MLB in hopes of completing the 60-game regular season.

"Definitely any time you can maintain social distancing is going to be what we have to focus on," Plesac said July 3. "There are common sense situations, where you see things are packed, or going out to the bars and drinking — doing stuff like that isn't stuff that's really important to us right now and shouldn't be important to us right now."

"We're given this privilege to be able to come back and play and given this short window to even play. It's a good time now just to really buckle down and focus on what's important and work toward something greater at the end of the season and for these couple months, lock in and focus on what we have set for us at the end of the year."

The Indians have had few issues since baseball's restart and their decision to send Plesac home exemplifies how strict they've adhered to the MLB guidelines. A few weeks back, slugging outfielder Franmil Reyes was kept away from the team after the Indians spotted him on social media at a July 4 weekend party not wearing a mask.

Plesac is from Crown Point, Indiana, which is about 45 miles from Chicago. In his start Saturday, he didn't allow a run and limited the White Sox to five hits in six innings to improve to 1-1.



Cleveland's Zach Plesac was sent home after going out with friends in Chicago on Saturday.



ELAINE THOMPSON AP

Sheffield shuts down Rockies for first win as Mariners win 5-3

Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Justus Sheffield throws against the Colorado Rockies on Sunday in Seattle. Sheffield landed 16 first-pitch strikes to earn his first major league win.

BY CHRIS TALBOTT
Associated Press

SEATTLE

Justus Sheffield pitched six shutout innings for his first major league win, Dylan Moore hit a two-run homer and the Seattle Mariners beat the Colorado Rockies 5-3 on Sunday.

Sheffield (1-2), one of three pitchers 24 or younger in the Mariners' starting rotation, gave up four hits without a walk and struck out seven in his

longest stint of the season. He worked his way out of a jam with a strikeout to end the fifth, then sat down two more Rockies in the sixth before reaching his pitch limit.

"That was my main thing: Get to two strikes as quick as possible and put them away," Sheffield said. "I really didn't want to mess around."

Sheffield never reached a 2-0 count and landed 16 first-pitch strikes against the 22 batters he faced. The lefty was especially effective with his slider.

"It's really good," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "It's a wipeout pitch."

Charlie Blackmon extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a first-inning double for Colorado. He also got help from a strange bounce past second baseman Dee Gordon for a single in the fourth.

The loss snapped a three-game win streak for the Rockies, who had won seven of eight in August — including two straight over the Mariners. The

defeat also ended a six-game interleague win streak.

Colorado starter German Marquez (2-2) struck out four and walked one in seven innings. He gave up six hits, including Moore's third home run.

Fielding and throwing errors by third baseman Chris Owings on Kyle Seager's routine grounder helped end Marquez's outing as the Mariners added three unearned runs in the seventh to avoid a series sweep. Evan White, Tim Lopes and

Gordon each drove in a run.

"If you win series, you're going to have a good season," Rockies manager Bud Black said. "We've done that so far. If we play good baseball and we let our talent show, we're going to win games. If we continue to pitch the way we have been, our bats will come around."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rockies: Black gave slumping 3B Nolan Arenado the day off to rest.
Mariners: Hot-hitting C

Austin Nola was an unexpected scratch from the lineup while continuing to deal with a swollen wrist. Servais said Nola was having trouble swinging the bat without pain after injuring his wrist Friday.

UP NEXT

Rockies: RHP Jon Gray (0-1, 3.31 ERA) takes the mound Monday at home against Arizona.

Mariners: RHP Justin Dunn (0-1, 6.43) makes his third start at Texas.

With Graveman on IL, Margevicius a 'nice fit' for Mariners' rotation moving forward

BY LAUREN SMITH
The News Tribune
(Tacoma, Wash.)

SEATTLE

Nick Margevicius made his first start of the season for the Mariners on Saturday night, and it won't be his last.

With seasoned right-hander Kendall Graveman on the 10-day injured list, and out for an undetermined amount of time, Margevicius should slot into Graveman's spot in the six-man rotation as Seattle plays out the final seven weeks of this shortened season.

"I think he's going to be a nice fit in our rotation going forward," Mariners manager Scott Servais said on a postgame video call with reporters Saturday. "He's going to continue to get starts with Graveman being out, so a lot of confidence in him. I like what I've seen so far."

After coming out of the bullpen his first three appearances this season, Margevicius, a 24-year-old left-hander, pitched

3⅓ scoreless innings Saturday against the Rockies before reaching his scheduled pitch limit. He allowed three hits, walked one, struck out three on 61 pitches.

"I thought he did a really nice job with all of his pitches tonight, but I like the back-and-forth combo of the slow curveball, and then the riding fastball off that," Servais said. "He can make pitches, and he's certainly not afraid of attacking."

It was not only Margevicius' first start since joining the club in the offseason, but his first since last June, when he made his final of 12 starts with the Padres after landing on their Opening Day roster as a 22-year-old.

After he was drafted in the seventh round by San Diego in 2017, Margevicius spent the rest of that summer pitching in rookie

ball in Arizona and for the Short-A Tri-City Dust Devils. The following season, he tossed 135 innings across 23 games in Low-A and High-A with 146 strikeouts to only 17 walks.

Then he was invited to big league spring training in 2019, and made his big league debut that March without ever pitching a game above the High-A level.

Margevicius compiled a 1.69 ERA across his first three starts, but as hitters started to get comfortable, his numbers dipped. He was optioned to Double-A last June when his ERA peaked at 6.41 after a troubling start against the Rockies at Coors Field. He allowed nine runs on 11 hits and was pulled after recording just one out in the second inning.

That three-month stint with the Padres prompted questions about if Margevicius was rushed to the majors too soon.

"I just handled it the best I could at the time," he said last week. "Looking back on it, maybe it

was a little quick. Maybe I wasn't quite ready for some of the things, but at the same time, I did what I could right away and had some success right away. I just hit a little struggle, and it was hard for me to bounce back from that. But, I think doing that so early and young in my career has offered me the chance to grow probably a little bit earlier than if something would have come along the line a little bit later.

"I don't know if I was rushed or not, but I'm excited about where I'm at right now, and continuing to learn and move forward has been great for me."

He returned to the Padres' big league roster as an extra bullpen arm late last summer, but was designated for assignment in January, and picked up by Seattle a week later.

The Mariners have always viewed Margevicius as a starter, Servais said recently. With Graveman scheduled to see a specialist this week to determine how to proceed

with his neck — there is no timetable for his return, but he is likely to miss "significant time," Servais said — Margevicius should get an extended look in Seattle's rotation.

"Getting back to starting the game ... the routine, getting back to that, it was good for me," Margevicius said postgame Saturday. "Just going deeper in the game, seeing hitters multiple times again is something to build off of."

TAXI SQUAD EXPANDS

Clubs are now allowed to carry up to five players — up from three — on their traveling taxi squads to supplement their 28-man active rosters should a player get injured or test positive for COVID-19 while on the road.

Seattle begins a nine-day, eight-game road trip Monday in Arlington. The Mariners will play a three-game series against the Rangers, then travel to Houston for three and finally Los Angeles to play a two-game set against the Dodgers.

Servais did not name the additional players the Mariners will carry for this trip pregame Sunday, but said there will be four, including an additional catcher, utility player and two pitchers.

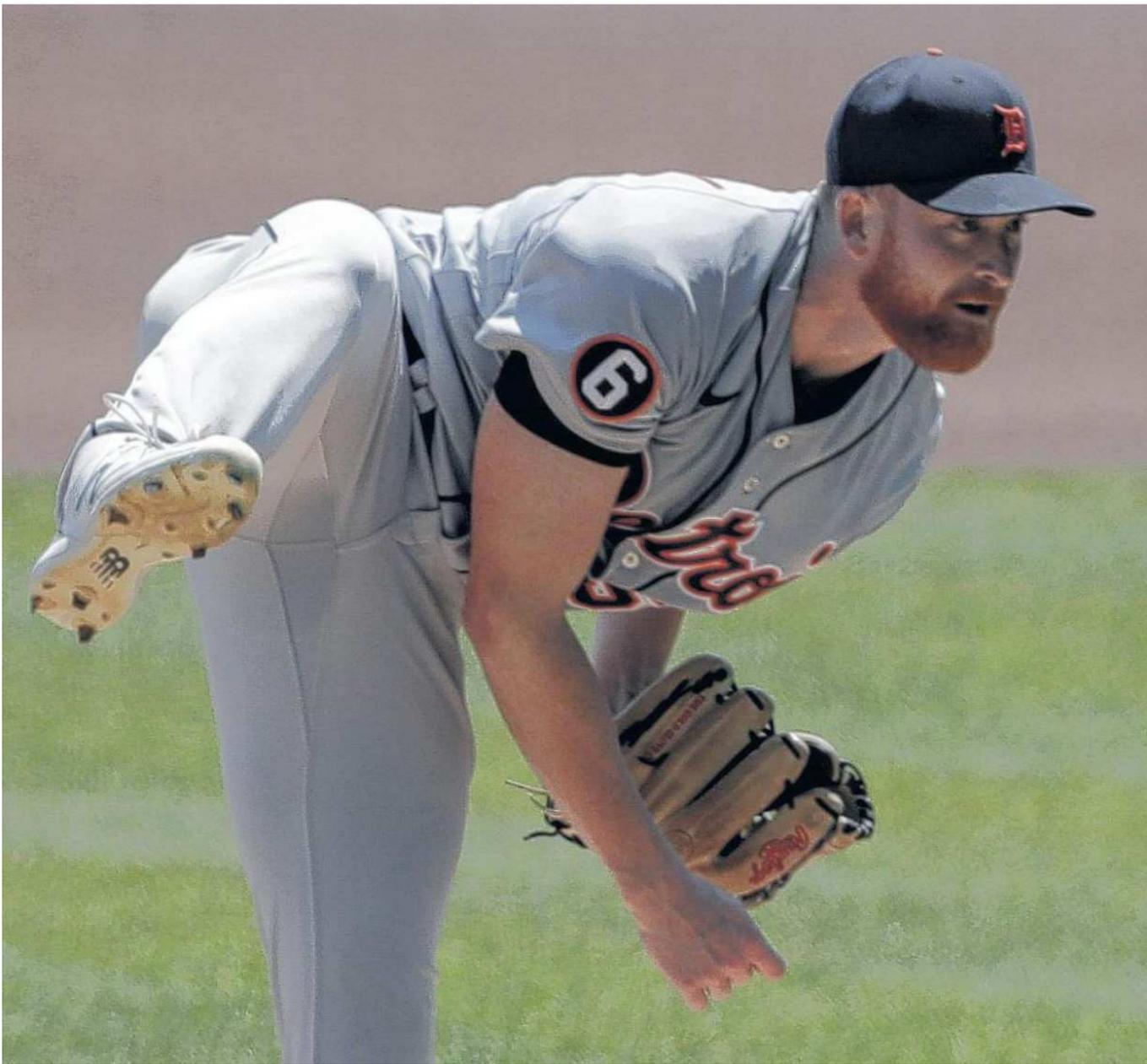
"I think four should be enough," Servais said. "We are very versatile with our position players. We have a number of guys that can play multiple positions. ... We still have 10 guys in our bullpen. So, I think four will be plenty."

The Mariners optioned Jose Marmolejos, who can play first base and left field, to their alternate training site in Tacoma last week when the 30-man roster was cut to 28.

They also have Sam Haggerty and Patrick Wisdom as possible utility options currently working out at Cheney Stadium.

Joseph Odom will likely resume the role as the traveling taxi squad catcher after making his big league debut during the last road trip.

The Mariners have several relievers in Tacoma they could bring along, including veteran right-hander Bryan Shaw and right-hander Zac Grotz, who were both optioned last week.



KEITH SRAKOCIC AP

Detroit Tigers starter Spencer Turnbull pitches against the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first inning of Sunday's game in Pittsburgh. Turnbull allowed only one run and five hits in seven innings for his second straight start. Last season he lost his final 13 decisions and finished with a 3-17 record.

Cabrera's bat, Turnbull's arm help Tigers sweep Pirates 2-1

BY JOHN FERROTTO
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Spencer Turnbull pitched seven strong innings and Miguel Cabrera singled home the tie-breaking run in the eighth as the Detroit Tigers edged the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 on Sunday to sweep the three-game series.

After the Tigers posted 17-13 and 11-5 wins at PNC Park, the finale turned into a pitching duel.

Cabrera's single to left-center field off Richard Rodriguez (0-1) scored Jonathan Schoop, who was hit by a pitch with two outs and took second on a wild pitch.

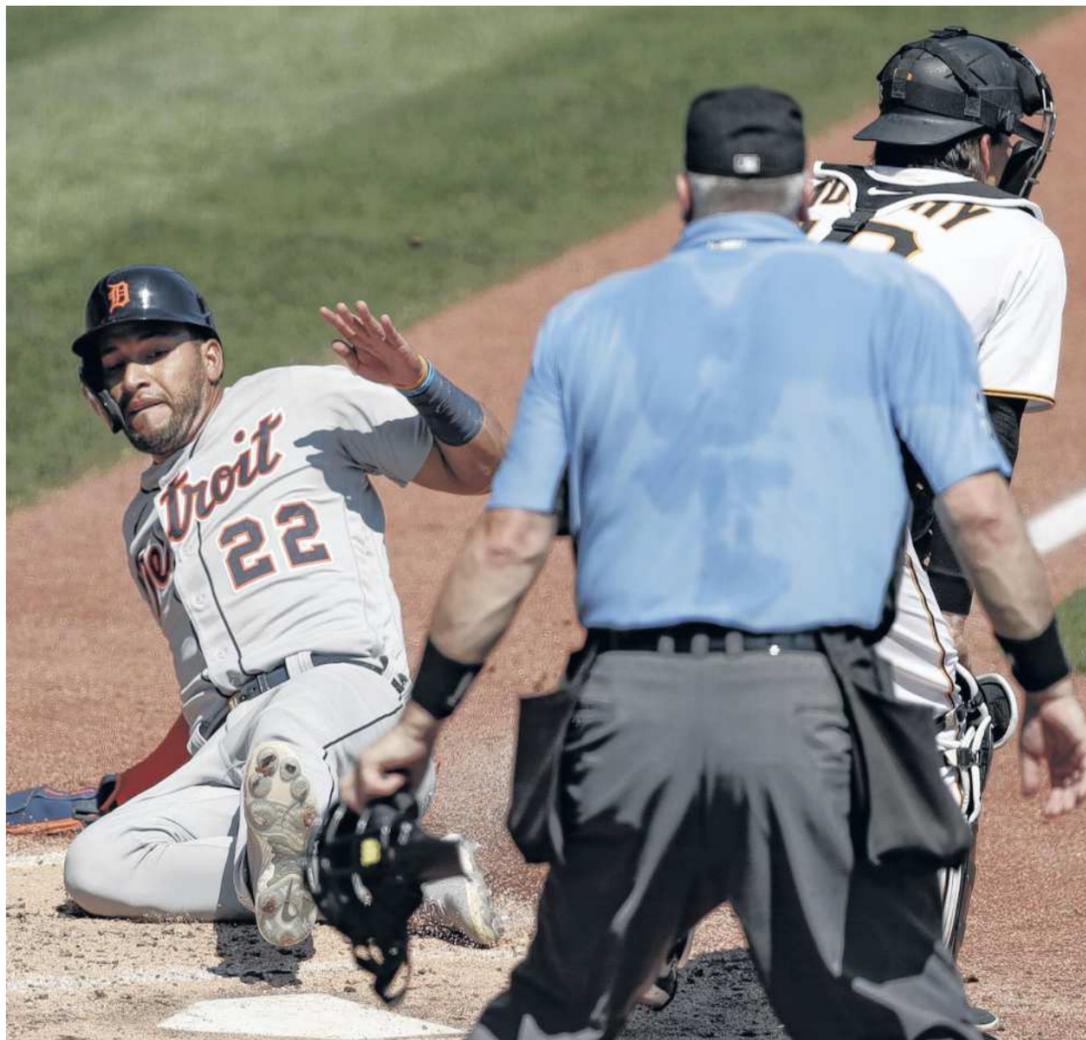
It was the 1,702nd RBI of Cabrera's career. He ranks 27th all-time in the major leagues.

Detroit improved to 8-5, including 5-1 on the road, a year after having the worst record in the major leagues at 47-114.

"What helps Miggy this year is we've got some big guys around him now and teams have to go after him a little more," Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire said. "In big situations, I'd rather have him up there than anybody on our team."

Turnbull (2-0) allowed only one run and five hits while striking out four and walking two. He has now won two starts in a row after losing his final 13 decisions last season as a rookie when he finished with a 3-17 record, the most losses in the majors.

Turnbull attacked the Pirates with a heavy dose of two-seam and four-



KEITH SRAKOCIC AP

Detroit's Victor Reyes slides past Pittsburgh Pirates catcher John Ryan Murphy as home plate umpire Bill Welke looks to make the call after Miguel Cabrera singled in the fifth inning on Sunday. The Tigers, who had the worst record in the majors last season at 47-114, improved to 5-1 on the road this season.

seam fastballs. He also could be seen talking to himself between pitches at time, reminiscent of former Tigers pitcher Mark "The Bird" Fidrych.

"He's very invested in the game," catcher Austin Romine said. "He wants to be perfect. He wants to

pitch a great game. When the pitchers are talking it means they are invested. Hey, certain guys are certain ways. Everyone is different."

Said Pirates manager Derek Shelton: "Turnbull kept us on the ground all day." Turnbull got 12 of

his 21 outs came on ground balls.

Buck Farmer pitched a scoreless eighth inning and Joe Jimenez retired the side in the ninth for his fifth save.

Pittsburgh has the worst mark in the big leagues this year, falling to 3-13

with its 10th loss in 11 games.

Pirates starter Steven Brault pitched two hitless innings. He was filling in for Joe Musgrove, who was scratched from the scheduled start a day earlier because of right ankle soreness.

ENTIRE PIRATES-CARDS 3-GAME SERIES POSTPONED OVER VIRUS WOES

The entire three-game series between the Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis that was set to begin Monday night at Busch Stadium has been postponed while the Cardinals deal with a COVID-19 outbreak.

There have now been 27 games postponed by Major League Baseball because of coronavirus concerns. The Cardinals have not played since July 30 and have had 13 games scrapped.

Miami and Philadelphia each had seven games postponed earlier and have returned to the field since the disruptions.

MLB said Sunday night that the league and the Cardinals "believe it is prudent to conduct additional testing while players and staff are quarantined before the team returns to play."

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brault was much better than in his relief outing Friday against the Tigers in which he failed to retire any of the six batters he faced and was charged with four runs.

The Pirates opened the scoring in the fourth inning on Erik Gonzalez's RBI single off the glove of Schoop, the second baseman, with two outs.

The Tigers answered the run in the fifth to tie the score. Victor Reyes doubled with one out and came home on Romine's single.

Gonzalez, Romine and Pittsburgh's Adam Frazier each had two hits.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

The Pirates signed former All-Star RHP Henderson Alvarez as a free agent and assigned him to their alternate training site in Altoona. The 30-year-old last pitched in the major leagues in 2017 with the Philadelphia Phillies.

ROSTER SHUFFLE

The Pirates recalled LHP Brandon Waddell and INF/OF Jose Osuna from Altoona and RHP Nick Mears was assigned there. INF/OF Phillip Evans (broken left jaw, concussion) was placed on the 45-day injured list.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Tigers: CF JaCoby Jones (left abdominal tightness) left the game in the bottom of the third. He was injured on a swing in the top of the inning.

Pirates: Evans will miss the remainder of the season after being injured in a collision with RF Gregory Polanco on Saturday. The 27-year-old rookie had been one of the few bright spots for the Pirates this season, hitting .359 with one home run and nine RBIs in 11 games.

UP NEXT

Tigers: Open a three-game series against the White Sox on Monday night in Detroit with RHP Michael Fulmer (0-0, 13.50) pitching against LHP Dallas Keuchel (1-0, 2.55). The expectation is for Fulmer to pitch the first three innings then be followed by LHP Daniel Norris, who was recently removed from the rotation.



ORLIN WAGNER AP

Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Brady Singer pitches during the first inning of Sunday's game at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. The rookie allowed two runs on five hits and struck out four to earn his first major-league win.

Royals sweep Twins, extend win streak to four games as Singer gets first MLB win

BY LYNN WORTHY
The Kansas City Star

Heading into their weekend series in Kansas City, the Royals didn't look like a team on the upswing. And the Minnesota Twins didn't appear headed in the opposite direction.

Three days later, the Royals have asserted some measure of dominance.

Rookie right-hander Brady Singer fought his way through five innings to earn his first major-league win Sunday afternoon as the Royals completed a three-game sweep of the Twins with a 4-2 victory at Kauffman Stadium.

The Royals (7-10) extended their winning streak to four games, a

span in which they've led at the end of 31 of 36 innings. The Twins (10-6) entered the series with the best record in the American League but have now lost four in a row.

"This is a blast," Singer said. "Everybody says winning is more fun. Winning is a lot more fun when you're at this level. This is awesome. Guys are doing an incredible job. You can just see it in every single at-bat and every single inning that these guys pitch."

The Royals' relief contingent of Greg Holland (one inning), Josh Staumont (two innings) and Scott Barlow (one inning) combined for four innings of scoreless relief as the bullpen lowered its collective ERA to 3.16.

Infielder/outfielder Hunter Dozier went 1 for

4 and drove in two runs in his return to the starting lineup after a bout with COVID-19, and Maikel Franco homered for the fourth time this season. Jorge Soler went 2 for 3 and Whit Merrifield scored two runs.

Singer (1-1) allowed two runs on five hits and two walks. He struck out four.

His day also included taking a ball hit with an exit velocity of 100 mph off his throwing hand. Singer threw a season-high 95 pitches, a portion of which came with a numb hand.

"I guess I need to pay attention to the shift more," Singer said after reflexively reaching for a ball that was headed back up the middle. "Obviously a ball up the middle, you don't think anybody's there. But I had two guys

with open arms sitting there waiting on it. I've been doing that for a long time. I've tried to stop, but it happens. My hand is fine, nothing wrong with it."

Singer became the third Royal to record his first career victory this season, joining Foster Griffin and Tyler Zuber. He's now pitched five innings and allowed no more than five hits in all four of his starts, making him just the 12th American League pitcher since 1980 to do so.

Dozier's first-inning two-run single up the middle in his first at-bat of the season - with Merrifield and Soler on second and third, respectively - gave the Royals an early 2-0 advantage.

"I'm trying to keep things simple right now," Dozier said. "First game back, guys in scoring posi-

tion. I'm just trying to get the guy from third home. He left a pitch over the middle. I kind of did what I wanted to do, stay right, center, and hit it hard. Luckily no one was there."

In the top of the third and with one away, Singer stuck out his bare hand in an attempt to knock down a sharply hit bouncer by Byron Buxton. The ball deflected off Singer's hand toward shortstop Adalberto Mondesi for an infield single.

Royals manager Mike Matheny and head athletic trainer Nick Kenney immediately emerged from the dugout to check on Singer. He showed no ill effects in pair of warm-up pitches, but he threw wildly to first base on a pick-off attempt that allowed Buxton to advance to third. After a walk by

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Royals rookie starter Brady Singer

Alex Avila, the Twins capitalized with an RBI double from Max Kepler and an RBI groundout by Jorge Polanco to tie the score.

"That could've gone really bad, obviously with the injury not having a feel for the ball," Matheny said. "He did a nice job of regaining his composure and kind of pitching through that. He did a great job of getting big outs in the middle of the big part of their order."

Perez's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the third scored Merrifield, who'd walked to start the inning, and put the Royals back in front 3-2.

Singer began to tire a bit in the fifth on a humid day at The K. He had two men on when he got Eddie Rosario to line out to left-center field to end the inning.

Franco's home run, a solo shot down the left-field line, boosted the Royals' edge to 4-2 in the sixth.

The Royals have a day off Monday before beginning a road series against the Cincinnati Reds Tuesday.

"I know everybody has been excited about how we've been going about it that last couple days, all the guys in (the clubhouse)," Matheny said. "How they're fighting through. The energy. The excitement. Every little portion of the game you want to see."

"Then putting more of these guys back into the fold is exactly where they want to be and we want to keep things."



ORLIN WAGNER AP

Kansas City's Jorge Soler and Whit Merrifield celebrate after scoring on a single by teammate Hunter Dozier during the first inning of Sunday's game. The Royals took an early lead and held on to complete the three-game sweep of the Minnesota Twins.

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BY BILL PLUNKETT
The Orange County Register

LOS ANGELES

Their jobs are difficult enough under normal circumstances. And these are definitely not normal circumstances.

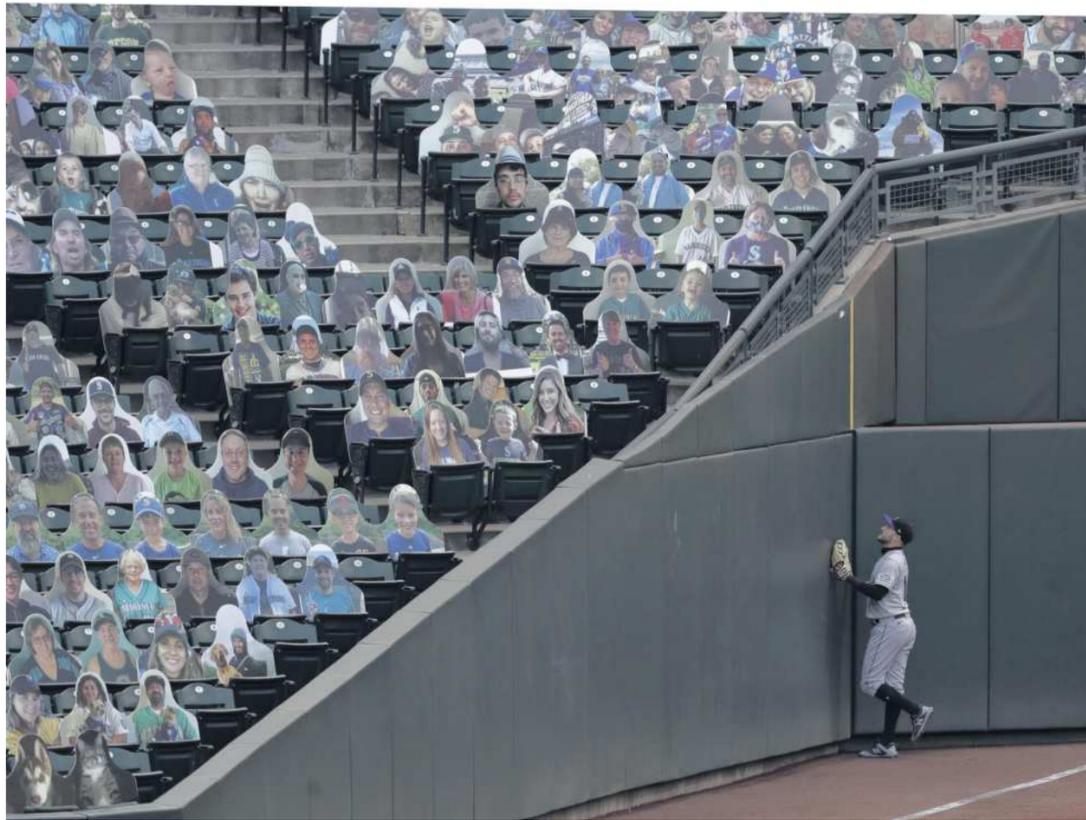
The adrenaline rush that comes with being a closer has taken a hit with no fans in the stands and all the cardboard cutouts can't make up for the intensity of coming into a one-run game with a real crowd on its feet roaring.

"Man, it's hard. I'm not going to lie about that," Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen said. "It's an adjustment that we have to make pretty quick here because it's so much easier to lift with your fans. If your fans are cheering you or the other side is booing and you come out there and shut it down, it's so much easier to pitch when it was fans in the stands.

"But we're gonna make an adjustment. Just try to keep focused more and more and (stay) locked in. Don't try to fight it. Don't try to find it, like, 'I want to dig in and find that adrenaline.' Just let it happen and when it comes it comes."

At least at home, closers can count on the customary intro song - in Jansen's case, "California Love" by Tupac Shakur - and an accompanying hype video on the scoreboard. "Honestly," Jansen said, that feels a little empty this season.

"It's so much different when that song is playing, that intro is playing and the fans are in the stands," he said. "It's not about the song. To me it's how the fans are cheering



ELAINE THOMPSON AP

Seats full of likenesses of Seattle Mariners fans fill the seats as Colorado Rockies left fielder Garrett Hampson comes up against the wall after chasing a foul fly ball during a game on Saturday.

COMMENTARY

Cardboard fans don't cut it when players need a push from crowd

when you come in and just get you up, get your adrenaline going. That's the one thing that you don't feel when you come in and Dodger Stadium is

shaking. But we've just got to go through it."

Many players are no doubt trying to get through it by artificial means - energy drinks like

Red Bull. But Jansen has had two surgical procedures on his heart to treat atrial fibrillation and laughed off the idea of chugging energy drinks to

get up for a save opportunity.

"If I drink Red Bull, call the doctors for them to shock my heart again because I'm telling you -

100% - I'm going to go back into A-fib."

DJs and in-game entertainment can only turn the music up so loud and Dodgers manager Dave Roberts acknowledged the lack of fans hits a team like the Dodgers harder than others. The Dodgers have led MLB in attendance each of the past seven seasons, topping out at a franchise-record 3.9 million in 2019 with 28 sellouts in an 81-game home schedule.

"It does," Roberts said when asked if this season's empty stands impact the players. "I just think that when you're playing in other ballparks where they don't draw the way we draw maybe not as much. But here, it's a big change. It's a big difference.

"And I think that when you're talking about the later innings with relievers facing us with stress for them to have to deal with 50,000 fans on their feet it's a lot different than the piped-in music. So those young relievers - or any reliever, I guess, as an opponent - it's considerably easier, in my opinion."

Hitters have their own challenges posed by the faux fan noise. Dodgers outfielder A.J. Pollock said he had a hard time hearing the home-plate umpire during the game Sunday.

"I think yesterday was a little kind of mellow and then today the fans were going nuts today," he joked. "I couldn't hear the umpire from 10 feet away from me, it was so loud. ... It's not bad. It's just weird when you're not used to not being able to hear the umpire."

Terry Cannon, creator of an alternative to Cooperstown, dies at 66

BY RICHARD SANDOMIR
The New York Times

Terry Cannon, who created a waggish alternative to the Baseball Hall of Fame with artifacts like a cigar partly smoked by Babe Ruth and inductees like Dock Ellis, who claimed to have pitched a no-hitter on LSD, died Aug. 1 at his home in Pasadena, California. He was 66.

His wife, Mary (McKenzie) Cannon, said the cause was bile duct cancer.

In the mid-1990s, Cannon turned his love of baseball into the Baseball Reliquary, a nonprofit organization that comprises a disarming collection of unusual objects and includes the Shrine of the Eternals - individuals elected annually more for their unique characters and achievements than for their statistics or their official place in baseball's history.

"Terry guided the reliquary into existence by reaching out to fans who looked beyond big names and ballooning salaries and saw the game as a rich cultural stew," John Schullian, a screenwriter and former sports columnist, wrote in a tribute on The Stacks Reader, a journalism website.

A puckish historian, Cannon opened every shrine induction ceremony by leading the audience in a Pasadena library in the banging of cowbells, in tribute to Hilda Chester, the leather-



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Terry Cannon with some of his baseball memorabilia in Alhambra, Calif., Feb. 26, 2007. Cannon, who created a waggish alternative to the Baseball Hall of Fame with artifacts like a cigar partly smoked by Babe Ruth and inductees like Dock Ellis, who claimed to have pitched a no-hitter on LSD, died on Aug. 1, at his home in Pasadena, Calif. He was 66.

lunged Brooklyn Dodger fan known for pounding a cowbell at Ebbets Field. The reliquary's Hilda Award is given to distinguished fans.

"That just gets better every year," he said in 2017, as the ringing subsided.

The first induction, in 1999, exemplified the shrine's type of inductee: Curt Flood, who helped pave the way for free agency by challenging baseball's reserve clause, which tied a player to his team year after year unless an owner traded or released him; Bill Veeck, the maverick owner of several teams; and Ellis, a thoughtful, idiosyncratic Black pitcher, mostly for the Pittsburgh Pirates, who spoke out on racial issues.

Ellis attended his in-

duction ceremony and wept, saying that Major League Baseball had never honored him. He recalled receiving a letter from Jackie Robinson (a 2005 shrine inductee) urging him to continue to push for change in baseball.

"He was crying his eyes out," Mary Cannon, who is also the reliquary's artistic director, said in an interview. "I had to reach over and pat his hand to bring him back."

Other inductees - elected by the reliquary's almost 300 members, who pay \$25 annual dues - include Jim Bouton, the pitcher who scandalized baseball with his book, "Ball Four"; Emmett Ashford, the first Black umpire in Major League Baseball; Pam Postema, a minor league umpire

thwarted in her quest to reach the big leagues; and Marvin Miller, the transformational leader of the players union, who had been rejected for induction several times by Hall of Fame voters but was voted in posthumously this year. He joined the shrine in 2003.

That honor "puzzled me at first," Miller told The New York Times in 2007. About Cannon, he said, "Despite the fact that he likes to have fun, he's a serious individual and an intelligent one, and he deserves to be taken seriously."

Cannon was, indeed, a serious scholar, but the artifacts he collected invariably prompted a smile - as did his use, at his wife's suggestion, of the word "reliquary," which means a container for

holy relics.

There is the jockstrap worn by 3-foot-7 Eddie Gaedel, who appeared as a pinch hitter for the St. Louis Browns in 1951 in a stunt conceived by Veeck. And there is the sacrilegious box that a priest used in 1948 to give the last rites to Babe Ruth, who died nearly a month later.

Then there are the curlers that Ellis wore on the field during batting practice at Three Rivers Stadium after Ebony magazine wrote about his hairstyle.

"I was interested in things that other museums weren't interested in collecting," Cannon told Pasadena Weekly in 2017. "Like, if they wanted bats and gloves, I wanted things to keep famous stories alive. It was more interesting to find a desiccated hot dog that Babe Ruth partially digested than a signed baseball or bat."

Cannon had no physical museum to display the reliquary's artifacts. He kept them at home (a life-size cardboard cutout of former Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson still stands by his bed) and in a storage unit. He showed his wares at exhibitions he curated at local libraries. But this year Whittier College in Whittier, California, agreed to become the collection's new home.

In 2015, Whittier became the home of the Institute for Baseball Studies, a center for research containing books, artwork, periodicals and historians' papers about the national pastime, donated by Cannon and many other sources.

Terry Alan Cannon was born on Aug. 31, 1953, in Dearborn, Michigan. His father, William, was an

engineer at Ford, McDonnell Douglas and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and a consultant to NASA. His mother, Charlotte (Haas) Cannon, was a home-maker.

As a youngster, Terry collected baseball cards but kept them in shoe boxes rather than mutilate them in the spokes of his bicycle wheels. When he was 12 he met Juan Marichal, the San Francisco Giants pitcher, at an exhibition game at Anaheim Stadium and got him to sign the game program. Marichal also perspired on the program, creating an odd artifact.

