Crash halts training

4 South Koreans killed in collision with US armored vehicle, prompting military to suspend activity near northern range.

By Kim Gamel

Emergency workers tend to the scene after a collision involving a U.S. armored personnel carrier and a civilian SUV that killed four South Koreans near the Rodriguez Live-Fire Complex in Pocheon, South Korea, on Sunday.

Who fired the final salvo of World War II? Depends who’s calling the shots

BY WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

The United States was thrust into World War II abruptly with the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941.

The Pearl Harbor-based destroyer USS Ward is credited with firing America’s first shot in the war, sinking a Japanese mini-submarine as it attempted to enter the harbor shortly before the main attack began.

The end of fighting in the Pacific war was not as definitive, with Japan still occupying territory all the way from Manchuria in the north to as far south as New Guinea as of Aug. 15, 1945, when the emperor of Japan announced the country’s surrender and ended the war.

Which U.S. Navy vessel fired the last salvo is less clear, though several ships contend for the title.

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United to drop widely scorned ticket-change fees

By David Koenig
Associated Press

United Airlines said that it listened to customers and is dropping an unpopular $200 fee for most people who change a ticket for travel within the United States.

“When we hear from customers about where we can improve, getting rid of fees is often the top request,” United CEO Scott Kirby said in a video that was posted Sunday.

United’s move will put pressure on American Airlines and Delta Air Lines to drop their change fees, also $200 on domestic travel.

United said that it eliminated change fees for people who buy a standard or premium economy ticket for U.S. travel.

United also said that it will extend a broad waiver of change fees — including for international travel — through Dec. 31. Customers who pay the lowest fares, called “basic economy,” can also change tickets free because of the extended waiver announced Sunday.

And starting in January, it will let customers fly standby for free on other flights the same day as their booked flight.

The moves come as United and other airlines try desperately to lure people back to flying despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. U.S. air travel has recovered modestly since April, but passenger traffic remains down about 70% from a year ago.
**Afghans who killed Americans to be freed**

By Susannah George  
The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — Three Afghans accused of involvement in the deaths of Americans in so-called “insider” attacks are among more than 300 high-value Taliban prisoners that the Afghan government is set to release to facilitate direct talks with the militant group, according to a senior Afghan official and a Kabul-based diplomat briefed on the matter.

The United States has not publicly objected to the expected release of the three prisoners, instead, negotiators are exploring other options, including temporarily placing the inmates under house arrest, the two officials said, both speaking on the condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to the press.

The U.S. response puts it at odds with its Western allies: France and Australia have publicly opposed the release of at least three other prisoners accused of carrying out separate attacks against French and Australian nationals, including humanitarian workers.

Since a peace deal between the United States and the Taliban was inked in February, U.S. officials have applied consistent, intense pressure on the Afghan government to quickly release all those remaining of the 5,000 Taliban prisoners cited in the deal as a precondition to talks.

It was unclear what attacks the three prisoners are alleged to have been involved in or how many Americans were killed. Insider attacks are assaults by Taliban infiltrators of the Afghan security forces against foreign forces.

The State Department did not respond to questions about the prisoners. Resolute Support, the U.S. military command in Kabul, and the Department of Defense referred questions to the State Department, which also declined to comment. The Afghan government said it could not immediately provide further information on the matter.

A senior Afghan government official said he was “surprised” by Washington’s support for the release of Taliban prisoners linked to the killings of U.S. and foreign forces. But he said the consensus among Afghan government officials is that U.S. Afghan policy is now largely being dictated by the Trump administration’s desire to show voters ahead of the November presidential election that he is ending the war in Afghanistan.

“We understand the importance of the election, of the campaign, but our only question is, ‘At what cost?’” said the official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The release of the 320 Taliban prisoners remains one of the final hurdles before formal negotiations can start between the militant group and the Afghan government. Afghan officials have said the talks will begin next week, but no date has been set.

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**Russian jets fly within 100 feet of US bomber**

By John Vandiver  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — A U.S. B-52 bomber’s maneuvers above the Black Sea were restricted by two Russian fighter planes that flew in “an unsafe and unprofessional manner” when they crossed within 100 feet of the B-52, the U.S. Air Force said.

The Russian pilots flew in an “unnecessary, unprofessional manner” while crossing within 100 feet of the nose of the B-52 multiple times in the Mediterranean and then afterburner causing turbulence and restricting the B-52’s ability to maneuver, USAFE said in a statement.

The incident took place over international waters in the B-52 Stratofortress bomber as part of a training mission that launched Friday. Multiple bombers from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., were in Europe for that drill.

“Actions like these increase the potential for midair collisions, are unnecessary, and inconsistent with good airmanship and international flight rules,” said USAFE boss Gen. Jeff Harrigian said in a statement. “While the Russian aircraft were operating in international airspace, they jeopardized the safety of flight of the aircraft involved.

The incident is one of several in recent years of Russian intercepts of U.S. aircraft in the Black Sea and the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

In April and May, the U.S. accused Russia of multiple unsafe intercepts involving fighters flying at close as 25 feet from a U.S. Navy P-8 Poseidon reconnaissance aircraft over the eastern Mediterranean. Russia has also lodged complaints about U.S. operations near its borders.

In response to the latest Black Sea incident, U.S. European Command in a statement Sunday said that “one unsafe intercept is too many.”

“Whether in the sky or on the ocean, we expect the forces of every country to maintain safe and professional behavior at all times,” EUCOM said.

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**US bases prepare as typhoon barrels toward Okinawa**

By Matthew M. Burke and Aya Ichihashi  
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — U.S. bases on Okinawa completed preparations Monday for Typhoon Maysak, a Category 4 storm expected to pass within 70 miles of Kadena Air Base on Tuesday morning, according to military spokespersons.

Maintenance and service personnel finished policing base and unit facilities, boarded up building windows, and deployed sandbags to combat flooding, Marine Corps and Air Force officials said. Activities were postponed or canceled across the island.

Kadena Air Base declared Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness 1-Cautions at 3:45 p.m. Monday, meaning winds of up to 45 mph were occurring. The 18th Wing Weather Flight’s wind-forecast timeline indicated destructive winds of 88 mph or greater could occur by 8 p.m.

The typhoon is expected to pass 64 miles southwest of Kadena at 5 a.m. Tuesday, according to the 18th Wing Weather Flight. Sustained winds could exceed 138 mph by 9 a.m., with gusts higher than 167 mph.

To prepare for typhoons, the facility maintenance branch and camp services at Marine Corps Installations Pacific boards up windows at community and residential facilities, said a spokesperson.

Hayes wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes Monday that the 18th Wing was working to “secure” its roads and provide access to base amenities, including evacuation procedures.

Across the base, units prepared their facilities to withstand high winds by securing loose equipment, policeing areas around their buildings, and placing sandbags at entryways, said a spokesperson.

Hayes said the Marine Corps expected no complications arising from the coronavirus during the storm. The Marines, who have recorded more than 300 infections, have experienced the bulk of virus cases on the island, although most have recovered.

“Prior to the event, the Marine Corps leadership was prepared to respond quickly to any eventuality,” Hayes told Stars and Stripes.

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**Crash:** S. Korea Defense Ministry pledges to help in investigation into deadly accident

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South Korea's Defense Ministry also expressed condolences and promised to work with USFK and other relevant organizations to make sure “follow-up measures are able to be properly implemented in accordance with the results of the investigation into the accident.”

The crash occurred in a sensitive area for the U.S. military. Residents in Pocheon, a mountainous area about 30 miles north of Seoul, have long complained about noise, unexploded ordnances and stray rounds from the range, which is used year-round.

In response, USFK has made a number of safety improvements to the 3,390-acre training complex, such as installing 16-foot berms behind targets and deploying explosive ordnance disposal troops to help excavate stray munitions in surrounding areas.

Some 28,500 American troops are stationed in South Korea, which remains technically at war with the North after their 1950-53 conflict ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

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**Shipbuilders’ return to Bath Iron Works after nine-week strike going smoothly**

Associated Press

BATH, Maine — The return of shipbuilders after a nine-week strike is going smoothly at Bath Iron Works, and the union and company have already begun meeting to get back on track.

The mediated discussions are aimed at both restoring trust and promoting efficiency to get caught up on the production of warships. The General Dynamics subsidiary was already six months behind schedule on ship construction before the double whammy of the pandemic and strike, which officially ended Aug. 23.

Tim Sutter, spokesperson for Machinists Local 56, said the initial meeting that included union President Chris Wiers and shipyard President Dirk Lesko seemed to go well on Friday. The committee will meet again in the coming week, Sutter said.

“We’ve got a road ahead of us, but both sides are committed to working toward progress together,” Sutter said. “With the initial meeting, things look good.”

The company has expressed a hope that the discussions in which a federal mediator is present will improve performance and ensure a smooth transition of the new contract.

“We are glad to be back to building ships for the U.S. Navy with a renewed focus and commitment to doing so together, on time, every time,” company spokesperson David Hench said.

Workers began returning to their jobs after approving a three-year contract that they said addressed concerns in the previous proposal over subcontractors, work rules and seniority. Workers are receiving 3% raises each year, along with a signing bonus.

One of the sticking points is use of masks, which managers are required to wear at work. The company is recommending that production workers wear masks but they won’t be required to do so until Oct. 5.

The mask issue has been a tricky one. Some workers have pushed back, saying masks impeded their work. Some even argued that a mask could pose a fire hazard in areas where welding takes place.

The 63-day strike was the first in two decades at the shipyard.

The shipyard on the Kennebec River is one of the Navy’s largest shipbuilders, and it’s also a major employer in the state with 6,800 workers.

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**Guardsmen deliver supplies, Fort Polk cleans up after storm**

**BY COREY DICKSTEIN**

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Some 6,200 Louisiana National Guard members have been deployed since mid-August removing tens of thousands of pounds of supplies to storm-stricken residents dealing with widespread power outages and damage from Hurricane Laura, which barreled into the Gulf Coast last week.

By Monday morning, troops had distributed more than 70,000 liters of water, 39,000 prepackaged meals and 6,200 tarps throughout Louisiana, Guard officials said. Louisiana stood to be impacted by damage after the Category 4 storm made landfall at Cameron, bringing 150 mph winds to the southern coastal town about 30 miles east of the border with Texas before continuing north.

