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Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — President Donald Trump’s blood oxygen level dropped suddenly twice in recent days, but he “has continued to improve” since then, the White House physician said Sunday, adding a new layer of confusion to the president’s fight with COVID-19 even while suggesting he could be discharged from the hospital as early as Monday.

Trump’s doctors, speaking on the steps of the military hospital where he was being treated for a third consecutive day, again refused to answer key questions about his condition, including the timing of the president’s second dip in oxygen, which they neglected to mention in multiple statements the day before, or whether lung scans showed any damage.

Pressed about the conflicting information he and the White House released the previous day, Navy Cmdr. Dr. Sean Conley acknowledged that he had tried to present a somewhat rosy description of the president’s condition.

“I was trying to reflect the upbeat attitude of the team, that the president, that his course of illness has had. Didn’t want to give any information that might steer the course of illness in another direction,” Conley said. “And in doing so, came off like we’re trying to hide something, which wasn’t necessarily true. The fact of the matter is that he’s doing really well.”

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President’s doctors optimistic about condition

Associated Press

ELECTION EFFECTS

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden was at home in Delaware on Sunday with no plans for in-person campaigning or other public appearances. The 77-year-old former vice president already tested negative, and he was expected to release the results of a new test later Sunday.

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By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

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Alexander Burnett/U.S. Army
Exploding Takata air bag inflator kills US driver

BY TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Another person was killed by an exploding Takata air bag inflator, bringing the total death toll to at least 26.

The latest death occurred Aug. 20 in Mesa, Ariz., in the crash of a 2002 Honda Civic, according to a statement released Saturday by Honda. It was the 17th death reported in the United States. Others have been reported in Malaysia and Australia.

Takata used volatile ammonium nitrate to create a small explosion to inflate air bags in a crash. But the chemical can deteriorate over time when exposed to moisture in the air. The explosion can blow apart a metal canister and hurl shrapnel into the passenger compartment.

Honda said in a statement that it inspected the Civic in the Mesa crash Wednesday, along with the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and determined that the inflator in the driver’s side air bag had ruptured. The inflator in the passenger air bag also ruptured.

Honda said the Civic was recalled in December 2011 for the driver’s side inflator and in November 2014 for the passenger side. The company said it mailed more than 15 notices to the owners over eight years, but the free repairs were never done. The company said it also made numerous phone calls and even visited the current registered owner’s home and left recall information.

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
Study touts Roosevelt isolation decision

BY WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

An urgent appeal to superiors by the former commander of the USS Theodore Roosevelt to transfer sailors infected by a coronavirus outbreak aboard the carrier in March was well founded, according to a study published Thursday by an American Medical Association journal.

The virus tore through the ship’s crew of roughly 4,800 sailors in the weeks after leaving port from Danang, Vietnam, early that month. After docking in Guam on March 25, Capt. Brett Crozier urged his superiors to clear the ship to prevent the spread of disease, but it was not possible to adequately quarantine and maintain physical distance while aboard.

Crozier was fired after a letter he sent to Navy higher-ups seeking for help surfaced in the San Francisco Chronicle soon after.

The authors of the JAMA Network Open study, which analyzed the U.S. Navy’s Public Health COVID-19 Task Force, concluded that the act of isolating and quarantining hundreds of sailors on the island dramatically interrupted the acceleration of the outbreak.

“[T]he rapid increase in case [numbers] as incubating cases disembarked, followed by the precipitous decrease in cases, suggests that the shore-based nonpharmaceutical interventions interrupted a probable acceleration in case incidence that would have likely resulted in a substantial disease burden,” the study concluded.

Crozier’s outbreak peaked March 30 with 30 new infections. Infected sailors began being moved off the ship the next day for isolation at Naval Base Guam.

The number of new infections plummeted within a few days of the sailors disembarking, with only one to three daily new cases being reported after April 4.

That quick short-circuiting of the outbreak seems to affirm Crozier’s conclusion that the ship should be cleared immediately.

He had sent a message to a handful of Navy admirals and captains on March 30 with a plan to remove most of the crew.

The message was leaked to the media, and Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas Modly relieved Crozier of command after it was published.

Modly flew to Guam, where he addressed the Roosevelt crew — who had expressed support for their former captain — and described Crozier as “too naïve or too stupid to be a commanding officer.”

Caught up in the backlash to the firing and the speech, Modly resigned.