For days afterward, he told The Orange County Register in 2011, he ran around the neighborhood excitedly saying, "Look, I've got Juan Marichal's sweat!"

In addition to his wife, Cannon is survived by his sisters, Barbara and Nancy, and his brother, Philip.

When Cannon was close to death, his wife said, she wanted to send him off by invoking the names of deceased men who symbolized his passions for baseball and jazz.

One was Jim Bouton, who once called the reliquary the "people's hall of fame."

The other was Sun Ra, the avant-garde pianist and bandleader.

"In an excited voice, as if I were seeing them," Mary Cannon recalled, "I said: 'Terry - wow! - Sun Ra and Jim Bouton are right over there and they're waiting for you.' And out of his near-death state, he raised his eyebrows up and down twice, curled his lip and squeezed my hand. Three breaths later he was gone."

A star is born!



Young gun Morikawa puts golf world on notice with thrilling finish to capture PGA Championship

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL | IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS

Players to UConn coach: 'THERE'S NO WAY THAT WE CAN PLAY'



STEW MILNE AP

Connecticut quarterback Jack Zergiotis rolls out of the pocket during game in 2019 against Illinois in East Hartford, Conn. UConn has canceled its 2020-2021 football season, becoming the first FBS program to suspend football because of the coronavirus pandemic.

BY BILLY WITZ
The New York Times

Connecticut football coach Randy Edsall's moment of clarity came when he was recently walking up the hill to his team's practice field.

In the month since they had been back on campus, his players had assiduously adhered to safety protocols, which included daily screenings, and after more than 200 tests, none were positive for the coronavirus. They were also in a state that has kept a relative lid on the virus - Connecticut's cases per capita is less than one-tenth of that in hot spots like Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Texas.

Yet what gnawed at Edsall was how disruptive the virus had still been.

Ten players were absent from that day's workout because one player had come forward with symptoms, which might have been as mild as sniffles, and others who had been in contact with him were isolated until a virus test came back. Only eight offensive linemen could participate in the workout. It had been like that throughout July, with only a third of the players attending every workout.

As he walked, Edsall began to think about what lay ahead. By mid-August, UConn's campus would be open and somewhere

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“IT'S THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR TO BE PLAYING.”

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I WAS HOPING FOR A REALLY GOOD BOUNCE AND GOT IT. I HIT A REALLY GOOD PUTT, AND NOW WE'RE HERE.

PGA Championship winner Collin Morikawa

Morikawa delivers great shot in quiet moment to win PGA



JEFF CHIU AP

Collin Morikawa stares down his tee shot on the 16th hole during the final round of the PGA Championship on Sunday. The shot landed seven feet from the pin to set up an eagle.

BY DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

The best shot of his life, the shot that made Collin Morikawa a major champion, was never supposed to happen.

He knew the tee on the 16th at Harding Park would be moved forward at the PGA Championship. He said during practice rounds that wouldn't tempt him to go for the green. But this was Sunday afternoon, right after Morikawa had chipped in for birdie to break out of a seven-way tie, and at this moment was tied again with Paul Casey.

"I knew I had to hit a good one," he said.

The shot will be remembered as one of the best in a major that hardly anyone witnessed, with spectators banned during the COVID-19 era for majors.

Morikawa hit driver on the 294-yard hole that was perfect in flight and even better when it landed, hopping onto the green and rolling to 7 feet for an



CHARLIE RIEDEL AP

Collin Morikawa celebrates with his caddy Jonathan Jakovac on the 18th hole after Sunday's final round at TPC Harding Park in San Francisco. Morikawa was a former star at the nearby University of California in Berkeley.

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Morikawa's bogey-free final round, the best by a PGA Championship winner in 25 years

eagle that all but clinched victory on a mostly quiet, chilly afternoon at Harding Park.

In the first major without spectators, the 23-year-old Californian finished with a bang. The chip-in for birdie, the tee shot for eagle, it added to a 6-under 64 and the best closing round by a PGA champion in 25 years, and a two-shot victory over Casey (66) and Dustin Johnson (68).

The only regret was the lack of a roar this shot deserved. He had no idea how good it was until he got closer to the green.

"This is one time I really wish there were crowds," he said with a broad smile. "I was just praying for a straight bounce ... and then after it bounced, it kind of got behind a tree

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CHARLIE RIEDEL AP

Collin Morikawa was able to get out of trouble on the sixth hole and avoided a bogey that could've derailed his momentum Sunday. Morikawa finished the round bogey-free.

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that we couldn't see around the corner. So once it bounced, I was like 'OK, I will take it anywhere.'

"I peeked around right and looked around the tree, and it looked really, really good."

The COVID-19 pandemic that moved the PGA Championship from May to August was allowed to be played only if spectators were not allowed. But there was one person who won't forget what he saw.

Casey, with his first good shot at winning a major, birdied the 16th to tie Morikawa for the lead. Standing on the tee at the par-3 17th, he looked back and saw the ball roll toward the cup.

"What a shot," was all Casey could say. "Nothing you can do but tip you cap to that. Collin had taken on that challenge and pulled it off. That's what champions do."

Golf's latest major champion was still in the vicinity of Harding Park just over a year ago, finishing up his degree at California and his All-American career, part of a new cast of young stars in a sport filled with them.

He played Harding Park about a dozen times while in college, but never set up with rough like this or with the tees all the way back.

Now he has three PGA Tour victories and is No. 5 in the world, taking his place among the young stars by beating a cast of world-class players on the public course in San Francisco.

"Those are moments I'm always going to remember," said Morikawa, who became the sixth player to capture this major before turning 24.

For Johnson, it was another major that got away. He had a one-shot lead and didn't do too much wrong on the day except for not keeping it in the fairway for better



JEFF CHIU AP

PGA Championship winner Collin Morikawa reacts as the top of the Wanamaker Trophy falls to the ground during the trophy presentation.

chances of birdie. He drove into the hazard on the 16th and chipped in for birdie when it was too late, and a birdie on the 18th gave him a tie for second.

It was his fifth runner-up finish in a major – his only title is the 2016 U.S. Open – and his second straight runner-up in the PGA Championship.

Brooks Koepka proved to be all talk. He looked at

the crowded leaderboard on Saturday night and didn't see anyone with his experience of four major championships, even dishing on Johnson because he has "only won one."

Koepka didn't make a birdie until the 12th hole. He went from two shots behind to a 74, tying for 29th.

"It's my first bad round in a major in a while," said Koepka, who said he spent

the back nine mostly trying to cheer on Casey and his bid to win a first major at age 43.

Youth rules these days. Morikawa finished at 13-under 267, and left so many others wondering how close they came.

Matthew Wolff, who grew up with Morikawa in Southern California and turned pro last summer with him, shot a 65 and joined Jason Day, Bryson

DeChambeau, Tony Finau and PGA Tour rookie Scottie Scheffler at 10-under 270.

Cameron Champ, among eight players who had a share of the lead at some point, lost momentum with a double bogey at the turn. DeChambeau dropped two shots at the turn and never caught up until it was too late.

Morikawa's only his 28th start as a pro and his

second major, played bogey-free. His only mistake was at the end, when it was time to hoist the Wanamaker Trophy, the heaviest of the four major trophies. The lid came off and tumbled to the grass as Morikawa's eyes bulged.

If that was his only mistake, consider it a successful day. A major success.

Having 54-hole lead remains a major problem for Johnson

BY JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

The 54-hole lead has been a major problem for Dustin Johnson.

The 2016 U.S. Open winner entered the final round of the PGA Championship atop the leaderboard and shot 68 on Sunday. But he wound up tied for second behind first-time major winner Collin Morikawa.

Johnson is now 0 for 4 after taking at least a share of the lead into the final round of a major.

This one didn't have the drama of some of his previous major losses, both of the squandered lead and failed comeback variety — the grounded club in the bunker at Whistling Straits, the three-putt from 12 feet at Chambers Bay.

Instead, it was just a slow, relatively routine ride to second place.

Johnson finished Saturday with a one-shot lead at 9 under and made the turn at minus-10. But he failed to birdie the par-5 10th — three-putting from 17 feet — after most of the competition had done just that.

By the time he reached No. 14, he had fallen behind by a stroke, thanks to Morikawa's chip-in on that very hole moments earlier.

Johnson couldn't match him — not even close. He drove into the rough, hit his approach into the sand and had to punch out sideways, leaving him 34 feet from the hole. By the time he had tapped in for bogey, he trailed by two.

About 10 minutes later, Morikawa drove the green on the par-4 16th and made his eagle putt, and from there, it was a race for second.

Johnson's lone major victory had two-time defending champion Brooks Koepka dissing him on Saturday, saying he felt good going into the final round because "DJ's only won one." Rory McIlroy came to Johnson's defense, noting Johnson has 21 career wins to Koepka's seven.

"If you've won a major



JEFF CHIU AP

Dustin Johnson didn't get much going during the final round of the PGA Championship on Sunday, settling for a 2-under 68 and a tie for second.

championship, you're a hell of a player," said McIlroy, who has won four. "Sort of hard to knock a guy that's got 21 wins on the PGA Tour,

which is three times what Brooks has."

Koepka started the day at 7 under, two strokes behind Johnson, but failed to capitalize, shooting 39

on the front nine.

Johnson couldn't close the deal, either, but he did close strong.

Down by four strokes with three to play, Johnson

had to take a penalty drop on the par-4 16th when he drove into a hazard to the left of the green. But he chipped in from 50 yards away to make birdie, join-

ing the logjam at 10 under.

Then on No. 18, Johnson sank a 17-foot birdie putt to tie Paul Casey for second.

Veteran Casey plays solid but comes up short again for elusive major title

BY EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

Tied for the lead while standing on the 17th tee, Paul Casey heard what passed for a commotion on the largely silent, fan-free golf course.

He looked behind him and realized his hopes of winning the PGA Championship had suddenly, startlingly vanished.

Collin Morikawa's on-rop drive had stopped 7 feet away, just behind Casey, on the 16th green. It set up an eagle that dropped the Englishman two shots behind with two holes to play Sunday. What had been a jammed leaderboard turned into Morikawa's tournament to lose.

He didn't, and Casey



Paul Casey

had nothing to do but tip his cap.

"What a shot," Casey said when asked what went through his mind when

he saw Morikawa's ball come to rest.

The 43-year-old Casey shot 4-under 66 to finish at 11 under, tied for second with Dustin Johnson and two shots behind the champion.

Casey is now 0 for 64 in majors — the longest current drought out there. But this was not, in his mind, a day to focus on that.

"I played wonderful golf, simple as that," said Casey, who also has a third at the British Open

and a fourth at the Masters on his resume. "And watching Collin come down ... and what a shot he hit on 16, he deserves it."

Oh, there were places to nitpick Casey's game. There was a 10-footer for birdie on No. 7 that just slid away. There was the seemingly straightforward chip he overcooked near the 13th green, which led to a bogey. But it was his only bogey of the day. He only made three bogeys and one double all week.

"He struck it really well, putted really well," said Brooks Koepka, who played alongside Casey for the final round. "There were two or three putts, if he'd hit 'em (harder), they probably would've gone in."

Casey could have be-

come the first Englishman since Jim Barnes in 1919 to win the PGA. He could have become the third oldest player to win his first major, trailing only Jerry Barber at 45 (1961 PGA) and Robert de Vicenzo at 44 (1967 British Open).

Instead, he is a runner-up for the first time. More than that, he's happy to be finding his form as golf heads into a very busy stretch — with the playoffs, the U.S. Open and the Masters all coming over the next three months.

"I do think I'm in a sweet spot," Casey said. "It's taken me 43 years to get there, but yeah, pretty chilled out. I know what I'm capable of, and I'm enjoying my golf."

After Saturday's third round left him two shots

off the lead, he commented on the strangeness of the week at Harding Park, where no fans were allowed because of the COVID pandemic. "I've had practice rounds that have been more nerve-wracking," he said.

If the feeling changed for the final 18 holes, he never showed it.

He hit seven fairways, but even when he missed, he didn't find much trouble.

He hit his approach shot on No. 14 to 3 feet, and when he tapped in for birdie, he found himself in a seven-way tie for first place at 10 under.

"At that point, you're looking at it going, 'OK, who's going to bust out of this?'" and I'm hoping it was me," he said. "Because it felt like 10 clearly wasn't going to do it. Eleven clearly wasn't going to do it. I had 12 in the back of my mind all day. And that wouldn't have been enough, either."

0 FOR 64

Paul Casey's drought in major championships, the longest currently in golf

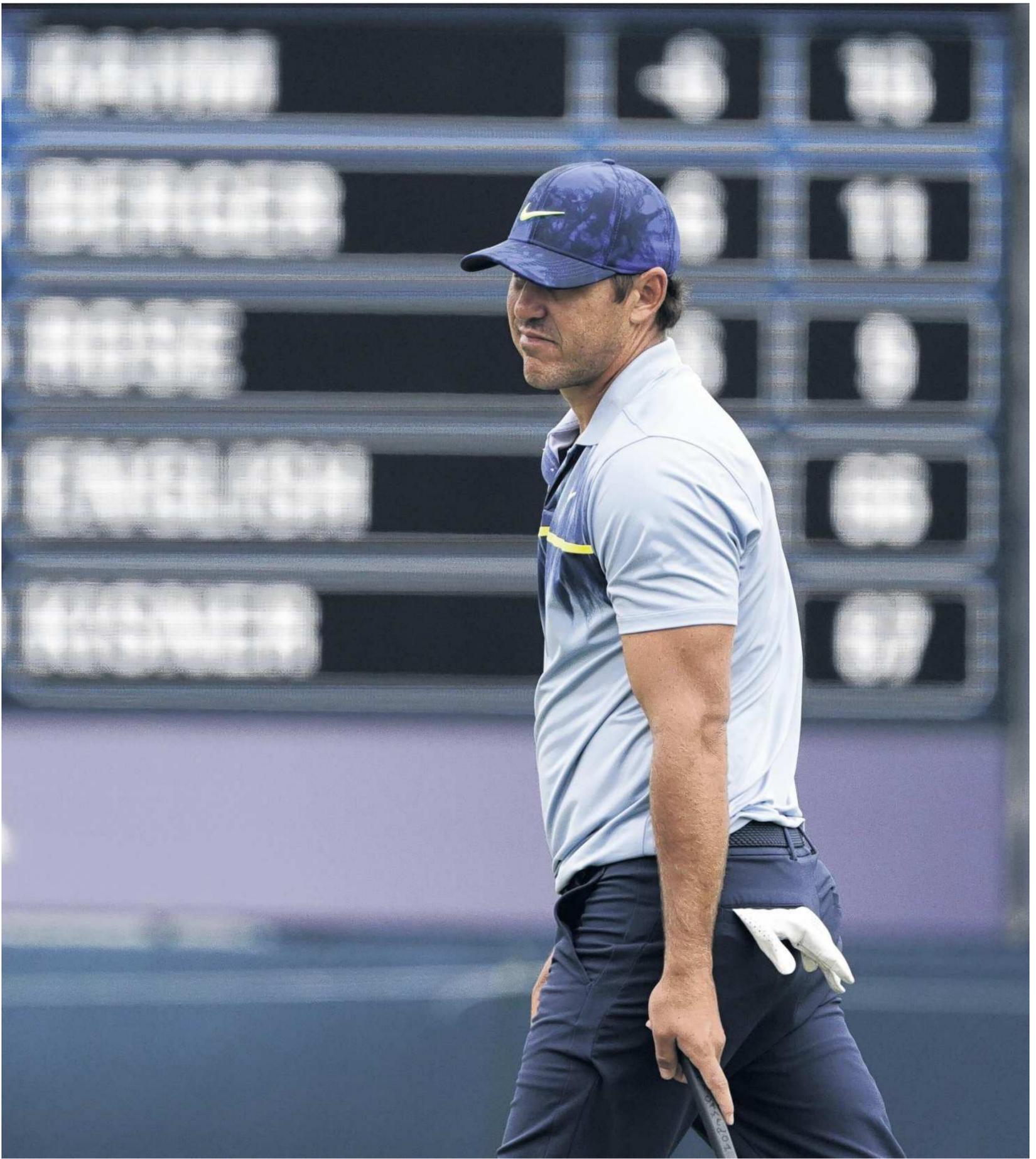
Morikawa certainly wasn't alone in going for the green on the 16th hole, which was playing only 294 yards for the last day. Casey went for it and landed in one of the bunkers protecting the front-left side of the green. He made birdie there. An eagle there a few minutes later is what did him in.

"I love the fact that we're given an opportunity, and then a guy like Collin steps up and shows you what's possible," Casey said.

In a way, Casey showed what's possible, too.

"There's not a lot else I would change," he said. "I shot 66."

"And Collin shot 64."



CHARLIE RIEDEL AP

After having his name on the leaderboard all week in gunning for a third straight PGA Championship, Brooks Koepka struggled on Sunday and finished in a tie for 29th.

COMMENTARY

Plenty of trash talk, then backed up with some trashy play by Koepka

BY TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

Maybe Brooks Koepka should have followed the old golf adage – as tired as it may be – and let his clubs do the talking.

At the very least, he should have given his driver a say.

A day after he raised eyebrows by suggesting some of his fellow players might not be up to the task of winning the PGA Championship, Koepka wasn't either. He imploded on the front nine Sunday with three straight bogeys to lose his chance at a third straight title and fifth major overall.

The meltdown was startling for a player so full of confidence that he couldn't help but talk some trash the night before. So was the decision that started it all, playing safe with an iron on the driveable par-4 seventh hole instead of trying to come from behind and

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YOU KNOW, HEY, IT WASN'T MEANT TO BE. THREE IN A ROW, YOU'RE NOT REALLY SUPPOSED TO DO TWO IN A ROW LOOKING AT HISTORY BUT THAT'S ALL RIGHT. GOT TWO MORE THE REST OF THE SEASON AND WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT FROM THERE.

Brooks Koepka, who limped home with a closing-round 74

make birdie – or even eagle – with a driver in his hand.

The iron shot went into a lousy lie in the deep rough and started the bogey string. When it was over, so were Koepka's chances in a tournament won by 23-year-old Collin Morikawa, who didn't lay up when it really mattered.

It wasn't so much that Koepka didn't win. With a ton of players in contention Sunday, anything was possible.

But he violated the unwritten rule of golf at the top level, especially

when he noted final round favorite Dustin Johnson had only won one major. And that might stay with a lot more of his fellow players than anything that happened on a typical San Francisco day at Harding Park.

“Sort of hard to knock a guy (Johnson) that's got 21 wins on the PGA Tour, which is three times what Brooks has,” Rory McIlroy said.

Koepka, of course, has never been lacking for confidence. His cockiness borders on arrogance and, while he mostly speaks the truth, that rubs some

people the wrong way in the genteel game of golf.

Still, there's no arguing with his success. He's not only won back-to-back PGA Championships, but back-to-back U.S. Opens. Though he only has seven wins overall, he is almost always in contention on Sunday in majors, including the Masters last year when he finished second.

Koepka came into the week with the last two PGA trophies on his mantle, and quickly declared himself ready to win a third. For the better part of three rounds he seemed

poised to do just that, despite a string of three bogeys Saturday that put him two shots behind going into the final round.

Standing in front of a disinfected microphone after his third round, Koepka sounded like the Wanamaker trophy was already his once again.

“I like my chances,” he said. “When I've been in this position before, I've capitalized. I don't know, he's (Johnson) won only one.”

Turns out Koepka was targeting the wrong player. Johnson was in contention much of the day but it was Morikawa – playing in only his second major – who showed experience doesn't always matter when he pulled out a driver on No. 16 and knocked it to 7 feet on his way to an eagle that gave him the lead and, eventually, the tournament.

Koepka, meanwhile, was on his way to the airport after shrugging it off as just another day on

the links.

“I mean, it's my first bad round in a while in a major,” he said.

The good news for Koepka is there's another major just around the corner, the same U.S. Open he's already won twice. The Masters will be in November, so there's plenty of opportunity to add to his trophy case in the tournaments he gets up most for.

If he and Johnson aren't best buddies anymore, well, he's good with that, too. Too much was made of that friendship, he suggested earlier in the week, just because he and Johnson liked to work out together a few years ago.

Koepka will remain true to himself, and there's nothing wrong with that. It's how he approaches golf – and life – and for the most part it's been a successful formula.

No apologies offered. No excuses given.

“You know, hey, it wasn't meant to be,” he said. “Three in a row, you're not really supposed to do two in a row looking at history but that's all right. Got two more the rest of the season and we'll figure it out from there.”



WOODS WILL TAKE NEXT WEEK OFF BEFORE PLAYING THE THREE-WEEK STRETCH OF THE FEDEX CUP PLAYOFFS THAT BEGIN OUTSIDE OF BOSTON ON AUG. 20.

JEFF CHIU AP

Tiger Woods was able to finish in red figures after Sunday's final-round 67. He ended up in a tie for 37th at 1 under, hampered by an inconsistent putter throughout the week.

NOTES

Woods, and his back, have tough schedule after PGA

BY JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

Tiger Woods doesn't know how the strange, compressed schedule will affect him for the rest of the year.

Then again, no one else does, either.

"No one has ever experienced this, having a shutdown during the year," Woods said as he looked ahead to the FedEx Cup playoffs that will be followed two weeks later by the U.S. Open. "It is very different. This is unlike any other year that we've ever experienced in golf."

Woods shot a 3-under 67 on Sunday in the final round of the PGA Championship to finish the tournament at minus-1-eight strokes behind leader Dustin Johnson as he waited to tee off. Woods will take next week off before the three-week

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I FOUGHT HARD, AND TODAY WAS MORE INDICATIVE OF HOW I COULD HAVE PLAYED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY IF I WOULD HAVE MADE A FEW PUTTS EARLY.

Tiger Woods, after closing with a 3-under 67

stretch of the playoffs that begin outside of Boston on Aug. 20; the U.S. Open, which was postponed from June, will be two weeks after the Tour Championship.

Although the schedule is new for everyone, it will be a special challenge for Woods, who at 44 has a balky back and hasn't played on back-to-back weekends since the President's Cup in December.

"We've been training for that. Trying to get my strength and endurance up to that ability to mak-

ing sure that I can handle that type of workload," Woods said. "We'll be pushing it hard to make sure that I can stay strong and have the endurance to keep on going."

Woods struggled at TPC Harding Park for the first three rounds before putting together a solid round on Sunday, when he was already out of contention. He had five birdies and two bogeys, including a 5 on the par-4 18th hole that left him signing for a 67.

If only it had happened sooner.

"If I would have made a few more putts on Friday early on, and the same thing with Saturday, I felt like I would have been right there with a chance come today," he said. "It didn't happen, but I fought hard, and today was more indicative of how I could have played on Friday and Saturday if I would have made a few putts early."

MAJOR BEEF

Rory McIlroy took exception to some comments by two-time defending PGA champion Brooks Koepka and came to the defense of third-round leader Dustin Johnson.

Koepka, a four-time major winner, was two strokes off the lead after Saturday's round when he said he likes his chances because "A lot of the guys on the leaderboard, I don't think have won (a major). I guess DJ's only

won one."

It was the "only" that irked McIlroy. Asked about the comments on Sunday, he said Koepka's attitude reveals "a very different mentality to bring to golf that I don't think a lot of golfers have."

"I certainly try to respect everyone out here. Everyone is a great player. If you've won a major championship, you're a hell of a player," said McIlroy, who has won four. "Doesn't mean you've only won one; you've won one, and you've had to do a lot of good things to do that."

Koepka has won four majors and seven tournaments in all. Johnson has won 21 events.

"Sort of hard to knock a guy that's got 21 wins on the PGA Tour, which is three times what Brooks has," McIlroy said.

A bigger problem for Koepka than his mouth:

He quickly took himself out of contention on Sunday, shooting 4 over on the front nine before finishing with a 74.

NICE SHOT

Byeong Hun An made the first hole-in-one of the tournament, landing his tee shot on No. 11 about 15 feet from the hole before it bounced a few times and rolled the last three feet.

Usually golfers figure out they landed an ace from the cheering galleries. But with no spectators allowed at TPC Harding Park because of the coronavirus pandemic, it was the scream of a lone volunteer that got the message to An on the tee box 189 yards away.

He belatedly threw up his arms in celebration and had a chuckle with playing partner Sepp Straka.

"Judging by his reaction, it's got to be," Straka said.

Tiger Woods was one group ahead of the two-some and had just teed off on No. 12; he missed the commotion while concentrating on his drive. But he had a chance to catch up with An later in the round.

"We got a chance to say congratulations to Ben," Woods said. "And he owes a round to all of us."

One golfer at the PGA didn't keep score

BY SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times

At least one golfer had fans rooting for him in the PGA Championship, and his rounds didn't even count.

Tom Smith, the general manager at Harding Park, had the honor of playing as the marker in the tour-

nament, the extra player who balances the odd-numbered field so that one of the competitors wouldn't have to play on his own.

Smith played with Mackenzie Hughes on Saturday and Sung Kang on Sunday, and wound up getting a stirring ovation from fellow club employees.

After the cut Friday, Smith had another marker in mind, but learned the on-site COVID-19 testing was finished. Therefore, no one else could come into the bubble. Smith essentially had to step in.

"It was a very long night for me," he said of the anticipation Friday. "I've been in operations mode for the championship, and

my team put my clubs together, got my bag ready, got the caddie ready. My good friend, Joe, caddied for me. And we tried to sleep; didn't sleep well, get up and chase it in the morning, so what a day."

Smith, who said he hadn't touched a golf club in weeks because he was preparing the course for

the tournament, estimated he shot in the mid-70s.

"I did have to pick up a few times today just in the interest of pace," he said. "[Kang] was hopeful to catch a flight, which he did make, so we were knowledgeable about our pace. We played in 2 hours and 54 minutes, so we were definitely moving out there today."

As for that rooting section ...

"Probably the most memorable thing for me was the crowd. We were walking down 18 and my whole staff came out of the clubhouse, along with the PGA staff here on-site, and they cheered so loud, people were looking," Smith said. "[Hughes] turned to me and he said, 'You've got the largest crowd at the PGA Championship that was in your corner.' That was very, very special."



GENE J. PUSKAR AP

Danielle Kang is all smiles after winning the Marathon Classic on Sunday in Sylvania, Ohio. It was Kang's second victory since the LPGA's restart.

Kang seizes on Ko collapse to win 2nd straight in Ohio

Associated Press

SYLVANIA, OHIO

Danielle Kang had a careless three-putt bogey when she could least afford it, leaving her five shots behind Lydia Ko with six holes to play Sunday in the Marathon Classic.

She said to her caddie, "Man, that's too costly." He told her she had six holes left.

"It gave me hope," Kang said. "Sometimes

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I THINK A BIG PART OF HOW I'VE APPROACHED THE GOLF GAME IS I'M REALLY NOT FOCUSED ON A LOT OF OTHER THINGS OTHER THAN JUST GETTING BETTER AT THINGS I WANT TO GET BETTER AT. WE ALWAYS HAVE ROOM TO IMPROVE, AND THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF GOLF.

Danielle Kang

when you're that far behind, you feel like you have to do a lot to get to that end.”

Kang delivered a stunning rally without having to do nearly as much as she might have thought,

mainly because of a collapse by Ko that was equally shocking, especially the double bogey on the

par-5 closing hole at Highland Meadows.

Kang followed her late bogey with two straight birdies, and four closing pars for a 3-under 68 that was enough for a one-shot victory and her second straight win in Ohio.

Ko was poised to end two years and 44 tournaments without a victory. She made bogey on the 14th hole, and with Kang's birdies, the lead suddenly was down to two. Ko dropped another shot on the 16th, and caught a

break when Kang was in position for birdie on the par-5 17th and had to settle for par.

But on the closing par 5, Ko fell apart. She hit her chip through the green. With a slightly uphill lie in patchy rough, Ko muffed the chip and watched it roll into a bunker. She blasted that out to 10 feet and missed the putt that would have forced a play-off. She wound up with a 73.

"I think it's God's way of telling me it wasn't my day," Ko said.

Jodi Ewart Shadoff, in contention for the second straight week but still without an LPGA victory, played bogey-free after the opening hole for a 67. She wound up in a tie for second with Ko.

Ko reached No. 1 in the world as a teenager and now is outside the top 50. Her back had been troubling her all week, but this appeared to be more about nerves. She also caught a dicey lie for her third shot on the 18th, sending it over the green. Then, she failed to hit her chip hard enough from the fluffy lie in the rough.

"Even my first chip. If I had hit it 4 feet shorter, then maybe it would've stayed on the green. Who knows?" Ko said. "When you look back, you're like, 'Maybe I should have done this, maybe I should have done that.' But, I mean, what can you do?"

Kang finished at 15-under 269 in winning for the fifth time in her LPGA Tour career. The two-time U.S. Women's Amateur champion won last week when the LPGA Tour resumed its schedule at tough Inverness Club in nearby Toledo, site of next year's Solheim Cup.

Now, Kang is a back-to-back winner and has established herself as the top American player, with sights set on No. 1.

"I've been playing really great consistently before and after quarantine," Kang said. "I think a big part of how I've approached the golf game is I'm really not focused on a lot of other things other than just getting better at things I want to get better at. We always have room to improve, and that's the beauty of golf."

Minjee Lee finished eagle-birdie for a 68 to finish alone in fourth.

The LPGA Tour, which resumed after six months because of the pandemic, now heads to Scotland for two weeks for the Ladies Scottish Open and the Women's British Open.

ROUNDUP

ZHANG WINS US WOMEN'S AMATEUR TO DENY RUFFELS A REPEAT

Rose Zhang thought she might need to withdraw from the U.S. Women's Amateur because of a left wrist injury. Instead, she didn't play for 10 days to have her best chance.

It turned out to be a winning decision.

Zhang won the longest U.S. Women's Amateur title match in 54 years, denying Gabriela Ruffels a repeat victory Sunday when the 20-year-old Australia missed a 3-foot par putt on the 38th hole.

"To have my name on the trophy with the best players of all-time is life-changing for me," Zhang said. "It's a dream come true."

Neither player led by more than 2 up the entire 36-hole match, and they halved the last five holes with par to force extra

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U.S. Women's Amateur champ Rose Zhang

holes for the first time since 2001.

Zhang, a 17-year-old Californian who has committed to play at Stanford next year, sent it to overtime with a clutch flop-and-run from the rough 95 yards away on the 18th hole to tap-in range.

On the first extra hole, Zhang missed about a 12-foot putt for the win.

On the 38th hole, Ruffels went just beyond the green from the rough and hit a good pitch to about 3 feet. Zhang missed her birdie putt, and then Ruffels' par putt to extend the match spun around the cup.

"You can't take any putt for granted out here," Ruffels said. "These greens are crazy fast, and that did have a little break to it. I was playing it outside of the hole. I actually hit it on my line, but it was heartbreaking to see it horseshoe out."

Ruffels, who plays at USC, was trying to become the first back-to-back winner of the U.S. Women's Amateur since Danielle Kang in 2011.

Ruffels, who trailed early in all her matches leading to the final, this time built a 2-up lead through three holes, only for Zhang to quickly rally. The match was particular-

ly wild toward the end of the first 18 holes. Ruffels won the 18th to cut the deficit to 1 down. That was part of an eight-hole stretch in which only two holes were halved.

Ruffels made an 8-foot birdie on the par-3 13th in the afternoon to square the match for the last time until Zhang won it with par on the 38th hole.

"Today was a very long 38 holes," Zhang said. "In the middle of the round, my wrist was feeling weird, so I tried to stretch it out as much as I could before going to the next shot that I had. I don't think that my wrist was too much of a hindrance, but it definitely was in the back of my mind."

It was the second-longest championship match since the U.S. Women's Amateur started match play in 1896. The record was 41 holes in 1966, when JoAnne Gunderson

beat Marlene Stewart Streit, who both are in the World Golf Hall of Fame.

EMOTIONAL SULLIVAN ENDS TITLE WAIT AT ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP

An emotional Andy Sullivan ended a near five-year wait for his fourth European Tour title as he recorded a seven-shot victory at the English Championship in Ware on Sunday.

Heading into the final round at Hanbury Manor with a five-shot advantage, Sullivan saw his lead cut to just two by Spain's Adrian Otaegui (66).

But while his challenger faltered over the closing stages, Sullivan recorded four birdies on the back nine to shoot a 6-under 65 for a 27-under 257 total.

The victory was his first on the European Tour since the 2015 Portugal Masters and his first since

the birth of his son and the deaths of both his brother-in-law as well as a close friend.

Tears flowed as Sullivan was greeted by his family via a laptop that was set up off the 18th green after he finished the round.

"I think it was just the people that have missed it for me," he said when asked about his emotional reaction. "My brother-in-law was only 24 and got taken from us, so it's quite emotional for him not to witness it. A good friend of mine has passed as well. It means a lot to do that for them."

"It's just nice for my family, to win for my little boy who's only 2 years old. It's just nice for him to see daddy being successful. He hasn't quite seen that."

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CHARLIE NEIBERGALL AP

The Big Ten logo is displayed before a game between Iowa and Miami of Ohio in Iowa City, Iowa. The Big Ten's university presidents and chancellors held a previously unscheduled meeting Sunday night, but no votes were taken or decisions made about the football season, a person with knowledge of the meeting told The Associated Press

Power 5 conference leaders meet to discuss season, as players push to play

Meeting called Sunday, a day after Mid-American Conference cancels fall sports

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

The Power Five conference commissioners met Sunday to discuss mounting concern about whether a college football season can be played in a pandemic, and players took to social media to urge leaders to let them play.

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said no decisions on the season have been made, but conceded the outlook has not improved.

"Are we in a better place today than two weeks ago?" he said. "No, we're not."

Bowlsby cited "growing evidence and the growing pool of data around myocarditis."

Myocarditis is inflammation of the heart and it has been found in some COVID-19 patients. There is concern it could be a long-term complication of contracting the virus even in young, healthy people, a group that has usually avoided severe cardiovascular symptoms.

Also Sunday night, the Big Ten's university presidents and chancellors held a previously unscheduled meeting, a person with knowledge of the meeting told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting was not announced by the conference.

Another person with direct knowledge of the meeting speaking on condition of anonymity said no votes were taken or decisions made about the college football season.

The final call on whether major college football will played this season rests in the hands of the university presi-



CARLOS OSORIO AP

Members of the Miami of Ohio team pose on the field after the 2019 Mid-American Conference championship against Central Michigan, in Detroit. The Mid-American Conference on Saturday became the first league competing at college football's highest level to cancel its fall season because of COVID-19 concerns. A person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press the university presidents voted to not play in the fall and consider a spring season. The person spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because an official announcement was still being prepared.

dents who oversee the largest conferences.

All this activity comes a day after the Mid-American Conference became the first among 10 leagues that play at the highest tier of Division I college football to cancel fall sports because of concerns about keeping athletes from contracting and spreading COVID-19.

The MAC's decision came less than a month before the first games are scheduled to be played and raised questions if other conferences might follow.

Also on Saturday, the Big Ten slowed its ramp up to the season, announcing its teams would not be permitted to start full contact practices until further notice. The Big Ten season is

scheduled to start Labor Day weekend.

Meanwhile, college football players took to social media Sunday to push for the season to go on, led by Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence with a series of tweets.