Officials also reported that more than 300,000 Louisianans remained without power Monday primarily in south and central sections of the western half of the state. The storm was responsible for at least 18 deaths in Texas and Louisiana as of Monday. The Associated Press reported.

Louisiana’s National Guard said it had evacuated about 2,800 people and 20 pets since the storm’s arrival. It has also worked to provide logistical support for federal and state disaster relief teams in the clean-up and recovery phases of the storm to remove debris and provide engineering teams to assess damage.

The Guard was prepared to activate more troops to “support civil authorities safeguarding the population, saving lives and protecting critical infrastructure,” if needed, officials said.

Active-duty soldiers at the Army’s Joint Readiness Training Center in northeast Louisiana spent the weekend clearing downed trees and other debris spread across post by the hurricane, officials said. The Army post, home to one of the service’s largest training facilities, is about 120 miles northeast of New Orleans.

Charles, La., which saw some of the most extensive destruction caused by the storm. Army officials said none of the soldiers were injured in the accident.

“None of this is easy, and we’re going to be working really, really hard on the power outages, on the weather systems, on the houses,” Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said Sunday at a news conference. “None of this is going to happen as quickly as most people would like, for sure.”

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Salvo: Historian says USS Concord probably fired last shot at shore

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“As in almost every case of superlatives, it is often difficult to determine the first or the last for any event or action, because it would require searching and eliminating every other possibility,” Timothy Francis, senior advisory historian at the Naval History and Heritage Command, said in a written response to a Stars and Stripes query about the last Navy ship to fire in the war.

The Concord patrol

The USS Concord, an Omaha-class light cruiser, “probably did” fire the Navy’s last shot against a shore target, Francis said. The crew of the Concord certainly expressed little doubt about the ship’s place in history.

The Concord, named for the New England town famed for the minutemen and the “shot heard ‘round the world” that began the American Revolution, had for much of 1944 and 1945 prowled the northern Pacific as part of a large task force of destroyers and cruisers that fired upon Japanese ships and shoreline.

As Imperial Japan’s ability to defend itself by sea and air diminished, the task force’s assaults grew bolder on the Kuril Islands, a roughly 800-mile-long archipelago running from northern Japan to what was then the Soviet Union.

Navy crews operating far north coped with frigid conditions. The Concord’s communications officer, who had survived the sinking of the USS Helena near the Solomon Islands in 1943, held no notions of surviving in the event of abandoning ship in the waters of the Northern Pacific.

“If we were ever to get it up here, I wouldn’t even bother to go over the side,” the officer is quoted in the ship’s official history.

The U.S. dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima on Aug. 6 and on Nagasaki on Aug. 9 in 1945, and many, including the crew aboard the Concord, were speculating on whether the Japanese would finally concede defeat after such an onslaught.

On Aug. 12, 1945, the larger task group was divided into three “prowling” patrols, which were to sweep the Kurils and destroy any vessels they encountered. Then, at a predesignated time in the night, the patrols were to commence simultaneous bombardment of three separate islands.

The Concord patrol, however, was delayed in reaching Suribachi Wan for the appointed time of bombardment because it encountered, pursued and sank a six- vessel Japanese trawler group.

The Concord reached that northernmost Kuril island an hour late as a result, by which time the other two patrols were already wrapping up their bombardments.

“CONCORD blazed away with more than 500 rounds of 6-inch shells to help set nine fires, visible far at sea, at Suribachi Wan, important military, fishing and cannery center,” wrote Concord Ensign R.P. Crossley in the official record.

The ship “fired the final naval gun salvo of World War II a few seconds after 8:06 P.M., August 12 (Japan time),” Crossley wrote.

In an account published in VFW Magazine, crew member Fred A. Lumb recalled the moments after the captain of the Concord ordered the cease-fire. A few minutes later, the guns on all ships bombarding the island fell silent.

“At about a minute later,” Lumb wrote, “Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Brand, the gunnery officer, high afof in forward fire control, saw it that one more round was fired by the Concord. Probably few who heard that shot really believed it to be a hangfire, but none doubted that it was the last round of the bombardment.”

“It was this final shore bombardment that was the basis of the Concord crew’s proud claim that the cruiser fired the last salvo of the war against a shore target — a claim which undoubtedly will long be the subject of mess-hall and wardroom debate,” the ship’s official history states.

Another possibility

The USS Heermann, a Fletcher-class destroyer, may have possibly shot down the last Japanese airplane of the war on Aug. 16, 1945.

The Heermann had entered service in 1943 and became a wartime legend after it and several other U.S. destroyers took on a far superior Japanese task force during the Battle off Samar in the Philippines in October 1944.

The Heermann was the only destroyer still afloat at battle’s end. It was sailing off the southeast coast of Tokyo on Aug. 15, 1945, when the crew received word that Japan had surrendered, according to an account published by Naval History and Heritage Command.

About an hour after that news, gunners on the destroyer spotted a Yokosuka D4Y Suisei carrier bomber break through the cloud bank. The plane had no bombs or torpedoes attached to it, but it went into a shallow dive just off the Heermann’s port beam, indicating it was possibly a kamikaze suicide run.

The ship’s 5-inch guns hit the plane, which went into a spin and crashed into the sea.

The dive-bomber may have been one of the last Japanese planes shot down in the war,” the Naval History account said.

But, as Francis notes, fighting continued in Manchuria, China and Southeast Asia for weeks after Aug. 15.

The last U.S. Navy action took place on Aug. 21, when two Chinese motorized junks, commanded by a U.S. Navy officer, “engaged” a Japanese Junk near Shanghai in the last Navy surface action of the war,” Francis said.

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The USS Concord sits in waters off the Panama Canal Zone on March 14, 1944.
Michael Flynn, President Donald Trump’s former national security adviser, leaves the federal court, Sept. 10, 2019, following a status conference in Washington.

 Flynn’s move prompted Flynn’s defense team to petition the D.C. Circuit to get involved midstream and force the judge’s hand. Sullivan hired his own lawyer to defend the court’s authority to investigate whether dismissing the case is in the public interest. The extraordinary legal battle has raised unsettled questions about the power of the courts to check the executive branch. Federal rules require prosecutors to get permission from the presiding judge — or “leave of court” — to drop charges against a criminal defendant. Legal experts and former judges, however, disagree about the limits of Sullivan’s authority, and in practice, judges typically allow the government to proceed.

But there is nothing typical about this case. Flynn was the highest-level Trump adviser convicted in special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia investigation. Instead of proceeding to sentencing, Attorney General William Barr ordered a review of the investigation into Flynn and his dealings with the Russian ambassador to the United States. He then moved to drop the long-running case, saying new evidence showed FBI agents did not have a valid reason to arrest Flynn, so any lies he told did not amount to a crime.

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**St. Louis officer dies after being shot by gunman**

By Ann E. Marimow

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A federal judge can scrutinize the Justice Department’s decision to drop the criminal case against President Donald Trump’s former national security adviser Michael Flynn, a federal appeals court ruled here Monday, allowing the legal saga to continue.

The divided decision from the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit gives U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan the go-ahead to question prosecutors’ unusual move to dismiss Flynn’s case ahead of sentencing. The retired general twice pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his Russian contacts before Trump took office in 2017.

In an 8-to-2 ruling, the court denied Flynn’s request, backed by the Justice Department, to shut down Sullivan’s planned review and appointment of a retired federal judge to argue against the government’s position.

The decision by the full court reverses an earlier ruling by a three-judge panel of the same court that ordered Sullivan to immediately sign off on the Justice Department’s request to toss the case. Instead, he tapped John Gleeson, a retired New York federal judge, to oppose the Justice Department.

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House panel to subpoena USPS and DeJoy for records on mail delays

By Jacob Bogage

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House Oversight Committee says the panel will issue subpoenas Wednesday to the U.S. Postal Service and Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to turn over documents on slowdowns in mail service and any communications DeJoy might have had with President Donald Trump or members of his reelection campaign.

Committee Chair Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., plans to subpoena USPS on Wednesday after DeJoy refused to provide records requested last week by committee members during a hearing. “I trust my Aug. 24 testimony before the Committee on Oversight and Reform clarified any outstanding questions you had regarding operational changes that I have implemented,” he wrote in a letter to Maloney on Aug. 28. “I would be happy to answer any questions you have regarding this communication.”

St. Louis officer dies after being shot by gunman

**By Ann E. Marimow**

The Washington Post

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — A St. Louis police officer who was a “hero” to his family died Sunday after being shot in the head by a barricaded gunman on the city’s south side.

Officer Tamarris L. Bohannon, 29, had been with the department for 3 1/2 years. A second officer who was shot in the leg was treated at the scene and released.

A letter carrier in New Jersey told The Washington Post he was ordered to do the same thing.

DeJoy denied in sworn testimony that he’d ever given such an order and suspended some of the cost-cutting moves until after the November election.
Tokyo’s cases decline as US Navy in Japan reports 12 new infections

BY JOSEPH DITZLER
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Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — The number of new coronavirus cases in Japan’s capital fell to 100 on Monday, the lowest daily count in a week, according to public broadcaster NHK.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military in Japan reported 13 new infections Monday, 12 at Yokosuka Naval Base and one at the Marine Corps’ Camp Courtney on Okinawa. All the individuals who tested positive were already in quarantine, according to those installations.

The new cases in Tokyo on Monday pushed the pandemic total to 20,817, according to NHK, which cited the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

The daily count has been higher than 100 for seven consecutive days; it peaked at 472 cases on Aug. 1. The metro area reported 90 cases on Aug. 24, according to the metro government website.

The seven-day moving average of new cases in Tokyo fell from 275.3 on Aug. 20 to 197.7 on Sunday, according to the metro government website.

At Yokosuka, about 40 miles southwest of central Tokyo, seven new cases identified as close contacts tested positive for the virus, according to a base news release. Base spokesman Randall Baucom said those seven were tested in quarantine.

Another five individuals had recently arrived in Japan and were in mandatory 14-day quarantine when they tested positive, the Yokosuka release said.

Okinawa prefecture reported 23 new cases Monday, according to the Ryukyu Shimo newspaper, which cited a prefectural official.

On its website, the prefecture reported 31 new coronavirus infections on Saturday and 33 on Sunday. A man in his 80s died Saturday in Okinawa city, the 27th death linked to the virus on the island, according to the prefecture.