In a commentary published beside the JAMA study, Dr. John D. Malone of San Diego County’s Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch lamented that the hard lessons learned from the Roosevelt outbreak will remain overshadowed by the high-profile firing and resignation.

“Masking, hand hygiene, and social distancing when possible are beneficial but will not change the basic issues with closed, confined-space environments and forced linear air handling systems,” Malone wrote of the challenges in controlling viral spread aboard ships.

“Unfortunately, the COVID-19 outbreak on the USS Theodore Roosevelt will be remembered by the removal of the Commanding Officer on April 7, 2020, resignation of the Secretary of the Navy instead of the many lessons learned regarding a highly contagious respiratory virus in ships with closely confined spaces and linear airflow systems,” he wrote.

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A sailor mans the rails aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt as the aircraft carrier departs Naval Base Guam in June.

By John Vandiver
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The U.S. Navy muscled up in the eastern Mediterranean Sea this week, announcing that it will homeport a major vessel at Souda Bay in Greece for the first time in at least 40 years.


The ship, an expeditionary sea base designed to carry Marines and special operations troops to hot spots or train with partners, is assigned to U.S. 6th Fleet but will also be available to support other commands.

The move, which took effect Thursday, comes at a time when U.S. defense officials are worried about a Russian military buildup in the Mediterranean. Moscow has a base in Syria and an expanding influence in Libya, where Russia has deployed hundreds of regional partners, the Navy said.

Some security analysts have speculated that the U.S. expansion in the eastern Mediterranean could be a prelude to a bigger adjustment, with Souda Bay to eventually become an alternative to Turkey’s Incirlik Air Base used by the Air Force. But in a statement to Turkish media last week, the Pentagon gave no indication that such a plan is in the works.

“The continuing presence of the U.S. in Incirlik demonstrates the strong relations between the U.S. and our NATO ally Turkey,” the Pentagon statement said.

From Souda Bay, the USS Hershel “Woody” Williams will conduct missions in the Mediterranean as well as south, south-west, and west Africa to coordinate with regional partners, the Navy said.

Due to the ship’s extended overseas assignment, Military Sealift Command will conduct maintenance at Souda Bay and other overseas ports, the Navy said.

The 784-foot-long ship features a 52,000 square-foot, four-spot flight deck that helicopters can land on.

There also is living space for the crew, which has a complement of about 250.

The ship has a “Blue Crew” and “Gold Crew,” which will turn over periodically to allow the vessel to remain forward-based at Souda Bay. About 130 personnel will rotate to Souda Bay on roughly six-month assignments from their home base in Norfolk, Va., and NOAA Fleet said.

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The expeditionary sea base USS Hershel “Woody” Williams navigates the Mediterranean Sea in August.

Guam governor announces ‘sobering’ coronavirus milestone for island

Guam’s governor announced that the island had reached the ‘sobering point’ of 50 coronavirus deaths Friday, the day after signing an executive order relaxing more pandemic restrictions.

A 72-year-old woman died Friday evening at Guam Memorial Hospital, becoming the U.S. territory’s 50th virus-related fatality. A statement from the office of Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero said the patient had underlying health conditions and had already tested positive when she was admitted on Sept. 16.

“Earlier this evening, we reached a sobering point we hoped we would never achieve. We lost our 50th soul to COVID-19,” Guerrero said. “These people are more than numbers — they’re fathers, mothers, children, siblings, members of our community.”

Over the weekend, the virus claimed two more patients, both women, ages 66 and 90.

By Monday, mid-August, Guam has been under a government-mandated “Pandemic Condition of Readiness 1” that shuttered businesses and churches, forced schools to use virtual instruction, prohibited most public gatherings and closed parks and beaches.

That month, Guerrero changed a stay-at-home order to a “safer-at-home advisory” that allowed some businesses, including restaurants, to operate at 25% capacity.

He signed an executive order on Thursday authorizing additional freedoms. Social gatherings of up to five people have been allowed as of 8 a.m. Saturday, and parks, beaches and swimming pools can reopen.

Churches, fitness centers and dance studios may also operate, as long as they remain at 25% capacity.

Monday morning, child care centers can reopen and sports organizations may request authorization to carry on with non-contact training.

“I want many of us are done with this pandemic, but the virus isn’t done with us,” Guerrero said in Friday’s statement.