"People are at just as much, if not more risk, if we don't play," Lawrence tweeted. "Players will

all be sent home to their own communities where social distancing is highly unlikely and medical care and expenses will be placed on the families if they were to contract covid19."

Penn State tight end Pat Freiermuth had a similar message.

"Since day one coming back to campus the Penn State Football staff and medical experts have put our health and safety first, above anything else," he tweeted. "The guidelines put into place keep us safe while playing the game we love. We are ready to play and we want to play."

Other players tweeted with the hashtag #WeWantToPlay.

The parents of Ohio State football players weighed in, too, posting a letter saying they were confident in the university's plan to keep their sons safe.

"We believe that this age group represents some of the healthiest individuals, while we recognize the risk cannot be eliminated, we believe the risk is minimal and the season can safely and responsibly occur," wrote the Football Parents Association at Ohio State.

Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick said he has heard the same from Fighting Irish football players. Notre Dame has had only two COVID-19 cases since it began testing athletes.

"I've been around our guys and they think it's safe and they want to try and play," Swarbrick said. "If we change course, we better be able to articulate the reason for doing so to our student-athletes. They are going to want to know why."

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PEOPLE ARE AT JUST AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE RISK, IF WE DON'T PLAY. PLAYERS WILL ALL BE SENT HOME TO THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES WHERE SOCIAL DISTANCING IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY AND MEDICAL CARE AND EXPENSES WILL BE PLACED ON THE FAMILIES IF THEY WERE TO CONTRACT COVID19.

Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence in a tweet



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Oklahoma wide receiver Cameron Kenney, left, turns up field after making a reception in front of Connecticut defensive end Trevardo Williams, right, in the second quarter of the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1, 2011, in Glendale, Ariz.

'WHEN THERE'S A PROTOCOL THAT SEPARATES OUT A PORTION OF THE TEAM, YOU'RE REALLY DIVIDED FROM YOUR TEAMMATES. IT CAUSES YOU TO RETHINK, WHY ARE YOU HERE?'

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between 5,000 and 8,000 students would be returning. He wondered what game days would look like: Would his team dress at their hotel and then bus to the stadium? Would players wear masks on the sideline until they went into the game? Could they retreat to a locker room at halftime?

And would the players be required to isolate themselves for 14 days, under Gov. Ned Lamont's orders, after returning from games in places where the virus was not under control, like California, Tennessee and Virginia?

The next day, Edsall spoke with some of his players.

"They say to me: Coach, there's no way that we can play a season," Edsall said.

Edsall convened a meeting with his team's leadership council, which represents every position group, along with athletic director David Benedict, the team doctor and the trainer before conveying their reluctance about playing to the board of trustees and President Thomas Katsouleas.

On Wednesday morning, Connecticut became the first Football Bowl Subdivision team to cancel its season because of



STEPHEN DUNN MCT

Teammates and fans honor the memory of slain Huskies football player Jasper Howard before a game against Rutgers in 2009. The university announced Wednesday it canceled its 2020-2021 football season.

the pandemic. On Saturday, the Mid-American Athletic Conference became the first FBS league to announce it would not play in the fall.

To be sure, there were other reasons for Connecticut to pull the plug. The football program is swimming in red ink - it had a \$13 million deficit last year - and it may well be less costly for the Huskies not to play this season. And as an independent,

they had already lost six games from the schedule because opponents had moved to conference-only games.

But the decision, Katsouleas said, was largely driven by the players. "I know our student-athletes love to compete and there's a very strong sense of team," the UConn president said in an interview. "When there's a protocol that separates out a portion of

the team, you're really divided from your teammates. It causes you to rethink, why are you here?"

That question is being asked with increasing frequency by college players around the country at the moment, particularly in the Pac-12, Big Ten and Mountain West conferences, where players have organized to call for greater health protections, among other demands.

As such, they are the ones giving the most scrutiny to a return - as the NCAA stands by, unwilling so far to throw itself in the way of the Power Five conferences as they push toward football. Playing games would allow the top football universities to salvage hundreds of millions of dollars in television rights fees for this season, even

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MAC CANCELS FALL FOOTBALL SEASON DUE TO VIRUS

The Mid-American Conference on Saturday became the first league competing at college football's highest level to cancel its fall season because of COVID-19 concerns.

A person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press the university president's voted to not play in the fall and consider a spring season. The person spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because an official announcement was still being prepared.

With the MAC's 12 schools facing a significant financial burden by trying to maintain costly coronavirus protocols, the conference's university presidents made the decision to explore a spring season.

MAC schools rely heavily on revenue from playing road games against power conference teams. Most of those games were canceled when the Power Five went to exclusively or mostly conference games. Without them, the strain of trying to implement all that it would take to keep players and staff safe during a pandemic became too much.

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at schools where students are not returning to the classroom.

The Big Ten announced Saturday that its teams would not practice in pads until further notice, which at least gives teams the chance to practice social distancing, but it raises questions about how physically prepared they would be if their seasons open as scheduled on Labor Day weekend.

Shortly after UConn announced its decision Wednesday, the NCAA Board of Governors punted a decision on fall sports championships back to each division, who were all given two more weeks, until Aug. 21, to make their calls. Divisions II and III needed only hours to cancel all fall sports championships.

Along with the board's announcement came a list of measures that might be best described as looking good only on paper: a hotline to report schools not following protocols, mandating testing at least once a week and within 72 hours of a game, and requiring that scholarships for athletes who opt out be honored.

The measures will certainly do little to comfort players at Colorado State, which is investigating a report that said coach Steve Addazio pressured players to avoid testing. Or at Washington State, where players who were considering opting out for health reasons – but were questioned by coach Nick Rolovich about their involvement in a player protest movement – were removed from the team. Or in the Pac-12, where 18 players who pushed for the same uniform testing protocols as the NFL said Commissioner Larry Scott was dismissive of their concerns.

As of Sunday, at least 30 players had opted out of Power Five programs, with some of them saying they would instead prepare for the NFL draft. And the Big Sky became the seventh Football Championship Subdivision conference (out of 13) to say it would not play football this fall.

Gretchen Snoeyenbos Newman, an infectious disease fellow at the University of Washington, said, "The rapidity with which Division II and Division III came back with their answer is a guide to the NCAA that schools that don't have large financial stakes in continuing to have their fall sports programs have decided it's not in the athletes' best interest to play."

But even the Division III decision is an example of how the NCAA, even in a moment of crisis, can be hindered by process.

The division's management council (mostly administrators), which advises its governing board (mostly school presidents), voted nearly unanimously to cancel fall sports championships when they met July 21. It took more than two weeks for the governing board to act on it.

In that time, Heather



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Connecticut head coach Randy Edsall is seen during the first half of a college football game in 2019 in Amherst, Mass. UConn canceled its 2020-2021 football season on Wednesday, becoming the first FBS program to suspend football because of the coronavirus pandemic. In the days leading up to the decision, Edsall wondered what game days would look like: Would his team dress at their hotel and then bus to the stadium? Would players wear masks on the sideline until they went into the game? Could they retreat to a locker room at halftime?



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A pack of UConn defenders tackle Missouri Tigers quarterback Maty Mauk during the fourth quarter of a game in 2015 at Faurot Field in Columbia, Missouri.

Benning, commissioner of the Midwest Conference and chair of the Division III management council, said that when her board made its recommendation, 20 of the 43 conferences had already canceled some sports. By Wednesday, she said 42 of the 43 had done so.

"The health and safety piece doesn't change," she said when asked why Division II and III have

canceled fall championships while Division I has not. "Because Division I hasn't publicly announced a decision, I don't think it means they're looking at different standards. A lot of it comes down to resources. For Division III, a big factor for us has been access to testing."

The lack of authoritative guidance from the NCAA echoes what has happened around the

country: The federal government has largely left state and local governments to interpret health recommendations as they see fit.

The NCAA has given no standards for how to respond based on transmission rates, so a school like Northwestern shut down workouts after a lone positive test (which it later said was false) and Clemson has continued despite

having at least 37 players test positive – including defensive end Xavier Thomas, who will redshirt while recovering from COVID-19 and strep throat.

"We haven't defined and stuck by what we mean by low levels of transmission," said Newman, the infectious disease doctor. "Because we don't have an objective number – if we hit this

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number, we feel OK; if not, we don't feel OK – we're stuck in this qualitative world of low, medium and high. It's very difficult to make decisions that way.”

At Connecticut, the number of cases was moot. It just became apparent that keeping them low was too onerous.

Still, Katsouleas, the university's president, was loath to suggest that other schools follow his lead, saying he appreciated the autonomy to put in effect a rigorous protocol for reopening that will allow students and faculty to largely decide whether they will attend in-person or remotely.

Edsall, too, said the decision was merely right for UConn.

But he did explain why he was so adamant that it was the right decision, his voice catching with emotion when he said he would be making the same decision if he were at a Power Five school: "These young men's lives are more important than money."

He recalled from his first tour as the school's coach, when one of his players – Jasper Howard – was stabbed to death in a fight after a game in 2009. Edsall identified Howard's body at the hospital and notified his family.

"Some of those things stick with you," Edsall said.

He added: "Knowing these young kids – you're their teachers, you're their coaches, you're their mentors. You become the parent away from home and the No. 1 thing is you have to make decisions that keep their health and safety and welfare at the highest level because of the commitment that you have to them and their parents."

Too often, though, that pledge – which seems to be included in every school, conference and NCAA statement – comes with a caveat.

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It's official: NBA will have a play-in series in the West

BY TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

It's now official: There will be a play-in series to determine the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Memphis' 108-99 loss to Toronto on Sunday means that it's no longer possible for more than a four-game difference in the standings between the eighth- and ninth-place finishers in the West when

Playoffs scheduled to begin Aug. 17

the seeding game schedule ends later this week.

By the rules the NBA set for this season's restart, there had to be more than a four-game cushion for the No. 8 team to get the final playoff spot outright. The league decided to add the play-in series option in an abundance of fairness, since about 14% of the regular season schedule was eliminated because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Memphis remains alone in eighth place, even after Sunday's loss. No team has clinched a spot in the play-in series; the Grizzlies could have assured themselves of no worse than that had they beaten the Raptors on Sunday.

Game 1 of the play-in series will be Saturday, with Game 2 - if necessary - the following day, Aug. 16. To advance and face the top-seeded Los An-

geles Lakers in the first round, the eighth-place team will have to win one of the two games and the ninth-place finisher would have to go 2-0.

ABC will air Game 1 of the play-in series on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. EDT. Game 2, if necessary, would be Aug. 16 at 4:30 p.m. on ESPN.

There will be no play-in series in the Eastern Conference; Brooklyn and

Orlando have secured what were the last two available spots on that bracket, with Washington - the only other team that came to Disney with a chance of qualifying in the East - already eliminated.

The playoffs begin Monday, Aug. 17. "Obviously, that's what everybody's goal is," New Orleans coach Alvin Gentry said Sunday.

The matchup for the play-in will be known no later than Thursday. There are four seeding games on Friday, the last day of the regular season, though none of them will have any bearing on the West matchup.

WNBA ROUNDUP

ACES 78, LIBERTY 76 BRADENTON, FLA.

A'ja Wilson scored 31 points and her short shot with seven seconds lifted the Las Vegas Aces past the New York Liberty 78-76 on Sunday.

Kia Nurse missed a jump shot after, and out of a timeout following an offensive rebound, the Liberty turned it over to end the game.

Wilson's winner was only the second lead for Las Vegas the entire game. Wilson shot 10 of 17 from the floor and made 11 of 12 free throws.

Jackie Young scored 15 and Dearica Hamby 13. Amanda Zahui B. led the Liberty (1-6) with 20 points, Layshia Clarendon scored 15 and Joyner Holmes 11.

SPARKS 97, LYNX 81 BRADENTON, FLA.

Riquna Williams scored 21 points and led five Los Angeles Sparks players in double digits in a 97-81 win over the Minnesota Lynx on Sunday.

Candace Parker scored 11, grabbed 10 rebounds and distributed nine assists in the win. Parker entered the game with four straight double-doubles and is averaging a double-double in points and rebounds this year.

Seimone Augustus scored 13 for Los Angeles (4-3) in her first game against her former team where she spent 13 seasons. Sydney Wiese scored 15 points and Chelsea Gray 10.

Crystal Dangerfield led the Lynx (5-2) with 29 points and Bridget Carleton and Damiris Dantas scored 15 apiece. Napheesa Collier scored 10. Minnesota's Sylvia Fowles missed the game due to injury.

Collier made a pair of free throws to give Minnesota its first lead at 56-55 with 4:22 left in the third quarter. After an exchange of baskets, Williams made a basket and a 3-pointer for a 64-61 lead and the Sparks never trailed again.

FEVER 91, MYSTICS 84 BRADENTON, FLA.

Kelsey Mitchell scored a season-high 29 points, Teaira McCowan posted a double-double and the Indiana Fever beat the Washington Mystics 91-84 on Sunday night.

Mitchell scored 20 or more for the fourth time this season, second to the Las Vegas Aces' A'ja Wilson, who has done it five times this season.

McCowan made a pair of free throws at 5:28 before halftime to give Indiana a 36-35 lead. The Fever (3-4) took control with a 16-4 scoring run before the break.

McCowan finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds, Tiffany Mitchell scored 14, Julie Allemand 13 and Candice Dupree 10 with nine rebounds. The Fever ended an 11-game regular-season losing streak against Washington.

Emma Meesseman scored 19 for the Mystics (3-4) and was held to just a basket in the second half. Meesseman entered the game needing three rebounds to reach 1,000 in her eight-year WNBA career. She finished with two boards.

Tianna Hawkins scored 17 for Washington, Leilani Mitchell 14 and Myisha Hines-Allen 11.

— WIRE REPORTS



Indiana Pacers forward T.J. Warren (1) celebrates with Malcolm Brogdon (7) and Victor Oladipo (4) after a play against the Los Angeles Lakers during a game Saturday. Warren, not even a top-50 scorer when the pandemic hit, is leading the bubble in points per game so far, averaging 34.4.

ANALYSIS

No shortage of points scored inside the NBA's bubble

BY TIM REYNOLDS
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LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

The last time there was a slate of five or more NBA games on the same day, with every team scoring at least 110 points, was more than 32 years ago.

That is, until the opening of the league's so-called bubble amid the coronavirus pandemic - where it already has happened twice.

Scoring numbers are soaring inside the NBA's bubble, where the restarted season is happening at Walt Disney World. Through Sunday, 15 of the 22 teams inside the bubble were exceeding what had been their scoring averages before the season was suspended on March 11 because of COVID-19.

Games on average have seen nine points more than what had been the norm this season. The number of 3-pointers in each contest - which had been on a record clip when the season got suspended - is up as well. And Indiana's T.J. Warren, not even a top-50 scorer when the pandemic

hit, is leading the bubble in points per game so far, averaging 34.4 and nearly doubling what was his season average.

"T.J. Warren is on a different planet right now," Pacers guard Victor Oladipo said.

He's not alone. The bubble is working for just about everybody, or so it seems.

There was a six-game NBA schedule on Feb. 21, 1988, and all the teams playing that night scored at least 110 points. That hadn't happened, on a day of five or more games, again in the NBA until July 31 - the second day of bubble games. It happened again Saturday.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle says there might be multiple reasons why the numbers are up, but foremost on the list is that the NBA has created an environment where players are comfortable.

"We came from a situation at home where players could only do individual workouts, you know, with a coach with a mask on and rubber gloves," Carlisle said. "When you walked in the practice facility, you had to clean your shoes. You

had to fill out a form, you had to take your temperature, you had to do a lot of things and that was before serial testing began. So a lot has gone into this."

It's paying off.

Maybe this should have been expected, even after teams went 4 1/2 months without playing a real game during the suspension. Hostile fans aren't screaming at and distracting shooters in the bubble. Nobody is weary from a long flight the night before. And the conditions inside the three different game arenas at Disney - from the lighting to the temperature - are relatively close to identical.

"Obviously, even though we are playing on different courts, they all kind of feel like the same arena," Milwaukee's Brook Lopez said. "It's not like we're going from Milwaukee to Philly, Miami, back to Milwaukee or anything like that. It's pretty consistent in that regard."

A team that is among the few exceptions to the bubble scoringfest right now is the Los Angeles Lakers, who have the No. 1 seed for the Western



LeBron James and the Lakers are the No. 1 seed in the West but are scoring a restart-low 100.8 points per game.

Conference playoffs but are managing a restart-low 100.8 points per game at Disney.

"It's a very weird dynamic," Lakers star LeBron James said. "I haven't played in an empty gym in a very, very long time. It's been a very long time since no one has been watching me play the game. I'm just trying to find that rhythm and lock in."

Put simply, it is taking a ton of points to win. Entering the bubble, San Antonio had been 58-5 under coach Gregg Popovich when scoring 125 points or more; the Spurs are 0-2 at Disney when scoring that many. And through Sunday, there had been 61 games completed in the bubble - with the winning team scoring at least 100 points in all 61 of them.

"I think shooting travels," said Orleans' J.J. Redick. "If you can make shots, you can make

shots. ... I've shot in high school gyms. I've shot in civic centers. I've shot in arenas. I've shot in basements of Catholic administrative buildings. If you can make shots, you can make shots."

Carlisle has another theory or explanation that can't be argued: Wherever they are, bubble or no bubble, pandemic or no pandemic, NBA players in this era can score from practically anywhere.

"To me, it's just the level of aggression of the players," Carlisle said. "And the fact that, you know, the skill sets of NBA players are increasing exponentially by the month. I mean, it's just getting harder and harder to guard these guys. There's a high level of enthusiasm. The closeness of the games has been crazy to watch. It's just been a very special time here - even though it's been unusual."

Embiid injures ankle as Lillard powers Blazers past 76ers with 51 POINTS

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

Everything is back to normal for Damian Lillard.

The All-Star point guard scored 51 points after a frustrating finish a night earlier, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Philadelphia 76ers 124-121 on Sunday.

On Saturday against the Los Angeles Clippers, Lillard missed a pair of free throws with 18.6 seconds to go and a 3-pointer with 9.5 seconds left in a 122-117 loss. Clippers players Paul George and Patrick Beverley were seen laughing at Lillard's misfortune.

Lillard got the last laugh Sunday by scoring 18 points in the fourth quarter.

"It wasn't really so much my performance yesterday and I wanted to perform a certain way today," he said. "It was like, we let one slip that we should have had yesterday, and I'm a big part of why it got away from us. So tonight, I was like 'That's not going to happen.'"

Portland bounced back and pulled within a half-game of Memphis for eighth place in the Western Conference. The Trail Blazers increased their chances of qualifying for the play-in series, which will start Saturday.

The 76ers lost much more than the game. All-Star center Joel Embiid left in the first quarter with what the team called a left ankle injury, and he did not return. He contested a shot, then backed up and stepped awkwardly into the stanchion. He had been averaging 30 points per game since the restart.

76ers coach Brett Brown wouldn't say whether Embiid would miss time.

"I'm going to learn more physically," Brown said. "I don't know enough to comment on it."

It was more bad injury news for the 76ers. All-Star point guard Ben Simmons is out indefinitely with an injured left knee.



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Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard dunks the ball during the fourth quarter of Sunday's game against the Philadelphia 76ers. Lillard scored 51 points, making 16 of 28 shot attempts, as the Trail Blazers beat the 76ers 124-121.

Josh Richardson scored a season-high 34 points and Alec Burks added 20 for Philadelphia. The 76ers would have moved into a tie with the Indiana Pacers and Miami Heat for fourth place in the Eastern Conference standings with a win.

Without their stars, the 76ers fell behind by 17 in the second quarter and trailed 67-58 at halftime.

The game tightened up late. Philadelphia's Al Horford hit a 3-pointer to trim Portland's lead to 122-121. Portland's Jusuf Nurkic made two free throws with 10.2 seconds remaining to put his team up three. Richardson missed a 3-pointer for Philadelphia, and the 76ers couldn't get another shot off after a scramble for the rebound.

TIP-INS

76ers: Horford was issued a technical foul in the third quarter. He scored 15 points. ... Burks scored 15 points in the fourth quarter.

Trail Blazers: Lillard scored a basket in the first quarter when he drove to the hoop and his pass bounced off Philadelphia's Tobias Harris, off the backboard and into the basket. ... Carmelo Anthony scored 20 points and moved into 15th place on the NBA's career scoring list.

AGGRESSIVE APPROACH

Lillard made 16 of 28 shots and 15 of 16 free throws.

"I did tell myself coming into the game I coming out off the rip as soon as the ball gets tossed in the air, I'm going. I'm attacking," he said. "And that was that."

STAT LINES

Lillard made 5 of 6 field goals and 5 of 6 free throws in the fourth quarter.

UP NEXT

76ers: Play the Phoenix Suns on Tuesday.
Trail Blazers: Play the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday.

Thunder keep Wizards winless in bubble with 121-103 win

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

Rookie Darius Bazley scored a career-high 23 points off the bench, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat Washington 121-103 on Sunday to keep the Wizards the only winless team inside the NBA bubble.

Bazley was 5 of 8 from 3-point range. Danilo Gallinari scored 20 points, and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander added 18 as Oklahoma City led from the opening bucket and improved to 3-2 in the seeding games.

"Darius got good shots and the ball went in," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said.

Mike Muscala also scored 18 points. Chris Paul had 13 points and nine assists, and Hamidou

Diallo finished with 13 points for the Thunder.

The Wizards, who came into this game already eliminated from playoff contention, dropped to 0-6 since the NBA restarted the season. Coach Scott Brooks said he thought the Wizards took a step back over the first 10 minutes before competing the rest of the game.

"The name of the game is to win," Brooks said. "We're all in it to win. We haven't won a game, but we're still going to teach and we're still going to grow and we're still going to work on the correct habits. That's what we're all here to do."

The Thunder certainly didn't take the Wizards lightly.

"It's almost scarier to play a team who has noth-

ing to lose," Bazley said. "And on our end, we just wanted to make sure we were staying disciplined and just to keep building good habits and create an identity for ourselves."

Jerome Robinson led Washington with 19 points off the bench. Isaac Bonga scored 14 points, Troy Brown Jr. and Moritz Wagner each had 12, Riu Hachimura added 11 and Ish Smith 10.

The Thunder opened with Muscala hitting back-to-back 3s as part of a quick 10-0 lead as the Wizards missed their first seven shots. Oklahoma City led 32-23 after the first quarter and 64-48 at halftime.

Oklahoma City just kept pushing the lead to as much as 22 when Muscala hit a 3-pointer with 8:15 left for a 76-54 lead. The

Wizards pulled within 83-70 on Robinson's 3-pointer with 2:16 remaining, but the Thunder led 90-75 at the end of the third.

TIP-INS

Wizards: G Shabazz Napier sat out with a sprained right ankle. ... Improving the 3-point shot has been a focus of the Wizards even with the chance at a play-in game gone, and the Wizards got plenty of shots that didn't go down. They shot 26% (9 of 36) beyond the arc. ... Outscored the Thunder 48-42 in the paint.

Thunder: Matched a season high with 18 made 3-pointers, shooting 18-of-39 for 46.2%. They also made 18 3s against Miami on Jan. 17. ... Played without C Steven Adams due to a bruised lower leg and Nerlens Noel. Muscala played after missing the last two games in the concussion protocol. ... Snapped a two-game skid to the Wizards.



KIM KLEMENT AP

Thunder guard Chris Paul brings the ball upcourt against Wizards forward Isaac Bonga during the second half of Sunday's game. The Thunder beat the Wizards 121-103.

EARLY TIPOFF

This game tipped off at 12:30 p.m. EDT. Combined with playing a team that has yet to win inside the bubble could have been an issue for the Thunder. Muscala said they understand they have to create their own energy in these games even with the virtual fans and team colors on the screens.

"At the end of the day, it's a stark contrast from a typical game in the NBA,"

Muscala said. "So it's a challenge that I think we're enjoying something new and different. But we've got to approach every game regardless of the team the same way and focus on what we have to do and bring our own energy."

UP NEXT

Wizards: Play Milwaukee on Tuesday night.
Thunder: Play the Phoenix Suns on Monday.



STEPHEN M. DOWELL / TNS

Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum is fouled by Orlando Magic guard D.J. Augustin during Sunday's game. Tatum scored 29 points, including the tying basket with 4.2 seconds left in regulation, as the Celtics won 122-119 in overtime.

Hayward scores 31 as Celtics edge Magic 122-119 in OT

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

Gordon Hayward showed early just how aggressive he would be as he drove the lane. He provided another reminder late of how dangerous he can be with the ball in his hands.

Hayward hit three free throws with 2:29 left in overtime, and the Boston Celtics beat the Orlando Magic 122-119 on Sunday for their third straight victory.

The Celtics hadn't scored in overtime until Hayward went to the line after being fouled by Nikola Vucevic. His free throws put Boston up 115-114 as the Celtics scored 10 of the first 15 points in overtime.

"When he's attacking, we're better because he just makes a lot of great reads with the ball," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said.

Hayward finished with 31 points. He also had nine rebounds and five assists, and he was 12-of-18 shooting trying only five 3-pointers. Hayward said he tried to attack a little more in this game.

"I think that our team is

at our best when I'm aggressive and attacking," Hayward said. "It opens the court for everyone else. A lot of times when I'm attacking it doesn't necessarily end up in me scoring, but it can be a pass or an extra or something else."

Jayson Tatum scored 29, including the tying basket with 4.2 seconds left in regulation. Jaylen Brown had 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Brad Wanamaker had 10 points.

Boston came in locked into the No. 3 seed in the East after Toronto's win over Memphis earlier Sunday. The Celtics now are 4-2 inside the bubble.

The Magic also already had a playoff berth clinched despite losing three straight. Even short-handed with Aaron Gordon missing his second straight with a strained left hamstring and Evan Fournier out with an illness, Orlando coach Steve Clifford wasn't happy.

"I just told them in the locker room that it wasn't the effort I was looking for," Clifford said. "We made a bunch of shots, but it's got to be better than that."

Vucevic led Orlando

with 26 points and 11 rebounds. Terrence Ross had 18 points and Markelle Fultz 16 off the bench. Gary Clark added 15 points, D.J. Augustin 12 and James Ennis III 10.

The Magic led by as much as five twice in the final 5:14 of regulation, the last on a 10-footer by Vucevic with 48 seconds left. Tatum hit a 3-pointer, Daniel Theis blocked a shot by Augustin, then Tatum scored again to tie it at 112.

Tatum blocked a 3 by Ross with 2.1 seconds left, and Hayward missed a long heave that bounced off the backboard to send the game into overtime.

The Magic hit five of their first 10 3s and led by as much as seven in the first quarter before Boston pulled within 29-28 by the end of the quarter. Brown, who was 0-of-3 shooting in the first quarter, scored 11 in the second as the Celtics were ahead 55-51 at halftime after leading by as much as eight.

Boston led 87-86 at the end of the third quarter.

TIP-INS

Magic: Already without Jonathan Isaac who tore his left ACL a week ago, they were without a pair

of starters with Gordon and Fournier out. G Michael Carter-Williams also missed his third game with an injured left foot. ... The Magic went 0-3 against Boston this season.

Celtics: This was Hayward's second game this season scoring at least 30 points. He had 39 on Nov. 5 at Cleveland. ... G Kemba Walker had his minutes restriction eased a bit. It didn't help his shooting as he missed all five shots in the first half and had one point. He finished with four points on 1-of-9 shooting. He did play 31 minutes. ... The Celtics now are 2-3 in overtime games this season.

LAST SHOT

The Magic had one final chance to force another overtime, but Vucevic's shot within the final second missed. Vucevic said it was tough not being able to advance the ball, and he credited the Celtics with switching.

"It was a tough shot. I had to fade a little bit to shoot over Theis, but it looked good. It felt good. I really thought it had a chance. Unfortunately, it came up short and I missed it. It actually looked pretty good. I was looking at it in here," Vucevic said of looking at the replay in the locker room.

UP NEXT

Magic: Play Brooklyn on Tuesday.

Celtics: Play Memphis on Tuesday.

Nets start fast, beat Clippers 129-120 to take No. 7 seed in East

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

Caris LeVert had 27 points and 13 assists, and the Brooklyn Nets used the best-shooting quarter in the NBA this season to send them on their way to a 129-120 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Sunday night.

Joe Harris added 25 points - 23 in the first half - for the Nets, who clinched seventh place in the Eastern Conference and a first-round playoff matchup with the defending NBA champion Toronto Raptors. Tyler Johnson scored 21 as Brooklyn improved to 4-2 in the restart.

The Nets shot 85.7% (18 of 21) from the field in the first quarter, racing to a 21-point lead. The Clippers battled back to tie it in the third quarter but the Nets broke it open again early in the fourth.

Kawhi Leonard scored 39 points for the Clippers, who rested Paul George and had their lead over Denver for the No. 2 seed in the West trimmed to one game. They play the Nuggets on Wednesday in their next game.

A night after rallying to beat Portland, Los Angeles had no energy at the start. Allen, Harris and LeVert, meanwhile, all were listed as doubtful a day earlier but looked as good as ever Sunday.

Harris knocked down a 3-pointer to open the scoring and the Nets had a double-digit lead 3 1/2 minutes into the game. They pushed it to 45-24 when LeVert scored as time expired to end the first quarter.

Harris was 6 of 6 in the quarter with four

3-pointers for 16 points.

The Clippers bounced back with a 39-point second quarter, cutting it to 74-63 at halftime. Leonard then opened the third with a jumper and three straight 3-pointers to tie it, and Brooklyn's lead was just four after three.

But Johnson made consecutive 3s to open the fourth and restore a double-digit lead and the Nets stayed safely ahead from there.

TIP-INS

Nets: Harris' 23 points in the first half were his most in any half in his career.

Clippers: Lou Williams became the 13th active player to appear in 1,000 regular-season games. ... Coach Doc Rivers said Leonard and George would most likely play together again before the playoffs but he wasn't sure about Patrick Beverley (left calf strain). ... Ivica Zubac had 15 rebounds, giving him 10 or more in a career-high four straight games.

JACQUE'S JOB

Rivers praised the work of Jacque Vaughn, who took over as Nets coach after they split with Kenny Atkinson in March. He had Vaughn on his roster when he coached Orlando.

"He was one of those players, similar to Ty Lue and Sam (Cassell), that you knew when they retired that they would be coaches," Rivers said. "So I hope he gets a good shot here."

UP NEXT

Nets: Play Orlando on Tuesday.

Clippers: Play Denver on Wednesday.



KIM KLEMENT / AP

Brooklyn Nets forward Joe Harris shoots the basketball during the first half of Sunday's game against the Los Angeles Clippers. Harris scored 25 points, 23 of which in the first half, as the Nets beat the Clippers 129-120.

Siakam scores 26; Raptors hang on to beat Grizzlies, clinch No. 2 seed

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

Pascal Siakam scored 26 points to help the Toronto Raptors beat Memphis 108-99 on Sunday, preventing the Grizzlies from clinching a spot in the Western Conference play-in series.

Norman Powell scored 16 points and Kyle Lowry added 15 for the Raptors, who clinched the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference and their fifth consecutive season with at least 50 wins.

The Raptors have earned the right to rest their key players before the playoffs start.

"We've played heavy minutes," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said of his starters. "We did what we kind of needed to do to go 4-1 (in the restart) and put this thing where we needed it to be. I would say you'll see a little bit of everything here in the last three games as far as lots of guys playing."

Dillon Brooks scored 25 points, Grayson Allen matched a season high with 20 and Ja Morant had 17 points and 10 assists for the Grizzlies.

The Grizzlies dropped to 1-5 in the restart and are barely hanging on to eighth place in the West, with Portland, Phoenix and San Antonio close

behind. There will be a play-in series in the West, starting Saturday.

"I'm not worried about no play-in game right now," Morant said. "My focus now is learning from my mistakes from this game against the Raptors, try to fix them, and go out and play Boston."

Toronto scored 40 points in the second quarter and led 60-54 at halftime.

Lowry hit a 3-pointer as time expired in the third quarter to put Toronto up 88-71. The Raptors held the Grizzlies to 30% shooting in the period.

Toronto led 94-79 before Memphis rallied with a 13-1 run that trimmed

the Raptors' lead to 95-92. Siakam responded with two 3-pointers to help the Raptors regain control.

"There so many moments - missed shot here and there," Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins said. "They made the plays down the stretch. Siakam - what a heck of a game."

TIP-INS

Grizzlies: The bench outscored the starters 30-24 in the first half. The starters shot a combined 9 for 28 before the break. ... Brandon Clarke scored 16 points. ... Made just 14 of 42 3-pointers.

Raptors: Serge Ibaka was issued a technical foul for arguing a call late in the

third quarter. He finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds ... Committed 25 turnovers and forced 22.

TRADING PLACES

Marc Gasol and Jonas Valanciunas faced their former teams for the first time. The Grizzlies sent Gasol to Toronto for Valanciunas last February. Gasol averaged 15.2 points, 7.7 rebounds and 1.5 blocks in 11 seasons with Memphis.

Gasol had 10 points and six rebounds. Valanciunas went scoreless and attempted just two shots, but he had 10 rebounds.

QUOTABLE

Jenkins, on the effort against the Raptors: "I'm obviously proud of our guys. Tough-fought game. Obviously got down double digits there in the second half. That's an elite team right there. That team's got a great

shot to play in the finals. I thought our guys brought it today."

STAT LINES

Siakam was coming off a 5-for-15 shooting performance against Boston on Friday. He followed it by making 9 of 16 shots against the Grizzlies.

"I don't really care about makes and misses, to be honest, because I know that I work hard and I always do the right thing and I make the right plays, and at the end of the day, that's my attention," he said.

UP NEXT

Grizzlies: Play the Boston Celtics on Tuesday.

Raptors: Play the Milwaukee Bucks on Monday.

Rivers has career-high 41 as Rockets eliminate Kings from playoff contention

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

Austin Rivers scored a career-high 41 points off the bench and the Houston Rockets used a big third quarter to pull away and cruise to a 129-112 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Sunday night.

"He's been playing well and obviously, tonight was his night," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "He played great."

Rivers made six 3-pointers as Houston improved to 4-1 at Disney on a night the Rockets played a second straight game without

Russell Westbrook, who has a bruised right quadriceps.

"I believe I'm a premier scorer. That's just how I feel," Rivers said. "But I'm on a team where that's not required of me. Every night I play with the best scorer in the NBA, and I play with one of the other best scorers too with James (Harden) and Russ. So you've got to play a role and buy in. That's what winning basketball is."

Harden added 32 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for Houston.

The Kings fell to 1-5 in the bubble after being eliminated from playoff

contention earlier Sunday when Portland beat the 76ers. Sacramento's playoff drought is now 14 years, which is the longest active streak in the NBA.

"We have to understand and change our mindset as far as what it takes to win," Sacramento coach Luke Walton said. "The main thing I hope we take from this whole bubble experience is learning that lesson firsthand and playing these type of games night in and night out."

De'Aaron Fox had 26 points for the Kings.

D'Antoni was impressed with Houston's work on defense Sunday and likes how his team has im-

proved in that area since it's been in Florida.

"I think they're starting to enjoy it even," he said. "So, lot of emphasis on it, a lot of talk and everybody has bought in so it makes it fun to play that way."

The Rockets were up by 24 early in the fourth quarter when Sacramento used an 8-0 run to cut the lead to 97-81 with about 9 1/2 minutes remaining.