The prefecture also reported three recent false positives: one on Aug. 25 and two on Thursday.

Friday, Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki extended to Sept. 5 a state of emergency just before the Okinawa Obon holiday started Monday. The holiday concludes on Wednesday.

“The Maggie has a quiet Otono; do not go to meet your grandpa and grandma,” Tamaki said during a press conference. Otono typically involves travel to visit family.

“We cannot afford to have another complete lockdown like April to May; our economy will not survive,” Tamaki said. “We have to live with coronavirus, and we must keep preventing the spread of the virus.”

Avoid crowded spaces, wash hands frequently and maintain social distancing “and maybe one day, we’ll have zero coronavirus,” he added.

By Jennifer H. Svan
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Two more Defense Department school students in the Kaiserslautern area have the coronavirus, officials said Monday as seven new infections were reported over the weekend in the city and the surrounding district, four of them in the U.S. military community.

The two new school cases were closely linked to a Kaiserslautern Middle School student who tested positive for the virus last week, Smith said. The DOD of Defense Education Activity-Europe spokesman. They involved a student at Sembach Elementary School and a second case at KMS, he said.

School officials learned of the positive test at Sembach on Saturday, and principal Barrett Smith notified families the following day, the DOD-Europe spokes- man said. KMS learned of the second case among its students late last week. The school was closed Friday for cleaning, while Sembach was cleaned over the weekend, he said.

Both schools were open Monday, Smith said.

Public health officials are contacting families of anyone who was in close contact with the infected students, Smith said. They will likely be told to quarantine for 14 days or until they can produce a negative test for the virus.

The number of people who are in isolation or quarantine as a result of the school cases cannot be made public under Defense Department policy, health officials said.

Most DOD-Europe schools welcomed students back to the classroom a week ago Monday, but six schools — in Bahrain, Spain and Turkey — began the year with distance learning only, due to health concerns.

Schools have the option of reverting to remote learning if local health conditions worsen or an outbreak at a school forces it to close for six days or more, DOD-Europe officials have said.

About 12% of the roughly 25,500 DOD-Europe students in Europe opted to attend virtual school this fall, data provided by the Defense Department education system show.

A number of measures have been put in place to reduce the spread of the coronavirus in DOD-Europe schools, including a requirement for face masks to be worn in places where students and staff can’t be at least six feet apart. Parents had to sign a document agreeing to check their child’s temperature and monitor them for other symptoms of the virus every morning before school.

There were 82 active coronavirus cases in Kaiserslautern and the surrounding district as of Sunday. Thirteen of the cases, including four that were reported over the weekend, were in the U.S. military community, district commissioner Ralf Lessmeister said.

A six-week lockdown in the city is due to be relaxed on Sept. 13. But the state government has not said how it will be relaxed or given any assurances that it won’t be extended.

Victoria has recorded more than 19,000 cases, almost 80% of Australia’s more than 25,000 cases, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. The state also accounts for the vast majority of Australia’s more than 650 deaths due to COVID-19.

Australian Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said on Monday he disagreed with the Victorian government that it was too early to announce plans to reopen its economy.
Acceptance of virtual classrooms may mean demise of snow days

Associated Press

RUTLAND, Vt. — Some Vermont educators are wondering if remote learning could mean the end of snow days. The unexpected days off when weather conditions make it too hard for staff and children to reach school sites.

Bryan Olovskii, the superintendent of the Washington Central Supervisory Union, recently floated the idea at a school board meeting.

He said he brought it up light heartedly, but it could be possible. Many school districts are working to switch to at least part-time remote education. It's unclear if those systems could work with less than a day's notice.

David Younce, of the Vermont Superintendents Association, said he hadn't heard any formal conversations on the topic, but called the idea "common sense commentary."

"The ability to work and learn from home is going to become more and more normalized, I suspect," Younce told the Rutland Herald. "I think that makes it much easier to make a decision."

But he said any decisions to shift to remote learning for a moment weather should be made in advance, such as noon the day before, to provide time for teachers, students and families to plan accordingly.

Massachusetts

QUINCY — The city of Quincy fined a wedding venue on Saturday for violating the Consumer Sales Act and seeks class action status.

Quincy Health Department Commissioner Dr. Joseph Jones said she received a call there were more than 50 people at the venue. Republican Gov. Charlie Baker issued an order in early August limiting indoor gatherings to no more than 25 in a single, enclosed space.

California

VENTURA — A study shows California's stay-at-home order in response to the coronavirus seems to have saved some wildlife, as decreased traffic resulted in fewer collisions with mountain lions, deer and other large animals.

A study by the Road Ecology Center at the University of California, Davis found traffic declined by about 75% after the emergency health regulation went into effect in March, The Ventura County Star reports.

The number of animals struck and killed by vehicles also fell, including a 58% decrease in fatal crashes involving mountain lions between the 10 weeks before and 10 weeks after the order was in place.

Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — A northern Indiana woman has filed a lawsuit against the distributor of a recalled hand sanitizer over the presence of toxic methanol, alleging her children had severe side effects.

The lawsuit, filed earlier this month in St. Joseph County, seeks penalties. It names Texas-based 4e Brands North America, which distributes Blumen hand sanitizer. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration found the product contained methanol, or wood alcohol, which can be deadly.

The company issued a voluntary recall in July.

The Osceola woman claims her children's side effects included headaches and vomiting. The lawsuit accuses the company of violating Indiana's Products Liability Act and Deceptive Consumer Sales Act and seeks class action status.

Iowa

DES MOINES — The number of Iowa's coronavirus tracker varied widely this weekend because of a maintenance problem with the site.

The Iowa Department of Public Health reported Saturday morning that 1,108 Iowans had died from COVID-19. Later in the day, the number of deaths fell to 894 before rebounding Saturday evening to 1,109.

Several other key statistics also fluctuated on the state website Saturday. For instance, the number of cases of coronavirus dropped from 63,122 to 51,183 before being restored after 9 p.m. Saturday.

Department of Public Health spokeswoman Amy McCoy told the Des Moines Register that the problem appeared to be fixed.

North Dakota

BISMARCK — North Dakota reports one new death due to COVID-19, bringing the state's death toll to 142 since the coronavirus pandemic began.

The North Dakota Department of Health on Sunday reported a Burleigh County woman in her 90s with underlying health conditions died.

Health officials also reported 219 newly confirmed cases on Sunday, raising the total number of infections in the state to 11,702 since the pandemic struck the state in mid-March. The Bismarck Tribune reports the number of active cases in North Dakota now totals 2,481, a new record high.

A total of 68 patients were hospitalized Sunday in North Dakota, up three from the previous day.

Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA — Temple University has announced a two-week halt of in-person classes as Philadelphia officials called on all college and university students in the city to avoid all social gatherings with people outside their households.

Temple officials said Sunday that new test results over the weekend had pushed the number of active COVID-19 cases from the 59 reported Friday to 103 active cases, most of them among people with no symptoms and a small number with mild to moderate flu-like symptoms.

University president Richard Englert said officials believe they are seeing “new cases that result from small social gatherings happening off campus.” He said that prompted the two-week “pause” on in-person classes and a contact tracing effort.

Temple said in-person classes were to go online starting Monday and continue online through Sept. 11, with only classes deemed essential by college deans held in person.

Texas

AUSTIN — Texas health officials on Saturday reported the number of deaths due to COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, has surpassed 12,500 and the number of reported cases increased is now above 610,000.

There are 610,354 coronavirus cases and 12,510 deaths, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The true number of cases in Texas is likely higher because many people haven't been tested and studies suggest people can be infected and not feel sick.

The number of reported cases rose by 3,759 and the total COVID-19 deaths is up by 90 from Saturday, the department said.

The department also reported an estimated 98,326 active cases, a decline of 2,863 from the 101,189 reported Saturday.

Utah

LOGAN — Utah State University plans to test nearly 300 students for COVID-19 after wastewater samples from four dormitories showed elevated levels of the coronavirus, school officials said Sunday.

The 287 students who were to be tested Sunday and Monday live in the Rich, Jones, Morgan and Davis dorms on the campus in Logan. There have been no reported positive tests for COVID-19 in those residence halls so far.

Students in those dorms must quarantine until the test results are available, which could take up to four days. They are also asked to fill out a form to ensure they receive academic support, food deliveries and other resources.

Classes are scheduled to begin on Monday for about 28,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Utah State is one of a small handful of schools using wastewater sampling to help safeguard against a COVID-19 outbreak.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

Nebraska

LINCOLN — The Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln has been placed under quarantine after 29 inmates tested positive for the coronavirus, officials said Sunday.

The positive cases were identified by tests that were done Friday. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Director Scott Frakes said the positive cases included inmates in four different housing units, so the entire prison was placed under quarantine.

Officials said roughly 600 inmates were initially offered tests under the voluntary program, and 332 inmates agreed to be tested. The remaining inmates will be offered tests starting Sunday.
NATION

State police to return after deadly shooting

By Gillian Flaccus
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon State Police will return to Portland to help local authorities after the fatal shooting of a man following clashes between President Donald Trump supporters and counter-protesters that led to an argument between the president and the city’s mayor over who was to blame for the violence.

Protesters were back on the streets for a demonstration Sunday night outside a public safety building. Police declared an unlawful assembly and detained several people after saying protesters were seen throwing projectiles.

After Trump called Ted Wheeler, a Democrat, a “fool” and faulted him for allowing mayhem to proliferate in the liberal city, the visibly angry mayor lashed out at the president during a Sunday news conference, addressing him in the first person through the TV cameras.

“That’s classic Trump. Mr. President, how can you think that a comment like that, if you’re watching this, is in any way helpful? It’s an aggressive stance, it is not collaborative. I came reached out, I believe in a collaborative manner, by saying earlier that you need to do your part and I need to do my part and that we both need to be held accountable,” Wheeler said.

“Let’s work together...Why don’t we try that for a change?”

The testy news conference followed a chaotic 24 hours in Portland that began when Saturday evening when a caravan of about 600 vehicles packed with Trump supporters drove through the liberal city and was met with counterprotesters. Skirmishes broke out between the groups and, about 15 minutes after the caravan left the city, a supporter of the right-wing group Patriot Prayer was fatally shot.