As of late Friday, the island had recorded a pandemic total of 2,617 coronavirus infections.

At least 274 of those have been U.S. service members.
Hot Pockets in short supply due to virus

BY CHAD GARLAND
Stars and Stripes

A snapping staple in many U.S. military barracks could be in short supply into next year as Hot Pockets fall victim to coronavirus-related lockdowns, told the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and other retailers that it will have “severe inventory constraints” in its Hot Pockets product lines because of the global outbreak, AAFES spokeswoman Julie Mitchell said.

Limited quantities will be available, but will be strictly controlled, she said.

“As a result, Exchange customers may expect to see shortages of Hot Pockets to continue into 2021,” she said.

The Defense Commissary Agency was told it won’t be getting some varieties of the popular snacks, including Lean Pockets flavors and a similar product by Del Monte, made with cauliflower crusts and without meat.

Several factors have caused short-term changes in availability for some products, including the stromboli-like “sandwiches” eaten after two minutes in the microwave, Nestle USA spokeswoman Lauren Rubbo said.

“So hot we burned our little,” the Hot Pockets brand said Wednesday on Twitter, acknowledging the shortages. “We know you’re missing your favorites, and we want you to know they’ll be back in the future — we’re focusing on the classics now so you can still enjoy us.”

The tweet didn’t specify which classics would remain available.

In the early months of the pandemic, as the virus spread and restrictions went into place, Hot Pockets were among the brands filling many American shoppers’ carts, Bloomberg News reported in April.

Demand for the frozen dough poutines helped boost Nestle to its largest quarterly segment growth in five years, Bloomberg reported.

Company officials attributed that partly to Americans stockpiling food and eating more meals at home.

New Eighth Army leader seeks readiness for US, S. Korea troops

By Kim Gamel
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Lt. Gen. Willard “Bill” Burleson III assumed command of the Eighth Army on Friday, stressing the need for U.S. and South Korean troops “to train rigorously and realistically” to maintain readiness on the divided peninsula.

Wearing a camouflage mask to match his uniform and ward off the coronavirus, Burleson accepted the Eighth Army colors from Lt. Gen. Michael Biles during a ceremony in a gym on Camp Humphreys, the Army’s main headquarters in South Korea.

The change of command occurred amid fears of renewed tensions as U.S.-led nuclear talks with North Korea have stalled. Many experts have predicted that the North may conduct a missile test or another provocation in connection with the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

“Eighth Army’s presence here in Korea and in the Pacific certainly sends a strong signal, not just to the Republic of Korea but to our regional allies on the United States commitment to deter our potential adversaries,” Burleson said during the ceremony, which was streamed live on Facebook.

“And while we all hope and pray for peace, we must never forget that we’re not there yet,” he said, promising to help maintain a strong alliance with South Korea.

“The ability of our (South Korean) and U.S. forces to train rigorously and realistically is essential to maintaining our readiness,” he added.

Joint military exercises have long been a linchpin of the alliance between the two countries that was forged in the 1950-53 Korean War.

However, the militaries have had to cancel or curtail several drills over the past two years because of diplomatic efforts with North Korea.

Training also has faced challenges from the coronavirus pandemic and complaints about noise and other annoyances from local residents who live near training ranges.

Burleson was previously the assistant chief of staff for U.S. Forces Korea, the United Nations Command and the Combined Forces Command, which are led by Gen. Robert Abrams.

Bill, who became Eighth Army commander in January 2018, retired in a separate ceremony on Friday.

Abrams praised him for leadership in helping to curb the spread of the coronavirus, noting that the U.S. military in South Korea has not reported a locally transmitted case since mid-April.

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Burleson also will serve as chief of staff for the Combined Forces Command.

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Lt. Gen. Willard “Bill” Burleson, left, is Eighth Army’s new commanding general following a change-of-command ceremony on Camp Humphreys, South Korea, on Friday.

USS Ronald Reagan changes commanders while on patrol

By Caitlin Doornbos
Stars and Stripes

Capt. Fred Goldhammer took the helm of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan from Capt. Pat Hannifin on Thursday during a scaled-down change-of-command ceremony in the Philippine Sea, according to a Navy statement.

Due to coronavirus precautions, the ceremony took place in the ship’s pilot house, broadcast over the public address system, in lieu of a traditional in-person event, according to the Thursday statement. Photos of the event show Hannifin, Goldhammer and others wearing masks. Pre-pandemic change-of-command ceremonies were often all-hands events, gathering large groups of sailors to see a departing commander off and welcome a new one.