Rivers made two free throws after that before the Kings used a 7-2 run, with 3s from Bogdan Bogdanovic and Buddy Hield, to make it 102-88 with about 8 minutes to go.

Houston got back on track after that, using a

11-4 run to push the lead to 113-92 with less than 5 minutes left and most of the Rockets starters went to the bench for good after that.

Houston was up by seven in the third quarter before scoring the next eight points, with 3s from Ben McLemore and Robert Covington, to make it 74-59 with about 7 1/2 minutes left in the quarter.

A shot by Harrison Barnes got the Kings within 14 points later in the third before a 12-4 spurt by Houston extended the lead to 91-69 with about a minute left in the third.

TIP-INS

Rockets: D'Antoni said Westbrook and Eric Gordon (sprained left ankle) could both return for the next game on Tuesday. Gordon hasn't played since the season restarted after he was injured in a scrimmage. ... McLemore had 20 points and made six 3-pointers.

Kings: Richaun Holmes sat out with right hip soreness. ... Kent Bazemore didn't play because of a sore left calf. ... Barnes had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

UP NEXT

Rockets: Play San Antonio on Tuesday.

Kings: Play New Orleans on Tuesday night.

BY TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.

Gregg Popovich and the San Antonio Spurs came to the NBA's restart bubble looking to develop their young talent.

The playoffs might be a nice bonus.

For Zion Williamson, postseason hopes might have to wait until next year.

DeMar DeRozan scored 27 points, Rudy Gay added 19 off the bench and the Spurs wasted much of a 20-point, second-half lead before hanging on to beat New Orleans 122-113 on Sunday and hand a big blow to the Pelicans' playoff hopes.

The Spurs - bidding to become the first team in NBA history to make 23 consecutive playoff appearances - moved past idle Phoenix into 10th place in the West, percentage points behind Portland for the No. 9 spot that comes with a berth in the play-in series next weekend.

"I think it'd be huge," said Popovich, the Spurs' coach. "If we're able to be in that ninth spot, that's quite a victory and it says a lot about how this young group has come together with three of the starters out. I'm already thrilled with how they played, and it'd be really fantastic if we could get that."

Dejounte Murray scored 18 for the Spurs. Derrick White added 16 before leaving early in the third quarter with a bruised knee.

JJ Redick scored 31 points with a season-high eight 3-pointers for New Orleans, which got 25 from Williamson and 17 from Brandon Ingram. Portland plays later Sunday and a win by the Trail Blazers over Philadelphia would eliminate New Orleans from postseason consideration.

"We just didn't have any competitive spirit to start the game," Redick said. "We were flat. We weren't talking. That's what it comes down to."

Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry called it a Game 7-type game beforehand but stayed with the plan of playing Williamson in short bursts. Williamson started the first, second and third quarters, coming out around the midway point of each.

In the fourth, Gentry took Williamson out with 6:53 left, putting him back in for the last-ditch try about two minutes later. But the Pelicans never got the lead back.

Spurs help playoff chances, top Pelicans, Zion 122-113



ASHLEY LANDIS AP

New Orleans Pelicans forward Zion Williamson, right, dunks the ball in front of San Antonio Spurs center Jakob Poeltl during the second half of Sunday's game. Williamson had 25 points, but the Pelicans lost 122-113.

"We played 44 games without Zion so it's really kind of hard to put a stamp on exactly what the season is," Gentry said.

"But I like the young players that we have. I think going forward we're going to have an opportunity to

be a good team and compete at a real high level."

The Spurs led 69-49 with 9:54 left in the third quarter, a key moment - because that was when White left with the knee problem.

And the game changed

in an instant.

Williamson scored the next eight points by himself, kick-starting what became a 28-12 run by the Pelicans to end the quarter.

"We didn't expect to blow them out," Gay said.

"We don't expect to blow anybody out."

A dunk by Jaxson Hayes got New Orleans within 10. Nickeil Alexander-Walker - who hadn't made a shot in the Pelicans' last 15 quarters and had only two 3-pointers

since mid-January - connected from beyond the arc late in the third, and New Orleans was suddenly within 81-77 going into the fourth.

Redick got into the lane for a three-point play with 3:21 left, getting the Pelicans within 103-100. DeRozan scored inside on the next San Antonio possession, and a late 8-0 spurt by the Spurs sealed the deal.

"We're not there yet," Popovich said. "But we've made a lot progress, for sure."

TIP-INS

Spurs: Popovich revealed that assistant Tim Duncan, who the team said stayed behind instead of coming to Disney to help with the rehabilitation of injured forward LaMarcus Aldridge, wanted to be on the trip. "He would like to be here, but it didn't make much sense to me to put him through that," Popovich said. "So, he's coaching from home."

Pelicans: Redick took two charges in a 47-second span during the third quarter, part of the Pelicans' big run to end that period. Redick hasn't missed a postseason in any season during his high school, college or NBA career. ... Lonzo Ball had 10 assists.

REMEMBERING FERGUSON

Popovich, without being asked, spent about three minutes before the game reflecting on Sunday being the sixth anniversary of the death of Michael Brown - an unarmed 18-year-old Black man, shot to death by a police officer following an altercation in Ferguson, Missouri. Raising awareness on the ongoing problem of racial injustice and police brutality has been a top season-restart priority for NBA players and coaches, and Popovich has spoken on the matter several times.

CARE PACKAGE

Pelicans owner Gayle Benson sent the team provisions for a special Saturday night dinner - "what we call New Orleans Food," Gentry said. On the menu: Everything from gumbo to "some of the greatest cake you could ever taste," Gentry said.

UP NEXT

Spurs: Play Houston on Tuesday.

Pelicans: Play Sacramento on Tuesday.



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Miami Heat forward Jimmy Butler, right, talks with guard Goran Dragic during a game in February at American Airlines Arena. Both players returned to practice Sunday and are expected to be play Monday against the Indiana Pacers.

Butler, Dragic expected back for Heat as rematch with Pacers, Warren looms

BY IRA WINDERMAN
Sun Sentinel

As the stakes increase for the Miami Heat so do the options for coach Erik Spoelstra.

Forward Jimmy Butler and guard Goran Dragic returned to practice Sunday at Disney World, in the wake of injuries that have the Heat on a two-game losing streak going into Monday night's play-off-seeding showdown against the Indiana Pacers.

Butler has missed the past three games with a sore right foot, with Dragic missing the past two with a sprained left ankle. In addition, guard Kendrick Nunn is back in the Disney bubble after briefly leaving for a personal matter, but now must quarantine for at least four days amid the NBA's attempt to avoid COVID-19 infection in its controlled setting.

For the Heat, the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference is hanging in the balance over their final three "seeding" games ahead of the Aug. 17 start of the NBA playoffs. The Heat enter Monday tied



ASHLEY LANDIS AP

Indiana Pacers forward T.J. Warren holds the ball during the first half of a game against the Orlando Magic in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Warren has been a surprising star in the NBA restart. The Pacers play the Heat on Monday.

with Indiana at 43-27, but have clinched the tie-breaker by virtue of being a division champion. The Heat could fall as low as No. 6, which would mean a first-round series against the Boston Celtics.

"We had a great day today," Spoelstra said after Sunday's practice.

"Our team, that's a great quality about this group - come back to work and just work on things we need to get better at."

Monday's game is the first of two this week against the Pacers, with a rematch Friday. The Heat's other remaining regular-season game is

"HE'S TRASH. HE'S SOFT. HE'S SOFT. ...I MEAN, TO ME, I THINK IT'S TOUGH FOR HIM, BECAUSE I CAN GUARD HIM AND HE CAN'T GUARD ME."

Miami Heat forward Jimmy Butler shortly after a contentious game in January against Indiana in which the Pacers' T.J. Warren was ejected for a middle finger directed at Butler and then Butler blowing a kiss in Warren's direction

Wednesday against the Oklahoma City Thunder.

For Butler, there will be added spice to the mix against the Pacers, who stand as a likely Heat opponent in the best-of-seven first round of the playoffs.

The last time the teams met, in early January,

Butler and Warren had several contentious confrontations, episodes that included Warren ejected for a middle finger directed at Butler and then Butler blowing a kiss in Warren's direction.

"He's trash," Butler said shortly after the Heat's 122-108 Jan. 8 victory at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

"He's soft. He's soft," Butler continued at the time, adding a profanity at the end of that comment.

And on it went, including, "I mean, to me, I think it's tough for him, because I can guard him and he can't guard me."

While Butler has struggled with his health at Disney, Warren as emerged as the leading scorer in the bubble, with efforts of 53, 34, 32, 16 and 39 points in Indiana's 4-1 run. Butler, by contrast, has scored 22 and 16 points in his two Disney appearances, with the Heat 2-3 during the restart.

While Butler was not made available for comment Sunday, teammate Jae Crowder said it is only natural to expect emotions to be amplified.

"Obviously, I know what's going on with that situation," Crowder said. "When it's all said and done, it kills all the talk. So that's our focus going into it. Obviously, that's a heated matchup between the two. But you win the game and the rest of it is history."

Unlike the Heat, the Pacers took Sunday off. But Indiana guard Victor Oladipo said after Saturday's victory over LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers that Warren and his team have greater concerns.

"Hey, look, T.J. Warren is on a different planet right now," Oladipo said. "It don't matter what I say, it don't matter what you say, it don't matter what somebody down the street say - Johnny, Barley, Ms. Susie - he locked in right now. I don't need to encourage him to do anything. He's going to put the ball in the rim regardless of who's out there."

So here the teams stand, with high-stakes basketball, on both the team and personal level, in August.

"If the stakes are higher and the altitude and the magnitude of the game is high," Crowder said, "I'm all for it. And I look forward to it."



ERIC GAY AP

Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green is seen during a game in 2019 in Houston. Green was fined \$50,000 by the NBA on Sunday after commenting on Suns star Devin Booker during a live broadcast Friday on TNT.

NBA fines Draymond Green \$50K for Devin Booker comments

Warriors star said Booker needs to find a new team

BY MICHAEL NOWELS
The Mercury News

Draymond Green may not be playing in the NBA's Disney World bubble, but that hasn't stopped him from being fined during the league's restart.

The NBA levied a \$50,000 fine on the Warriors forward for comments he made as a TNT analyst Friday, saying Suns guard Devin Booker needs a new home.

"It's not good for him. It's not good for his career," Green said. "... They gotta get Book out of Phoenix. I need my man to go somewhere where he can play great basketball all the time and win, because he's that type of player."

Asked on-air by TNT's Ernie Johnson if he was tampering, Green said "maybe."

The Suns have been abysmal throughout Booker's career, finishing last in the Western Conference every year since his rookie season. But Phoenix was included in the NBA's Orlando restart and has gone 5-0, now just a half-game behind Portland for the West's ninth seed and a play-in tournament to the playoffs.

"I feel like that's important for this organization, for the fans that have stuck by us for this long and still do so," Booker said of Green's comments, per ESPN. "Since I've been in Phoenix, we haven't had the win success that we had, but the support's been there. And this is what we owe to the fans, we owe to the organization. It's been a long time for us and I think this bubble opportunity was big for us, and we're taking advantage of it."

The league tightened its tampering rules prior to this season, with a particular emphasis on players tampering with others who are still under contract with another team.

Booker is in the first year of a five-year maximum contract extension he signed with the Suns in 2018.

Hall of Famer Paul Westphal diagnosed with brain cancer

BY DAN WOIKE
Los Angeles Times

Hall of Famer Paul Westphal, the legendary basketball player from Aviation High in Redondo who became an All-American at USC, has been diagnosed with brain cancer, it was announced Sunday by close friend Mike Lupica.

Lupica said in a tweet that Westphal has glioblastoma, which is a rapidly growing tumor in the brain. "Please pray for friend, No. 44," Lupica said in the tweet.

Westphal, 69, was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame last year. He was part of the 2018 class for the College Basketball

Hall of Fame.

As a pro, Westphal joined a dynasty after being picked in the first round by the Boston Celtics. He won a title in his second year and emerged as one of Boston's most valuable reserves in his third season before he was traded to Phoenix for future Hall of Famer Charlie Scott.

With the Suns, Westphal became a star, making three All-NBA first teams and four All-Star Games. He was later traded for another future Hall of Famer, Seattle's Dennis Johnson, and had another All-Star season with the SuperSonics. After his playing days, he would coach the Suns to the NBA Finals.

Westphal surprised

some when he chose USC over UCLA, which had won four of the last five NCAA titles when it was time for him to make a college choice.

"There was no reason to leave Los Angeles," he said last summer in an interview before his Hall of Fame induction. "I guess the bottom line was that I felt if we could win at 'SC, it'd be a bigger deal than winning at UCLA - because UCLA was always winning."

"It was just the challenge of it," Westphal said. "... It was about building the team that could challenge a dynasty. It was the biggest challenge in college basketball - and it was invigorating."



GEORGE BRIDGES TNS

Former Kings coach Paul Westphal watches his team during the second half of a game against the Houston Rockets on April 5, 2011, in Houston, Texas. Westphal has been diagnosed with brain cancer.



JASON FRANSON AP

The Chicago Blackhawks barely snuck into the NHL's revamped playoffs, but by upsetting Edmonton they now get a crack at West No. 1 seed Vegas in the quarterfinals.

'It's the best time of the year to be playing'

Exciting NHL playoffs move into next stage with final 16 teams

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

Derek Stepan gave some words of advice to his Arizona Coyotes teammates not used to the bright lights of playoff hockey.

"It's the best time of the year to be playing," he said.

The time of year is different than usual, but the NHL's Stanley Cup playoffs haven't lost any of their luster or penchant for surprises.

After a qualifying round full of upsets, overtime heroics and comebacks, the traditional first round that starts Tuesday with 16 teams left is primed to feature even more entertainment and unpredictability.

"It's wild," said Barry Trotz, whose New York Islanders will next face

the Washington Capitals he coached to the title in 2018.

"It's made for TV, really. We didn't know what was going to happen. We knew that there was going to be some strange things happen in this strange, unusual time and format. But it's captivating."

The Chicago Blackhawks that ranked 23rd out of 31 teams in the regular season are still playing, along with the Montreal Canadiens, who were 24th and not given much hope of moving on.

Chicago has a tough task against the Western Conference No. 1 seed Vegas, and Carey Price's Canadiens face the Philadelphia Flyers that earned top billing in the East by going 3-0 against Boston, Tampa Bay and Washington.

"It was a tall task to get that No. 1 seed and we did it," Flyers defenseman

Shayne Gostisbehere said. "We came in here and have been strictly business. I think for us to go out there and get three big wins in a row and get that No. 1 seed is huge for us."

In a very 2020 turn of events, the Bruins that won the Presidents' Trophy as the top regular-season team went winless since the restart and now must take on the Carolina Hurricanes that swept their way to this point. It's a rematch of the 2019 East final but with Carolina looking more prepared for this showdown.

"They swept us last year, which definitely is going to be good opportunity for us to kind of give back what they gave us last year," Hurricanes forward Nino Niederreiter said.

The Hurricanes, Islanders and Golden Knights look scary, the Lightning could be without top play-

ers Steven Stamkos and Victor Hedman for at least the start of their series, and the Bruins and Blues that met in last year's Cup Final haven't recaptured the dominance they showed until the season was halted in March and combined to go 0-6.

"It doesn't matter what seed you're in because you've got to beat every team anyways if you want to advance," Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask said. "It's over now and start real hockey."

Half of the remaining field has been playing real hockey for more than a week now. After knocking off the Nashville Predators, captain Oliver Ekman-Larsson said the Coyotes are "up for the challenge" of taking on the Colorado Avalanche. The Canucks and Flames should also be feeling good after emotional series victories, though

Vancouver must face an angry St. Louis bunch that blew leads in all three games.

"We're not playing aggressive enough in my opinion," Blues coach Craig Berube said. "Getting the real thing going here will be important, for sure."

It's all best-of-seven until the Stanley Cup is handed out in late September or early October, though the prospect of playing in quarantined bubbles in Toronto and Edmonton could change the psychological dynamic of the playoffs.

"It's one of those years it's easier once you're down to say, 'Well, I do miss my kids, it's not our year,'" Boston coach Bruce Cassidy said. "You can sort of have that in the back of your mind and certainly some players are going to go through it, and that's why I feel that may-

be some series will be closed out quicker than previous years."

Only one qualifying round series went to a deciding Game 5: Columbus-Toronto, which also featured two shutouts and each team erasing a 3-0 deficit and winning in overtime. Over nine days, 44 games showed why the league and NHL Players' Association worked hard to resume the season, and that was just the start of summer hockey madness.

"I'm sure it'll continue," Flames coach Geoff Ward said. "Everybody's healthy and there's been extreme parity, but all the teams are playing extremely, extremely hard and that makes for whoever you play a very tough out and a very tough opponent. And I think as these playoffs go on, you're just going to see more of the same."



NATHAN DENETTE AP

Toronto Maple Leafs left wing Kyle Clifford (73) battles Columbus Blue Jackets defenseman Vladislav Gavrikov (44) for a rebound in front of goaltender Joonas Korpisalo during the second period Sunday. Columbus won 3-0.

Blue Jackets advance with 3-0 Game 5 win over Maple Leafs

BY JOHN WAWROW
Associated Press

TORONTO

Joonas Korpisalo stopped 33 shots and the Columbus Blue Jackets advanced to the first round of the NHL playoffs with a 3-0 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs in a decisive Game 5 on Sunday night.

Zach Werenski's floater from the left point in the first period held up as the deciding goal. Liam Foudy sneaked in a shot from a bad angle with 8:20 remaining, and captain Nick Foligno sealed the victory by scoring into an open net with 23 seconds remaining.

Werenski played despite not being able to finish Game 4 with an apparent upper body injury. And Korpisalo posted his second shutout of the series, while getting the start after Elvis Merzlikins was ruled to be unfit to play.

The Maple Leafs ran out of offense with captain John Tavares misfiring by hitting the post while facing a wide-open side in the first period. And Toronto ran out of remarkable comebacks two nights after rallying from a three-

goal third-period deficit in a 4-3 overtime win in Game 4.

Frederik Andersen stopped 19 shots, and was caught cheating to his right in giving up Foudy's goal from a bad angle.

Columbus, which rallied from a three-goal second period deficit in a 4-3 OT win in Game 3, advances to the first round, where it will meet the second-seeded Tampa Bay Lightning in a rematch of last year's first-round series. The Blue Jackets swept the President's Trophy-winning Lightning in four games in their first playoff series victory in franchise history.

The Lightning are suddenly facing injury issues. Star defenseman Victor Hedman went down with an apparent right ankle injury in a 4-1 robin-robin-closing loss to Philadelphia on Saturday, and captain Steven Stamkos has yet to play since sustaining a lower body injury last month. It's unclear if either will be available for Game 1, which has yet to be scheduled.

So much for hometown advantage to the NHL's two hub-city teams with both the Maple Leafs and Edmonton Oilers elim-

inated in the preliminary round.

The Maple Leafs continued their one-and-done playoff woes in making their fourth straight post-season appearance, and fifth since the 2004-05 NHL lockout. Toronto has not advanced since knocking off Ottawa in Game 7 of a 2004 first-round series.

Werenski opened the scoring 6:29 in when he floated a shot from the left point. The puck appeared to deflect off of Maple Leafs defenseman Tyson Barrie, who was jostling in front with Boone Jenner, and went in over Andersen's shoulder.

Tavares squandered an opportunity to tie the game with 3:45 left in the opening period. Set up by Morgan Rielly in the right circle, and with Korpisalo out of position at the left post, Tavares rushed a shot that struck the inside of the right post and caromed back through the crease.

Tavares was set up in the same spot five minutes into the second period, only to this time be denied by Korpisalo, who got a piece of the puck with his blocker.

Foudy scored his first

career playoff goal by tracking down a dump in along the right boards near the goal line. He skated toward the net and sneaked a shot in through Andersen's legs.

Toronto might have ranked third in the NHL in averaging 3.39 goals per game in the regular season, but the Leafs were foiled by a Columbus opponent that finished tied for second in allowing just 2.57 goals per outing.

The Blue Jackets placed a blanket on Toronto's high-octane offense in limiting it to just 19 shots through two periods and 33 overall, two nights after allowing 53.

Korpisalo opened the series with a 28-save shutout before allowing five goals on the next 53 shots in being pulled midway through the second period of Columbus' 4-3 OT win in Game 3. After making 21 saves to blank the Leafs in a backup role in Game 3, Merzlikins gave up four goals on 53 shots Friday in the only preliminary-round series to be settled in five games.

NOTES: Maple Leafs LW Andreas Johnsson returned to play after being activated off injured reserve earlier in the day. Johnsson has been out since having knee surgery in February. The third-year player has eight goals and 21 points in 43 games.

UP NEXT

Blue Jackets: Advance to first round to face Tampa Bay Lightning.
Maple Leafs: Season over.

Capitals beat Bruins to earn East 3 seed, face Islanders next

Associated Press

TORONTO

T.J. Oshie and Tom Wilson scored, Braden Holtby made 30 saves and the Washington Capitals beat the Boston Bruins 2-1 in round-robin play Sunday to clinch the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference and set up a first-round matchup against former coach Barry Trotz's New York Islanders.

"We know their system well," captain Alex Ovechkin said. "It's gonna be tight games, it's gonna be tough games. It's not gonna be easy."

Boston, which won the Presidents' Trophy as the top team during the NHL regular season that was cut short in March, lost all three of its seeding games and fell to fourth in the East. The Bruins will face the Carolina Hurricanes in the first round in a rematch of the 2019 East final.

"Our top line, they've been held off the score sheet and I believe it's going to be a tough task for Carolina to do that on a consistent basis," Boston coach Bruce Cassidy said of the trio of Brad Marchand, Patrice Bergeron and top goal-scorer David Pastrnak. "I think that those guys will be able to get their game going, but we're going to need that primary scoring."

Trotz coached Washington to its first Stanley Cup title in franchise history in 2018, then left in a contract dispute. Trotz went to the Islanders, while the Capitals hired his top

assistant, Todd Reirden, as head coach. This is the first time they've faced off in a playoff series since.

"I think it will be a hell of a series," Trotz said. "Both teams are well-equipped to go at each other."

Washington shook off a shootout loss to Tampa Bay and a regulation loss to Philadelphia to continue its years-long dominance of Boston. The Capitals have now won 17 of their past 19 games against the Bruins and by earning the third seed cannot play the top-seeded Flyers until the conference final.

"I think we're building our game," Wilson said. "We're feeling good about it. We've got to keep building."

It's unclear whether Norris Trophy finalist John Carlson will be ready for Game 1 against the Islanders after missing the all of round-robin play with an injury. The 30-year-old defenseman went down to the ice awkwardly in Washington's exhibition game vs. Carolina on July 29 and has practiced but not played since.

Jake DeBrusk scored and Tuukka Rask made 23 saves for Boston, which also got an assist from winger Ondrej Kase in his round-robin debut.

NOTES: With Carlson still out, rookie Martin Fehervary made his round-robin debut, replacing Radko Gudas on the Capitals blue line. ... Connor Clifton played on defense for the Bruins in place of Matt Grzelcyk.



COLE BURSTON AP

Referees and players try to separate Boston Bruins defenseman Brandon Carlo (25) and Washington Capitals players during the first period of Sunday's qualifying round in the Stanley Cup playoffs in Toronto. Washington won the game 2-1 to clinch the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference and set up a first-round matchup against the New York Islanders.

Stars beat Blues to draw Flames; St. Louis gets Canucks

Associated Press

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Joe Pavelski tied it with 31.4 seconds left in the third period, Anton Khudobin stopped all three shots he faced in the shootout and the Dallas Stars beat the St. Louis Blues 2-1 in round-robin play Sunday to clinch the No. 3 seed in the Western Conference.

After Denis Gurianov scored the only goal of the shootout, Dallas will face the Calgary Flames in the first round of the playoffs. The Stars have some momentum going into that best-of-seven series after picking up their first win of any kind since Feb. 25.

"This game kind of re-established our game

and got us back to an understanding of what it takes," Pavelski said. "Relief? No. Confidence a little bit, and we'll keep moving forward."

Defending Stanley Cup champion St. Louis went winless in the round robin and will next face the Vancouver Canucks. The Blues dropped from first in the West when the NHL season was halted in March to the conference's fourth seed.

"We definitely didn't play our best in these three games, but I think we've progressively gotten better," said goaltender Jake Allen, who stopped 18 of the 19 shots he faced in his first action of the NHL's restart. "(The Canucks are) a great team. They're fast, they're



JASON FRANSON AP

The Dallas Stars celebrate a goal against the St. Louis Blues during the third period of Sunday's playoff game in Edmonton, Alberta. The Stars won 2-1 to clinch the No. 3 seed in the Western Conference.

young, they're skilled and it's going to be a challenge for us."

Khudobin made 12

saves in regulation and overtime for the Stars, and were without top center Tyler Seguin and

about finding our game and we started finding it today."

The two teams that played in the 2019 Cup Final, the Blues and Boston Bruins, each went 0-3 in round-robin play to go from first to fourth.

"They're a defending Stanley Cup champion, had a good regular season," Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said of the Blues. "Is the mental edge there for them yet, or is it because they're a bigger, heavier team it takes them a while to sort of wear teams down?"

NOTES: Blues winger Vladimir Tarasenko returned after missing their previous game for precautionary reasons. ... Coach Craig Berube said injured forward Sammy Blais would be evaluated Monday. ... Veteran Troy Murray remained in the lineup for St. Louis.

NASCAR

Harvick holds off Hamlin for Michigan doubleheader sweep

BY NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, MICH.

Kevin Harvick won just about everything he could in a stellar weekend at Michigan International Speedway, although fittingly, Denny Hamlin was the last driver to pressure him.

Harvick held off Hamlin on Sunday to complete a doubleheader sweep in the NASCAR Cup Series. He'd also won Saturday's race, and the two victories gave him six on the season — the most of any driver.

Hamlin, who has five victories, nearly chased Harvick down at the very end, and this weekend did nothing to dispel the notion that these two are top contenders for this year's championship.

"I have tremendous respect for everyone on that team and Kevin," Hamlin said. "As we've gotten older, we've gotten wiser and learned to really appreciate what each other does on the race track. Obviously, they're having a great season as well."

Hamlin was right behind Harvick for the final few laps and came close to passing him a couple of times, but Harvick stayed in front. Hamlin's final desperate bid came up short at the end when Harvick crossed the finish line 0.093 seconds ahead.

Harvick also won the first two stages Saturday and the second stage Sunday. Clint Bowyer won Sunday's first stage of the 156-lap, 312-mile race.

With NASCAR running an adjusted schedule because of the coronavirus, both Michigan races were held on the same weekend. That meant Harvick became the first driver since Richard Petty in 1971 to win back-to-back Cup races on consecutive days. Petty did it



Kevin Harvick celebrates after winning Sunday's race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich. Harvick, who also won Saturday's race, now has six wins this season — the most of any driver.



July 14 and 15 at Islip and Saratoga.

"It's been a long time since I've raced back-to-back days, let alone in the Cup car," Harvick said. "I've never accomplished that obviously, but we've done that a couple times this year, so I think for us it's worked out pretty well. We're hoping it goes the same way at Dover when

we go there in a couple of weeks."

The two Michigan races were pretty similar, with no major incidents through the first two stages. Saturday's finish was more chaotic with a number of late cautions. On Sunday, there were only three cautions, not including the yellow periods at the end of the first

two stages.

But one of those cautions Sunday came after a wreck that knocked out two of Team Penske's stars.

Brad Keselowski's Ford made contact with Ryan Blaney's No. 12 car shortly after the start of the final stage, sending the teammates slamming into the wall.

Denny Hamlin (11), Joey Logano (22), Kevin Harvick (4) and Tyler Reddick (8) battle for position during a NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.

"It's my fault. I feel really bad for my teammate, Ryan Blaney," Keselowski said. "He didn't deserve that. ... I went to get underneath the 12 and I just slipped. I lost the back a little bit and when I went to collect it he was there and I wiped him out and myself out, so I feel terrible for everyone at Team Penske and espe-

cially Ryan Blaney."

That wasn't enough to ruin the day for Ford, which has now won six straight Cup races at Michigan. Harvick has taken four of the past five.

"When you start getting texts from Edsel Ford on how important the weekend is, you answer those," Harvick said. "I've been around Ford for several years now and you understand the importance of winning at Michigan. The energy and effort that they not only put into our cars, but that they put into the engines at Roush Yates. This is the place, right behind Daytona, that everybody from Ford wants to win at."

Harvick's 55th career victory moved him into a 10th-place tie with Rusty Wallace, one behind Busch.

Busch remained winless this year after a fourth-place finish, but he turned in solid performances both days. Martin Truex Jr. was one spot ahead of him Sunday.

"Yesterday and today, the car drove great. The best driving car I've had here at Michigan," Busch said. "When you have so much comfort I guess build into the car, you just don't quite have enough speed. We weren't going to change that overnight, so we stayed consistent with many of the things that we were doing from yesterday just to have a good, solid effort of it today and not screw anything up."

Aric Almirola, Kurt Busch and Kyle Busch remain the top drivers in the points standings with four races left in the regular season.

Keselowski has still never won a Cup race in his home state of Michigan. He finished second Saturday in the first of the two races held without fans at MIS.

FORMULA ONE

Verstappen storms to unlikely victory over Mercedes duo

Associated Press

SILVERSTONE, ENGLAND

Max Verstappen sprung what could be the surprise of the Formula One season by beating Lewis Hamilton to win the 70th Anniversary Grand Prix on Sunday.

The Red Bull driver crossed the line at Silverstone 11.3 seconds clear of Hamilton, with Valtteri Bottas third.

"I didn't see it coming but after the first stint it seemed we were really good on tires," Verstappen said after his ninth career win. "We had a lot of pace in the car. I didn't have any tire issues and we kept pushing."

"It was an incredible result to win, so everything worked out well and I am very happy."

Mercedes had been expected to cruise to its

fifth win from as many rounds this season. But both Hamilton and Bottas struggled with their tires to clear the way for Verstappen to take an unlikely win.

"It was a massive challenge," Hamilton said. "Congrats to the Red Bull team and to Max. They didn't have the problems we had today."

"It was definitely unexpected to have the blistering as hardcore, as we experienced. I was nervous the tire was going to explode but I am grateful I managed to progress and get through the race."

Charles Leclerc finished fourth for Ferrari ahead of Red Bull's Alexander Albon. Racing Point's Lance Stroll was sixth.

Verstappen is now Hamilton's closest rival for a record-equaling seventh title.

Hamilton will head to

next week's Spanish Grand Prix with a 30-point championship lead over second-place Verstappen. Hamilton has 107 points, Verstappen 77 and Bottas 73.

Hamilton matched Michael Schumacher's record of 155 career podiums.

Hamilton's Mercedes team has been the class act of the field this year and, after pole-sitter Bottas beat Hamilton to the first corner, it looked as though it would be a straight fight between the all-black cars for victory.

But Verstappen, who moved ahead of Racing Point's Nico Hulkenberg at the opening bend, remained hot on their heels. Both Mercedes cars started on the medium tires, with Verstappen on the more durable hard tire.

Verstappen sensed that the Mercedes cars were

struggling and was soon hunting down Hamilton. At one stage, he was told to drop off Hamilton's gearbox to protect his tires.

"This is the only chance to beat Mercedes," he said over the radio. "I am not going to sit back like a grandma."

And he remained aggressive. Bottas pitted from the lead on lap 13 with Hamilton following in for fresh tires on the following lap. Verstappen took the lead and, when he came in for new tires at the midway stage of the race, he left the pits just behind Bottas.

Verstappen took only a handful of corners to regain top spot after he resisted Bottas' tame defense.

Both Verstappen and Bottas came in with 20 laps remaining for a second time, while Hamilton



Max Verstappen steers his car during the 70th Anniversary Formula One Grand Prix at the Silverstone circuit on Sunday in England. Verstappen beat Lewis Hamilton, crossing the finish line 11.3 seconds clear of Hamilton, with Valtteri Bottas third.

remained out on wearing tires until lap 41 of 52.

Hamilton emerged down in fourth but the 35-year-old showed good pace on the fresh tires, posting the fastest lap of the race before overtaking Leclerc at Stowe for third. He then set his sights on hunting down Bottas and, with two laps to run, he passed his teammate around the outside of Brooklands.

After Verstappen cruised to victory, Nico Hulkenberg finished seventh, while Sebastian

Vettel was outside the points following an opening-lap spin.

Leclerc performed well to make a one-stopper work on his way to fourth, but teammate Vettel's terrible season continued.

Vettel, who is being moved on by Ferrari at the end of this year, spun on the first lap, blasted his team over the radio for a decision on strategy, and crossed the line in 12th.

The four-time world champion is 13th in the championship with just 10 points to his name.

Referees group has agreement with NFL on virus protections

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The NFL Referees Association has reached an agreement with the NFL for health protections along with a program allowing game and replay officials to opt out of the season.

The association announced Sunday that the NFLRA's board of directors unanimously endorsed the plan. Members will review the details Monday in a video conference call.

"There is nothing more important than the health and safety of our members," NFLRA executive

director Scott Green said in a statement. "Although there will undoubtedly be some risk for our officials, we are pleased to have finalized a plan with the League that provides additional benefits and protections during this unprecedented season."

The deal gives officials until Thursday to tell the

NFL if they plan to opt out of the 2020 season.

Under the agreement, any game or replay official can voluntarily take a leave of absence for the upcoming season and be paid \$30,000 with their job guaranteed for 2021.

A game official who tests positive during the season will be treated as an injury during a league-sanctioned event, entitling the official to injury pay, medical expenses and other benefits. An official testing positive or with symptoms at a game site will have medical expenses, lodging and travel costs covered by the NFL.



TAMMY LJUNGBLAD The Kansas City Star

Chiefs wide receiver Sammy Watkins (14) catches a pass between 49ers defensive back Emmanuel Moseley (41) and safety Jaquiski Tartt (29) during Super Bowl LIV.

'This is my happy place': Chiefs WR Watkins fine with less money, output to stay with team

BY SAM MCDOWELL
The Kansas City Star

Part I: Sammy Watkins would like to be bigger component of the Chiefs' offense. He thought he would be when he signed a \$48 million deal in 2018.

Part II: Sammy Watkins is happy in Kansas City. Wanted to come back this year. Even took less money to do it.

Both parts can be true.

Both are true, he emphasized Sunday, his first meeting with media since agreeing to restructure his contract to stay in Kansas City.

"I think every receiver or any player wants to go out there and do well and score touchdowns or catch as many balls as you possibly can and get the yards. Myself, I want those types of things," Watkins said in a Zoom call.

"Now, do I have to be mad or angry at the guys who are going out there and getting it? No. I love my guys. I love to see guys go out there balling. It's my job and my duty to serve others as well as they serve me.

"As a receiver, yeah, of course, I want more balls and would love to have more balls. But that's not my focus. My focus is getting the win and going out there and having fun."

During much of his 9-minute call, Watkins reiterated this stance many times over, a necessary rehearsal after he expressed - or demanded - a larger role during an offseason interview with Bleacher Report. He shrugged off that article: "I'm a deep thinker."