Patriot Prayer founder Joey Gibson identified the victim as Aaron “Jay” Danielson. He called the victim a “good friend,” but provided no further details. Danielson apparently also went by the name Jay Bishop, according to Patriot Prayer’s Facebook page.

“We love Jay and he had such a huge heart. God bless him and the life he lived,” Gibson said in a Facebook post.

Trump retweeted the victim’s name and wrote, “Rest in peace Jay.”

It wasn’t clear if the shooting was related to the clashes in Portland, which has become a flashpoint in the national Black Lives Matter protests since George Floyd was killed in May and an increasing centerpiece in Trump’s law-and-order re-election campaign theme.

BY JACLYN PEISER
The Washington Post

In a week of escalating conflict after a Kenosha, Wis., police officer shot Jacob Blake in the back, the city faced looting, arson, and projectiles.

A shooting at a protest that left the city faced looting, arson, and protests have marched in Kenosha every night since Blake’s shooting, with some protests devolving into violence that has damaged buildings and vehicles. Authorities say a teenager from northern Illinois shot and killed two protesters in Kenosha on Tuesday.

Many of the arrests were for curfew violations, and also included possible charges for burglary, possession of illegal drugs and carrying concealed weapons without a permit, officials said. More than 20 firearms have been seized.

Wisconsin governor urges Trump not to visit Kenosha

By Jaclyn Peiser
The Washington Post

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Police: Most of arrested at protest not from city

Associated Press

KENOSHA, Wis. — Most of the people arrested in demonstrations against police brutality since the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha were not city residents, according to police. Of the 175 people arrested during protests in Kenosha since Blake was shot in the back Aug. 23, leaving the 29-year-old Black man paralyzed, 102 have addresses outside of Kenosha, including 44 different cities, police said in a statement Sunday night.

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Trump also praised the armed civilians who have come to cities like Portland and Kenosha, where police said a 17-year-old killed two protesters on Tuesday.

On his visit to Kenosha, the White House said Trump will “survey damage from recent riots” and meet with police. It is unclear if the president plans to meet with Blake’s family. Blake’s lawyer, Benjamin Crump, said on “Face the Nation” Sunday that they had not yet heard from the White House. Blake’s family spoke with Biden and his running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., for “about an hour,” Crump said.

In his letter, Evers said a peaceful weekend in Kenosha made him optimistic that the city had moved beyond violent clashes. But Trump’s visit could hinder that progress, he argued.

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Statue nominations for Trump’s planned heroes garden are in

**Associated Press**

George Floyd, Sacagawea. The guy who invented air conditioning.

Americans’ suggestions of suitable statues for President Donald Trump’s planned National Garden of American Heroes are in, and they look considerably different from the predominantly white wave of suggestions that included multiple figures that have locked in for many of the pedestals. The outside nominations are more activist, browner and far more indigenous.

Well, for the most part, anyway. The administration is also leaving open the possibility of a statue of Trump himself in the Trump-created statue park after receiving nominations that it said were “multiple nominations” of the president.

Trump ordered up the statue park during a Fourth of July speech at Mount Rushmore, and set up a task force on a 60-day deadline to get the idea going. He also referred to the administration as a “good idea” to carve his own face into that memorial.

The task force charged with executing Trump’s vision said it sent out thousands of requests to state and local officials for suggestions, both for possible sites around the country and for heroes to honor. Its findings are due to be given to Trump by Tuesday.

Many of the nominations stand in stark contrast to the list the Trump administration came up with, which mandated inclusion of a few dozen mainstream and conservative figures, from John Adams to the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and a few other Black leaders made the Trump administration’s hero list, but not anyone known for their Native American, Hispanic or Asian heritage.

Suggestions from many Republican governors, by contrast, were heavy with civil rights leaders, while many local officials pushed for a broader definition for what it means to be a hero.

“When Denver-area Douglas County Commissioner Lora Thomas got the solicitation for nominations, “For me and my fellow commissioners, it was immediately a unanimous decision.”

They urged the task force to consider a statue to Kendrick Castillo, an 18-year-old high school senior who died at last death while lunging at a gunman in his British literature class. Eight people were wounded in the attack in suburban Denver by two student gunmen at STEM School Highlands Ranch.

“A person of distinguished courage. Bravery. Good deeds. Noble,” Thomas said in a phone interview, reciting the dictionary definitions of a hero. “Gosh darn it, if Kendrick Castillo isn’t a hero, I don’t know who is.”

Lehigh County, Pa., Commissioner Amy Zanelli, meanwhile, suggested George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and other Black Americans whose killings by police sparked massive street protests.

The summer protests also spun off a debate over statues around the country honoring slave-holders and Confederates. Trump deployed federal forces to protect those monuments from protesters, embrazing their defense in a law-and-order issue as he seeks reelection.

Most governors, including almost every Democrat, dismissed the Trump administration’s request for suggestions, according to the Interior Department’s website on Friday afternoon. It’s the latest example of governors ignoring White House requests — ranging from statues, to school openings to nursing homes testing — amid the coronavirus pandemic.

“I haven’t given it a moment’s thought,” Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly said. The Associated Press.

“We have other things to do.”

Some were highly critical of the effort as an ill-timed political stunt.

“We would encourage the White House to spend their time on the response to the coronavirus,” said Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf’s spokeswoman Lyndsay Kensinger.

The Trump administration said it received “robust, bipartisan responses” from around the country.

“It’s a shame that some governors are unwilling to celebrate and recognize the significant achievements of their own residents who have heroically impacted our nation’s history,” Interior Department spokesman Ben Goldey said.

The list of heroes submitted by Republican governors included some obvious choices — civil rights hero Rosa Parks, Thurgood Marshall, the first African American Supreme Court justice, and Sacagawea, the Lewis and Clark expedition’s indispensable guide — that stick out for their lack of inclusion in Trump’s list.

Prominent Native Americans highlighted some state and local nominations.

“We have so much history in Montana and our country,” said Yellowstone County Commissioner John Ostlund, a Republican, talking about his board’s decision to nominate revered Crow Tribe leader as well as cowboys, famous explorers and others.

“It was a conscious decision to include all sides of our history. All of the history ... I don’t want to erase anything,” Ostlund said.

The four federal agencies heads that Trump specifically named to the heroes task force are white. Asked if that was appropriate for a diverse country, Goldey responded, “Your question is completely offensive.”

Goldey stressed that the task force would not be making the final cut for heroes. He repeatedly declined to say who would, however, including if it would be Trump making the pick.

**Uncertainty marks final stretches of drive for presidency**

NEW YORK — Within President Donald Trump’s campaign, some privately feared the worst heading into the national conventions.

They worried that a strong showing by Democrat Joe Biden, combined with an underwhelm- ing performance by Trump, would lock in the certainty of a second loss that essentially ends the election by September.

But as the candidates move beyond trouble-free conventions and into the final phase of the 2020 election season, both sides acknowledge that the contest is tightening. Biden is running an almost entirely vir- tual campaign because of the pandemic, which Trump has called a “hoax.”

This campaign has always known that it’s going to be a close race, it’s going to be a tough race,” Biden’s senior adviser Anita Dunn said, noting that no Demo- cratic presidential candidate has earned more than 52.9% of the vote.

She added: “It’s a polarized na- tion, and we expect this kind of tightening.”

It leaves Democrats and Re- publicans preparing for a 64-day sprint to the finish that is widely seen as a monumental and turbulent and chaotic period in modern American history.

Each side cast the other as an incompetent racist with autocratic tendencies who is failing to protect the nation from the pan- demic as he actively undermines democracy. Republicans largely ignored the pandemic while at- tacking Joe Biden as a senile life- time politician controlled by his party’s far-left wing and incapable of protecting suburban voters from mobs of protesters.

“America doesn’t feel like one country with all the chaos and di- vision,” former Democratic pres- idential contender Pete Buttigieg said in an interview.

“We should be ready for liter- ally anything in the next couple months,” he said. “2020 isn’t done serving up shocks and surprises.”

Rarely have such dire warnings been delivered over the closing weeks of an election.

A pandemic that has already killed 180,000 Americans shows little sign of slowing. A scuffling economy has pushed 28 million onto the unemployment rolls with tens of thousands of businesses feared permanently closed. Continued police violence against un- armed Black people has sparked sweeping civil rights protests and new incidents of protest-related violence.

There are the natural disasters: A hurricane pummeled the Gulf Coast last week, as wildfires burned California and powerful derecho winds slammed Iowa’s farming industry.

And what worries government watchdogs the most: Trump has been openly undermining the integ- rity of the election by raising unfounded concerns about voting by mail in order to avoid long waits at polling places during the pandemic.

Amid the chaos, Miles Taylor, a lifetime Republican who previ- ously served as chief of staff insi- de the Trump administration’s Department of Homeland Secu- rity, warned there is nothing that the Republican president will not do or say to defeat Biden.

“Put nothing past Donald Trump,” Taylor told The Associated Press. “He will do anything to win. If that means climbing over other people, climbing over U.S. law, he will do it. People are right to be concerned.”

Among the many crises shap- ing the final phase of the cam- paign, racial ten- sions have emerged as a critical factor that could decide Trump’s fate.

Trump’s campaign believes it is benefitting from sometimes violent protests in Wisconsin that follow a Black police officer shooting Jacob Black, a Black man, seven times, leaving him paralyzed. The protests were ex- pectedly cast protesters as angry mobs that threaten America’s suburbs, an argument with racial undertones aimed at strengthening Trump’s diminished standing with older voters and suburban women.

As part of his “law and order” message, Trump has consistent- ly sided with police over their African American victims. He plans to visit the site of the latest violent clash, Kenosha, Wis., on Tuesday.

Civil rights leader Martin Lu- ther King III likened Trump’s remarks on race — and his party’s efforts to make it more difficult to vote this fall — to the efforts of Republican leaders like Richard Nixon prior to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968. It’s un- clear if 2020 America will have a similar split as the civil rights mes- sage that resonated a half cen- tury ago.

“It’s just straight racism,” King said of Trump’s rhetoric and re- cord. “The hands of the clock are going backwards.”

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Like father, like son

Ray Davies, left, of Holden, Maine cleans his ’82 Corvette while his son Robert Daries of Newton, Pa., cleans his ’72 Corvette LT-1 during the annual Corvettes at Carlisle event in Carlisle, Pa.