The aircraft carrier, homeported at Yokosuka, has been patrolling the Indo-Pacific region since June. Command changes while a warship is under way are not unusual.

“Reagan is and will always remain poised to fight and win in any event,” Hannifin said during the ceremony, according to the statement. “Every year and every age has challenges — we have certainly had ours here — but this team wins.”

Since taking command in Septem-
Approval: Army’s new field manual focuses on holistic health, fitness

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Army’s Center for Initial Military Training, which spearheaded the service’s health reform efforts outlined in the new field manual.

“Optimizes a soldier’s readiness, reduces injury rates, improves cognitive training centers and increases the overall effectiveness of the total Army,” he said.

The decision to revamp how the Army approaches soldier wellness was driven by troubling statistics that show high rates of injuries and other health issues that have limited tens of thousands of soldiers from fully performing their jobs. Army statistics show more than 58,000 soldiers as of April were characterized as nondeployable, the equivalent of about 13 brigades combat teams. Among those soldiers, about 15,000 were considered permanently nondeployable. The same data showed roughly 53% of American soldiers reported suffering a new injury in 2018. Of those injuries, some 71% were diagnosed as preventable musculoskeletal injuries from overuse, according to Army documents.

Holistic Health and Fitness, dubbed H2F by the Army, aims to fix some of those long-standing challenges by encouraging soldiers to adopt physical fitness routines tailored to improving their strength and their ability to recover quickly. Hubbard said the system will go hand-in-hand with the Army’s new fitness assessment, the six-event Army Combat Fitness Test that Thursday replaced the decades-old Army Physical Fitness Test as the service’s official fitness evaluation.

For example, the Army intends to move away from its hourlong early morning unit physical training sessions when everyone does the same routine to fitness training regimens tailored specifically to an individual. “This will require physical training to occur throughout the duty day, not just during a one-hour period in the early morning,” said Megan Reed, a spokeswoman for the Center for Initial Military Training at Fort Eustis, Va. But the new field manual also makes clear to soldiers that other health aspects, such as nutrition, mental wellness and sleep are equally as important as physical fitness to their ability to perform their duties.

“To achieve optimal readiness, soldiers must have sleep and the more sleep obtained the better. Inadequate sleep weakens soldier performance and jeopardizes the mission,” the field manual states. “...In short, sleep makes soldiers better at being soldiers.”

The field manual calls for soldiers to get between seven and nine hours of sleep in every 24 hours, but it does not mandate on the minimum amount of sleep soldiers can rely on and maintain “military effectiveness.” However, the manual does state that soldiers do not acclimate to a lack of sleep, and, therefore, must make up for lost rest hours at some point.

“The notion that one can adapt to sleep loss is a myth,” FM-22 reads. “Although soldiers generally benefit from training as they fight, this does not hold true for sleep loss. Soldiers cannot be trained to perform better on less sleep.”

That is where officially authorized naps in some circumstances, officials said. Naps while in the field — on deployments or during long exercises at places like the Army’s three cognitive training centers — have long been customary for tired soldiers during periods of downtime. Now commanders are authorized to allow soldiers to nap when their over-tiredness could become risky.

“When regular nighttime sleep is not possible due to mission requirements, soldiers can use short, infrequent naps to restore wakefulness and promote performance,” according to the manual.

“When routinely available sleep time is difficult to predict, soldiers might take the longest nap possible as frequently as time is available. During periods of restricted sleep (six hours of sleep or less per night), napping combined with appropriate doses of [about 200 mg of] caffeine may help to sustain cognitive performance and alertness.”

The new guidance is meant for soldiers to catch up on needed sleep while “conducting training and operations,” Reed said.

That means, soldiers should not expect to be authorized naps while on-duty to make up for sleep lost during a night of drinking or playing video games.

The directive is not the first time that military officials have acknowledged the need for troops to get more rest. The Navy in 2018 mandated sailors deployed on aircraft carriers receive eight hours of sleep every 24 hours, after investigators found sleep deprivation was a major factor in the separate, deadly crashes in 2017 of the destroyers USS Fitzgerald and USS John S. McCain.