Watkins caught 52 passes for 673 yards and three touchdowns in 2019. All three scores came in the opener. He was shut out over the remainder of the regular season.

Only Watkins can truly assess how he handled the dip in production. His most recent words suggest he's accepted it.

And his actions.

The offseason offered him an out. Set to count \$21 million against the cap this year, Watkins could not squeeze into the Chiefs' plans without an adjustment. He could have simply waited on his release, been paid by the Chiefs, anyway and then signed with another team

to make even more. At only 27, it's likely he could have found another long-term payday.

Instead, he's back in Kansas City on a one-year deal that will pay him \$9 million, with the opportunity for incentives to drive up the price.

"I think I've made enough money," Watkins said. "I mean ... I love more money, but as far as being smart and educated on this team, knowing that you gotta pay Pat (Mahomes), you gotta pay Chris (Jones), you got a lot of guys you gotta pay. For me to take a contract like I did was a blessing."

"Really just showing the world it's not all about money. This is my happy place. Why not take a smaller contract and come out and play with the guys I've been playing with?"

He opted for contentment over change - all the while knowing that, quite frankly, it might not include a larger role than 2019. The Chiefs still have Tyreek Hill. They still have Travis Kelce. And second-year receiver Mecole Hardman might step into a wider spotlight.

"It was extremely important" to get Watkins back, quarterback Patrick Mahomes said. "To have someone of his caliber who really goes out there and plays well every single week. He does so many things well - obviously he catches the ball well; he scores for us; he makes a lot of plays after contact."

"But also as far as blocking or running the routes hard and getting the other guys open. In this offense, it takes every single person. And I think you saw that when in the playoffs and his number got called, he made big plays happen. It's a guy we love having back."

Watkins caught 14 passes for 288 yards and a touchdown in three post-season games. Beating Richard Sherman down the sideline will remain one of the key plays of the Super Bowl comeback - and his top career memory, he said.

It's a sign of possibilities, though not guarantees. Teams will continue to bracket Kelce. They'll continue to shade a safety toward Hill.

That leaves opportunity

NOTEBOOK



DAVID T. FOSTER III Charlotte Observer

Running back Kenjon Barner, left, finds running room as Pittsburgh Steelers defensive back Coty Sensabaugh (24) closes in during the first half of a preseason game in 2018 at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh. The Baltimore Ravens are expected to sign Barner, who was a free-agent.

RAVENS REPORTEDLY EXPECTED TO SIGN KENJON BARNER, WHO COULD BATTLE FOR RETURNER JOBS

The Ravens are expected to sign free-agent running back and returner Kenjon Barner, according to the NFL Network.

Barner, 31, would be an immediate contender at the Ravens' unsettled kick and punt return positions. In 14 games last season for the Atlanta Falcons, he averaged 7.6 yards per punt return, scoring on a 78-yard return, and 23.9 yards per kick return. Ball security, however, was a problem: Barner muffed four punts, losing one fumble.

With wide receiver De'Anthony Thomas opting out of the 2020 season, rookie wide receiver James Proche is considered the favorite to start at punt returner. There's less clarity at kick returner, where running back Justice Hill and wide receivers Chris Moore and Devin Duvernay could be in the mix.

The 5-foot-9, 195-pound Barner, a former Oregon standout like Thomas, could provide emergency depth at a loaded running back position. In Barner's seven NFL seasons, he has 100 carries for 416 yards and three touchdowns and 28 catches for 152 yards.

If Barner signs and clears coronavirus testing protocol, the Ravens would need to make a corresponding move for their 80-man roster.

— BY JONAS SHAFFER, THE BALTIMORE SUN

NEW RAMS DT A'SHAWN ROBINSON OUT WITH NON-FOOTBALL INJURY

LOS ANGELES

New Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle A'Shawn Robinson is sidelined indefinitely with a non-football injury, coach Sean McVay says.

The Rams put Robinson on the active/non-football injury list Saturday, and McVay discussed their new signee's prognosis Sunday without disclosing the nature of Robinson's condition, which isn't coronavirus-related.

McVay admitted Robinson's condition was "something that kind of surprised us" when Robinson reported to training camp. Robinson is participating in the Rams' team meetings, and he doesn't need surgery or another medical procedure.

"This is just being precautionary with some things we discovered," McVay said. "It was something that recently came about. It's not really anything that's too concerning. It's more just (we're) really glad we were able to get a hold of it early on."

McVay made it sound likely that Robinson will miss playing time this season. A player can stay on the active/NFI list until the final roster cut-down, after which he would have to be moved to the reserve/NFI list, which would force him to miss at least the first six weeks of the regular season.

"He's going to be able to partake in meetings, get

treatment, be around his teammates, and then we'll look forward to being able to get him back at some point this season," McVay said. "When that is, I don't know specifically."

Robinson agreed to a two-year, \$17 million contract with the Rams in March after leaving the Detroit Lions as a free agent. Robinson was expected to replace Michael Brockers as the run-stopping center of Los Angeles' defensive line after Brockers left as a free agent for the Baltimore Ravens.

But Brockers unexpectedly returned to the Rams on April 3 after his deal with Baltimore was scrapped, which left Robinson's role this season in flux.

"I'm so thankful that we got (Brockers) back in general, but particularly in this instance," McVay said.

Robinson spent his first four NFL seasons with Detroit after being a second-round draft pick out of Alabama. His playing time declined after coach Matt Patricia took over two years ago, but he made 40 tackles with 1 1/2 sacks last season.

McVay also said rookie pass rusher Terrell Lewis is back in the Rams' training complex after starting the season on the COVID-19 reserve list. If the linebacker from Alabama remains asymptomatic for three days, he can join his teammates in practice.

PATS TRADE 2022 DRAFT PICK TO LIONS FOR CB MICHAEL JACKSON

FOXBOROUGH, MASS.

The Patriots have traded an undisclosed 2022 draft pick to the Detroit Lions for cornerback Michael Jackson.

New England announced the deal Sunday. Jackson was originally drafted in the fifth round in 2019 by Dallas. He began his career on the Cowboys practice squad before being signed by Detroit.

Jackson joins a Patriots team that is looking to add depth in the secondary after veteran Patrick Chung opted out of the upcoming season.

JAGUARS LOSE 2 MORE DEFENSIVE LINEMEN, SIGN 3 VETS FOR DEPTH

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

The Jacksonville Jaguars are down two more defensive linemen, bringing their total to five just a week into training camp.

The Jaguars placed defensive tackles Brian Price (knee) and Dontavious Russell (hip) on injured reserve Sunday, adding to a depth problem created when defensive end Lereentee McCray and defensive tackle Al Woods opted out of the 2020 season because of the coronavirus.

Jacksonville signed three veterans Sunday - defensive tackle Caraun Reid, defensive back Traimaine Brock and defensive lineman Carl Davis - in hopes of filling the void. They also waived rookie cornerback Kobe Williams.



SAM RICHE/TNS

Wide receiver Chester Rogers just misses catching the ball on a fourth-quarter touchdown pass during a game in November 2019 against the Miami Dolphins at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind. The Dolphins signed Rogers to a one-year deal Sunday. Rogers started 22 games in 2016-19 with the Colts. He has 111 career receptions for 1,221 yards and five touchdowns.

Dolphins sign former Colts wide receiver Rogers to 1-year deal

Wideout is second to join team after two veterans opt out of season

BY OMAR KELLY
Sun Sentinel

The Miami Dolphins continued adding to their receiver unit with Sunday's signing of a five-year veteran who has started 22 NFL games the past four seasons.

Chester Rogers, who signed a one-year deal, joins Ricardo Louis as the second receiver Miami signed this weekend to cushion the absences of Albert Wilson and Allen Hurns, two veterans who opted out of playing the 2020 season because of coronavirus concerns.

Wilson and Hurns were viewed as the front-runners to serve as Miami's starting slot receiver — put on the inside of a passing game that will likely focus on DeVante Parker and

second-year receiver Preston Williams playing on the outside. Their decision to sit out the 2020 season left Miami's receiver unit thin, and with a leadership void.

Rogers brings some experience to the Dolphins.

Rogers, a former Grambling State standout who made it to the NFL as an undrafted rookie, started 22 of the 53 games he played the past four seasons, pulling in 111 receptions for 1,221 yards and scoring five touchdowns.

He caught 16 passes for 179 yards and scored two touchdowns last year in a season that was cut short by a knee fracture he suffered in Week 13, which got him placed on injured reserve in early December.

Rogers, who is 6 foot,

184 pounds, has spent the bulk of his NFL career serving as a slot receiver, which happens to be an area of need for Miami. While he lacks breakaway speed after being timed at 4.56 in the 40-yard dash during the draft process, he's known as a crafty route runner.

He'll likely compete with Gary Jennings Jr., a second-year player Miami claimed after the Seattle Seahawks waived the 2019 fourth-round pick, and Isaiah Ford, a 2017 seventh-round pick who caught 23 passes for 244 yards last season, for the slot receiver role.

Unlike Rogers, Louis got re-signed by Miami after he spent the 2019 season on the Dolphins' injured reserve, and spent this offseason with the team after being re-signed

this spring. Miami released him two weeks ago to make roster space for a defensive tackle, but re-signed him Saturday because of the immediate need.

Louis, a 2016 fourth-round pick, played in all 32 games — and started 17 of them — his first two seasons, which were spent with the Cleveland Browns. He missed all of last season rehabbing a surgically repaired knee.

The addition of Louis and Rogers brings Miami's receiver unit to 10 players, which includes two undrafted rookies in Kirk Merritt and Matt Cole. The Dolphins typically keep five or six receivers on their 53-man regular-season roster, and two on the practice squad.

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The Dolphins activated inside linebacker Calvin Munson off the non-football injury list, which is where he began training camp. Munson is a young player Miami poached off New England's practice squad late last season.

Munson played in two games for the Dolphins last year, totaling seven tackles (five solo). He's expected to compete for a backup linebacker spot and a role as a core special teams player.

Washington activates linebacker Reuben Foster off PUP list

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

The Washington Football Team activated linebacker Reuben Foster off the physically unable to perform list Sunday ahead of the start of the first on-field training camp workouts.

Foster, 26, tore the ACL in and caused additional damage to his left knee during offseason workouts in May 2019 and missed all of last season. He was put on the PUP list along with rehabbing quarterback Alex Smith when players first reported to camp.

"They just hadn't passed the football portion of their physicals for us," coach Ron Rivera said.

"We feel pretty confident in what they've done. We thought they both had very good offseasons in terms of their rehab programs. They both look extremely good right now, but you really don't know until you get them out on the field pounding and doing football-specific drills. Then, we've got to see how their injuries react."

Washington claimed Foster off waivers in November 2018 after he was released by the San Francisco 49ers when they learned of a domestic violence incident at the team hotel in Tampa, Florida. Then-Redskins coach Jay Gruden said there was "no guarantee" Foster ever plays for the team.

Florida prosecutors in January 2019 dropped a first-degree misdemeanor

battery charge, citing insufficient evidence. The NFL fined Foster two game checks but did not suspend him and reinstated him to Washington's roster after reviewing the situation.

His injury on the third play of practice in May 2019 made Gruden's possibility seem more likely. But Washington's new regime under Rivera, defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio and linebackers coach Steve Russ would like to tap into the 2017 first-round pick's potential.

"I really like where Reuben is, I like his intent, I really like his focus," Russ said. "We're rooting for him. We are his biggest fans. I want to see him get back out there and play football. I know that's what he loves to do. And that's what he's worked very, very hard to do."

The 31st overall pick out of Alabama three years ago, Foster made 84 tackles in 16 games with San Francisco. Washington has been planning as though he'll be on the field this season.

"In terms of the mental approach and in terms of his participation in the meetings, being up to date with the install, getting the coaching and all of that, he's been on point with that," Del Rio said. "He's working hard, doing all the things that he can with us in the virtual meetings and absorbing all of the information about what we're going to expect out of him as a linebacker."



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Linebacker Reuben Foster stretches during a practice at the team's practice facility in Ashburn, Va. The Washington Football Team activated Foster off the physically unable to perform list Sunday. The team made the move days ahead of the start of on-field training camp workouts. Washington claimed Foster off waivers in 2018 after he was released by the San Francisco 49ers.

CARROLL HARDY, 1933-2020

Two-sport star was architect of 'Orange Crush' defense

Associated Press

HIGHLANDS RANCH, COLO. Carroll Hardy, a multi-sport star best known as the only man ever to pinch hit for Ted Williams, died Sunday at age 87.

Hardy was also known as the football executive who helped assemble the "Orange Crush" defense in Denver during the 1970s.

The University of Colorado, where Hardy was a three-sport star, said he died of complications from dementia. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Hardy went on to play professional baseball and football after starring in track, baseball and foot-

ball at Colorado from 1951-55.

CU athletic director Rick George called Hardy "a true icon of the state. His list of accomplishments in his lifetime and the people he touched are really second to none. We have lost a great Buffalo."

Hardy earned a record 10 letters altogether in the early 1950s. An All-American honorable mention in 1953 and '54, Hardy rushed for 1,999 career yards with a whopping 6.87-yard average per carry, which remains the best in school history among players with at least 60 carries.

Hardy led the nation in kickoff return average in 1952 and had six interceptions for the Buffaloes.

On the diamond, Hardy

was CU's all-time career batting average leader (.392) with 118 hits in 301 at-bats with 15 homers, 80 RBIs, 107 runs scored and 45 stolen bases.

He once ran a 9.8 in the 100-yard dash on the indoor track.

Hardy was the 33rd overall pick in the 1955 NFL draft by the San Francisco 49ers, and averaged 28.2 yards a catch as a rookie with 12 receptions for 338 yards and four touchdowns.

Before reporting to the 49ers camp, Hardy signed with the Cleveland Indians and played on their A-league team in Reading, Pennsylvania. In 1956, he was hitting .365 in 21 games with the Indians' Triple-A team in Indianapolis when he was

ordered to report to the U.S. Army.

He returned to the Indians after his two-year tour of military duty and his major league career spanned a decade from 1958-67 with stops in Cleveland, Boston, Houston and Minnesota.

Hardy was the only man ever to pinch hit for Red Sox icons Williams and Carl Yastrzemski.

"I'd like to have people remember me for hitting 400 home runs and a lifetime batting average of .305, but I didn't do that," Hardy once told the Denver Post. "But it's not bad being remembered as the only man to ever pinch-hit for Ted Williams."

Hardy's first major league homer was a three-run shot in the bottom of

the 11th to beat the White Sox when he was sent to the plate in place of Roger Maris in 1958 when both were with the Indians.

Boston traded Hardy to the expansion Colt 45's in 1963 and he later joined the Twins, who sent him to their affiliate in Denver.

During his two-plus seasons with the Denver Bears, he began scouting part-time for the Denver Broncos in the offseason.

That led to a 24-year stint with the Broncos in various roles including assistant ticket manager, director of scouting, pro personnel director and assistant general manager.

He finished his major league career with a September call-up with the Twins in 1967, then turned his attention full-

time to football.

Hardy was credited with helping to build Denver's "Orange Crush" defense that led to the Broncos' first Super Bowl appearance in 1977. That dominant defense included Randy Gradishar, Tom Jackson, Louis Wright, Lyle Alzado, Otis Armstrong and Barney Chavous.

Hardy also helped assemble the Broncos' 1986 and '87 Super Bowl teams before his retirement.

Hardy was born in 1933 in Sturgis, South Dakota. He is survived by his wife of nearly 64 years, Janice Mitchell, son Jay and daughters Jill and Lisa.

With the coronavirus pandemic, funeral services will be for family only, but a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Major League Soccer navigates resuming the season in local markets

BY ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

In light of Major League Baseball's trouble with its season, Major League Soccer's plan to resume play in its local markets is under scrutiny.

The league has been buoyed by the success of its MLS is Back tournament in Florida, which concludes Tuesday with the title game between the Portland Timbers and Orlando City. With teams headed home, the plan now is for an abbreviated season.

"It started with a tournament in a bubble, but in our minds it had always been that we would get back into the markets at some point soon," MLS Commissioner Don Garber said. "And that transition from the successful tournament to playing in our home markets is no different than the process with our tournament: It is very closely following the guidance of our medical experts and our infectious disease advisors, and in consultation with the local health authorities and government officials in all of our local markets."

The tournament got off to a rocky start when both FC Dallas and Nashville were forced to withdraw because of positive coronavirus tests. But only two other players have tested positive in the bubble at ESPN's Wide World of Sports complex at Walt Disney World.

MLS, the National Women's Soccer League, the NBA and the WNBA have been able to successfully play games amid the pandemic, but in controlled environments with players sequestered from the general public. The NHL has resumed its season in "secure zones" in Toronto and Edmonton, and the league says it has not had any positive tests.

But MLB, playing in home stadiums without fans, has had some two dozen games postponed because of the coronavirus. Outbreaks have notably impacted the Marlins and Cardinals.

The NFL is planning games in the fall, although 67 players have opted out. The players association says 56 players have tested positive since the start of training camps on July 26.

The USL Championship, the tier below MLS in American soccer, has been playing in local markets since July 11 but there have been more than a dozen games postponed because of positive tests. LA Galaxy II has had 11 positive tests.

The MLS plan comes amid increasing coronavirus cases in the United States, with more than 5 million contracting the

MLS is Back tournament concludes Wednesday with title game between Portland and Orlando City



STEPHEN M. DOWELL / Orlando Sentinel

Orlando City's Nani celebrates after scoring a goal against Minnesota United during the MLS is Back tournament semifinals on Thursday. Orlando City will play the Portland Timbers in the tournament championship on Wednesday.



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virus and 162,000 deaths.

Dr. Carlos del Rio, an infectious disease expert who is chairman of the Hubert Department of Global Health at Emory University's Rollins

School of Public Health, has reviewed Major League Soccer's plans for playing out the season and believes it is sound.

He pointed to the league's mandate that

teams take charter flights or buses to the games, with no overnight hotel stays. That will cut down on the contact the teams have with the public. The league's rigorous testing

Philadelphia Union defender Kai Wagner, left, and Portland Timbers midfielder Marvin Loria battle for the ball during the first half of Wednesday's semifinal match in the MLS is Back tournament in Kissimmee, Fla. Portland won to advance to the championship on Wednesday.

program also should help prevent outbreaks.

"I think the major difference between what MLS does and what baseball is doing is, let's say Atlanta United was play-

ing in New York. They're flying in the morning, they're playing and they're flying back home. So they're not staying there overnight, there's no risk of the players going to hotels, staying at an unknown place, having to get meals in a restaurant or go out to eat," del Rio said. "They're not having back-to-back games. And that will give them the opportunity to test them again before the next game. So I think there's some fundamental differences."

But players will individually need to be diligent in protecting themselves away from the team, he said.

"I think that's where the issues are. And that's why I think it's very going to be very important that the players have the discipline and have the education about those risks and try to avoid that, because the reality is those are the things you cannot control," he said. "So it's less about the bubble or the market, it is more about what happens outside of those settings."

Del Rio is on the NCAA's COVID-19 advisory panel. He is not so certain about college football this fall, considering all the variables involved. The most important thing, he said, was that the nation needs to comprehensively address the pandemic.

For Chicago Fire coach Raphael Wicky, the resumption of the season is a chance for his team to move on from a disappointing showing at the MLS is Back tournament. But he too emphasized the importance of individual responsibility.

"Knock on wood, we never had a positive test in our team and in our club. So, I think we were very disciplined, but it's very important that we keep doing that," Wicky said. "Especially now, everyone's back home. It's summer, everyone has a life, but we tell the players, 'Look, you've got to be very careful and you've got to follow the rules, wearing masks, social distancing.'"

Garber said that if circumstances merit it, he won't hesitate to pull the plug on the rest of the season.

"We believe we have a good plan, we believe our players and our staff are focused on adhering to our protocols, and if we're able to do that, we ought to be able to get our games in," Garber said. "And if we can't do that in a way that's safe, and one that's ensuring the health of our players, we'll have to address it. If it doesn't work then we won't move forward."

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MLS Commissioner Don Garber



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Two women wearing face masks pass by a giant poster of Atletico Madrid soccer players at the Wanda Metropolitano stadium on May 5 in Madrid, Spain. Two members of Atletico Madrid's group set to travel to Portugal for the Champions League quarterfinals have tested positive for the coronavirus. No other clubs involved in the quarterfinals have reported positive tests. Atletico is set to face Leipzig on Thursday in the last eight.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Atletico says 2 group members test positive for coronavirus

BY TALES AZZONI
Associated Press

MADRID

Two members of Atletico Madrid's group set to travel to Portugal for the Champions League quarterfinals tested positive for the coronavirus on Sunday — the first pandemic-related setback among clubs participating in the final stage of Europe's top club competition.

The last eight is scheduled to begin in Lisbon on Wednesday amid tight health safety protocols to prevent a coronavirus outbreak from derailing the competition's finale. The semifinals and Aug. 23 final will also be played in Lisbon.

Other clubs involved in the quarterfinals have not reported any positive tests among its players recently.

The Spanish club did not name those who tested positive and did not say if a player was involved. It said both people who were infected had been isolated at their homes.

Atletico, which was expected to travel to Lisbon on Monday, said it immediately informed

MESSI SET TO RECOVER FROM KNOCK AHEAD OF QUARTERFINALS

Barcelona is unconcerned with the injury that Lionel Messi sustained in the Champions League match against Napoli.

Messi took a hard knock to his lower left leg in the first half of the team's 3-1 win on Saturday. He was hit by Kalidou Koulibaly after slipping in front of the defender inside the area, earning a penalty kick for the Catalan club.

Messi was attended to by doctors for a few minutes but was able to finish the match at the Camp Nou Stadium.

He was still being treated for the injury on Sunday, but no major leg damage was reported by the club.

Barcelona coach Quique Setien said after the match that he didn't think the injury would be a problem for Messi.

Barcelona will have a rest day on Monday. It is scheduled to travel to Portugal on Thursday.

Seeking its first Champions League title since 2015, Barcelona will face Bayern Munich in the quarterfinals on Friday.

Messi, the club's leading scorer this season, netted Barcelona's second goal on Saturday.

health authorities in Spain and Portugal about the positive results, as well as UEFA and other soccer bodies in both countries.



JOAN MONFORT AP

It said in a statement that the entire group that was set to travel will be tested again, and that the team's schedule is being

altered to allow the new tests.

Atletico is set to face Leipzig on Thursday in the last eight.

The quarterfinals start on Wednesday with Atlanta facing Paris Saint-Germain. The other one-game series will involve Barcelona vs. Bayern Munich on Friday and Manchester City vs. Lyon on Saturday.

The matches will take place at two stadiums in Lisbon.

Earlier this week Atletico had to cancel a friendly of its women's team after a positive test within the group.

Atletico said that, after the Spanish league season had ended, the club asked for all Spanish teams still involved in European competitions to keep voluntarily following the league's health safety protocols. It said UEFA only required one negative test from each member of the group within 72 hours of the trip to Lisbon, but the team had been testing its members weekly and was still working with the health safety inspector assigned by the Spanish league.

Atletico said a total of 93 people had been tested the day before the squad returned to training on July 26, and the first team and those in close contact with it were tested again last Sunday, with all results coming back negative.

Atletico is seeking its first title in Europe's most lucrative club competition. It lost the 2014 and 2016 Champions League finals to city rival Real Madrid. It was also runner-up in 1974, losing to Bayern Munich. Diego Simeone's team was eliminated by Juventus in the round of 16 last season.

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Celtic, Red Star get home games in Champions League prelims

Associated Press

NYON, SWITZERLAND

Former European champions Celtic and Red Star Belgrade got home advantage when pairings were drawn Sunday for single-leg games in the Champions League first qualifying round.

Celtic, the 1967 European Cup winner, will

host KR Reykjavik on Aug. 18 or 19. Red Star, the 1991 European champion, will face Gibraltar's league winner Europa.

Red Star aims to advance through four qualifying rounds into the group stage for a third straight season.

UEFA drew 17 pairings Sunday that will be played before this season's Champions League is

scheduled to end with an Aug. 23 final in Lisbon, Portugal.

Legia Warsaw will play either Drita of Kosovo or Linfield of Northern Ireland who have a preliminary round in game Tuesday at the stadium next to UEFA headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland.

In other ties involving former group-stage participants, Cluj of Ro-

mania was drawn away to Floriana of Malta, and Bulgaria's Ludogorets Razgrad travels to Buducnost Podgorica of Montenegro. Ferencvaros of Hungary hosts Djurgarden of Sweden.

UEFA decided amid the rescheduled soccer program during the COVID-19 pandemic to stage the three Champions League qualifying rounds as single-leg games. Play-off round pairings in September are scheduled to be held over two legs.

EUROPA LEAGUE

Manchester United's Solskjaer faces old teammate in quarters

BY JAMES ELLINGWORTH
Associated Press

DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

The Europa League will set up a reunion for Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer as he takes on an old friend in the quarterfinals.

When Solskjaer's team faces Copenhagen in Cologne on Monday, the opposing coach will be his old Norway teammate Stale Solbakken.

The two played at the 1998 World Cup when Norway reached the last 16 and beat Brazil along the way. The Norwegian team was bursting with talent then but hasn't qualified for a World Cup since.

"I used to play with Stale Solbakken and he's a good friend of mine — we've been in touch before today. We wished each other good luck and said hope to see you in Germany. They did their job, we did our job, so on to the next one," Solskjaer said Wednesday, according to UEFA.

"Stale's teams are always well organized and difficult to play against. Very talented young players with experience. He's done fantastic in building team after team and it's going to be a difficult one."

United will be the overwhelming favorite, but Copenhagen and Solbakken have sprung surprises as coach in 2006, Solbakken led the team to a 1-0 victory over United in the Champions League group stage.

Solskjaer was on the field for United that day alongside Wayne Rooney in attack, with a 21-year-old Cristiano Ronaldo on the flank.

WOLVES HUNTING TROPHY

Solbakken has an unhappy history with another team in the quarterfinals. His six months as coach of Wolverhampton in 2012-13 were a far cry from its European successes this season.

Back then Solbakken's team flirted with relegation from the second-tier championship and he was dismissed after just six months in charge. That paved the way for Solbakken to join Copenhagen seven months later and he's stayed ever since.

Wolves take on five-time Europa League winner Sevilla on Tuesday in their biggest European game since losing the 1972 UEFA Cup final to Tottenham.

It's been a long road for Wolves, who started the Europa League in the



SASCHA STEINBACH AP

Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer stands in the rain Sunday during a training session in Cologne, Germany. Copenhagen will play Manchester United in a Europa League quarterfinal match on Monday.

second qualifying round in July 2019 against Northern Irish club Crusaders.

"This goal means everything. It's everything we were going through, for the whole season. Since the beginning we were training, we were working hard," striker Raul Jimenez said Thursday after scoring the winning penalty against Olympiakos.

NOW OR NEVER KUSEN

For Bayer Leverkusen, the Europa League tournament on home soil offers a golden chance to shed its nickname of "Neverkusen."

Five times the Bundesliga runner-up and never the champion, and the losing finalist to Real Madrid in the 2002 Champions League final, Leverkusen has a reputation for falling just short of success. It has history in this competition though, beating Espanyol on penalties in 1988 in the final of what was then called the UEFA Cup.

Winning the trophy would put Leverkusen back in the Champions League for 2020-21 after it missed out by two points in June.

It's now or never for Kai Havertz too. The Leverkusen forward has been linked with a move to Chelsea, so each game in the Europa League could be his last for the club he joined at the age of 11. He hit the bar and put another shot just wide as Leverkusen defeated Rangers in the round of 16.

The draw hasn't made that easy, pitting Leverkusen against Inter Milan in the quarterfinal Tuesday. Inter is aiming to cap its recent resurgence with its first trophy in nine years. No Italian club has won this competition since Parma won the UEFA Cup in 1999.

WILLIAN SAYS 'TIME HAS NOW COME' TO LEAVE CHELSEA

LONDON

Brazil forward Willian used his 32nd birthday to announce that the "time has now come" to leave Chelsea. Willian is out of contract following a seven-year stay at Stamford Bridge amid repeated media reports of a free transfer switch to London rivals Arsenal.

"The time has now come to move on. I am certainly going to miss my team-mates," he wrote in an open letter to Chelsea fans published Sunday on Twitter.

Willian won two Premier League titles, an FA Cup, a League Cup and the Europa League with Chelsea and said he would depart with his "head held high."

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Serena Williams serves the ball against Bianca Andreescu of Canada during the 2019 U.S. Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York. Serena is expected to play at the U.S. Open, which is scheduled for Aug. 31-Sept. 13.

COMMENTARY

Serena Williams returns to play with a new perspective

BY HELENE ELLIOTT
Los Angeles Times

When Serena Williams left her luxurious bubble in Florida to play her first matches in six months, she packed a few dozen face masks and a new sense of perspective along with her tennis gear.

“One thing I have learned with this pandemic is don’t plan,” said Williams, who estimated she travels with 50 masks because of concerns about COVID-19. “I’m literally living for the day and for the moment and in a good way, but I’m not making plans too far out.”

Williams hasn’t competed since February, when she split a pair of Fed Cup qualifying matches against Latvia at Everett, Wash. Her last tournament action was at the Australian Open, where her pursuit of a record-tying 24th Grand Slam singles title ended with an upset loss to Wang Qiang of China in the third round.

Normally she wouldn’t have considered playing in the Top Seed Open, a first-time Women’s Tennis Association event that will begin on Monday in Nicholasville, Ky., but the timing works well for her and so does the short travel from her home. Williams, who will be 39 on Sept. 26, has self-isolated in Florida with her husband, tech entrepreneur and investor Alexis Ohanian, and their daughter Olympia, who will be 3 on Sept. 1. Williams has shared images on social media of playing dress-up with Olympia as well as playing tennis with the adorable toddler on a court her husband had built, but it’s time for Williams to go back on the road and back to work.

That process starts with the first WTA event to be held in the U.S. since the sport shut down in March. The field is scheduled to include Williams’ older sister Venus, 2017 U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens, Victoria Azarenka, and 16-year-old sensation Coco Gauff. It’s a useful lead-in to the



ELAINE THOMPSON AP

Serena Williams returns a shot to Latvia’s Jelena Ostapenko during a Fed Cup qualifying tennis match on Feb. 7 in Everett, Wash. Williams is planning to make her return to competition at a new hard-court tournament in Kentucky this month. It’ll be Williams’ first action since playing for the U.S. in the Fed Cup in February, before all sanctioned tennis was shut down the next month because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Western and Southern Open, which was moved to New York from Cincinnati this year, and to the U.S. Open, which is scheduled for Aug. 31-Sept. 13 in New York. All will be played in front of empty stands.

“I’m excited. There won’t be fans here – it’s all virtual – but it’s cool,” Williams said Saturday during a Zoom session on site in Kentucky. “We’ve been stuck at home for six months and a part of me, every part of me, loved it actually because I haven’t been home that long since I was literally a teenager. Even when I was pregnant I was traveling a lot, so I was in so many different places. So it’s been a long time since I was home that long. And it was nice.”

“But it’s also a really cool opportunity to come to Kentucky and be isolating in a different place. It’s the same thing all over again, but it’s nice to kind of get out, I guess, because I’m so used to traveling, but I’m still trying to see how I like everything.”

She’s armed with her masks and caution born of her history of blood clots. “I don’t have full lung capacity so I’m not sure what would happen to me. I’m sure I’ll be OK, but I

don’t want to find out that kind of thing,” she said of her vigilance. “I’m super, super careful with what I’ve been doing, and everyone in the Serena bubble is really protected. Yeah, it’s cool to play tennis, but this is my life and this is my health, so I’ve been a little neurotic to an extent, but that’s just what I have to be right now.”

The enforced time away from competition could work in her favor. When she returned to the tour in 2018 after a difficult pregnancy that included an emergency caesarean delivery and surgery made necessary when she developed blood clots, she often seemed behind in terms of regaining her fitness. She also incurred some injuries that prevented her from getting essential tournament experience.

Everyone is returning on roughly the same level now, with little or no match play and a foundation only of the fitness work they’ve done the last few months. Williams had to make some adjustments, such as finding new physiotherapists to replace her Europe-based associates, but she was able to hit while maintaining proper social distance

from her partner and could work out on equipment she and her husband are collecting to stock a home workout facility.

“I wasn’t able to go to gyms but I’m also not bench-pressing. This is God-given, thank you very much to my mom,” she said, kissing her bicep. “The gym’s not quite done, but it’s cool. The tennis court is so fun. It’s like, I go there and it’s my own sanctuary. I’m like, why haven’t I done this 20 years ago? It’s really cool. It’s fun. We had a few players out there and I’m like, this is the U.S. Open surface, so come hit with me, come hit with me. I was just trying to get people to come.”

Her live-for-now mantra came into play when she was asked if she still plans to compete in the Tokyo Olympics, which were postponed until 2021. A four-time gold medalist – once in singles and three times in doubles – Williams isn’t ready to commit to another appearance. “That’s just looking too far ahead for me right now. I don’t know if Tokyo plans to be in Tokyo,” she said. “I’ll have to kind of wait to see what happens in the fall. I don’t know what to expect.”

Planning to play at the

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U.S. Open and a few weeks later the rescheduled French Open was as far as she was willing to go. “I see myself doing it all, if it happens. But like I said, I’m not planning for the future. I learned that as tournaments got canceled,” she said. “Every time one got canceled I was, ‘Just let me just work on today and focus on today and see what happens.’”

That’s true for everyone. “I feel almost like I’ve played through so many generations and so many different things, and I honestly feel cool to be able to play through this era so I can say, ‘I remember when it first happened.’ And that’s kind of how I’m trying to look at it,” she said.

“It’s something that the whole world is going through. It’s not just us as tennis players, or us as athletes. It’s literally the whole world that’s going through this pandemic right now and I think sport has been one of the few things that can actually provide almost like a good breath of fresh air or a sigh of relief to the people that are really still stuck in their homes.”

Ferro upsets Kontaveit to win Palermo Open

Associated Press

PALERMO, SICILY

Fiona Ferro of France upset fourth-seeded Anett Kontaveit of Estonia in the Palermo Ladies Open final on Sunday to win the first tour-level tennis title in five months.

Ferro, who is ranked 53rd in the world, won 6-2, 7-5. She had lost just one set on her way to the final.

“It means a lot especially after a five tough months of practice,” Ferro said. “I was already feeling so happy just to be back competing and be on the court but it’s even nicer to finish the week this way.”

It was Ferro’s second WTA title and the 23-year-old sealed it on her second championship point when Kontaveit hit a return long.

“I was feeling relaxed, I don’t know why but I wasn’t really feeling the pressure,” Ferro said. “It was a tough match ... but I had a good intensity. I didn’t miss a lot, I had a lot of winners. I’m really happy to have the trophy.”

Kontaveit has lost five of the six finals she has contested.

It was the first official tennis event – for men or women – since March when the coronavirus pandemic shut down sports across the globe.

“I don’t feel like I did too much wrong, she was just too good today,” Kontaveit said. “I’m just really happy we’re back playing tennis and able to compete.”

“At the beginning it was terrifying but also really exciting at the same time.”

Players and officials for the tournament were tested every four days for COVID-19 and one player who tested positive withdrew over the weekend.

Popyrin withdraws from US Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Alexei Popyrin withdrew from the U.S. Open on Sunday, allowing 2012 champion Andy Murray to move into the main draw.