Shortage of wood halts boardwalk re-decking

Ocean City—Ocean City is postponing plans to re-deck its iconic boardwalk because of a lumber shortage caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

The Daily Times of Salisbury reported that the boardwalk, which stretches over 30 blocks, is typically re-decked every 10 years or so.

When city workers began making inquiries to potential suppliers about potential lumber shortages and a spike in demand, they learned that it might cost double the $468,000 that had been budgeted for the first half of the project.

Lumber prices have more than doubled since April, as the coronavirus prompted both a supply shortage and a spike in demand as people stuck at home embarked on home-improvement projects. Tariffs on Canadian lumber have also contributed to the price increase, experts said.

Suspect arrested in $1M poker champion theft

Las Vegas police reported that poker champion Antonio Esfandiari and his father Bejan Esfandiari were missing from their safe at Aria Resort & Casino, valued at $500,000 in poker chips.

Silva lived with Bejan Esfandiari on and off for several months and had been left alone in the condo multiple times, according to the police report. She also had regularly used his iPhone and iPad which had similar passcodes to the key code on the safe, Bejan Esfandiari said.

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The CENSUS

The approximate amount a dog cost Mississippi county officials when it chewed a fiber optic cable to pieces. The cable connected a courthouse and a nearby Justice Court building in Amite County, Tim Wroten, the county’s sheriff, told the Enterprise-Journal. The wire was mostly elevated but dipped to the ground by the front door of the Justice Court building, where the dog chewed it. The culprit was not caught in the act, but officials saw “his running mate” through the security camera, Wroten said.

West Medical Center in Margate, Fla., a Fort Lauderdale suburb. The dog is now in the custody of the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Center as police investigate the cause of the late Friday attack.

The dog’s breed was not specified.

Streets to be named for 14 fallen Guard soldiers

BISMARCK—Streets in a housing development east of Bismarck have been dedicated to honor fallen North Dakota National Guard soldiers.

The Bismarck Tribune reported the streets will be named after 14 soldiers in the Clear Sky Addition.

Mag. Gen. Alan Dohrmann of the North Dakota National Guard and Sen. Kevin Cramer spoke at the ceremony Friday, which was hosted by Bismarck Mayor Steve Bakken.

Matt Geiger of Geiger Construction and Development said the development in the future will be home to Heroes Park, a public facility that will include a monument to the soldiers.

The ceremony and dedication of the streets are examples of ways to prevent a soldier’s name from “fading off in the distance,” said Harriet Goodiron. Her son, Cpl. Nathan Goodiron, of Mandan, was killed in Afghanistan in 2006.

From wire reports
By Aron Heller
Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — A Star of David-adorned El Al plane has landed in Abu Dhabi after flying in from Israel, carrying a high-ranking American and Israeli delegation in the first-ever direct commercial passenger flight to the United Arab Emirates.

The Israeli flag carrier’s flight Monday marks the implementation of the historic U.S.-brokered deal to normalize relations between the two nations and solidifies long-clandestine ties that have evolved over years of shared enmity toward Iran.

With the U.S. as matchmaker, Israel and the UAE agreed earlier this month to work toward normalization, which would make the UAE the third Arab nation to have full relations with Israel, after Egypt and Jordan.

Monday’s three-hour, 20-minute flight saw the El Al plane fly through Saudi airspace and over the kingdom’s capital, Riyadh.

That signals the possibility the kingdom could regularly allow these flights, which would make them viable commercially. Otherwise, flights would need to take seven hours to detour, burning more jet fuel.


Israel was represented by national security adviser Meir Ben-Shabbat and the director generals of several ministries, who will meet with their Emirati counterparts.

“While this is a historic flight, we hope that this will start an even more historic journey for the Middle East and beyond,” Kushner told reporters before boarding the plane.

Ben-Shabbat said he was excited about the trip and that the aim was to lay the groundwork for cooperation in areas like tourism, medicine, technology and trade.

Diplomat tapped to be Lebanese PM vows reforms

BEIRUT — A Lebanese diplomat was appointed to form a new government on Monday after winning the backing of major political parties in the crisis-hit country, which is still reeling from a devastating explosion that killed and wounded thousands of people.

President Michel Aoun asked Lebanon’s ambassador to Germany, Mustapha Adib, to form a new government after he secured 90 votes among the legislators in the 128-member parliament.

The consultations were being held hours before French President Emmanuel Macron was due to arrive for a two-day visit, during which he is expected to press Lebanese officials to formulate a new political pact to lift the country out of its multiple crises. At least 190 people died and 6,000 were injured in the Aug. 4 blast, which devastated the city’s port and caused widespread damage to residential and commercial areas in the capital.

The government resigned less than a week after the blast.

Adib told reporters his number one priority will be to quickly form a government able to implement crucial reforms to regain the trust of the Lebanese and international community.

He said he will form a Cabinet of experts and will work with parliament to “put the country on track of improvement and to end the dangerous financial, economic and social drainage.”

“The opportunity in front of our country is narrow, and the mission that I accepted is based on all political groups knowing that. The government should be formed very quickly,” he added.

Thousands trapped after train troubles in France

PARIS — Thousands of passengers were trapped overnight on high-speed TGV trains halted by electrical problems in southwestern France, some pleading for water, food or fresh air.

Frustrated travelers raised attention to their plight on social networks, posting images of children sleeping on floors and describing the challenge of staying masked for as much as 20 hours.

Several planes were evacuated for medical reasons. broadcaster France-Info reported Monday.

National rail authority SNCF announced problems on multiple routes starting Sunday afternoon, including a “major electrical supply failure” that required extensive repair efforts.

770-pound crocodile caught in Australia

DARWIN, Australia — Wildlife rangers have trapped a 14.5-foot saltwater crocodile at a tourist destination in Australia’s Northern Territory, the biggest caught in the area in years, a wildlife ranger said Monday.

A female was caught in the Flora River at a remote nature park 75 miles southwest of the Outback town of Katherine, Ranger John Burke said.

25 poisoned, 5 critical, at illegal Norway rave

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Some 25 people taking part in an illegal rave in a bunker in the Norwegian capital, Oslo, were poisoned by carbon monoxide given off by portable generators, police said.

Five people including two police officers who were first on the scene — were hospitalized in critical condition but their lives were in danger, the Norwegian news agency NTB said. Two of the five were released from intensive care on Monday, NTB reported.

Up to 200 partygoers had gathered for the rave.
India says Chinese made moves close to disputed border

Associated Press

SRINAGAR, India — India said Monday that its soldiers thwarted “provocative” military movements by China’s military near a disputed border in the Ladakh region months into the rival nations’ deadliest standoff in decades.

Local military commanders from the two countries were meeting along the disputed frontier on Monday to resolve the issues, India’s defense ministry said. It said India was committed to dialogue, “but is also equally determined to protect its territorial integrity.”

The statement said China’s People’s Liberation Army on Saturday night “carried out provocative military movements to change the status quo” and “violated the previous consensus arrived at during military and diplomatic engagements” to settle the standoff in the cold-desert region.

In Beijing, foreign ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said border forces were communicating over recent matters but gave no details.

“Chinese border troops always act in strict compliance with the Line of Actual Control, and have never crossed the line for any activities,” Zhao told reporters at a daily briefing.

India’s defense ministry issued its statement after a gap of a day and did not give details of the nature of the new actions.

The statement said Indian troops “undertook measures to strengthen our positions and thwart Chinese intentions to unilaterally change facts on ground.”

It said the activity took place on the southern bank of Pangong Lake, a glacial lake divided by the de facto frontier between the rivals and where the India-China faceoff began in early May.

The disputed and undemarcated 2,175-mile border between India and China stretches from the Ladakh region in the north to the Indian state of Sikkim. The two Asia giants fought a border war in 1962 that also spilled into Ladakh. The two countries have been trying to settle their border dispute since the early 1990s, without success.

The ongoing standoff high in the Karakoram mountains is over disputed portions of a pristine landscape that boasts the world’s highest landing strip, a glacier that feeds one of the largest irrigation systems in the world, and a critical link to China’s massive “Belt and Road” infrastructure project.

The faceoff began at three places. Soldiers at Pangong Lake ignored repeated verbal warnings, triggering a yelling match, stone-throwing and even fist-fights. By June, it escalated and spread north in Depsang and Galwan Valley, where India has built an all-weather military road along the disputed frontier.

Saudis, allies foil attacks by Houthis

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — The Saudi-led coalition allied with Yemen’s government said Monday that it foiled two attacks launched by Iran-backed Houthi rebels, including an explosives-laden boat dispatched into the Red Sea near international shipping lanes.

Coalition spokesman Col. Turki al-Maliki said in a statement that the remotely controlled boat was spotted late Sunday. Yemeni officials said a blast killed at least three people and wounded five others.

Al-Maliki described the attempted boat attack as a “terrorist attack” threatening commercial shipping routes in the vital Bab al-Mandeb strait, used for oil shipments from the Gulf to Europe and goods from Asia to Europe.

He said the coalition also intercepted and destroyed a drone carrying explosives over the Abha international airport in southwestern Saudi Arabia on Sunday. He said some of the debris from the drone fell on the airport but caused no casualties or damage, according to Saudi Arabia’s state-run news agency.