To ensure soldiers’ wellness, the Army plans to build new teams of soldiers and civilians focused on elements of holistic health and fitness into its brigades and similarly sized units. The 25-37 person (28 active-duty brigades. It intends to incorporate the teams into some of its brigades. Reed said the Army will first build the performance teams in 23 active-duty brigades. It intends to incorporate the teams into all of the service’s 110 active-duty, brigade-sized elements by October 2026, she said.

The new field manual also calls for more holistic health and fitness facilities for those 110 brigades at installations across the globe. The facilities, called Soldier Performance Readiness Centers, are envisioned as a one-stop shop for soldiers to conduct physical training and other health-related activities.

Brigades at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Drum, N.Y., already have similar facilities, Reed said. However, they do not incorporate all the aspects of new facilities that the Army aims to build for all 110 of its brigades between 2023 and 2026, she said. The Army has yet to determine how much the new facilities will cost, Reed said.

The Army envisions building a 40,000-square-foot Soldier Performance Readiness Center for each of its brigades. The facilities are to include indoor and outdoor training areas, dedicated ACFT testing space with the equipment necessary to train for and conduct testing, a track, climbing pods, and strength-training equipment, according to the field manual.

The facilities would also include classroom and counseling spaces where soldiers would engage with the new performance teams, the manual states.

Reed said the shift to the individualized, holistic approach will take some time, but the Army’s top leaders believe it is a necessary “culture shift” for soldiers.

“We are confident that once H2F performance teams and [Soldier Performance Readiness Centers] are fielded and integrated, leaders will recognize the benefits of improved soldier readiness, lower numbers and severity of injuries, and an overall reduction in soldier nonavailability rates,” she said.
Trump diagnosis reminds US of virus’ magnitude

Associated Press

ST. CHARLES, Mo. — President Donald Trump’s startling COVID-19 diagnosis serves as a cruel reminder of the pervasive spread of the coronavirus and shows how tenuous of a grip the nation has on the crisis, health experts said.

With U.S. infections rising for several weeks, Trump became one of the tens of thousands of Americans who test positive each day. He went through a “very concerning” period Friday and the next 48 hours “unusual” in his care, White House chief of staff Mark Meadows said Saturday.

The diagnosis differed dramatically from the rosy assessment by Trump’s staff and doctors, who took pains not to reveal the president had received supplemental oxygen at the White House before he went to a military hospital. Some of Trump’s top advisers and allies also have tested positive recently.

No one is entirely out of the virus’s reach, even those supposedly inside a protective bubble,” said Dr. Reed Tuckson, board chair-man of the nonpartisan Health Policy Alliance in Washington.

Eight months after the virus reached the United States, worrying signals mounted of what’s ahead this fall. The NFL has postponed two games after players on three teams tested positive. Some hospitals in Wisconsin have run low on space, and experts warned of a likely surge in infections during the colder months ahead. Some economists say it could take as long as late 2023 for the job market to fully recover.

“Every single American must keep their oxygen levels between 95 and 100. A drop below 94% on Friday and during the next 48 hours will be critical,” Garibaldi said. “And if the situation worsens, we don’t, then we are being fool-hardy and irresponsible.”

America faces a crossroads in its response to the virus. If the United States achieves rapid testing and contact tracing, they’re immune or can’t get it, but if it is possible. It does send a message,” Clark said Saturday.

Wisconsin reported a record daily death toll Wednesday, and hospitals in multiple cities said they were running out of space. A 530-bed field hospital that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built on the state fairgrounds in the city of West Allis in April could be used if the situation worsens.

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Optimistic: Doctors say president had ‘high fever’ and drop in blood oxygen levels

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The briefing lasted just 10 minutes.

Before walking away, Conley said the president had a “high fever” and a blood oxygen level below 94% on Friday and during “another episode” on Saturday. He was evasive when asked whether Trump’s level had dropped below 90%.

“The statistics are so mindboggling, they make us numb to the reality of just how painful, unacceptable and absurd this is,” said Dr. Reed Tuckson, board chairman of the nonpartisan Health Policy Alliance in Washington.

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Biden's campaign to disclose all future virus test results

By Annie Linskey and Matt Viser
The Washington Post

Joe Biden's campaign said Saturday it will now disclose the results of every coronavirus test the candidate takes, following increased pressure for more transparency after President Donald Trump recently tested positive for the virus and Vice President Mike Pence has released results for two consecutive days.