That means Murray can relinquish the wild-card invitation he received from the U.S. Tennis Association, which now will be given to American Mitchell Krueger.

Popyrin is a 21-year-old Australian who is ranked 103rd. He joins Australians Ash Barty and Nick Kyrgios as players who are skipping the U.S. Open, which is scheduled to be played without spectators amid the coronavirus pandemic in New York starting on Aug. 31.

The 26-year-old Krueger, who is based in Texas, is ranked 195th.

Cold War rivalries split the Olympics in Moscow in 1980

United States led effort to boycott Summer Games; four years later, Soviet Union boycotted 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles as retaliation

BY JAMES ELLINGWORTH
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The Cold War made for decades of tense Olympic battles between the United States and the Soviet Union. In 1980 that rivalry split the Olympics altogether.

U.S. President Jimmy Carter, facing re-election, pushed for the U.S. to boycott the first Olympics held in the Soviet Union after Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan in December 1979.

As the Soviets won medal after medal in Moscow, U.S. athletes were given token medals at a White House reception. The boycott came just months after the U.S. had hosted the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, beating the Soviets 4-3 in the "Miracle on Ice" final.

Carter recruited boxing legend Muhammad Ali to criss-cross Africa with an appeal to countries to join the boycott. Of the five nations Ali visited, three competed in Moscow anyway.

The U.S., China, Canada, West Germany and much of South America stayed home. Many European countries fudged the issue, sending teams who took part under the Olympic flag. Four years later, the Soviet Union boycotted the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles as retaliation.

The Soviet war in Afghanistan rumbled on through the 1980 Olympics. Boxers and wrestlers sent by Afghanistan's pro-Soviet authorities were held up as heroes by the Soviet media, which reported they had defied threats of physical harm to compete. Some Afghan athletes had defected to Pakistan instead.

It was a showcase of ideology as much as sporting achievement. The main venue was Moscow's Central Lenin Stadium, now better known as Luzhniki, which also held the soccer World Cup final in 2018. The Soviets and their allies held up sporting successes as a validation of their political systems.

Barely a decade later, the Soviet Union would be a thing of the past as it fractured into 15 newly independent countries. To this day, many older Russians remember the Olympics with pride as a time when their country proved it could host a prestigious international event, even with Western nations trying to spoil the party.

A generation of Russian children loved Misha, the cuddly bear mascot. His farewell at the closing ceremony, flying away clutching a bunch of balloons, was referenced in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi when a new Russian bear mascot shed a tear and blew out the Olympic flame.

SOVIET DOMINATION

With the U.S. out of the picture, the Cold War medal-table rivalry was gone and Soviet athletes were head and shoulders



Members of the crowd hold up 3,500 cards to create an image of Misha the Bear Cub, the mascot of the Moscow Olympic Games, at the Lenin Stadium in Russia on July 19, 1980. Above burns the Olympic flame.

An unidentified youth displays the flag of the United States during opening ceremonies at the Summer Olympic Games in Moscow on July 19, 1980. The United States did not attend the Olympics in Moscow but rather led a boycott in protest of Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

above the rest.

They finished with 195 total medals, more than any country at any Olympic Games before or since, ahead of East Germany with 126. Britain's 21 medals were the most for any non-Communist country.



ANONYMOUS AP

Swimmer Vladimir Salnikov churned up the pool with three gold medals and a world record, while gymnast Alexander Dityatin won a medal in eight events, an Olympic record matched only by U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps in 2004 and 2008.

It was hard for ordinary Soviet citizens to watch the Olympics, though. Travel to Moscow from other cities was restricted during the Games and locals were warned to limit social contact with people from non-Communist countries.

East Germany's medal haul was vast for a country of barely 16 million people. After the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, Germany was reunified and the East's vast state-run doping program was revealed.

EDITORS NOTE

With the Tokyo Olympics postponed for a year because of the coronavirus pandemic, The Associated Press is looking back at the history of Summer Games. Here are some of the highlights of the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

SURPRISE SPRINT GOLD

Heading into 1980, few had Scottish sprinter Allan Wells down as the favorite to win 100-meter gold. He did it anyway.

With the U.S. team staying home it was a battle between Wells and Cuban runner Silvio Leonard. They started on opposite sides of the track for the final; Leonard in lane one, Wells in lane eight.

They were neck-and-neck all the way down the track and were given identical times but Wells dipped marginally quicker to take the win on a photo finish. The Olympic anthem was played, not "God Save The Queen," as Britain nodded to the boycott by competing without national symbols.

To prove his win wasn't just a fluke of the boycott, Wells raced the leading U.S. sprinters two weeks later at a meet in West Germany and beat them too.

A 2015 documentary by the BBC alleged that Wells had taken the banned steroid stanozolol during his career. He strongly denies doping.

SHAPING THE FUTURE

The Moscow boycott put 1976 fencing gold medalist Thomas Bach on a path to becoming president of the International Olympic Committee, and shaped how he reacted to Russian doping decades later.

He urged West German Olympic officials to send a team at a conference in May 1980 but was outvoted. After being mentored in sports politics while working for Adidas, Bach joined the IOC and was elected president in 2013. Rower Anita De-Frantz sued the U.S. Olympic Committee in her campaign against the boycott and is now an IOC vice-president.

When widespread doping in Russia was revealed, Bach and the IOC opted against excluding Russia from the 2016 Olympics. Bach has cited his experience of the boycotts when arguing against banning any country, and to back up IOC rules preventing athletes making gestures of protest.

"We must be politically neutral because otherwise we would exactly end up in this kind of divisive and boycott situations," he said in January. The boycotts in Moscow and Los Angeles "brought the Olympic Games at the point of demise" and had "no effect whatsoever" on countries' foreign policy, he added.



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U.S. women's water polo team members, from left, Melissa Seidemann, Alys Williams, coach Adam Krikorian, and Kaleigh Gilchrist at Joint Forces Training Base in California.

They're Olympic gold medalists. But this U.S. team was **FORGED IN TRAGEDY**

BY KEVIN BAXTER
Los Angeles Times

When Adam Krikorian woke up Saturday, it was just another day — the first on a well-earned vacation to visit family in Northern California.

If everything had gone right, Krikorian likely would have spent the day in Japan, coaching the U.S. women's water polo team to a third consecutive Olympic title.

The U.S. was ranked No. 1 in the world and Krikorian's date with destiny seemed secure. Pandemics don't respect rankings, though, so when COVID-19 forced the postponement of the Tokyo Games, it was a crushing blow to athletes the world over. For Krikorian and his team, however, it was just another obstacle to be overcome.

"You can either use it as an excuse or make it part of your story," he said. "This team has always made it a part of their story."

The story of the last four years has largely been a tragedy. Since capturing the gold in the 2016 Olympics, team members have endured deaths, medical emergencies, freak accidents and a mass shooting.

Still, the team carries on.

"The more adversity is thrown your way, it can either break you or it can make you stronger," Krikorian said. "And thus far it's certainly made us stronger. I don't think this is going to be any different."

If Tokyo was to be the high point of Krikorian's coaching career, the low point came in Rio de Janeiro, on the eve of the last Summer Games.

The team had been in the Olympic village just two days when Krikorian's cell-phone began to ping with text messages and missed calls from his father, Gary, each more frantic than the last. It was just before mid-



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night when he finally called his father back and learned his older brother Blake was dead of a heart attack at 48.

"I didn't know what to do. There were a ton of thoughts going through your mind at that point," he said, his voice cracking and his eyes watering at the memories.

"Do I stay? This is my team that I've coached for four years, and this is the biggest moment of their athletic lives. So part of me was like, 'I'm just going to stay.'"

"And a big part of me was like, 'This is meaningless. Like who gives a ... about this? I want to go home and I don't want to come back.'"

Krikorian spent the night walking the village, then called a team meeting for 7

o'clock that morning. By then the players had heard the news and had made the decision for their coach.

"We told him, 'You've got to go. You should be home with your family,'" Kaleigh Gilchrist said.

The trip from Brazil to California took 12 hours and Krikorian cried most of the way. Blake, had been more than a brother. Seven years older, he was mentor and best friend, Krikorian's idol and role model. He was also the person who taught Krikorian the difference between winning and losing, regularly crushing his kid brother in an Atari baseball video game, then taunting him so ruthlessly that Krikorian learned to hate de-

feat.

He channeled that competitiveness into water polo, leading UCLA to its first NCAA championship in 23 years as a player and 14 more titles as a coach. In 2009 he took over the women's national team and guided it to an unmatched record of excellence, including three World Cup titles and the two Olympic golds.

That was the team he had left in Rio, so after a couple of days grieving with his family, Krikorian returned to Brazil. And if he had any doubts about that decision, they were eased on the flight back, one he shared with the families of many of his players.

"It was a reminder for me of, 'Hey, these parents are going to watch their kids compete at the biggest stage. And I'm in charge of those kids.' It was a good reminder that I have a responsibility and I can be a leader of how to deal with adversity."

An hour before the team was to enter the pool for its first game, Peter Haberl, the team's sports psychologist, whispered in his ear disturbing news. The mother of defender Melissa Seidemann had suffered a stroke and was in a Rio hospital.

"As soon as that information comes, it brings me back to Aug. 3 when my brother passed," Krikorian said. "So I'm a wreck. And then I also feel this emotional connection. I recruited Melissa to come to UCLA. I know (the family) very, very well."

The coach waited until after the game to tell Seidemann, but the news didn't come as a shock.

"I kind of knew something wasn't right," she recounted earlier this year. "I can usually spot my family in the stands. I spotted my sisters, but not my parents."

Krikorian buried his personal sorrow in preparing his team for each game. Seidemann buried hers in the pool, playing in all six U.S. wins and scoring three goals in between long commutes to her mother's bedside.

After the gold medal game, coach and player, exhausted both physically and emotionally, broke down. They hadn't let the team down and now the team returned the favor.

"I remember hugging Adam afterward and saying that Blake would be proud," Gilchrist said. "We were all crying at that point."

In water polo, coaches don't share in the awards so after the medal ceremony the players stepped off the podium, filed over to Krikor-

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THE STORY OF THE LAST FOUR YEARS HAS LARGELY BEEN A TRAGEDY. SINCE CAPTURING THE GOLD IN THE 2016 OLYMPICS, TEAM MEMBERS HAVE ENDURED DEATHS, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, FREAK ACCIDENTS AND A MASS SHOOTING.



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ian and, one by one, draped 13 golds around his neck as the coach dabbed at the tears in his eyes.

Seidemann's mother, Bobbie, suffered a second stroke and spent the remainder of 2016 in the hospital, returning from Brazil in a wheelchair she'll need for life. But by fall 2017, with the pain and triumph of the 2016 Olympics receding, Seidemann joined friends and teammates on a short trip to Las Vegas.

Anything to get out of the pool for a few days.

The draw was a country music festival and in the closing hours of Oct. 1, 2017, a man opened fired on the crowd, killing 59 and wounding more than 400. It remains the deadliest mass shooting in American history.

Seidemann and Sami Hill, another 2016 Olympian, had left the outdoor venue about 30 minutes earlier, a couple of hours after teammate Maddie Musselman. Left behind was teammate, Alys Williams, who had persuaded her boyfriend, Cody Moore, to stay for Jason Aldean, who was onstage when the shooting began.

"At the beginning I honestly had no clue what was happening," Williams recalled. "It sounded like fireworks. It was weird. Then all of a sudden people were screaming and telling us to get down."

Musselman was on a plane by then; when she landed, her cellphone was full of text messages and voicemails from friends checking on her safety.

"I had no idea what was happening," she said. "I actually haven't processed it in terms of like 'wow, I was super lucky.' I think everything happens for a reason, you know? I could have been there."

Seidemann watched the shooting unfold on TV a couple of blocks away.

"I felt helpless," she said. "Oh my God, my people are there and I want to help them. But there was nothing we could do."

Back at the concert, Williams and Moore, convinced by the hail of gunfire there were mul-

iple shooters, ignored the orders of an off-duty policeman to stay down, instead jumping up and running as bullets kicked up gravel all around them.

Williams heard someone scream that they had been hit, but she didn't look back. "I knew what was happening. I wasn't curious," she said. And if she saw any victims, she's blocked that out.

When they got to the nearby Tropicana, Williams realized she had lost her phone and tried to reach her parents on Moore's cell. The call was still ringing when the crowd in the casino panicked, believing there was a shooter there too. Williams and Moore took off running again, this time for the MGM Grand across the street, where they hailed an elevator and zoomed to a top floor, then sat shaking in a hallway.

It was nearly 5 in the morning when Seidemann and Hill picked them up and drove them to the Airbnb they had rented. Later that day, Seidemann did what teammates do, skipping her flight to Orange County so she could drive her teammate home to Huntington Beach instead.

Williams says she still hasn't fully processed that evening. "There's definitely some guilt (about me leaving)," she said. "Looking back, I wonder if I could have helped more people if I would have stayed."

Why did she run? Why did she survive? She's obsessed over both questions but has come to the conclusion that she doesn't get to know the answer. Her job is simply to keep moving forward.

"I have my own beliefs and I definitely have a piece of me where it's like I was meant to be there. And I was meant to get out of there. Now what do I do with my life?"

Las Vegas wasn't the first time Williams dodged disaster. Nor would it be the last.

A year earlier she had been traveling through Belgium to the Olympic qualifying tournament in the Netherlands but had



JULIO CORTEZ AP

United States coach Adam Krikorian, left, is pulled into the pool moments after the team beat Spain during the gold medal women's water polo match at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.



JOHN LOCHER AP

A makeshift memorial for victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas is seen in 2017. After the pain and triumph of the 2016 Olympics, Melissa Seidemann joined friends and teammates on a trip to Las Vegas for a country music festival where 59 people were killed and more than 400 wounded in the deadliest mass shooting in American history.

shown up late and missed her train. If she had been on time, she said would have arrived at the Maalbeek metro station in Brussels just as a terrorist ignited a suicide bomb, killing 20 and injuring more than 100.

"I just escaped," she said. "That was random."

In July 2019, Williams left a Seoul nightclub with some teammates 45 minutes before a balcony collapsed, killing two people and injuring 17 others. Gilchrist was one of those 17.

She had played more than 20 minutes for the U.S. in the gold medal game at the FINA World Championships that night and didn't want to let the celebration end. So while teammates began returning to their hotel, Gilchrist

stayed behind. She was with teammate Paige Hauschild and Johnny Hooper, a member of the U.S. men's team, when the second-floor balcony they were standing on gave way.

Hauschild and Hooper sustained minor injuries but there were deep lacerations to Gilchrist's left leg. Chris Bates, the sports medicine manager for the national team, used a belt to make a tourniquet and Hannes Daube, another men's player, carried her to the street to wait for an ambulance.

"I was laying on the curb kind of fading in and out," she remembered. "That was the first thought, just making it to the hospital and just trying to stay present with a good attitude not to scare

Calabasas.

"That was definitely a tough week," Gilchrist said. "It clearly brought up emotions from South Korea. Obviously he was such an inspiration and fixture in the recovery process too."

Krikorian had suspended practices because of COVID-19 when the International Olympic Committee announced in March that the Summer Games would be postponed a year.

"In a strange way," Krikorian said, "you just kind of look at it as another challenge. We talk all the time about things are going to be thrown at us that we just don't know what's coming. And our ability to persevere in those tough times really determines whether we're going to have success."

That doesn't make those decisions any easier.

Seidemann will be 31 if the Tokyo Games really open next July. Does she want to endure another year of grueling training to go for a third gold medal? If she does, her mother will have to watch her play on television.

Sisters Makenzie Fischer, 23, and Aria Fischer, 21, put off their studies at Stanford to train for Tokyo. Do they want to extend those sabbaticals another year?

On the plus side Gilchrist will have another year to continue her rehab and Williams, 26, is going ahead with her plans to marry Moore, who was by her side at the Las Vegas shooting, in November.

Makenzie Fischer - who comforted Krikorian and Seidemann in Rio; who backed out of the Las Vegas trip at the last minute; who had left the nightclub in South Korea shortly before the balcony collapse - said she doesn't believe there's a black cloud following the team. But she insists all those incidents have made her and her teammates stronger and brought them closer together.

If they make it to Tokyo next summer and if they reach the gold-medal game and if they go into the fourth quarter trailing? They've faced bigger challenges than that.

And if they lose? Well, it's only a game.

the ones that were around me."

On the way to the hospital she called her family on FaceTime and lied, saying she was OK. The truth was she didn't know because she refused to look down at her bloody leg.

A day later, when she woke from surgery, doctors showed her pictures of her wounds, explaining in broken English that it had taken more than 100 stitches to close them. If the lacerations had been just millimeters deeper, she could have lost the use of her left foot.

Gilchrist faced months of painful and mind-numbing rehab if she hoped to compete in the 2020 Games. Japan had a special allure; her father, Sandy Gilchrist, swam for Canada in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. To make sure she got there too, she reached out to a Newport Beach neighbor who had once traveled a similar road in rehab.

"I actually met Kobe Bryant a few years back. He kind of became a big mentor after South Korea happened," Gilchrist said. "We just continued to chat. Our trainer named my recovery the Mamba Mission."

The mission isn't complete but Gilchrist, cheered on by Bryant, returned to the pool in December. A month later the NBA legend, his daughter Gianina and seven others died in a helicopter crash in

SPORTSSTATS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

East	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	East	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	10	6	.625	—	—	5-5	L-2	4-1	6-5	Atlanta	11	6	.647	—	—	7-3	W-2	7-2	4-4
Tampa Bay	8	8	.500	2	1	4-6	W-2	8-3	0-5	Miami	7	3	.700	½	—	7-3	L-2	2-0	5-3
Baltimore	7	7	.500	2	1	5-4	W-2	3-4	4-3	New York	7	9	.438	3½	3½	4-6	W-2	3-5	4-4
Boston	6	9	.400	3½	2½	5-5	W-1	3-5	3-4	Philadelphia	4	6	.400	3½	3½	4-6	L-2	3-5	1-1
Toronto	5	8	.385	3½	2½	4-6	L-1	0-2	5-6	Washington	4	7	.364	4	4	3-6	L-3	2-7	2-0
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Central	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Minnesota	10	6	.625	—	—	6-4	L-4	7-1	3-5	Chicago	10	3	.769	—	—	8-2	L-1	7-1	3-2
Detroit	8	5	.615	½	—	6-4	W-3	3-4	5-1	Milwaukee	6	7	.462	4	3	5-5	W-1	1-4	5-3
Cleveland	9	7	.563	1	—	5-5	W-1	6-2	3-5	St. Louis	2	3	.400	4	3	2-3	L-3	2-1	0-2
Chicago	8	7	.533	1½	½	7-3	L-1	2-5	6-2	Cincinnati	7	9	.438	4½	3½	5-5	L-1	3-5	4-4
Kansas City	7	10	.412	3½	2½	4-6	W-4	4-4	3-6	Pittsburgh	3	13	.188	8½	7½	1-9	L-3	2-6	1-7
West	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	West	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Oakland	12	4	.750	—	—	9-1	W-9	9-3	3-1	Colorado	11	4	.733	—	—	7-3	L-1	5-2	6-2
Texas	6	8	.429	5	2	5-5	W-3	5-3	1-5	Los Angeles	11	5	.688	½	—	7-3	W-1	4-3	7-2
Houston	6	9	.400	5½	2½	3-7	L-5	3-3	3-6	San Diego	9	7	.563	2½	1½	5-5	W-1	6-4	3-3
Seattle	6	11	.353	6½	3½	3-7	W-1	3-7	3-4	San Francisco	7	10	.412	5	4	4-6	L-1	3-3	4-7
Los Angeles	5	11	.313	7	4	3-7	L-3	2-4	3-7	Arizona	6	10	.375	5½	4½	4-6	L-1	3-4	3-6

AMERICAN LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 8, Tampa Bay 4, 7 innings, 1st game
Cleveland 7, Chi. White Sox 1
Oakland 3, Houston 1
Detroit 11, Pittsburgh 5
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 3, 7 innings, 2nd game
Baltimore 5, Washington 3
Texas 2, L.A. Angels 0
Toronto 2, Boston 1
Kansas City 9, Minnesota 6
Colorado 5, Seattle 0

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 3
Detroit 2, Pittsburgh 1
Boston 5, Toronto 3
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 2
Texas 7, L.A. Angels 3
Seattle 5, Colorado 3
Oakland 7, Houston 2
Baltimore at Washington, sus.
Cleveland 5, Chi. White Sox 4

MONDAY'S GAMES

Chi. White Sox (Keuchel 2-1) at Detroit (Fulmer 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Yarbrough 0-2) at Boston (Perez 2-1), 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota (Dobnak 2-1) at Milwaukee (Houser 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
Seattle (Dunn 0-1) at Texas (Gibson 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
S.F. (TBD) at Houston (McCullers Jr. 1-1), 9:10 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 0-2) at L.A. Angels (Teheran 0-1), 9:40 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Miami at Toronto, 6:37 p.m.
Kansas City at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Chi. Cubs at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
Chi. White Sox at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Seattle at Texas, 9:05 p.m.
S.F. at Houston, 9:10 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 9:40 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Detroit 11, Pittsburgh 5
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 0
Baltimore 5, Washington 3
Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Mets 8, Miami 4
Colorado 5, Seattle 0
Arizona 3, San Diego 2
S.F. 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
Chi. Cubs at St. Louis, ppd.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 2, 7 innings, 1st game
N.Y. Mets 4, Miami 2
Detroit 2, Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 3
L.A. Dodgers 6, S.F. 2
Seattle 5, Colorado 3
San Diego 9, Arizona 5
Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 0, 7 innings, 2nd game
Baltimore at Washington, sus.
Chi. Cubs at St. Louis, ppd.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta (Newcomb 0-1) at Philadelphia (Nola 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Washington (Corbin 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Dobnak 2-1) at Milwaukee (Houser 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (TBD) at St. Louis (TBD), ppd.
Arizona (Ray 1-2) at Colorado (Gray 0-1), 8:40 p.m.
S.F. (TBD) at Houston (McCullers Jr. 1-1), 9:10 p.m.
San Diego (Richards 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (May 1-0), 9:40 p.m.

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Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, ppd.
Arizona at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
S.F. at Houston, 9:10 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 9:40 p.m.

ATLANTA 5, PHILADELPHIA 2 (1)

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Acuna Jr. rf	4	1	2	0	1	.217	
Swanson ss	3	1	0	0	0	.279	
Freeman 1b	4	1	3	0	0	.241	
Ozuna lf	3	1	0	1	1	.259	
Melancon p	0	0	0	0	0	—	
Markakis dh	1	0	0	0	1	.222	
Duvall ph-dh	2	0	2	3	0	.375	
Camargo 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.194	
Hechavarria 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.176	
Flowers c	1	1	1	0	2	.308	
Inciarte cf	3	0	0	0	0	.171	
Totals	27	5	9	5	5	7	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Haseley lf	1	0	0	0	0	.412	
McCutchen ph-ff	2	0	1	2	0	.143	
Hoskins 1b	2	0	0	0	2	.111	
Harper rf	3	0	0	0	1	.259	
Gregorius ss	3	0	0	0	0	.290	
Segura 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.192	
Bruce dh	3	0	0	0	0	.261	
Walker 2b	2	1	1	0	1	.200	
Quinn cf	3	1	1	0	0	.250	
Knapp c	1	0	0	0	1	.333	
Realuto ph	1	0	0	0	0	.321	
Totals	23	2	3	2	6	3	

Atlanta	000	050	0	5	9	0
Philadelphia	001	010	0 <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>0</td>	2	3	0

LOB—Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 7. **2B**—Ozuna (4), Freeman (4), Duvall (2), Quinn (1), HR—Acuna Jr. (2), off Guerra. **RBIs**—Acuna Jr. 2 (6), Duvall 3 (7), McCutchen 2 (2). **SB**—Segura (1). **CS**—Markakis (1). **SF**—McCutchen.

Runners left in scoring position—Atlanta 4 (Inciarte, Ozuna, Hechavarria); Philadelphia 3 (Harper, Walker, Gregorius). **RISP**—Atlanta 1 for 8; Philadelphia 0 for 5.

Runners moved up—McCutchen, Knapp.
DP—Philadelphia 2 (Knapp, Walker, Knapp; Hoskins, Quinn, Segura, Quinn).

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ynoa	2½	1	1	1	1	1	39	3.86
Matzek W,2-0	1½	0	0	0	2	1	26	0.00
Jackson	¾	1	1	0	0	15	2.70	
Smith H,1	½	0	0	0	1	0	7	0.00
Tomlin H,1	1	0	0	0	1	21	0.00	
Melancon S,3-3	1	1	0	0	0	10	0.00	

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Velasquez	4	3	1	1	3	6	76	6.43
Guerra L,1-1	½	2	2	2	0	0	7	11.25
Morgan	½	2	2	2	1	1	12	10.80
Rosso	1½	0	0	0	1	0	23	5.40
Irvin	1	2	0	0	0	14	18.00	

Inherited runners scored—Matzek 2-1, Smith 1-0, Guerra 1-1, Morgan 1-1, Rosso 1-0. **HBP**—Velasquez (Swanson). **WP**—Matzek.

Umpires—Home, Todd Tichenor; First, Sean Barber; Second, Chris Segal; Third, Ron Kulpa. T—2:59.

ATLANTA 8, PHILADELPHIA 0 (2)

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Acuna Jr. cf	4	2	4	3	0	0	.266
Swanson ss	3	2	1	0	1	0	.281
Freeman 1b	4	3	3	3	0	0	.276
Ozuna dh	4	0	2	1	0	2	.276
d'Arnaud c	4	0	2	1	0	0	.385
Markakis rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.231
Duvall lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.321
Riley 3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.132
Camargo 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.175
Totals	35	8	14	8	1	8	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Davis p-p	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
McCutchen lf	2	0	0	0	1	2	.133
Haseley lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.412
Hoskins 1b	2	0	2	0	0	0	.172
Knapp c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Harper rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.267
Garlick rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Realuto c-1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.290
Segura 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.172
Gregorius ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.265
Gosselin dh-3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.462
Kingery 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.097
Quinn cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Totals	25	0	4	0	1	8	

Atlanta	002	024	0	8	14	0
Philadelphia	000	000	0 <td>0</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td>	0	4	0

LOB—Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 6. **2B**—d'Arnaud (3), Freeman (5), Hoskins (2). **3B**—Freeman (1). **HR**—Freeman (3), off Howard; Acuna Jr. (3), off Howard; Acuna Jr. (4), off Kelley. **RBIs**—Freeman 3 (12), Acuna Jr. 3 (9), d'Arnaud (8), Ozuna (7). **Runners left in scoring position**—Atlanta 3 (d'Arnaud, Markakis 2); Philadelphia 4 (Segura, Harper 2). **RISP**—Atlanta 2 for 8; Philadelphia 0 for 4.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Fried W,3-0	5	4	0	0	1	6	91	1.59
O'Day	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	1.93
Sobotka	1	0	0	0	0	1	14	0.00

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Howard L,0-1	4½	7	4	4	1	4	81	7.71
Kelley	1	4	3	3	0	2	24	10.13
Davis	1½	3	1	1	0	2	25	16.88

Inherited runners scored—Kelley 1-1, Davis 1-1. **HBP**—Fried (Hoskins). **Umpires**—Home, Manny Gonzalez; First, Chris Segal; Second, Ron Kulpa; Third, Sean Barber. T—2:29.

BOSTON 5, TORONTO 3

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Verdugo rf-ff	3	1	1	1	1	0	.192
Devers 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.175
Martinez dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.196
Bogaerts ss	3	1	0	0	1	1	.319
Moreland 1b	4	2	2	3	0	1	.323
Vazquez c	3	0	0	0	0	3	.260
Benintendi lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.056
Pillar ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.310
Bradley Jr. cf	2	1	1	0	0	1	.238
Peraza ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.260
Lin 2b-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.182
Totals	30	5	4	4	1	12	

Toronto	001	101	000	—	3	6	2
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Do.Smith dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.233
Rosario ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.226
Gimenez 2b	4	3	3	0	0	0	.333
Nido c	3	1	1	0	1	1	.308
Totals	30	4	8	3	5	7	

Miami	000	020	000	— 2	9	2	
New York	002	101	00x	— 4	8	1	

E—Dickerson (1), Joyce (1), Alonso (1). **LOB**—Miami 10, New York 9. **2B**—Alvarez (1), Gimenez (1), Do.Smith (3). **HR**—Aguilar (4), off deGrom. **RBI**s—Aguilar 2 (8), McNeil 2 (7), Nimmo (4). **SB**—Gimenez (3), Alvarez (1), Berti (2), Conforto (2). **CS**—Conforto (2). **SF**—McNeil.

Runners left in scoring position—Miami 6 (Villar 2, Harrison 2); New York 4 (Do.Smith, Rosario 2). **RISP**—Miami 2 for 10; New York 1 for 10.

Runners moved up—Dickerson, Nido. **GIDP**—Dickerson, Aguilar, Alonso.
DP—Miami 1 (Berti, Alvarez, Aguilar); New York 2 (Davis, Gimenez, Alonso; Rosario, Alonso).

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lopez, L, 1-1	5	5	3	2	4	4	80	1.80
Tarpley	½	2	1	0	0	12	3.38	
Morin	1½	1	0	0	1	20	0.00	
Moran	1	0	0	0	0	14	5.40	

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
deGrom, W, 2-0	5	7	2	2	2	6	98	2.45
Hughes, H, 1	1	0	0	0	0	2	19	0.00
Betances, H, 2	1	0	0	0	1	0	10	8.31
Diaz, H, 1	1	2	0	0	0	3	26	2.84
Lugo, S, 3-5	1	0	0	0	1	13	2.00	

Inherited runners scored—Morin 2-0. **HBP**—Tarpley (Nimmo). **PB**—Nido (1).

Umpires—Home, Mark Carlson; First, James Hoyer; Second, Mike Estabrook; Third, Chad Whitson.
T—3:09.

MILWAUKEE 9, CINCINNATI 3

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Akiyama lf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.238
Castellanos rf	4	1	0	0	1	1	.293
Votto 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.196
Suarez 3b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.132
Winker dh	4	2	3	2	0	0	.275
Colon 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.167
Barnhart c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Galvis ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	.205
Jankowski cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.091
Ervin ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Totals	34	3	8	3	3	7	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Sogard ss	3	1	0	0	2	0	.229
Hiura 2b	5	2	3	2	0	0	.250
Yelich lf	3	2	3	2	0	0	.149
Morrison dh	3	1	0	1	2	2	.120
Garcia cf	5	0	0	0	0	3	.205
Smook 1b	5	1	3	2	0	1	.182
Holt 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.154
Gyorko ph-3b	1	0	0	0	1	1	.250
Mathias rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.333
Pina c	3	1	1	1	0	1	.286
Totals	35	9	10	9	7	9	

Cincinnati	100	100	001	— 3	8	1	
Milwaukee	001	006	20x	— 9	10	0	

E—Suarez (2). **LOB**—Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 10. **2B**—Winker (2), Smook (2). **3B**—Yelich (1). **HR**—Winker (1), off Woodruff; Hiura (3), off Kuhnelt; Yelich (4), off Kuhnelt. **RBI**s—Winker 2 (3), Galvis (6), Yelich (3) (9), Pina (2), Hiura 2 (7), Morrison (2), Smook 2 (4). **SB**—Mathias (1).

Runners left in scoring position—Cincinnati 4 (Colon, Votto, Castellanos); Milwaukee 7 (Garcia, Morrison, Sogard, Mathias). **RISP**—Cincinnati 3 for 9; Milwaukee 4 for 11.

Runners moved up—Castellanos, Winker, Barnhart. **GIDP**—Barnhart.

DP—Milwaukee 1 (Hiura, Sogard, Smook).

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lay, L, 3-1	5½	6	4	3	3	7	101	2.25
Lorenzen	0	1	3	3	0	0	16	16.88
Reed	½	1	0	0	1	0	15	10.80
Kuhnelt	1	2	2	0	0	1	26	18.00
Jones	1	0	0	0	0	1	12	5.06

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Woodruff	4	3	2	2	2	5	91	2.53
Suter, W, 2-0	2	3	0	0	0	31	4.32	
Williams	1	0	0	0	0	2	15	1.69
Knebel	1	0	0	0	0	11	7.71	
Claudio	1	2	1	1	0	23	4.15	

Lorenzen pitched to 4 batters in the 6th.

Inherited runners scored—Lorenzen 2-2, Reed 3-2. **HBP**—Gray (Pina), Claudio (Akiyama). **WP**—Gray.

Umpires—Home, Erich Bacchus; First, Andy Fletcher; Second, Tripp Gibson; Third, Ben May.
T—3:14.

KANSAS CITY 4, MINNESOTA 2

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kepler rf	3	0	1	1	1	1	.246
Polanco ss	4	0	0	1	0	1	.283
Cruz dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	.361
Rosario lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.208
Gonzalez 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.318
Sano 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.111
Arraz 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.233
Buxton cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.235
Avila c	3	1	1	0	1	2	.222
Totals	34	2	7	2	2	10	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Merrifield cf-ff	3	2	1	0	1	1	.284
Soler rf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.286
Phillips cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.280
Perez dh	2	0	1	1	0	0	.319
Dozier 1b	4	0	1	2	0	0	.250
Mondesi ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.250

Gordon lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.185
Franco 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.258
Lopez 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.257
Gallagher c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.143
Totals	30	4	8	4	5	6	

Minnesota	002	000	000	— 2	7	0	
Kansas City	201	001	00x	— 4	8	1	

E—Singer (1). **LOB**—Minnesota 7, Kansas City 8. **2B**—Kepler (4), Lopez (2), Gallagher (1). **HR**—Franco (4), off Berrios. **RBI**s—Kepler (12), Polanco (6), Dozier 2 (2), Perez (9), Franco (11). **SB**—Mondesi (4). **CS**—Lopez (3). **SF**—Perez.

Runners left in scoring position—Miami 6 (Villar 2, Harrison 2); New York 4 (Do.Smith, Rosario 2). **RISP**—Miami 2 for 10; New York 1 for 10.

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Berrios L, 1-2	5½	8	4	4	3	4	5.31	
Clippard	½	0	0	0	0	1	1.17	
Gearrin	2	0	0	0	2	1	0.00	

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Singer W, 1-1	5	5	2	2	2	4	4.50	
Holland H, 2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.08	
Staumont H, 2	2	2	0	0	0	3	1.17	
Barlow S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.80	

Inherited runners scored—Clippard 1-0. T—3:16.

TEXAS 7, L.A. ANGELS 3

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Fletcher ss	5	0	1	0	0	2	.317
La Stella 1b	4	1	1	2	1	0	.268
Trout cf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.286
Ohtani dh	3	1	2	0	1	1	.171
Rendon 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.103
Goodwin lf	2	0	1	1	1	0	.273
Ward ph-1f	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Adell rf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.133
Castro c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.222
Rengifo 2b	3	1	0	0	2	1	.129
Totals	32	3	6	3	7	13	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Choo lf	4	0	1	2	0	2	.194
Heineman cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.158
Kiner-Falefa 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.333
Frazier 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.306
Gallo rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.234
Solak cf-1f	4	3	2	0	0	0	.233
Odor 2b	4	1	1	1	0	3	.114
Andrus ss	4	1	2	1	0	0	.189
Refsnyder dh	3	1	1	0	0	1	.278
Calhoun ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.103
Mathis c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.333
Totals	35	7	10	5	0	11	

Los Angeles	000	021	000	— 3	6	1	
Texas	001	410	01x	— 7	10	0	

E—Adell (1). **LOB**—Los Angeles 9, Texas 4. **2B**—Castro (3), Ohtani (2), Fletcher (6), Kiner-Falefa (1), Solak 2 (3), Andrus (3). **HR**—La Stella (1), off Lynn. **RBI**s—La Stella 2 (3), Goodwin (9), Kiner-Falefa (2), Odor (3), Andrus (3), Choo 2 (7). **SB**—Mathis (1).