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Lady Gaga cleaned house at the 2020 MTV Video Music Awards, while The Weeknd took home the top prize — and both pop stars sent important messages to viewers about the current state of the world. “We dedicate tonight’s show to Chadwick Boseman,” he said. Before “Black Panther” opened in the U.S. and Canada during Labor Day weekend. After numerous release-date delays and savage reviews, 20th Century Studios’ “Tenet” franchise, opened to $7 million in 2,412 locations this weekend, running “X-Men” franchise, opened to $7 million in 2,412 locations this weekend. While winning 5 VMA trophies

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The image that keeps replaying in my head since the death of Chadwick Boseman is from early 2018. It was just days before “Black Panther” opened in theaters and the exhilaration aroused by this long-in-coming cultural event was everywhere around Boseman. Flecked by fans, he repeatedly paused for pictures until he was handed a months-old Black child who happily beamed. Boseman’s family said that the actor, who died Aug. 28 after a four-year battle with colon cancer, was a Hollywood star, he penned numerous-hip-hop-infused plays: “Hieroglyphic Graffiti,” “Rhyme Deferred,” “Deep Azure” — and directed others. In New York, he performed with the National Shakespeare Company. He compared his alma mater, Howard University, to his own personal Wilkatanda. “If you have a blanketed idea of what it means to be of African descent and you go to Howard University, you’re meeting people from all over the diaspora — from their history, their struggles, their triumphs,” he said. “You’re seeing people from all walks of life that look like you, but you see different history.” That early development of an expansive, historical understanding of African American identity surely fed the grace and humility of Boseman’s most famous roles. It wasn’t until he was in his mid-30s, after a handful of brief television appearances, that he landed his first leading role as Robinson in “42.” He was, from the start, a self-evident movie star with a rare, effortless charisma. Rachel Robinson, the Hall of Famer’s widow, said it was like seeing her husband again. Boseman’s power wasn’t asked for or worked up to. It was innate. It was there already. “When I hit the stage, people better be ready,” he says in “Get on Up.” “Especially the white folk.” During the filming of “Black Panther,” Boseman said he was communicating with two boys who had terminal cancer. They were hoping to make it long enough to see the film. “I realized they anticipated something great,” Boseman said in a SiriusXM interview. The kids, Boseman said through tears, didn’t make it. But in his unjustly short career, Boseman held in his hands a world, illuminated on screen like never before.

**Gaga doesn’t mask concerns**

Singer encourages compliance while winning 5 VMA trophies

**By Mesfin Fekadu**
Associated Press

The image that keeps replaying in my head since the death of Chadwick Boseman is from early 2018. It was just days before “Black Panther” opened in theaters and the exhilaration aroused by this long-in-coming cultural event was everywhere around Boseman. Flecked by fans, he repeatedly paused for pictures until he was handed a months-old Black child who happily beamed. Boseman’s family said that the actor, who died Aug. 28 after a four-year battle with colon cancer, was a Hollywood star, he penned numerous-hip-hop-infused plays: “Hieroglyphic Graffiti,” “Rhyme Deferred,” “Deep Azure” — and directed others. In New York, he performed with the National Shakespeare Company. He compared his alma mater, Howard University, to his own personal Wilkatanda. “If you have a blanketed idea of what it means to be of African descent and you go to Howard University, you’re meeting people from all over the diaspora — from their history, their struggles, their triumphs,” he said. “You’re seeing people from all walks of life that look like you, but you see different history.” That early development of an expansive, historical understanding of African American identity surely fed the grace and humility of Boseman’s most famous roles. It wasn’t until he was in his mid-30s, after a handful of brief television appearances, that he landed his first leading role as Robinson in “42.” He was, from the start, a self-evident movie star with a rare, effortless charisma. Rachel Robinson, the Hall of Famer’s widow, said it was like seeing her husband again. Boseman’s power wasn’t asked for or worked up to. It was innate. It was there already. “When I hit the stage, people better be ready,” he says in “Get on Up.” “Especially the white folk.” During the filming of “Black Panther,” Boseman said he was communicating with two boys who had terminal cancer. They were hoping to make it long enough to see the film. “I realized they anticipated something great,” Boseman said in a SiriusXM interview. The kids, Boseman said through tears, didn’t make it. But in his unjustly short career, Boseman held in his hands a world, illuminated on screen like never before.

**Chadwick Boseman didn’t just play icons; he was one**

**AP Photo/Chris Pizzello**

Chadwick Boseman didn’t just play icons; he was one of those who found the gifts in living. He was raised in the manufacturing town of Anderson, S.C., the youngest of three boys. As a junior in high school, he wrote and staged a play inspired by the shooting of a basketball teammate. Before he was a Hollywood star, he penned numerous hip-hop-infused plays: “Hieroglyphic Graffiti,” “Rhyme Deferred,” “Deep Azure” — and directed others. In New York, he performed with the National Shakespeare Company. He compared his alma mater, Howard University, to his own personal Wilkatanda. “If you have a blanketed idea of what it means to be of African descent and you go to Howard University, you’re meeting people from all over the diaspora — from their history, their struggles, their triumphs,” he said. “You’re seeing people from all walks of life that look like you, but you see different history.” That early development of an expansive, historical understanding of African American identity surely fed the grace and humility of Boseman’s most famous roles. It wasn’t until he was in his mid-30s, after a handful of brief television appearances, that he landed his first leading role as Robinson in “42.” He was, from the start, a self-evident movie star with a rare, effortless charisma. Rachel Robinson, the Hall of Famer’s widow, said it was like seeing her husband again. Boseman’s power wasn’t asked for or worked up to. It was innate. It was there already. “When I hit the stage, people better be ready,” he says in “Get on Up.” “Especially the white folk.” During the filming of “Black Panther,” Boseman said he was communicating with two boys who had terminal cancer. They were hoping to make it long enough to see the film. “I realized they anticipated something great,” Boseman said in a SiriusXM interview. The kids, Boseman said through tears, didn’t make it. But in his unjustly short career, Boseman held in his hands a world, illuminated on screen like never before.

**Tenet’ theatrical debut a success**

From wire reports

As Hollywood aims to relaunch moviegoing worldwide, Christopher Nolan’s highly anticipated “Tenet” earned more than $53 million in its opening weekend across 41 international markets (including 32 in Europe, the Middle East and Africa) on more than 20,000 screens. The result was the biggest opening for the director in nine countries including Holland, Ukraine and Hungary, the biggest industry opening in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with $1.47 million and the second-biggest Hollywood film opening in Estonia, where the film was partially shot, with $340,000 grossed over the weekend. Nolan’s film represents the first blockbuster hopeful to be released during the COVID-19 global pandemic. The sci-fi mind-bender begins U.S. sneak preview screenings Monday night, in areas where indoor theaters are open, ahead of an official opening on Thursday for Labor Day weekend. After numerous release-date delays and savage reviews, 20th Century Studios’ “The New Mutants,” a spinoff of the long-running “X-Men” franchise, opened to $7 million in 2,412 locations this weekend, which was enough to top the domestic box office. It added $2.9 million in 10 international territories for a global debut of $9.9 million, according to estimates from Comscore. Disney inherited the film in its takeover of 20th Century Fox. More than 2,500 theaters were open this weekend in the U.S., and the number hits 3,000 with Canada included, per Comscore. That is nearly 50% of all locations open in the U.S. and Canada during the same period in 2019.
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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: FRUITY PARTY BEVERAGE THAT BRINGS A HUGE FEELING OF RELIEF TO NERVOUS PEOPLE: SUCCOR PUNCH.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: A equals C
Federal response to disasters expected

By Andrew Morris

Special To The Washington Post

Even before Hurricane Laura surged through Louisiana and Arkansas last month, disaster policy veterans warned that federal response might be hampered by a Federal Emergency Management Agency stretched to its limits by its front-line role in the coronavirus pandemic, California wildfires and damaging storms in Iowa. While FEMA Administrator Peter Gaynor has sought to portray the federal agency as playing a “support role,” with local and state emergency management taking the lead in disasters, it’s also clear that most Americans have reason to expect that the federal government will be there for them to respond to a disaster like Laura. And as President George W. Bush learned after Hurricane Katrina, there is a severe political cost to pay when the government fails to meet those expectations.

Questions about the role of the federal government in American disaster relief policy have roots in another hurricane tragedy that took place over 50 years ago. On the night of Aug. 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille’s nearly 200 mph winds drove a storm surge of up to 20 feet smack into the Mississippi Gulf Coast and coastal Louisiana. One of only three Category 5 hurricanes to hit the U.S. mainland in the 20th century, Camille killed more than 140 people in Louisiana. Another 113 died when the storm, downgraded to a tropical depression, triggered flash floods and mudslides in central Virginia.

The storm, which was smaller but more powerful than Hurricane Katrina, firmly shifted disaster relief from states, localities and the Red Cross to the federal government. Today, victims of major disasters expect that the federal government through FEMA will be there to help them repair their lives, a sentiment that we can trace to changes in the law brought about by Hurricane Camille and its aftermath. It was the enforcement of a federal policy from Indiana who actually championed the idea that the federal government, not the states or the Red Cross, should come to the rescue of its citizens during natural disasters.

Sen. Birch Bayh had been pushing for a permanent federal disaster aid program since 1965, when the Palm Sunday tornadoes struck six Midwestern states, killing 137 and injuring 1,200 in Indiana alone.

Help for Hoosier residents was very limited.

In the great state that had a rudimentary, Band-Aid kind of thing, “Bayh told me later. “But they were limited compared to the great purse strings of Uncle Sam.”

As President Lyndon Johnson launched his Great Society initiatives, Bayh also envisioned a greater federal role for helping disaster victims. He was further encouraged by the fact that Congress had passed a special law for extensive federal aid to the victims of the 1964 Alaska earthquake and would soon do the same for the victims of Hurricane Betsy.

Bayh’s constituents, however, did not receive all the federal aid they felt their federal government. The tradition of federalism in disaster relief, the lobbying of the Red Cross to retain its role in providing for disaster relief, and the lobbying of FEMA to retain its role in Congress to respond ad hoc to disasters (thus building up political capital with their congressional friends) all worked against an expansive and permanent federal disaster safety net.

Four years later, however, Camille changed the policy conversation.

Pragmatic politics and a desire to deliver much-needed aid to constituents propelled the powerful Gulf Coast congressional delegation into action. Mississippians and Louisiana’s senators and representatives, pleading for federal aid and comparing their plight to the costs of the Vietnam War and the recent Apollo 11 mission.

One resident in the small Mississippi town of Waveland wrote Sen. James Eastland, D-Miss., chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, that the government should “use this moon landing monkey business spending to make our people decent here on earth.”

Eastland and other conservative segregationists feared Mississippi Democrats — Sen. John Stennis, chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Rep. William Colmer, chair of the House Rules Committee — would join House Majority Whip Hale Boggs of Louisiana. Together, they marshaled support from their colleagues for a bill specifically for Camille victims a few weeks after the storm.

Their efforts were also boosted by the endorsement of President Richard M. Nixon. Eager to burnish the president’s credentials with conservative Southerners, Nixon’s aides convinced him to stop on the coast on the way back from his summer sojourn at the Western White House, Nixon’s California vacation retreat, in September.

The first president to visit Mississippi since Franklin Roosevelt, Nixon was met by an audience of thousands of rupturous Mississippians — one sign read “NOT MANY REPUBLICANS HERE BUT LOTS OF NIXONCRATS.”