"We have adhered to strict and extensive safety practices recommended by public health experts and doctors in all of our campaigning — including social distancing, mask wearing, and additional safeguards," campaign spokesman Andrew Bates said in a statement. "Vice President Biden is being tested regularly, and we will be releasing the results of each test." Bates did not say how often Biden would be undergoing such tests, beyond saying they would happen on a regular basis. Biden, who tested negative on Friday, told reporters that he had not undergone a test on Saturday but would on Sunday.

Biden's approach has come under increased scrutiny now that Trump has been hospitalized. Unlike Trump, Biden has made a point of abiding by the recommendations of public health officials, although he has continued his travel despite his proximity to Trump on the debate stage last Thursday.

Biden's campaign has scrapped a partially indoor event and suspended negative ads since Trump's diagnosis, while the candidate himself took the unusual step of wearing a mask throughout an entire speech and, on Saturday, declined to criticize the president during a town hall event with transit workers.

"With 49 days to go and a month away, the campaign is trying to figure out how to approach an unprecedented situation with the 74-year-old incumbent hospitalized and the 77-year-old challenger himself at risk."

"I really don't think that anybody knows how it changes the dynamics yet," said Rep. Cedric Richmond, D-La., Biden's campaign co-chairman.

Richmond did predict that Biden's message will shift to focus less on Trump and more on Biden's plans should he win. "I think you stick more to policy," he said, noting that Biden has "reiterated his commitment to mask-wearing, an implicit rebuke of the president's condition is. An ill president tends to evoke empathy and concern, though Trump's situation is more complicated because he so openly flouted health recommendations and expressed contempt for those who did follow the rules, including Biden.

Instead of focusing on his critique of Trump, Biden has reiterated his commitment to mask-wearing, an implicit rebuke to the president's reluctance to wear a face covering."

"Here's what I'll do as president," Biden said in his remarks Saturday. "Number one, call on every single American to wear a mask when around other people outside their households. That includes when they ride public transportation, buses, trains, airplanes."

Biden wore a mask for an entire 20-minute speech on Friday, a departure from his normal practice of wearing a mask as he walks to a podium and then removing it when he delivers an address.

Biden's team decided to go ahead with a planned campaign trip to Grand Rapids, Mich., on Friday, although he had been exposed to Trump three days earlier at the debate. The decision was made on the advice of doctors who, among other factors, felt that he had not been close enough to Trump or his entourage during the debate to merit self-isolation.

By Laurie Kellman and LISA MASCARO

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From wire reports

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky reported its highest number of new coronavirus cases Saturday.

“We now have 1,275 new cases announced today, meaning 1,275 Kentuckians have just tested positive,” Gov. Andy Beshear said in a news release. “This is our highest number of cases. This is the highest number of cases per week and we have one more day that will add to the count, and it shows that we have to do better.”

As of 3 p.m. Saturday, there were at least 72,001 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, Beshear said. Of the newly reported cases, 165 were in children aged 18 or younger. Twenty-seven of the cases were in children age 5 or younger, with the youngest child just two months old, according to the news release.

Kentucky also recorded eight new deaths Saturday, bringing the total number of virus deaths in the state to 1,205.

Alaska

ANCHORAGE — The Municipality of Anchorage reported 70 new cases of the coronavirus each day last week compared to a daily average of 48 new confirmed cases the previous week.

Anchorage officials on Friday expressed concern regarding the spread of the virus in the fall and winter. Their concerns include intensive care unit staffing, cases linked with an associated living facility and a spike in new cases over the past week, the Anchorage Daily News reported.

The city could run out of ICU beds as early as this month or November, said Janet Johnston, epidemiologist at the Anchorage Health Department.

Johnston said she thought that as restrictions throughout the state relax, people have become less mindful of the risks of the pandemic.

Arizona

PHOENIX — Numerous inmates said Arizona’s prison system has failed to provide necessary testing, treatment during the coronavirus pandemic, with one saying that effectively meant the state’s prisoners were sentenced to get infected with COVID-19.

Dozens of letters from inmates in recent months said the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry wasn’t protecting staff and inmates during the outbreak, the Arizona Republic reported.

A department spokesperson declined many allegations by inmates, including that sick inmates weren’t tested. The spokesperson, Judy Keane, also cited health and safety protocols announced during the pandemic.