Runners left in scoring position—Los Angeles 5 (Rendon, Rengifo 2, Trout); Texas 2 (Frazier, Choo). **RISP**—Los Angeles 0 for 8; Texas 3 for 9.

Runners moved up—Rendon, Goodwin, Andrus.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Heaney, L, 1-1	3½	8	5	5	0	4	77	4.26
Mayers	1	0	1	0	0	2	16	5.40
Buchter	½	0	0	0	0	1	5	2.70
Robles	1	1	0	0	3	18	15.19	
Barnes	1½	1	1	1	0	1	12	4.05
Buttrey	½	0	0	0	0	0	5	5.14

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lynn, W, 2-0	5	4	2	2	3	6	109	1.16
Volquez	1	1	1	0	1	18	6.75	
Rodriguez, H, 2	1	1	0	0	1	24	3.86	
Martin, H, 2	½	0	0	0	2	1	17	2.45
Hergert, H, 1	½	0	0	0	1	2	16	4.91
Hernandez	1	0	0	0	0	1	13	2.00

Inherited runners scored—Mayers 1-0, Buttrey 1-1, Hergert 2-0. **WP**—Heaney, Buttrey. **PB**—Mathis (2).

Umpires—Home, Nate Tomlinson; First, Edwin Moscoso; Second, Doug Eddings; Third, Bill Miller.
T—3:36.

SEATTLE 5, COLORADO 3

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Hampson 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.250
Story ss	4	1	1	1	0	1	.276
Blackmon rf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.458
Kemp dh	4	0	1	1	0	3	.257
Tapia pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.133
Dahl cf	4	0	2	1	0	2	.246
E.Diaz c	3	0	0	0	0	0	

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
x-Toronto	50	19	.725	—	8-2	W-1	25-10	25-9	32-11
x-Boston	47	23	.671	3½	6-4	W-3	26-9	21-14	30-12
x-Philadelphia	42	28	.600	8½	5-5	L-1	31-2	11-26	28-17
x-Brooklyn	34	36	.486	16½	7-3	W-2	20-15	14-21	22-23
New York	21	45	.318	27½	4-6	W-1	11-22	10-23	15-28
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
x-Miami	43	27	.614	—	5-5	L-2	28-7	15-20	29-12
x-Orlando	32	39	.451	11½	5-5	L-4	17-16	15-23	20-22
Charlotte	23	42	.354	17½	4-6	W-1	10-21	13-21	16-24
Washington	24	46	.343	19	2-8	L-6	16-19	8-27	17-26
Atlanta	20	47	.299	21½	4-6	L-1	14-20	6-27	11-32
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
z-Milwaukee	55	15	.786	—	3-7	L-1	30-4	25-11	36-6
x-Indiana	43	27	.614	12	7-3	W-1	24-11	19-16	27-18
Chicago	22	43	.338	30½	3-7	W-1	14-20	8-23	15-28
Detroit	20	46	.303	33	1-9	L-5	11-22	9-24	12-31
Cleveland	19	46	.292	33½	4-6	L-1	11-25	8-21	12-32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
x-Houston	44	25	.638	—	5-5	W-2	24-10	20-15	28-18
x-Dallas	42	30	.583	3½	5-5	W-1	20-17	22-13	26-18
Memphis	33	38	.465	12	3-7	L-1	19-16	14-22	20-26
San Antonio	31	38	.449	13	6-4	W-2	18-15	13-23	19-22
New Orleans	30	40	.429	14½	4-6	L-1	15-21	15-19	18-29
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
x-Denver	46	24	.657	—	5-5	W-1	26-10	20-14	29-14
x-Oklahoma City	43	26	.623	2½	6-4	W-1	22-14	21-12	27-17
x-Utah	43	27	.614	3	5-5	L-2	22-11	21-16	23-20
Portland	33	39	.458	14	6-4	W-1	21-15	12-24	19-27
Minnesota	19	45	.297	24	3-7	L-3	8-24	11-21	9-30
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
z-L.A. Lakers	51	18	.739	—	5-5	L-3	24-9	27-9	35-9
x-L.A. Clippers	47	23	.671	4½	6-4	L-1	26-9	21-14	30-16
Phoenix	31	39	.443	20½	7-3	W-5	15-22	16-17	17-27
Sacramento	29	41	.414	22½	3-7	L-2	15-19	14-22	21-23
Golden State	15	50	.231	34	3-7	L-1	8-26	7-24	9-34

x-clinched playoff spot

y-clinched division

z-clinched conference

Saturday

L.A. Clippers 122, Portland 117
 Denver 134, Utah 132 (2OT)
 Indiana 116, L.A. Lakers 111
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Sunday

Oklahoma City 121, Washington 103
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 Portland 124, Philadelphia 121
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Monday

Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 2:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Utah, 3 p.m.
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 Indiana at Miami, 8 p.m.
 Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

Tuesday

Brooklyn at Orlando, 1 p.m.
 Houston at San Antonio, 2 p.m.
 Phoenix at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.
 Portland at Dallas, 5 p.m.
 Boston at Memphis, 6:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Washington, 9 p.m.
 New Orleans at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Wednesday

Indiana at Houston, 4 p.m.
 Toronto at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
 Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.

OKLAHOMA CITY 121, WASHINGTON 103

Washington	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pt
Bonga	28:37	5-12	3-3	8	2	2	14
Hachimura	25:30	4-11	3-3	8	1	1	11
Bryant	22:45	2-8	4-4	5	0	1	9
Brown Jr.	29:09	5-14	0-0	4	4	2	12
Smith	21:59	3-7	4-4	3	4	3	10
Robinson	29:29	7-15	1-1	2	6	5	19
Schofield	24:01	1-4	0-0	4	0	0	3
Grant	21:15	3-8	0-2	0	5	2	6
Wagner	21:13	5-8	2-3	3	0	2	12
Uthoff	12:00	2-3	0-0	2	0	0	4
Williams	4:02	1-2	1-2	1	1	0	3
Totals	240:00	38-92	18-22	44	23	18	103

Percentages: FG .413, FT .818, 3-Point Goals: 9-36, .250 (Robinson 4-9, Brown Jr. 2-7, Schofield 1-4, Bonga 1-5, Bryant 1-5, Hachimura 0-1, Wagner 0-1, Grant 0-4). **Team Rebounds:** 11. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Bryant 2, Smith). **Turnovers:** 15 (Bonga 3, Grant 3, Robinson 3, Brown Jr. 2, Wagner 2, Hachimura, Smith). **Steals:** 6 (Brown Jr. 2, Robinson 2, Smith, Wagner). **Technical Fouls:** coach Scott Brooks, 6:47 second.

Oklahoma City	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pt
Gallinari	21:34	6-8	5-5	2	2	1	20
Gilgeous-Alexander	35:57	6-12	6-8	6	7	2	18
Muscala	27:47	5-11	0-0	3	1	4	14
Dort	26:26	4-11	0-0	10	1	2	9
Paul	32:39	4-9	2-2	6	9	2	13
Bazley	26:26	8-13	2-2	7	1	2	23
Diallo	25:39	5-7	2-4	6	2	1	13
Nader	20:25	3-6	0-1	3	1	2	6
Ferguson	19:15	1-6	0-0	0	0	1	3
Burton	1:56	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2
Hall	1:56	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Totals	240:00	43-84	17-22	43	25	18	121

Percentages: FG .512, FT .773, 3-Point Goals: 18-39, .462 (Bazley 5-8, Muscala 4-8, Paul 3-4, Gallinari 3-5, Diallo 1-2, Dort 1-3, Ferguson 1-4, Gilgeous-Alexander 0-2, Nader 0-3). **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Paul 2, Dort). **Turnovers:** 12 (Nader 3, Gilgeous-Alexander 2, Muscala 2, Paul 2, Bazley, Diallo, Dort). **Steals:** 7 (Paul 3, Bazley, Diallo, Gallinari, Gilgeous-Alexander). **Technical Fouls:** coach Billy Donovan, 6:28 second.

Washington	23	25	27	28	—	103
Oklahoma City	32	32	26	31	—	121

T, 2:11.

TORONTO 108, MEMPHIS 99

Memphis	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pt
Anderson	11:44	1-2	1-1	3	2	5	3
Tolliver	29:34	1-6	2-2	2	2	3	5
Valanciunas	27:08	0-2	0-2	10	1	1	0
Brooks	34:51	11-26	0-0	6	2	3	25
Morant	40:59	7-19	1-1	4	10	4	17
Allen	33:35	6-14	4-4	4	1	5	20
Clarke	26:22	6-10	2-4	9	2	5	16
Melton	22:51	3-8	1-2	2	3	0	8
Dieng	12:56	2-4	0-0	2	1	1	5
Totals	240:00	37-91	11-16	42	24	27	99

Percentages: FG .407, FT .688, 3-Point Goals: 14-42, .333 (Allen 4-10, Brooks 3-10, Clarke 2-4, Morant 2-4, Dieng 1-3, Melton 1-5, Tolliver 1-5, Valanciunas 0-1). **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Dieng, Morant, Valanciunas). **Turnovers:** 22 (Morant 4, Valanciunas 4, Brooks 3, Allen 2, Anderson 2, Clarke 2, Dieng 2, Melton 2, Tolliver). **Steals:** 14 (Melton 6, Brooks 3, Tolliver 2, Anderson, Clarke, Valanciunas).

Toronto	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pt
Anunoby	27:59	2-8	0-0	5	0	2	6
Siakam	35:41	9-16	4-6	1	3	3	26
Gasol	22:28	3-4	3-4	6	1	2	10
Lowry	36:59	4-12	5-6	7	8	3	15
VanVleet	35:16	4-7	5-6	3	5	4	14
Powell	29:34	4-8	7-7	2	4	3	16
Ibaka	25:07	5-9	0-2	12	3	4	12
Thomas	10:18	2-3	0-0	1	0	1	6
Davis	6:05	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	2
Boucher	5:34	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1
Hollis-Jefferson	4:59	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0
Totals	240:00	34-71	25-33	40	25	23	108

Percentages: FG .479, FT .758, 3-Point Goals: 15-39, .385 (Siakam 4-9, Ibaka 2-3, Thomas 2-3, Anunoby 2-5, Lowry 2-9, Gasol 1-2, Powell 1-3, VanVleet 1-3, Davis 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 12. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 7 (Ibaka 2, VanVleet 2, Anunoby, Gasol, Siakam). **Turnovers:** 25 (Lowry 9, Siakam 4, Powell 3, VanVleet 3, Ibaka 2, Anunoby, Boucher, Gasol, Thomas). **Steals:** 17 (Lowry 4, VanVleet 4, Anunoby 3, Ibaka 3, Gasol, Siakam, Thomas).

Memphis	25	29	17	28	—	99
Toronto	20	40	28	20	—	108

T, 2:27.

SAN ANTONIO 122, NEW ORLEANS 113

San Antonio	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pt
DeRozan	33:05	10-16	7-7	4	2	3	27
Walker IV	29:55	3-13	0-0	6	6	3	7
Poeltl	22:28	2-4	0-0	14	1	5	4
Murray	32:46	5-14	5-6	5	2	2	18
White	20:45	6-11	2-2	3	3	1	16
Gay	28:37	5-11	7-7	5	3	3	19
Johnson	25:37	2-3	4-4	1	0	5	9
Eubanks	23:56	4-6	0-0	11	3	4	8
Belinelli	20:57	3-11	6-6	2	2	1	14
Weatherspoon	1:54	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	240:00	40-89	31-32	51	22	27	122

Percentages: FG .449, FT .969, 3-Point Goals: 11-28, .393 (Murray 3-5, Gay 2-5, Belinelli 2-6, White 2-6, Johnson 1-1, Walker IV 1-5). **Blocked Shots:** 6 (Eubanks 2, Gay, Murray, Walker IV, White). **Turnovers:** 17 (DeRozan 3, Poeltl 3, Belinelli 2, Gay 2, Johnson 2, Murray 2, Eubanks, Walker IV, White). **Steals:** 12 (Gay 3, Eubanks 2, Johnson 2, Murray 2, Poeltl 2, DeRozan).

New Orleans	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pt
Ingram	33:12	6-14	3-4	6	5	4	17
Williams	27:11	10-20	5-6	7	1	3	25
Favors	23:55	5-8	0-0	12	1	0	10
Ball	31:01	2-10	1-1	5	10	3	5
Holiday	35:04	2-12	3-3	3	7	4	7
Redick	31:32	10-16	3-4	5	3	1	31
Hart	15:54	0-1	0-2	5	1	3	0
Hayes	10:22	2-2	2-2	3	0	3	6
Melli	10:09	1-3	0-0	1	1	1	2
Jackson	9:11	2-5	0-0	1	1	2	5
Alexander-Walker	8:02	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	3
Moore	4:26	1-3	0-0	0	0	1	2
Totals	240:00	42-96	17-22	48	<		

SPORTSSTATS

NHL

STANLEY CUP QUALIFIERS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

EAST QUALIFYING ROUND

(Best-of-5)

Toronto

Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 0

Saturday, Aug. 1: Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 2

Monday, Aug. 3: Carolina 4, N.Y. Rangers 1

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Carolina 4, N.Y. Rangers 1

Florida 1, N.Y. Islanders 3

Saturday, Aug. 1: N.Y. Islanders 2, Florida 1

Tuesday, Aug. 4: N.Y. Islanders 4, Florida 2

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Florida 3, N.Y. Islanders 2

Friday, Aug. 7: N.Y. Islanders 5, Florida 1

Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 1

Saturday, Aug. 1: Montreal 3, Pittsburgh 2 (OT)

Monday, Aug. 3: Pittsburgh 3, Montreal 1

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 3

Friday, Aug. 7: Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 0

Columbus 3, Toronto 2

Sunday, Aug. 2: Columbus 2, Toronto 0

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Toronto 3, Columbus 0

Thursday, Aug. 6: Columbus 4, Toronto 3 (OT)

Friday, Aug. 7: Toronto 4, Columbus 3 (OT)

Sunday, Aug. 9: Columbus 3, Toronto 1

ROUND ROBIN

(DETERMINES STANLEY CUP PLAYOFF SEEDING)

Sunday, Aug. 2: Philadelphia 4, Boston 1

Monday, Aug. 3: Tampa Bay 3, Washington 2, SO

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2

Thursday, Aug. 6: Philadelphia 3, Washington 1

Saturday, Aug. 8: Philadelphia 4, Tampa Bay 1

Sunday, Aug. 9: Washington 2, Boston 1

(x-if necessary)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

WEST QUALIFYING ROUND

(Best-of-5)

Edmonton

Chicago 3, Edmonton 1

Saturday, Aug. 1: Chicago 6, Edmonton 4

Monday, Aug. 3: Edmonton 6, Chicago 3

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Chicago 4, Edmonton 3

Friday, Aug. 7: Chicago 3, Edmonton 2

Winnipeg 1, Calgary 3

Saturday, Aug. 1: Calgary 4, Winnipeg 1

Monday, Aug. 3: Winnipeg 3, Calgary 2

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Calgary 6, Winnipeg 2

Thursday, Aug. 6: Calgary 4, Winnipeg 0

Arizona 3, Nashville 1

Sunday, Aug. 2: Arizona 4, Nashville 3

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Nashville 4, Arizona 2

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Arizona 4, Nashville 1

Friday, Aug. 7: Arizona 4, Nashville 3 (OT)

Minnesota 1, Vancouver 3

Sunday, Aug. 2: Minnesota 3, Vancouver 0

Tuesday, Aug. 4: Vancouver 4, Minnesota 3

Thursday, Aug. 6: Vancouver 3, Minnesota 0

Friday, Aug. 7: Vancouver 5, Minnesota 4 (OT)

ROUND ROBIN

(DETERMINES STANLEY CUP PLAYOFF SEEDING)

Sunday, Aug. 2: Colorado 2, St. Louis 1

Monday, Aug. 3: Las Vegas 5, Dallas 3

Wednesday, Aug. 5: Colorado 4, Dallas 0

Thursday, Aug. 6: Las Vegas 6, St. Louis 4

Saturday, Aug. 8: Las Vegas 4, Colorado 3 (OT)

Sunday, Aug. 9: Dallas 2, St. Louis 1 (SO)

(x-if necessary)

CAPITALS 2, BRUINS 1

Boston 0 0 1 – 1

Washington 1 0 1 – 2

First Period—1, Washington, Oshie 1, 19:44. **Penalties**—Orlov, Was (Holding), 13:34; Clifton, Bos (Slashing), 17:11; Kuznetsov, Was (Cross Checking), 17:11.**Second Period**—None. **Penalties**—Kovalchuk, Was (Hooking), 2:31; Carlo, Bos (Hooking), 7:01; DeBrusk, Bos (Holding Stick), 15:29; Oshie, Was (Roughing), 20:00; Kuraly, Bos (Roughing), 20:00.**Third Period**—2, Washington, Wilson 1 (Kempny, Kovalchuk), 2:49. 3, Boston, DeBrusk 1 (Kase, Krejci), 10:30. **Penalties**—McAvoy, Bos (Tripping), 7:29; Panik, Was (Unsport-smannlike Conduct), 7:29.**Shots on Goal**—Boston 6-10-15—31. Washington 2-13-10—25.**Power-play opportunities**—Boston 0 of 2; Washington 0 of 2.**Goalies**—Boston, Rask 0-2-0 (25 shots-23 saves). Washington, Holtby 1-1-1 (31-30).

A—0 (18,819). T—2:30.

Referees—Chris Lee, Kyle Rehman. **Linesmen**—Shandor Alphonso, Derek Nansen.

BLUE JACKETS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 0

Columbus 1 0 2 – 3

Toronto 0 0 0 – 0

First Period—1, Columbus, Werenski 2, 6:29. **Penalties**—Toronto bench, served by Nylander (Too Many Men on the Ice), 9:06.**Second Period**—None. **Penalties**—Werenski, CBJ (Cross Checking), 12:16; Dermott, Tor (Tripping), 19:30.**Third Period**—2, Columbus, Foudy 2 (Jones, Nyquist), 11:40. 3, Columbus, Foligno 2, 19:37 (en). **Penalties**—None.**Shots on Goal**—Columbus 7-8-7—22. Toronto 6-13-14—33.**Power-play opportunities**—Columbus 0 of 2; Toronto 0 of 1.**Goalies**—Columbus, Korpisalo 3-1-0 (33 shots-33 saves). Toronto, Andersen 2-3-1 (21-19).

A—0 (18,819). T—2:17.

Referees—Wes McCauley, Kevin Pollock. **Linesmen**—Greg Devorski, Matt MacPherson.

STARS 2, BLUES 1

Dallas 0 0 1 – 2

St. Louis 1 0 0 – 1

First Period—None. **Penalties**—None.**Second Period**—None. **Penalties**—None.**Third Period**—None. **Penalties**—None.**Overtime**—None. **Penalties**—None.**Shootout**—Dallas 1 (Gurianov), St. Louis 0.**Shots on Goal**—Dallas 6-4-7-0—17. St. Louis 10-2-0-0—12.**Power-play opportunities**—Dallas 0 of 1; St. Louis 0 of 3.**Goalies**—Dallas, Khudobin 1-1-0 (13 shots-12 saves). St. Louis, Allen 0-0-1 (19-18).

A—0 (18,641). T—3:00.

Referees—Steve Kozari, Brian Pochmara. **Linesmen**—Ryan Gibbons, Mark Shewchuk.

NATIONAL SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

WNBA

Eastern	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	5	2	.714	—
Indiana	3	4	.429	2
Washington	3	4	.429	2
Atlanta	2	5	.286	3
Connecticut	1	6	.143	4
New York	1	6	.143	4
Western	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	6	1	.857	—
Las Vegas	5	2	.714	1
Minnesota	5	2	.714	1
Phoenix	4	3	.571	2
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	2
Dallas	3	4	.429	3

Saturday's Games

Dallas 85, Atlanta 75

Seattle 74, Phoenix 68

Chicago 100, Connecticut 93

Sunday's Games

Los Angeles 97, Minnesota 81

Las Vegas 78, New York 76

Indiana 91, Washington 84

Monday's Games

Connecticut at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

Phoenix at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Las Vegas at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Washington at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

New York at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Dallas at Connecticut, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Chicago, 9 p.m.

Atlanta at Seattle, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Claimed RHP Jorge Lopez off waivers from Kansas City and optioned to alternate training site.**CHICAGO WHITE SOX**—Designated RHP Drew Anderson for assignment. Recalled RHP Jose Ruiz from alternate training site.**HOUSTON ASTROS**—Acquired LHP Brooks Raley from Cincinnati in exchange for a player to be named later. Transferred RHP Roberto Osuna to the 45-day IL.**KANSAS CITY ROYALS**—Activated 3B Hunter Dozier from the 10-day IL. Placed CF Franchy Cordero on the 10-day IL.**MINNESOTA TWINS**—Selected the contract of RHP Cory Garrin from alternate training site. Optioned RHP Sean Poppen to alternate training site.**NEW YORK YANKEES**—Placed OF Giancarlo Stanton on the 10-day IL.**TAMPA BAY RAYS**—Optioned LHP Sean Gilmartin and C Kevan Smith to alternate training site. Selected the contract of RHP John Curtiss from alternate training site. Recalled RHP Ryan Thompson from alternate training site. Designated LHP Sean Gilmartin and C Kevan Smith for assignment. Activated Manuel Margot from the 10-day IL. Placed RHP Oliver Drake on the 10-day IL.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Recalled RHP Chad Sobotka from alternate training site. Activated LHP Robbie Erlin.**CINCINNATI REDS**—Recalled RHP Tejay Antone from alternate training site. Placed 2b Mike Moustakas on the 10-day IL retroactive to August 6.**PITTSBURGH PIRATES**—Placed IF/OF Phillip Evans on the 60-day IL. Recalled IF/OF Jose Osuna from alternate training site. Optioned RHP Nick Mears to alternate training site. Selected the contract of LHP Brandon Waddell from alternate training site.**NEW YORK METS**—Placed RHP Michael Wacha on the 10-day IL. Recalled C Ali Sanchez from alternate training site.**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES**—Optioned LHP Cole Irvin to alternate training site. Designated RHP Enyel De Los Santos for assignment. Recalled RF Kyle Garlick from alternate training site. Selected the contract of RHP Spencer Howard from alternate training site.**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**—Acquired OF Luis Basabe from Chicago White Sox in exchange for cash considerations. Placed RHP Jordan Humphreys on the restricted list. Activated LHP Jarlin Garcia from the 60-day IL. Optioned LHP Andrew Suarez to alternate training site and added to taxi squad. Designated IF Abiatal Avelino for assignment. Added RHP Trevor Cahill to taxi squad.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Placed S Chris Cooper on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Re-signed S J.J. Wilcox.**BUFFALO BILLS**—Activated WR Duke Williams from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Released CB Akeem King.**CAROLINA PANTHERS**—Claimed DT Bruce Hector off waivers from Philadelphia. Waived WR Trevontae Hights.**CLEVELAND BROWNS**—Signed G Michael Dunn. Waived TE Nate Wieting.**DALLAS COWBOYS**—Activated CB Saivion Smith and WR Jon'Vea Johnson from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Waived WR Kendrick Rogers.**DETROIT LIONS**—Traded CB Michael Jackson to New England for an undisclosed 2022 draft pick. Waived WR's Travis Fulgham and Chris Lacy, G Joshua Garnett, LB Christian

Sam and DE Jonathan Wynn.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed CB Tramaine Brock, DT Carl Davis and DL Caraur Reid.

Waived CB Kobe Williams. Placed DT's Brian Price and Dontavious Russell on the injured reserve list.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Activated LB Calvin Munson from the non-football injury list. Signed WR Chester Rogers.**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**—Acquired CB Michael Jackson from Detroit for an undisclosed 2022 draft pick.**NEW YORK GIANTS**—Signed CB Ross Cockrell and WR Cody White. Activated LB Tae Crowder from the active/non-football injury list.**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**—Placed LB Jatavus Brown on the reserve/retired list. Activated LB Nathan Gerry from the reserve/COVID-19 list.**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**—Signed TE Jordan Reed.**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS**—Signed WR Jaydon Mickens. Activated RB Ke'Shawn Vaughn from the reserve/COVID-19 list.**WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM**—Activated LB Reuben Foster from the active/physically unable to play list. Activated TE Logan Thomas from the reserve/COVID-19 list.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed RW Evgeny Svechnikov to a one-year contract extension.

PREGAME.COM LINE

Home team in CAPS

Monday

MLB

National League

Favorite	Line	Underdog	Line
PHILA.	-141	Atlanta	+131
Washington	-108	NEW YORK	-102
COLORADO	-132	Arizona	+122
Los Angeles	-168	San Diego	+158

Monday

American League

Chicago	-147	DETROIT	+137
BOSTON	OFF	Tampa Bay	OFF
TEXAS	-141	Seattle	+131
Oakland	-130	Los Angeles	+120

Interleague

MLLWAUKEE	-105	Minnesota	-105
HOUSTON	OFF	San Francisco	OFF

NBA

Monday

Favorite

Line	O/U	Underdog
Phoenix	3½ (225½)	Oklahoma City
Dallas	3 (228½)	Utah
Millwaukee	OFF (OFF)	Toronto
Miami	OFF (OFF)	Indiana
LA Lakers	4½ (221½)	Denver

TENNIS

ATP

RANKINGS

Singles

Through Aug. 2

1. Novak Djokovic, Serbia, 10220

2. Rafael Nadal, Spain, 9850

3. Dominic Thiem, Austria, 7045

4. Roger Federer, Switzerland, 6630

5. Daniil Medvedev, Russia, 5890

6. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, 4745

7. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 3630

8. Matteo Berrettini, Italy, 2860

9. Gael Monfils, France, 2860

10. David Goffin, Belgium, 2555

11. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 2400

12. Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, 2360

13. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, 2265

14. Andrey Rublev, Russia, 2234

15. Karen Khachanov, Russia, 2120

16. Denis Shapovalov, Canada, 2075

17. Stan Wawrinka, Switzerland, 2060

18. Cristian Garin, Chile, 1900

19. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, 1850

20. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, 1771

21. John Isner, USA, 1760

22. Benoit Paire, France, 1738

23. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 1695

24. Taylor Fritz, USA, 1510

25. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 1500

26. Alex de Minaur, Australia, 1485

27. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia, 1395

28. Daniel Evans, Great Britain, 1359

29. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, 1353

30. Milos Raonic, Canada, 1350

31. Kei Nishikori, Japan, 1345

32. Filip Krajinovic, Serbia, 1343

33. Borna Coric, Croatia, 1320

34. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, 1315

35. Guido Pella, Argentina, 1310

36. Casper Ruud, Norway, 1279

37. Marin Cilic, Croatia, 1225

38. Adrian Mannarino, France, 1191

39. Reilly Opelka, USA, 1177

40. Nick Kyrgios, Australia, 1170

41. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 1130

42. Ugo Humbert, France, 1111

43. John Millman, Australia, 1071

44. Kyle Edmund, Great Britain, 1050

45. Sam Querrey, USA, 1045

SPORTSSTATS

GOLF

PGA TOUR

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday		
At TPC Harding Park		
S.F., Calif.		
Purse: \$11 million		
Yardage: 7,251; Par: 72		
Individual FedExCup Points in parentheses		
Final Round		
Collin Morikawa (600), \$1,980,000	69-69-65-64	267
Paul Casey (270), \$968,000	68-67-68-66	269
Dustin Johnson (270), \$968,000	69-67-65-68	269
Jason Day (115), \$404,350	65-69-70-66	270
Bryson DeChambeau (115), \$404,350	68-70-66-66	270
Tommy Finau (115), \$404,350	67-70-67-66	270
Scottie Scheffler (115), \$404,350	66-71-65-68	270
Matthew Wolff (115), \$404,350	69-68-68-65	270
Justin Rose (88), \$295,600	66-68-70-67	271
Cameron Champ (77), \$252,123	71-64-67-70	272
Joel Dahmen (77), \$252,123	69-68-68-67	272
Xander Schauffele (77), \$252,123	66-70-69-67	272
Daniel Berger (63), \$192,208	67-67-70-69	273
Si Woo Kim (63), \$192,208	69-68-68-68	273
Jon Rahm (63), \$192,208	70-69-68-66	273
Patrick Reed (63), \$192,208	68-70-69-66	273
Haotong Li, \$156,500	67-65-73-69	274
Brendon Todd (56), \$156,500	65-70-72-67	274
Harris English (51), \$134,000	69-71-69-66	275
Lanto Griffin (51), \$134,000	68-68-71-68	275
Kevin Kisner (51), \$134,000	67-73-67-75	275
Byeong Hun An (40), \$94,571	72-69-71-64	276
Hideki Matsuyama (40), \$94,571	70-67-69-70	276
Alex Noren (40), \$94,571	67-69-73-67	276
Victor Perez, \$94,571	70-69-69-68	276
Ian Poulter (40), \$94,571	73-68-66-69	276
Adam Scott (40), \$94,571	68-70-70-68	276
Brendan Steele (40), \$94,571	66-71-72-67	276
Tommy Fleetwood (31), \$69,500	70-64-70-73	277
Brooks Koepka (31), \$69,500	66-68-69-74	277
Doc Redman (31), \$69,500	72-67-70-67	277
Harold Varner III (31), \$69,500	73-66-69-70	277
Dylan Frittelli (25), \$57,500	70-67-70-71	278
Viktor Hovland (25), \$57,500	68-71-73-66	278
Rory McIlroy (25), \$57,500	70-69-71-68	278
Louis Oosthuizen (25), \$57,500	70-71-70-67	278
Bud Cauley (19), \$45,000	66-71-73-69	279
Russell Henley (19), \$45,000	71-69-71-68	279
Nate Lashley (19), \$45,000	69-70-70-70	279
Webb Simpson (19), \$45,000	71-68-68-72	279
Justin Thomas (19), \$45,000	71-70-68-70	279
Tiger Woods (19), \$45,000	68-72-72-67	279
Abraham Ancer (12), \$31,594	69-71-71-69	280
Patrick Cantlay (12), \$31,594	73-68-66-73	280
Billy Horschel (12), \$31,594	69-71-71-69	280
Michael Lorenzo-Vera, \$31,594	66-68-72-74	280
Keith Mitchell (12), \$31,594	68-72-68-72	280
Ryan Palmer (12), \$31,594	74-66-76-64	280
Cameron Smith (12), \$31,594	71-69-70-70	280
Bernd Wiesberger, \$31,594	68-68-70-74	280
Mark Hubbard (8), \$24,000	70-71-70-70	281
Kurt Kitayama, \$24,000	68-72-70-71	281
Luke List (8), \$24,000	72-69-70-70	281
Adam Long (8), \$24,000	73-68-72-68	281
Joost Luiten, \$24,000	71-68-73-69	281
Brandt Snedeker (8), \$24,000	72-66-71-71	281
Erik van Rooyen, \$24,000	71-70-74-66	281
Adam Hadwin (5), \$21,338	68-71-73-73	282
Brian Harman (5), \$21,338	68-71-71-72	282
Tom Hoge (5), \$21,338	72-68-72-70	282
Mackenzie Hughes (5), \$21,338	73-68-69-72	282
Denny McCarthy (5), \$21,338	70-69-70-73	282
Charl Schwartzel (5), \$21,338	73-68-68-73	282
Kevin Streelman (5), \$21,338	69-70-73-70	282
Gary Woodland (5), \$21,338	67-72-73-70	282
Emiliano Grillo (4), \$20,000	70-70-73-73	283
Shane Lowry (4), \$20,000	68-72-69-74	283
Robert MacIntyre, \$20,000	73-67-74-69	283
Rory Sabbatini (4), \$20,000	71-70-72-70	283
Sepp Straka (4), \$20,000	70-71-71-71	283
Danny Lee (3), \$19,350	69-71-74-70	284
Phil Mickelson (3), \$19,350	72-69-70-73	284
Jordan Spieth (3), \$19,350	73-68-76-67	284
Bubba Watson (3), \$19,350	70-71-73-70	284
J.T. Poston (3), \$19,050	67-74-70-70	286
Chiz Revie (3), \$19,050	71-70-75-70	286
Jim Herman (3), \$18,850	71-69-72-75	287
Matt Wallace (3), \$18,850	71-70-74-72	287
Sung Kang (2), \$18,700	70-71-76-73	290
Missed cut		
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	72-70	142
Talor Gooch	71-71	142
Shaun Norris	69-73	142
Jim Furyk	71-71	142
Rickie Fowler	73-69	142
Chan Kim	72-70	142
Marc Leishman	70-72	142
Carlos Ortiz	72-70	142
Jason Dufner	70-72	142
Henrik Stenson	70-72	142
Zach Johnson	66-76	142
Ryo Ishikawa	72-70	142
Richy Werenski	71-72	143
Xinjun Zhang	72-71	143
Kevin Na	70-73	143
Matt Kuchar	71-72	143
Lucas Herbert	73-70	143
Sebastian Munoz	71-72	143
Andrew Landry	74-69	143
Michael Thompson	71-72	143
Steve Stricker	72-71	143
Lucas Glover	71-72	143
Tyrrrell Hatton	72-71	143
Jason Kokrak	69-74	143
Tom Lewis	67-76	143
Sungjae Im	73-71	144
Joaquin Niemann	75-69	144
Wyndham Clark	71-73	144
C.T. Pan	72-72	144
Alex Beach	73-71	144
Matt Fitzpatrick	74-70	144
Scott Piercy	70-74	144
Tyler Duncan	74-71	145
Brian Stuard	72-73	145
Matt Jones	70-75	145
Jazz Janewattananond	74-71	145
Keegan Bradley	73-72	145
Troy Merritt	73-72	145
Matthias Schwab	69-76	145
Max Homa	74-71	145
Corey Conners	69-76	145
Bob Sowards	71-75	146
Benny Cook	71-75	146
Graeme McDowell	72-74	146
Sergio Garcia	73-73	146
Benjamin Hebert	75-71	146
Andrew Putnam	73-73	146
Rob Labritz	71-76	147
Jimmy Walker	73-74	147
Danny Willett	75-72	147
Jooyoung Kim	70-77	147
David Muttitt	72-75	147
Jason Caron	76-72	148
John O'Leary	75-73	148
Martin Kaymer	66-82	148
Rafa Cabrera Bello	72-76	148
J.R. Roth	74-75	149
Davis Love III	73-76	149
Mike Auterson	75-74	149
Nick Taylor	76-73	149
Shaun Micheel	72-77	149
Rich Berberian, Jr.	76-74	150
Ryan Vermeer	79-71	150
Danny Balin	74-76	150
Marty Jertson	74-76	150
Ken Tanigawa	78-73	151
Shawn Warren	78-73	151
Marcus Kinuhult	74-77	151
Justin Bertisch	78-75	153
Jorge Campillo	74-80	154
Jeff Hart	77-77	154
Rich Beem	80-75	155
Rod Perry	75-81	156
Alex Knoll	77-80	157
Judd Gibb	77-84	161
Zach J. Johnson	82-79	261