And yet, despite widespread political support for relief, the legislation for Camille victims fell short of the permanent national policy that Bayh had envisioned.

But the politics of disaster relief once again shifted that fall thanks to the work of local and national civil rights activists who protested the very idea that the government would extend the segregation and discrimination they had been fighting in Mississippi for decades.

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President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Peter Gaynor listen during a Hurricane Laura briefing at FEMA headquarters in Washington.

Evans Vucci/AP

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Among other policies still under debate today, the act created the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program for disaster victims, the pot of money currently raised by the Trump administration to attempt to patch part of the hole left by the failure to negotiate an extension of the federal pandemic unemployment benefits.

The House did expand over the years, and paired with the newly created FEMA in 1979, the law has placed the federal government squarely in the middle of 21st-century disaster politics and policy, a framework now being tested by repeated disasters in 2020.

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Looking at the news
A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons

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Dear Stu and Donna: After broadcasting 6 nights of convention coverage I've decided that I can no longer be a party to this debacle...

According to polls, crime and violence could be major issues in this election.

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— Lou Gehrig hit his third grand

— National Football League

FOOTBALL

Sept. 1

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1930 — The New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 5-1.

1975 — The San Francisco 49ers won Super Bowl XIX with a 26-21 win over the Miami Dolphins.

1989 — Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino set an NFL record with 514 passing yards in a game.

1995 — The Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Minnesota Vikings 41-10 in a divisional playoff game.

1996 — Chicago Bulls guard Michael Jordan recorded a triple-double with 21 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists against the Indiana Pacers.

2000 — The New England Patriots won their first Super Bowl title with a 20-17 victory over the St. Louis Rams.

2006 — The New England Patriots defeated the San Francisco 49ers 8-7 in a game that featured no touchdowns.

2013 — The New York Giants defeated the New England Patriots 21-17 in Super Bowl XLVIII.


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**SPORTS BRIEFS/NFL**

**Briefly**

Wheeling, dealing Padres bolster rotation, acquire Clevinger from Indians

Associated Press

The San Diego Padres acquired Mike Clevinger from the Cleveland Indians for a package of young players that has had a few stumbles lately, including Garrett Richards going two or fewer innings in consecutive starts and opening-day starter Chris Paddack struggling before bouncing back with a strong performance Sunday.

Clevinger went 13-4 with a 2.71 ERA in 21 starts last year. The right-hander struggled before being traded to Colorado on August 21.

Led by Fernando Tatis Jr., San Diego is going for its first playoff appearance since 2005 as a franchise.

**Step:** Steelers’ Watt brimming with confidence

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jaguars moved another step closer to purging Tom Coughlin’s tumultuous tenure in Jacksonville.

The team waived running back Leonard Fournette Monday, a stunning decision many outsiders had expected. His time with the Jaguars was a series of head scratchers that could help the franchise tank the season and get the No. 1 draft pick.

“I think that’s the case,” Watt said, “and I had the blueprint.”

Another performance such as Sunday’s makes the spotlight shine even brighter for Watt, the NFL’s most accomplished defensive lineman since returning to Jacksonville.

“I’ll never publish my individual goals,” he said. “I just want to be somebody that’s going to be able to be somebody that the other team has to scheme around.”

It’s already happening in a way.

Coach Mike Tomlin points out “Watt is a handful for one man on NFL playing surface,” which in some ways can make it difficult to evaluate Okorafor and Banner’s development. Most weeks, they won’t be facing someone on the other side of the line of scrimmage quite like Watt.

The youngest member of the Watt family is the one with the brightest future, one he isn’t taking for granted. He spent most of his life trying to keep up with JJ and Derek. He taught him the discipline needed to succeed. And that hasn’t changed, no matter how brightly the spotlight might shine.

“I always had the plan that I wanted to enter the NFL,” he said, “and I had the blueprint from both my brothers of just wanting to put my head down and work as hard as I possibly can.”

**Jaguars waive RB Fournette**

After failing to find a trade partner for months, the Jacksonville Jaguars have waved 25-year-old running back Leonard Fournette, a decision that gets the team closer to purging Tom Coughlin’s tenure.

He is due $4.17 million in guaranteed salary this season if someone claims him. If he clears waivers, he would become a free agent.

Last year was Fournette’s best season. He topped 1,600 yards from scrimmage in 15 games, carrying 265 times for 1,152 yards and scoring 12 touchdowns. He’s also had a knack for big games, rushing for over 100 yards in 14 of his last 22 games.

Fournette has 2,631 yards rushing, 1,009 yards receiving and 19 touchdowns in three seasons since he was a first-round pick and Chief Coughlin’s first draft pick since returning to Jacksonville.
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**MLB Scoreboard**

**East Division**

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  - **First Game**
    - 9 Innings
  - **New York**
    - 8 Innings
  - **Rays 12, Marlins 7**
    - **Tampa Bay**
      - 9 IP, 12 Batters
    - **Miami**
      - 9 IP, 12 Batters

**West Division**

San Francisco 4, Arizona 1

- **Blue Jays 6, Orioles 5**
  - **Toronto**
    - 9 Innings
  - **Seattle**
    - 9 Innings

**Cubs 10, Red Sox**

- **Pirates 5, Brewers 1**
  - **Pittsburgh**
    - 9 Innings
  - **Milwaukee**
    - 9 Innings

**Cardinals 7, Indians 2**

- **Tigers 3, Twins 2**
  - **Minnesota**
    - 9 IP, 12 Batters
  - **Detroit**
    - 9 IP, 12 Batters

**Red Sox 9, Nationals**

- **White Sox 5, Royals 2**
  - **Chicago**
    - 9 Innings
  - **Kansas City**
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**Giants 4, Dodgers 2**

- **Rangers 6, Angels 3**
  - **Texas**
    - 9 Innings
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**Mariners 2, Angels 1**

- **Seattle**
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**The San Francisco Giants' Evan Longoria runs after hitting a two-run single against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the eighth inning during the Giants' 4-1 win Sunday in Phoenix.**


**Sunday**

**Braves 12, Phillies 10**

- **Philadelphia**
  - 11 Innings
  - **Atlanta**
    - 11 Innings

**Mariners 2, Angels 1**

- **Seattle**
  - 9 Innings
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    - 9 Innings
St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright threw a complete-game four-hitter on his 39th birthday in the Cardinals’ 7-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday in St. Louis.

### Roundup

**Cards’ Wainwright throws 4-hitter on his 39th birthday**

Associated Press

**ST LOUIS — Adam Wainwright turned back the clock with the complete-game victory on his 39th birthday as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Cleveland Indians 7-2 on Sunday. Wainwright threw a four-hitter for his 23rd career complete game and first in four years. The Cardinals snapped a four-game skid in which they scored six total runs.**

**Dexter Fowler homered and had two RBIs, and San Francisco won its third straight game. The Indians had stopped Cleveland’s four-game winning streak. The Indians had won nine in a row on the road.**

Wainwright (3-0) settled in after allowing Tyler Naquin’s two-run homer in the third inning. The right-hander struck out nine and walked two, going the distance for the first time since July 2016 against the Marlins. He threw 122 pitches, most in the majors this season.

### Sanchez’s slam helps Yankees take 2 from Mets

BY LARRY FLEISHER

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gary Sanchez and Aaron Hicks — among the few remaining regulars healthy enough on the depleted New York Yankees’ lineup — made sure the Bronx Bombers held serve at home.

Sanchez delivered the first pinch-hit, extra-innings grand slam in Yankees history, Deivi Garcia made a strong impression in his big league debut and New York beat the cross-town Mets 5-2 to complete a doubleheader sweep Sunday night.

The Yankees stormed back in the opener, erasing a five-run deficit with two outs in the seventh to win 7-5 in eight innings. Hicks lined a tying, two-run homer in the seventh, and Gio Urshela hit a game-ending single off Edwin Diaz an inning later.

Sanchez had been in a 1-for-18 slump and is still batting just .134 this season.

“I’m excited for him,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. “He means so much to this team. I’m really happy for him to take the air out of one.”

The Yankees won the final three games of this five-game Subway Series, snapping a seven-game skid. Sanchez blasted a two-run fastball from Drew Smith into the left field bleachers for a 5-1 lead. It was his first career pinch-hit homer and second career grand slam.

“I’ve been very anxious to contribute to the team,” Sanchez said through a translator. “Especially when you’re going through a rough patch and you’re not helping the team.”

Garcia took a shutdown into the ninth inning, allowing Sanchez’s tying single. Smith’s hit came after Jeff McNeil reached on an error by first baseman Luke Voit, who had the ball kick off the hands of catcher Gary Sanchez.

Garcia allowed four singles, struck out six, walked none and threw 75 pitches in six innings. At 21 years, 163 days, Garcia became the youngest pitcher to start in the majors in the abbreviated 60-game season.

Garcia got a huge hug from veteran batterymate Erik Kratz in the dugout after his outing was done — the 40-year-old Kratz caught Garcia often in Triple-A last year and thinks highly of the young right-hander. Kratz calls Garcia son and Garcia calls Kratz “padre,” Garcia said.

Jonathan Holder (1-0) allowed an RBI single to Michael Conforto in the eighth, but lasted just 2 1/3 innings. Tyler Wade homered in the ninth to give the Yankees a 1-0 lead. The Yankees left the bases loaded in the ninth and stranded two in the fifth.

In the first game, the Yankees trailed 7-2 with two outs in the final inning of the seven-inning game before rallying against Jared Hughes and Diaz.

Mets third baseman Andres Gimenez made a throwing error, and Hughes walked a batter and plunked another to load the bases before Luke Voit hit a check-swing, two-run single against the shift to pull within 7-4.

Another run scored on Diaz’s wild pitch before Hicks lined a two-out, 2-2 fastball just over the wall in right for his third homer of the season.

The Yankees’ Gary Sanchez hits a grand slam off the Mets’ Drew Smith during the eighth inning of the second game of a doubleheader on Sunday in New York. The Yankees took both games, 8-7 and 5-2.
Thompson, first
Black coach to win
NCAA title, dies

Coached Georgetown to 1984 championship

By JOSEPH WHITE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John Thompson, the imposing Hall of Famer who turned Georgetown into a ‘‘Hoya Paranoia’’ powerhouse and became the first Black coach to lead a team to the NCAA men’s basketball championship, has died. He was 78.

His death was announced in a family statement released by Georgetown on Monday. No details were disclosed.

‘‘Our family is an inspiration to many and devoted his life to developing young people not simply on but, most importantly, off the basketball court,’’ the statement said. ‘‘However, for us, his greatest legacy remains as a father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. More than a coach, he was our foundation. More than a legend, he was the voice in our ear everyday.’’

One of the most celebrated and polarizing figures in his sport, Thompson took over a moribund Georgetown program in the 1970s and made it a national powerhouse, winning the NCAA title with a 596-239 record (.715 winning percentage) that included 26 players who were drafted by the NBA.

Thompson is revered as the patriarch of sorts after he quit figuratively towered over the shoulder, Thompson literally and

‘‘The Hoyas in 1972 and began making a team that was 3-23 the previous season. Over the next 27 years, he led Georgetown to 14 straight NCAA tournaments (1979-92), 24 consecutive post-season appearances (20 NCAA, 4 NIT), three Final Fours (1982, 1984, 1985) and won six Big East tournament championships.

Employing a physical, defense-focused approach that frequently relied on a dominant center — Alonzo Mourning and Dikembe Mutombo were among his other pupils — Thompson compiled a 596-239 record (.715 winning percentage). He had 26 players drafted by the NBA.

Off the court, Thompson was both a role model and a lightning rod. A stickler for academics, he kept a deflated basketball on his desk, a reminder to his players that a degree was a necessity because a career in basketball relied on a tenuous ‘‘nine pounds of air.’’

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Islanders square past Flyers

Scoreboard

Stanley Cup playoffs
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-seven; if n.eecessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
At Toronto
(5) N.Y. Islanders 5, (1) Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 0, 1 OT
N.Y. Islanders 3, Philadelphia 1
Sunday
N.Y. Islanders 3, Philadelphia 1

TUESDAY
Game 5
x-Tuesday, Game 6
x-Saturday, Sept. 18, Game 7
(1) Tampa Bay 2, (4) Boston 1
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2
Tampa Bay 1, Boston 4
Boston 1, Tampa Bay 2
Tampa Bay 2, Boston 1
Saturday: Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1
Monday: Game 5 (AFN-Sports2, 1 a.m.
Tuesday CET; 8 a.m. Tuesday JKT)
x-Wednesday, Game 6
x-Thursday, Game 7

WESTERN CONFERENCE
At Edmonton
(1) Edmonton 3, (5) Vancouver 1
Vancouver 3, Edmonton 2
Vancouver 3, Edmonton 2
Vancouver 3, Edmonton 2
Vancouver 3, Edmonton 2
Tuesday: Game 5
x-Thursday, Game 7
(1) Dallas 5, (3) Colorado 2
Dallas 2, Colorado 4
Dallas 4, Colorado 6
Dallas 5, Colorado 4
Thursday: Game 5
x-Friday, Game 7

SUNDAY
Golden Knights 5, Canucks 3
Vegas 2 0 3 5
Vancouver 3 2 0 5
First Period—1, Vegas, Pacioretty 4 (Muller, Fleury), 12:47. 2, Vancouve,
Pettersson 6 (Hughes, Miller), 11:15. 3, Vegas, Stephenason 2 (Theodore, Martinez), 12:19.
Second Period—4, Vancouver, Horvat 9 (Miller, Edler), 4:07. 5, Vancouver, Tof
s 2 (Hughes, Miller), 11:30 (pp).
Third Period—6, Vegas, Karlsson 6 (Haula, Pacioretty), 3:19. 7, Vancouver, Fleury 11 (Boesdor-
f, Reinhart), 6:45. 8, Vegas, Mika 8 (Pacioretty, Karlsson), 19:35. 9, Vegas, Karlsson 7 (Haula,
Fleury), 12:24.

Shoots on Goal—Vegas 28-14-8-3; Vancouver 8-22-11-5.
Power-play opportunities—Vegas 1 of 2; Vancouver 0 of 5.
Goals—Vegas, Fleury 3-0 (31 shots-28 saves). Vancouver, Markstrom 8-5-1 (33-28).

Stars, 5, Avalanche 4
Denver 3 2 0 5
St. Louis 2 2 1 5
First Period—1, Dallas, Klingberg 2 (Faksa, Comtois), 6:19. 2, Dallas, Faksa 3 (Heiskanen, Hintz), 6:33 (pp). 3, Dallas, Benn 4 (Roussel, Kumbiske), 9:00.
Second Period—4, Colorado, Nichush
Third Period—6, Dallas, Hintz 2 (Faksa, Klingberg), 7:00 (pp). 7, Dallas, Gurianov 8, 8:03. 8, Colorado, Nichushkov 2 (Girard, Andrzejewski), 17:05. 9, Colorado, Makar 4 (Burakovsky, O’Reilly), 19:16.

Power-play opportunities—Colorado 1 of 5; Dallas 1 of 8.

Goals—Colorado, Hutchinson 6-0-0 (5 shots-3 shots-3 saves). Colorado, Francouz 2-4-0 (26-21). Dallas, Khudobin 7-4-0 (37-33).

Islanders, 3, Flyers, 1
Philadelphia 1 0 0 1
N.Y. Islanders 1 0 2 3
First Period—1, Philadelphia, stick 2 (Laughton, Nilsson), 14:18.
Second Period—2, N.Y. Islanders, Mar
chese 1 (Ehlers, Komorov), 12:01. 3, Philadelphia, stick 3 (Mar
chese, Komorov), 13:29. 4, Islanders, Komorov 1 (Komorov), 13:54.
Third Period—5, N.Y. Islanders, Lee 6 (Paluck, Eberle), 2:41 (pp).


Goals—Philadelphia, Hart, 7-4-0 (29 shots-26 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Varlamov 9-2-0 (27-26).
**Roundup**

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**Playoffs**

At Lake Buena Vista, Fla.  
**FIRST ROUND**

**BEST-OF-SEVEN: X IF NECESSARY**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Milwaukee 4, Orlando 1
Orlando 122, Milwaukee 110
Milwaukee 111, Orlando 96
Milwaukee 121, Orlando 107
Milwaukee 121, Orlando 106
Milwaukee 118, Orlando 104
Toronto 4, Brooklyn 0
Toronto 134, Brooklyn 119
Toronto 104, Brooklyn 99
Toronto 117, Brooklyn 93
Toronto 150, Brooklyn 122
Boston 6, Philadelphia 0
Boston 109, Philadelphia 101
Boston 128, Philadelphia 101
Boston 102, Philadelphia 94
Boston 117, Philadelphia 106
Miami 4, Indiana 0
Miami 13, Indiana 10
Miami 109, Indiana 100
Miami 104, Indiana 115
Miami 96, Indiana 87

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

L.A. Lakers 4, Portland 1
Portland 109, L.A. Lakers 93
L.A. Lakers 111, Portland 88
L.A. Lakers 116, Portland 108
L.A. Lakers 135, Portland 115
L.A. Lakers 131, Portland 122
L.A. Clippers 4, Dallas 2
L.A. Clippers 118, Dallas 110
Atlanta 137, L.A. Clippers 114
L.A. Clippers 130, Dallas 122
Dallas 135, L.A. Clippers 133, OT
L.A. Clippers 154, Dallas 111
Sunday: L.A. Clippers 111, Dallas 97
Utah 3, Denver 2
Denver 125, Utah 119
Denver 124, Utah 105
Denver 129, Utah 127
Denver 117, Utah 108
Denver 119, Utah 107
Denver 114, Oklahoma City 90
Monday: Game 6

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**

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**Eastern Conference**

Eastern Conference Roundup

L.A. Clippers 111, Mavericks 97

L.A. CLIPPERS — Leonard 14-23 4-3, Dallas 3-11 1-3, Murray 14-23 4-4, Leonard 14-23 4-4

**NUGGETS 119, JAZZ 107**

Denver 154, L.A. Clippers 111

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Murray extended his torrid run with 50 more points, leading the Denver Nuggets to a 119-107 victory over the Utah Jazz on Sunday night.

Murray had his second 50-point game of the series to equal Mitchell, who finished with 44 in this one. No player has ever had more in an entire postseason.

They will go at it one more time Tuesday night, with the winner advancing to face the Los Angeles Clippers.

Mitchell was disappointed the Jazz had missed a chance to wrap up the series in Game 5, but understood the interest in seeing him and Murray square off in the ultimate contest.

“As a fan perspective I see it and I respect it, but I can’t tell you that I would’ve said Game 7 if we’re up 3-1,” he said.

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High Wattage

Steelers linebacker Watt ready to step into spotlight

By Will Graves
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PITTSBURGH

Watt reads the stories from his rookie year in 2017 and can't help but laugh a little. Sure, the Pittsburgh Steelers outside linebacker is more reserved than older brother JJ — the high-profile defensive end for the Houston Texans — but then again, who isn't?

Still, Watt looks back at his words (or lack thereof) and admits his reticence was part of his master plan and not necessarily a distillation of his personality.

“I was very shy and didn’t want to say a lot at all,” Watt said on Tuesday. “I just wanted to work and soak up as much information as I possibly could and gain the trust of my teammates.”

Funny how reaching the Pro Bowl twice in your first three seasons and developing a reputation as one of the most relentless edge rushers in the NFL has a way of getting you to loosen up.

The player who spoke only in benign platitudes is slowly pulling back the layers. Check your TV for proof.

Yes, that was Watt starring alongside brothers JJ and Derek and mom Connie in a series of Subway commercials. Yes, that was Watt playing co-host on the game show “Ultimate Tag.”

Watt says he’s just “dipping his toe in the water” and he’s quick to point out that he’s determined not to let his budding celebrity overshadow the importance of his day job.

“First and foremost, it will always be me being a football player,” Watt said. “When it comes to me doing those shows and the Subway commercials and things along those lines, obviously, I’ve seen J.J. (Watt) do that stuff for years, and it’s fun to put myself out of my own comfort zone and try new things.”

That goes for on the field as well as off it. Watt racked up a career-best 14½ sacks in 2019, his No. 90 often a blur on its way to the quarterback. Still, he believes he remains a work in progress. He and fellow

“I just want to be able to be a game-breaker.”

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Steelers’ two-time Pro Bowl linebacker

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