LPGA TOUR

TOUR MARATHON CLASSIC

Sunday		
At Highland Meadows Golf Club		
Sylvania, Ohio		
Purse: \$1.7 million		
Yardage: 6,555; Par: 71		
Final Round		
Danielle Kang, \$255,000	64-67-70-68	269
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, \$133,555	67-63-73-67	270
Lydia Ko, \$133,555	64-65-68-73	270
Minjee Lee, \$86,874	68-67-68-68	271
Andrea Lee, \$54,244	67-71-73-65	276
Marina Alex, \$54,244	69-71-69-67	276
Emma Talley, \$54,244	72-66-69-69	276
Yu Liu, \$54,244	70-68-69-69	276
Stacy Lewis, \$27,129	69-71-72-65	277
Kendall Dye, \$27,129	72-70-68-67	277
Patty Tavatanakit, \$27,129	71-66-72-68	277
Pernilla Lindberg, \$27,129	71-70-67-69	277
Kelly Tan, \$27,129	70-68-70-69	277
Maria Fassi, \$27,129	67-66-75-69	277
Carlotla Ciganda, \$27,129	68-68-71-70	277
Cydney Clanton, \$27,129	67-70-69-71	277
Sophia Popov, \$27,129	66-70-70-71	277
Maria Fernanda Torres, \$27,129	70-68-67-72	277
Lindsey Weaver, \$27,129	68-69-67-73	277
Dottie Ardina, \$18,138	72-70-69-67	278
Xiyu Lin, \$18,138	68-72-70-68	278
Stephanie Meadow, \$18,138	69-69-72-68	278
Jenny Shin, \$18,138	66-72-71-69	278
Peiyun Chien, \$18,138	68-72-66-72	278
Jennifer Song, \$13,909	68-72-72-67	279
Sarah Schmelzel, \$13,909	71-69-70-69	279
Alena Sharp, \$13,909	72-67-71-69	279
Lindy Duncan, \$13,909	69-69-72-69	279
Jessica Korda, \$13,909	70-70-69-70	279
Matilda Castren, \$13,909	71-66-72-70	279
Ally McDonald, \$13,909	66-75-67-71	279
Elizabeth Szokol, \$13,909	70-68-70-71	279
Lizette Salas, \$13,909	73-64-70-72	279
Cheyenne Knight, \$10,637	67-76-69-68	280
Jiwon Jeon, \$10,637	70-71-71-68	280
Austin Ernst, \$10,637	68-73-71-68	280
Lee Lopez, \$10,637	69-71-71-69	280
Caroline Masson, \$8,174	69-72-70-70	281
Kim Kaufman, \$8,174	70-73-67-71	281
Brittany Altomare, \$8,174	70-72-68-71	281
Cristie Kerr, \$8,174	70-70-70-71	281
Amy Yang, \$8,174	71-67-72-71	281
Nelly Loo, \$8,174	67-73-69-72	281
Kristen Gillman, \$8,174	67-67-75-72	281
Mariah Stackhouse, \$8,174	68-74-65-74	281
Paula Reto, \$8,174	70-67-69-75	281
Annie Park, \$6,102	70-71-72-69	282
Megan Khang, \$6,102	65-69-78-70	282
Isi Gabsa, \$6,102	68-74-68-72	282
Jing Yan, \$6,102	70-68-72-72	282
Lexi Thompson, \$6,102	70-66-73-73	282
Christina Kim, \$6,102	68-70-70-74	282
Haru Nomura, \$5,000	70-72-72-69	283
Alison Lee, \$5,000	70-72-72-69	283
Youngin Chun, \$5,000	70-73-67-73	283
Louise Ridderstrom, \$5,000	70-70-70-73	283
Haley Moore, \$5,000	70-69-71-73	283
Jasmine Suwannapura, \$5,000	69-69-70-75	283
Angel Yin, \$4,125	66-74-77-67	284
Cheyenne Woods, \$4,125	71-72-71-70	284
In Gee Chun, \$4,125	71-72-71-70	284
Bianca Pagdanganan, \$4,125	69-67-77-71	284
Haeji Kang, \$4,125	71-70-70-73	284
Amy Olson, \$4,125	69-71-68-76	284
Albane Valenzuela, \$3,771	71-72-70-72	285
Katherine Kirk, \$3,771	71-66-71-77	285
Angela Stanford, \$3,517	67-76-72-71	286
Anna Nordqvist, \$3,517	72-69-72-73	286
Lauren Stephenson, \$3,517	73-69-70-74	286
Asleigh Buhai, \$3,517	71-71-70-74	286
Lee-Anne Pace, \$3,305	73-70-73-71	287
Morgan Pressel, \$3,305	70-71-73-73	287
Ruixin Liu, \$3,305	69-74-70-74	287
Charlotte Thomas, \$3,201	68-75-74-72	289
Linnea Johansson, \$3,201	69-72-74-74	289
Daniela Darquea, \$3,141	72-71-72-75	290
Brittany Lincicome, \$3,062	72-71-77-71	291
Sierra L Brooks, \$3,062	74-69-72-76	291
Maia Schechter, \$3,062	71-72-70-78	291
Missed Cut		
Klara Spilkova	75-69	144
Jenny Coleman	74-70	144
Robynn Ree	74-70	144
Julieta Granada	74-70	144
Sarah Burnham	74-70	144
Kris Tamulis	74-70	144
Gemma Dryburgh	74-70	144
Lauren Coughlin	73-71	144
Caroline Inglis	73-71	144
Ryann O'Toole	73-71	144
Jaelyn Lee	72-72	144
Celine Boutier	72-72	144
Giulia Molinaro	72-72	144
Dana Finkelstein	72-72	144
Mina Harigae	71-73	144
Bronte Law	71-73	144
Yealimi Noh	71-73	144
Clariss Guce	71-73	144
Mel Reid	70-74	144
Ana Belac	69-75	144
Anne van Dam		

SPORTSSTATS

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR CUP SERIES

FIREKEEPERS CASINO 400

Sunday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2.00 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
 1. (20) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 156 laps, 53 points.
 2. (15) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 156, 40.
 3. (18) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 156, 34.
 4. (16) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 156, 49.
 5. (13) Joey Logano, Ford, 156, 35.
 6. (5) Aric Almirola, Ford, 156, 34.
 7. (6) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 156, 37.
 8. (31) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 156, 29.
 9. (14) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 156, 28.
 10. (11) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 156, 29.
 11. (9) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 156, 26.
 12. (7) William Byron, Chevrolet, 156, 30.
 13. (28) Ryan Newman, Ford, 156, 24.
 14. (2) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 156, 39.
 15. (4) Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 156, 22.
 16. (25) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 156, 21.
 17. (8) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 156, 36.
 18. (23) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 156, 19.
 19. (32) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 156, 18.
 20. (1) Chris Buescher, Ford, 156, 17.
 21. (12) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 156, 16.
 22. (22) Corey Lajoie, Ford, 156, 15.
 23. (36) John H. Nemechek, Ford, 156, 14.
 24. (3) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 156, 13.
 25. (34) Cole Custer, Ford, 156, 12.
 26. (24) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 156, 11.
 27. (10) Erik Jones, Toyota, 156, 20.
 28. (29) Michael McDowell, Ford, 156, 9.
 29. (26) JJ Yeley, Ford, 154, 0.
 30. (37) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 153, 7.
 31. (30) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 153, 6.
 32. (27) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 153, 5.
 33. (39) Josh Billicki, Chevrolet, 152, 0.
 34. (35) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 152, 0.
 35. (33) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 150, 0.
 36. (21) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, garage, 149, 1.
 37. (38) James Davison, Chevrolet, 147, 1.
 38. (17) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 95, 6.
 39. (19) Brad Keselowski, Ford, accident, 95, 10.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 144.473 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 9 minutes, 35 seconds.
Margin of Victory: .093 seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 24 laps.
Lead Changes: 10 among 6 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C.Buescher 0; C.Bowyer 1-43; Ky.Busch 44-47; K.Harvick 48-91; R.Blaney 92-95; D.Hamlin 96-101; K.Harvick 102-105; A.Almirola 106-109; K.Harvick 110; A.Almirola 111-115; K.Harvick 116-156
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Harvick, 4 times for 90 laps; C.Bowyer, 1 time for 43 laps; A.Almirola, 2 times for 9 laps; D.Hamlin, 1 time for 6 laps; Ky.Busch, 1 time for 4 laps; R.Blaney, 1 time for 4 laps.
Wins: K.Harvick, 6; D.Hamlin, 5; B.Keselowski, 3; J.Logano, 2; R.Blaney, 1; C.Elliott, 1; M.Truex, 1; A.Bowman, 1; A.Dillon, 1; C.Custer, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. K.Harvick, 916; 2. B.Keselowski, 779; 3. D.Hamlin, 776; 4. R.Blaney, 741; 5. C.Elliott, 721; 6. J.Logano, 717; 7. M.Truex, 716; 8. A.Almirola, 669; 9. Ky.Busch, 651; 10. Ku.Busch, 648; 11. A.Bowman, 585; 12. C.Bowyer, 571; 13. M.DiBenedetto, 568; 14. W.Byron, 537; 15. J.Johnson, 511; 16. E.Jones, 511.

SCHEDULE

Aug. 16—NASCAR Cup Series Race at Daytona Road Course, Daytona Beach, FL
Aug. 16—Go Bowling at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22—Drydene 311, Dover, Del.
Aug. 23—Drydene 311, Dover, Del.
Aug. 29—Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Sept. 6—Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 12—Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19—Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 27—South Point 400, Las Vegas, Nev.
Oct. 4—YellaWood 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 11—Bank of America ROVAL 400, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 18—Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 25—Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas
Nov. 1—Xfinity 500, Martinsville, Va.
Nov. 8—NASCAR Cup Series Championship, Avondale, Ariz.

NASCAR XFINITY

HENRY 180

Saturday
At Road America
Elkhart Lake, Wis.
Lap length: 4.05 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
 1. (2) Austin Cindric, Ford, 45 laps, 49 points.
 2. (33) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 45, 45.
 3. (7) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 45, 42.
 4. (6) Kaz Grala, Chevrolet, 45, 38.
 5. (23) Andy Lally, Chevrolet, 45, 44.
 6. (9) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 45, 31.
 7. (11) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 45, 46.
 8. (37) Preston Pardus, Chevrolet, 45, 29.
 9. (16) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 45, 28.
 10. (1) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 45, 33.
 11. (4) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 45, 44.
 12. (13) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 45, 29.
 13. (22) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 45, 24.
 14. (8) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 45, 23.
 15. (21) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 45, 22.
 16. (3) Harrison Burton, Toyota, 45, 21.
 17. (30) Josh Billicki, Toyota, 45, 30.
 18. (36) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 45, 19.
 19. (19) Jade Buford, Chevrolet, 45, 23.
 20. (24) RC Enerson, Chevrolet, 45, 18.
 21. (32) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 45, 16.
 22. (15) Stephen Leicht, Toyota, 45, 15.
 23. (5) Riley Herbst, Toyota, 45, 14.
 24. (20) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 45, 13.
 25. (26) Joe Graf Jr, Chevrolet, 45, 12.
 26. (35) Jesse Iwuji, Toyota, 45, 0.
 27. (28) Kody Vanderwall, Chevrolet, engine, 43, 10.
 28. (14) Jesse Little, Chevrolet, 43, 9.
 29. (18) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, accident, 42, 8.
 30. (12) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, accident, 41, 12.
 31. (17) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, accident, 41, 6.
 32. (29) Myatt Snider, Chevrolet, accident, 41, 5.
 33. (27) Scott Heckert, Chevrolet, 41, 5.
 34. (34) Vinnie Miller, Chevrolet, engine, 10, 3.
 35. (10) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, engine, 7, 2.
 36. (31) Chad Finchum, Toyota, transmission, 5, 1.
 37. (25) Bayley Currey, Chevrolet, engine, 0, 0.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 61.881 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 56 minutes, 37 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 1.318 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 15 laps.
Lead Changes: 13 among 10 drivers.
Lap Leaders: M.Annett 0; A.Cindric 1-11; J.Haley 12-14; J.Billicki 15-17; P.Pardus 18; J.Billicki 19; N.Gragson 20; A.Labbe 21; A.Allmendinger 22-30; K.Grala 31-32; J.Allgaier 33; A.Cindric 34-39; P.Pardus 40-43; A.Cindric 44-45
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): A.Cindric, 3 times for 19 laps; A.Allmendinger, 1 time for 9 laps; P.Pardus, 2 times for 5 laps; J.Billicki, 2 times for 4 laps; J.Haley, 1 time for 3 laps; K.Grala, 1 time for 2 laps; N.Gragson, 1 time for 1 lap; A.Labbe, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Allgaier, 1 time for 1 lap; M.Annett, 1 time for 0 laps.
Wins: C.Briscoe, 5; A.Cindric, 3; N.Gragson, 2; H.Burton, 2; B.Jones, 2; J.Haley, 1; A.Allmendinger, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. A.Cindric, 722; 2. C.Briscoe, 718; 3. N.Gragson, 666; 4. R.Chastain, 662; 5. J.Haley, 592; 6. H.Burton, 587; 7. J.Allgaier, 586; 8. M.Annett, 510; 9. B.Jones, 500; 10. R.Herbst, 410; 11. R.Sieg, 408; 12. B.Brown, 374; 13. J.Clements, 342; 14. D.Hemric, 326; 15. M.Snider, 325; 16. J.Little, 301.

SCHEDULE

Aug. 15—NASCAR Xfinity Series Race at Watkins Glen International, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22—Drydene 200 at Dover, Dover, Del.
Aug. 23—Drydene 200 at Dover-2, Dover, Del.
Aug. 28—Wawa 250 Powered by Coca-Cola, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Sept. 5—Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 11—Go Bowling 250, Richmond, Va.
PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 12
Sept. 18—Food City 300, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 26—Las Vegas 300, Las Vegas, Nev.
Oct. 10—Drive for the Cure 250 presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, Concord, N.C.
PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 8
Oct. 17—Kansas Lottery 300, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 24—O'Reilly Auto Parts 300, Fort Worth, Texas
Nov. 13—NASCAR Xfinity Series Race at Martinsville, Martinsville, Va.
CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND OF 4
Nov. 7—Desert Diamond Casino West Valley 200, Avondale, Ariz.

NASCAR GANDER OUTDOOR TRUCKS

HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM 200

Friday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2.0 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
 1. (7) Zane Smith, Chevrolet, 107 laps, 42 points.
 2. (3) Christian Eckes, Toyota, 107, 35.
 3. (16) Tanner Gray, Ford, 107, 40.
 4. (14) Tyler Ankrum, Chevrolet, 107, 33.
 5. (19) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 107, 40.
 6. (2) Brett Moffitt, Chevrolet, 107, 50.
 7. (11) Raphael Lessard, Toyota, 107, 30.
 8. (9) Derek Kraus, Toyota, 107, 36.
 9. (35) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 107, 30.
 10. (12) David Gravel, Chevrolet, 107, 27.
 11. (10) Ben Rhodes, Ford, 107, 34.
 12. (5) Austin Hill, Toyota, 107, 34.
 13. (25) Tate Fogleman, Chevrolet, 107, 24.
 14. (38) Dawson Cram, Chevrolet, 107, 23.
 15. (18) Ty Majeski, Chevrolet, 107, 22.
 16. (13) Johnny Sauter, Ford, 107, 21.
 17. (29) Josh Reaume, Toyota, 107, 20.
 18. (26) Codie Rohrbaugh, Chevrolet, 107, 19.
 19. (20) Ryan Truex, Chevrolet, 107, 18.
 20. (22) Clay Greenfield, Toyota, 107, 17.
 21. (30) Tyler Hill, Chevrolet, 107, 16.
 22. (23) Jesse Iwuji, Toyota, 107, 15.
 23. (4) Matt Crafton, Ford, 107, 21.
 24. (28) Cory Roper, Ford, 107, 13.
 25. (34) John H. Nemechek, Ford, 107, 0.
 26. (32) Timothy Viens, Chevrolet, 107, 11.
 27. (31) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, 107, 10.
 28. (33) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Chevrolet, 107, 9.
 29. (39) Trey Hutchens III, Chevrolet, 107, 8.
 30. (8) Sheldon Creed, Chevrolet, 106, 21.
 31. (36) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 106, 6.
 32. (24) Jordan Anderson, Chevrolet, 106, 5.
 33. (6) Grant Enfinger, Ford, 105, 16.
 34. (37) Ray Ciccarelli, Chevrolet, 103, 5.
 35. (17) Brennan Poole, Toyota, accident, 100, 0.
 36. (15) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, accident, 99, 0.
 37. (27) Austin Wayne Self, Chevrolet, 96, 5.
 38. (1) Chandler Smith, Toyota, accident, 59, 6.
 39. (21) Stewart Friesen, Toyota, accident, 49, 8.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 96.918 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 12 minutes, 29 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.318 seconds.
Caution Flags: 11 for 51 laps.
Lead Changes: 16 among 12 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C.Smith 0; B.Moffitt 1-20; C.Smith 21-24; R.Lessard 25-28; J.Sauter 29-43; J.Reaume 44; T.Gilliland 45-47; A.Hill 48-56; S.Creed 57; A.Hill 58-59; D.Cram 60-62; J.Sauter 63-64; J.Nemechek 65-66; G.Enfinger 67-83; J.Sauter 84; G.Enfinger 85-105; C.Eckes 106; Z.Smith 107
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): G.Enfinger, 2 times for 38 laps; B.Moffitt, 1 time for 20 laps; J.Sauter, 3 times for 18 laps; A.Hill, 2 times for 11 laps; R.Lessard, 1 time for 4 laps; C.Smith, 1 time for 4 laps; D.Cram, 1 time for 3 laps; J.Nemechek, 1 time for 2 laps; Z.Smith, 1 time for 1 lap; C.Eckes, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Reaume, 1 time for 1 lap; S.Creed, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: G.Enfinger, 2; A.Hill, 1; Z.Smith, 1; M.Crafton, 1; S.Creed, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. A.Hill, 428; 2. Z.Smith, 386; 3. B.Rhodes, 385; 4. C.Eckes, 379; 5. B.Moffitt, 375; 6. M.Crafton, 342; 7. S.Creed, 340; 8. G.Enfinger, 336; 9. D.Kraus, 330; 10. T.Gilliland, 329; 11. T.Ankrum, 300; 12. T.Gray, 270; 13. J.Sauter, 257; 14. R.Lessard, 247; 15. S.Friesen, 226; 16. T.Majeski, 216.

SCHEDULE

Aug. 14—At Daytona RC, Daytona Beach, Fla.
PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 10
Aug. 21—At Dover, Del.
Aug. 30—WWT Raceway 200 presented by CK Power, Madison, Ill.
Sept. 17—UNOH 200 presented by Ohio Logistics, Bristol, Tenn.
PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 8
Sept. 25—World of Westgate 200, Las Vegas, Nev.
Oct. 3—Sugarlands Shine 250, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 30—At Martinsville, Martinsville, Va.
CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND OF 10
Nov. 6—Lucas Oil 150, Avondale, Ariz.

INDYCAR

SCHEDULE

Aug. 23—104th Indianapolis 500, oval, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 29—Bommarito Automotive Group 500, World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway, race 1
Aug. 30—Bommarito Automotive Group 500, World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway, race 2
Oct. 2—Indycar Harvest GP, Indianapolis Motor Speedway—Indianapolis, race 1
Oct. 3—Indycar Harvest GP, Indianapolis Motor Speedway—Indianapolis, race 2
Oct. 25—Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg

POINTS LEADERS

1. Scott Dixon, 244.
 2. Simon Pagenaud, 195.
 3. Josef Newgarden, 191.
 4. Pato O'Ward, 162.
 5. Will Power, 142.
 6. Graham Rahal, 142.
 7. Colton Herta, 140.
 8. Marcus Ericsson, 137.
 9. Felix Rosenqvist, 120.
 10. Alexander Rossi, 118.
 11. Santino Ferrucci, 116.
 12. Oliver Askew, 115.
 13. Alex Palou, 114.
 14. Conor Daly, 111.
 15. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 104.
 16. Jack Harvey, 101.
 17. Takuma Sato, 99.
 18. Charlie Kimball, 97.
 19. Rinus VeeKay, 95.
 20. Zach Veach, 95.
 21. Marco Andretti, 71.
 22. Ed Carpenter, 52.
 23. Tony Kanaan, 51.
 24. Max Chilton, 42.
 25. James Hinchcliffe, 31.
 26. Dalton Kellert, 29.
 27. Spencer Pigot, 7.
 27. Sage Karam, 7

FORMULA ONE

F1 70TH ANNIVERSARY GRAND PRIX RESULTS

Sunday
At Silverstone Circuit
Silverstone, England
Lap length: 5.00 kilometers
(Start position in parentheses)
 1. (4) Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing Honda.
 2. (2) Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes.
 3. (1) Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes.
 4. (8) Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari.
 5. (9) Alexander Albon, Thailand, Red Bull Racing Honda.
 6. (6) Lance Stroll, Canada, Racing Point BWT Mercedes.
 7. (3) Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Racing Point BWT Mercedes.
 8. (14) Esteban Ocon, France, Renault.
 9. (10) Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren Renault.
 10. (16) Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda.
 11. (7) Pierre Gasly, France, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda.
 12. (11) Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari.
 13. (12) Carlos Sainz Jr, Spain, McLaren Renault.
 14. (5) Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Renault.
 15. (20) Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Alfa Romeo Racing Ferrari.
 16. (13) Romain Grosjean, France, Haas Ferrari.
 17. (19) Antonio Giovinazzi, Italy, Alfa Romeo Racing Ferrari.
 18. (15) George Russell, Great Britain, Williams Mercedes.
 19. (18) Nicholas Latifi, Canada, Williams Mercedes.
 20. (17) Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas Ferrari.

Driver Standings

1. Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes, 88 points.
 2. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 58.
 3. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing Honda, 52.
 4. Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren Renault, 36.
 5. Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 33.
 6. Alexander Albon, Thailand, Red Bull Racing Honda, 26.
 7. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Racing Point BWT Mercedes, 22.
 8. Lance Stroll, Canada, Racing Point BWT Mercedes, 20.
 9. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Renault, 20.
 10. Carlos Sainz Jr, Spain, McLaren Renault, 15.
 11. Esteban Ocon, France, Renault, 12.
 12. Pierre Gasly, France, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 12.
 13. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 10.
 14. Antonio Giovinazzi, Italy, Alfa Romeo Racing Ferrari, 2.
 15. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 1.
 16. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas Ferrari, 1.

Manufacturers Standings

1. Mercedes, 146.
 2. Red Bull Racing Honda, 78.
 3. McLaren Renault, 51.
 4. Ferrari, 43.
 5. Renault, 32.
 6. Racing Point BWT Mercedes, 27.
 7. Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 13.
 8. Alfa Romeo Racing Ferrari, 2.
 9. Haas Ferrari, 1.
 10. Williams Mercedes, 0.

SCHEDULE

Aug. 16—Spanish Grand Prix, Barcelona, Spain.
Aug. 30—Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium.
Sept. 6—Italian Grand Prix, Monza, Italy.
Sept. 27—Russian Grand Prix, Sochi, Russia.
Oct. 25—US Grand Prix, Austin, Texas.
Nov. 1—Mexican Grand Prix, Mexico City, Mexico.
Nov. 15—Brazilian Grand Prix, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
Nov. 29—Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

NHRA

DODGE MILE-HIGH NATIONALS

Sunday
At Lucas Oil Raceway
Indianapolis, Ind.
Final Finish Order

TOP FUEL

1. Steve Torrence; 2. Terry McMillen; 3. Leah Pruett; 4. Doug Kalitta; 5. Pat Dakin; 6. Clay Millican; 7. Justin Ashley; 8. Billy Torrence; 9. Antron Brown; 10. Shawn Langdon; 11. Doug Foley; 12. Terry Totten; 13. Joe Morrison; 14. Lex Joon; 15. Cory McClenathan; 16. Luigi Novelli.

FUNNY CAR

1. Ron Capps; 2. J.R. Todd; 3. Bob Tasca III; 4. Paul Lee; 5. Blake Alexander; 6. Cruz Pedregon; 7. Tommy Johnson Jr.; 8. Matt Hagan; 9. Terry Haddock; 10. Dale Creasy Jr.; 11. Jack Beckman; 12. Bob Bode; 13. Alexis DeJoria; 14. Tim Wilkerson; 15. Mike McIntire; 16. Jim Campbell.

PRO STOCK

1. Jeg Coughlin; 2. Troy Coughlin Jr.; 3. Greg Anderson; 4. Jason Line; 5. Chris McGaha; 6. Erica Enders; 7. Alex Laughlin; 8. Matt Hartford; 9. Bruno Massel; 10. Aaron Stanfield; 11. Kyle Koretsky; 12. Kenny Delco; 13. Deric Kramer; 14. Val Smeland; 15. Robert River; 16. Bo Butner.

PRO STOCK MOTORCYCLE

1. Angelle Sampey; 2. Chris Bostick; 3. Scotty Pollack; 4. Eddie Krawiec; 5. Ryan Oehler; 6. Matt Smith; 7. Hector Arana Jr.; 8. Andrew Hines; 9. John Hall; 10. John Hall; 11. Jerry Savoie; 12. Jerry Savoie; 13. Marc Ingwersen; 14. Marc Ingwersen; 15. David Barron; 16. David Barron.

FINAL RESULTS

Top Fuel -- Steve Torrence, 4.273 seconds, 224.17 mph def. Terry McMillen, 4.153 seconds, 240.59 mph.
 Funny Car -- Ron Capps, Dodge Charger, 4.110, 294.63 def. J.R. Todd, Toyota Camry, 10.318, 80.06.
 Pro Stock -- Jeg Coughlin, Chevy Camaro, 6.680, 206.92 def. Troy Coughlin Jr., Ford Mustang, 18.623, 43.91.
 Pro Stock Motorcycle -- Angelle Sampey, Harley-Davidson, 6.880, 196.07 def. Chris Bostick, Suzuki, 6.950, 191.78.

ROUND

by-Round

TOP FUEL

ROUND ONE -- Pat Dakin, 3.837, 320.74 def. Doug Foley, 3.893, 270.27; Doug Kalitta, 3.767, 325.85 def. Cory McClenathan, 5.473, 108.18; Terry McMillen, 3.799, 307.44 def. Lex Joon, 4.586, 181.86; Clay Millican, 3.823, 323.43 def. Joe Morrison, 4.083, 284.56; Leah Pruett, 3.749, 325.53 def. Shawn Langdon, 3.839, 304.19; Steve Torrence, 4.222, 196.67 def. Luigi Novelli, Broke; Justin Ashley, 3.799, 318.24 def. Antron Brown, 3.800, 324.59; Billy Torrence, 3.801, 324.12 def. Terry Totten, Foul - Red Light;
 QUARTERFINALS -- McMillen, 3.886, 308.43 def. B. Torrence, Broke; S. Torrence, 3.814, 323.89 def. Ashley, 5.263, 121.44; Kalitta, 3.775, 312.28 def. Millican, 4.008, 253.85; Pruett, 3.829, 313.07 def. Dakin, 3.905, 312.71;
 SEMIFINALS -- S. Torrence, 3.819, 320.51 def. Pruett, 3.861, 316.60; McMillen, 4.043, 283.85 def. Kalitta, 4.059, 260.41;
 FINAL -- S. Torrence, 4.273, 224.17 def. McMillen, 4.153, 240.59.

FUNNY CAR

ROUND ONE -- Cruz Pedregon, Dodge Charger, 3.992, 317.49 def. Jim Campbell, Charger, 6.087, 111.02; Matt Hagan, Charger, 3.993, 296.50 def. Jack Beckman, Charger, 4.293, 219.01; Tommy Johnson Jr., Charger, 3.955, 322.81 def. Alexis DeJoria, Toyota Camry, 4.363, 209.92; Ron Capps, Charger, 4.056, 274.61 def. Tim Wilkerson, Ford Mustang, 4.413, 203.25; J.R. Todd, Camry, 3.962, 322.65 def. Mike McIntire, Camry, 4.608, 187.83; Blake Alexander, Mustang, 4.039, 317.19 def. Terry Haddock, Mustang, 4.194, 277.89; Bob Tasca III, Mustang, 3.969, 321.35 def. Bob Bode, Mustang, 4.299, 234.00; Paul Lee, Charger, 4.015, 319.98 def. Dale Creasy Jr., Charger, 4.224, 271.41;
 QUARTERFINALS -- Capps, 3.990, 320.51 def. Alexander, 4.036, 318.99; Lee, 4.140, 270.70 def. Johnson Jr., 4.689, 178.50; Todd, 3.991, 321.19 def. Pedregon, 4.079, 315.27; Tasca III, 4.034, 311.70 def. Hagan, 4.881, 195.17;

SEMIFINALS -- Todd, 4.329, 216.06 def. Lee, 10.253, 76.49; Capps, 4.065, 316.30 def. Tasca III, 9.713, 77.18;
 FINAL -- Capps, 4.110, 294.63 def. Todd, 10.318, 80

SPORTSSTATS

NFL 2020 SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

Houston at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Seattle at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Las Vegas at Carolina, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Miami at New England, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m. (FOX)
L.A. Chargers at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Arizona at S.F., 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Dallas at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 7:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Tennessee at Denver, 10:10 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 2

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

Cincinnati at Cleveland, 8:20 p.m. (NFLN)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Atlanta at Dallas, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Minnesota at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m. (CBS)
S.F. at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m. (FOX)
L.A. Rams at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Denver at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Washington at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. (FOX)
Baltimore at Houston, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
New England at Seattle, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, SEPT. 21

New Orleans at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 3

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

Miami at Jacksonville, 8:20 p.m. (NFLN)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

Chicago at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (FOX)
L.A. Rams at Buffalo, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Washington at Cleveland, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Tennessee at Minnesota, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Las Vegas at New England, 1 p.m. (CBS)
S.F. at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Houston at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
Carolina at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
Detroit at Arizona, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Tampa Bay at Denver, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Dallas at Seattle, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Green Bay at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

Kansas City at Baltimore, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 4

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

Denver at N.Y. Jets, 8:20 p.m. (NFLN)

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at Chicago, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Cleveland at Dallas, 1 p.m. (FOX)
New Orleans at Detroit, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Minnesota at Houston, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Seattle at Miami, 1 p.m. (FOX)
L.A. Chargers at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Baltimore at Washington, 1 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m. (FOX)
New England at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
Buffalo at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia at S.F., 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, OCT. 5

Atlanta at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 5

THURSDAY, OCT. 8

Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8:20 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Las Vegas at Kansas City, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Denver at New England, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Arizona at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo at Tennessee, 1 p.m. (CBS)
L.A. Rams at Washington, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Miami at S.F., 4:05 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at Cleveland, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
Minnesota at Seattle, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, OCT. 12

L.A. Chargers at New Orleans, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 6

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

Kansas City at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

Chicago at Carolina, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Detroit at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Atlanta at Minnesota, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Miami at Denver, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
L.A. Rams at S.F., 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, OCT. 19

Arizona at Dallas, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 7

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

Detroit at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at Houston, 1 p.m. (FOX)
L.A. Chargers at Miami, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Seattle at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. (FOX)
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
S.F. at New England, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, OCT. 26

Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 8

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

Atlanta at Carolina, 8:20 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Las Vegas at Cleveland, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m. (FOX)
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, 1 p.m. (CBS)
L.A. Rams at Miami, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
New Orleans at Chicago, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
S.F. at Seattle, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, NOV. 2

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 9

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

Green Bay at S.F., 8:20 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

Denver at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle at Buffalo, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Baltimore at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Chicago at Tennessee, 1 p.m. (FOX)
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Las Vegas at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m. (FOX)
Miami at Arizona, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, NOV. 9

New England at N.Y. Jets, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 10

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

Indianapolis at Tennessee, 8:20 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Houston at Cleveland, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Washington at Detroit, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville at Green Bay, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
Denver at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
S.F. at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Baltimore at New England, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, NOV. 16

Minnesota at Chicago, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 11

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

Arizona at Seattle, 8:20 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

Tennessee at Baltimore, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Detroit at Carolina, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m. (FOX)
New England at Houston, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Green Bay at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m. (CBS)
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, NOV. 23

L.A. Rams at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 12

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

Houston at Detroit (Thanksgiving), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Washington at Dallas (Thanksgiving), 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Baltimore at Pittsburgh (Thanksgiving), 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

Las Vegas at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (CBS)
L.A. Chargers at Buffalo, 1 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Carolina at Minnesota, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Arizona at New England, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m. (CBS)
New Orleans at Denver, 4:05 p.m. (FOX)
S.F. at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m. (FOX)
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, NOV. 30

Seattle at Philadelphia, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 13

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

Dallas at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Cincinnati at Miami, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Las Vegas at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Washington at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Cleveland at Tennessee, 1 p.m. (CBS)
L.A. Rams at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. (FOX)
N.Y. Giants at Seattle, 4:05 p.m. (FOX)
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
New England at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
Denver at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, DEC. 7

Buffalo at S.F., 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 14

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

New England at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

Denver at Carolina, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Houston at Chicago, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Kansas City at Miami, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Jets at Seattle, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
Atlanta at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Washington at S.F., 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, DEC. 14

Baltimore at Cleveland, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 15

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

L.A. Chargers at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

TBD, 4:30 p.m. (NFLN)
TBD, 8:15 p.m. (NFLN)

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

Carolina at Green Bay, TBD (TBD)
Houston at Indianapolis, TBD (TBD)
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Rams, TBD (TBD)
Detroit at Tennessee, TBD (TBD)

SUNDAY, DEC. 20

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m. (CBS)
New England at Miami, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle at Washington, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:05 p.m. (FOX)
Kansas City at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
S.F. at Dallas, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, DEC. 21

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 16

FRIDAY, DEC. 25

Minnesota at New Orleans, 4:30 p.m. (FOX/NFLN/Amazon)

SATURDAY, DEC. 26

TBD, 4:30 p.m. (NFLN)
TBD, 8:15 p.m. (NFLN)

SATURDAY, DEC. 26

S.F. at Arizona, TBD (TBD)
Tampa Bay at Detroit, TBD (TBD)
Denver at L.A. Chargers, TBD (TBD)
Miami at Las Vegas, TBD (TBD)
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, TBD (TBD)

SUNDAY, DEC. 27

N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati at Houston, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Chicago at Jacksonville, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Atlanta at Kansas City, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m. (CBS)
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Tennessee at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m. (NBC)

MONDAY, DEC. 28

Buffalo at New England, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN)

WEEK 17

SUNDAY, JAN. 3

Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m. (CBS)
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (CBS)
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 1 p.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Jets at New England, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Las Vegas at Denver, 4:25 p.m. (CBS)
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
Seattle at S.F., 4:25 p.m. (FOX)
NFL Network and Amazon simulcast subject to change.