“After the inmate’s release, those inmates described fears and frustrations and asked for help, while some reported the virus, the Republic reported. The newspaper reported that it received nearly 90 inmate letters from late March to September indicating that it withheld the inmates’ identities due to their concerns about possible retaliation.

Florida

ORLANDO — Thousands of prospective Florida attorneys have been left in limbo by delays to the bar exam due to the traditional in-person version, due to the coronavirus pandemic, and those who are already licensed to practice law outside of Florida.

Out of about 3,400 who signed up to take the exam, only a fraction — 308 applicants — were certified to participate in the program as of Sept. 17, according to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

Critics have called the program’s requirements overly restrictive, but FBBE executive director Michele Gavagni said the “overarching goal is to make sure the public is protected.” The program also places strict supervision requirements on law firms, which some say creates a disincentive to take on program participants.

Hawaii

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MILWAUKEE — Wisconsin health officials on Saturday said the state set a single-day record for COVID-19 cases with nearly 2,900 positive tests.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reported 20.5% positivity rate from 14,084 tests that were processed in the last day. The previous record for new cases in a single day came Thursday, with 2,887.

Health officials also announced 19 deaths in the last day, raising the number of fatalities due to complications from the virus to 1,372.

More than 24,000 people in Wisconsin have tested positive for COVID-19. There have been nearly 527 new cases per 100,000 people over the past two weeks, which ranks third in the country behind new cases per capita, according to The COVID Tracking Project.

Washington

SEATTLE — After two COVID-19 clusters in Washington’s most populous county last week, a public health official said Friday that people need to remain vigilant.

KING-TV reported King County’s most populous county is averaging 119 cases a day in the past week, which is up 40% from the previous week, according to Dr. Jeff Duchin, head of Public Health — Seattle & King County.

University of Washington officials said Saturday that 22 additional COVID-19 cases have been confirmed among nearly a dozen sorority and fraternity organizations in Seattle for a total of 139 cases.

An outbreak also was reported last week at the Salish Lodge and Spa in Snoqualmie, where at least 25 people tested positive.
India records 75K more cases, recovery high

BY JILL LAWLESS
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NEW DELHI — India has registered 75,829 confirmed coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours, a day after crossing 100,000 total fatalities. The Health Ministry raised the confirmed total to more than 6.5 million Sunday, and said at least 101,782 people have died of COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

India is still registering the highest number of daily cases globally, but with the recovery rate at more than 83%, the number of those recovered has surpassed 5.5 million, the Health Ministry said.

India also has the low fatality rate of 1.56%, which is nearly half the global one.

The Health Ministry credited the increased testing in the country for a sustained low death rate. India has conducted nearly 79 million tests, according to official data.

India is preparing to reopen cinemas and entertainment venues with limited capacity beginning Oct. 15 in an effort to revive the economy. Health experts have warned that the move has the potential to accelerate the virus during the upcoming religious festival and winter season.

India is also making plans for an eventual vaccine, with officials saying they hope to immunize at least 250 million of the country’s 1.4 billion people by July 2021.

Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan said Sunday that the government will ensure “equitable access” to a vaccine and in the process of identifying high-risk groups that will be the first in line to receive it.

Vardhan said the topmost priority will be given to frontline health care workers.

India is testing three potential vaccines, including one being developed jointly by the University of Oxford and pharma giant AstraZeneca.

That vaccine will be mass produced by India’s Serum Institute, the world’s biggest vaccine producer. The Serum Institute has said that it will produce 200 million doses of coronavirus vaccines for developing countries, including India.

Germany’s vaccine maker BioNTech and American pharmaceutical company Pfizer are also in talks with India. BioNTech recently said that it is planning to manufacture its vaccine in India.

The kingdom had taken the rare step in early March by suspending the smaller year-round “umrah” pilgrimage that draws millions from across the world, as the coronavirus morphed into a global pandemic and prompted countries to impose lockdowns and curfews to slow down transmission.

But as nations begin to ease those restrictions, the Saudi government Sunday started allowing a maximum of 6,000 pilgrims a day to enter the sprawling Grand Mosque in Mecca. Only Saudi citizens and residents will be permitted to enter the mosque during this first phase of reopening, and each person has up to three hours to complete the pilgrimage.

The Grand Mosque, which is being sterilized and cleaned multiple times a day, houses the cubic-shaped Kaaba that observant Muslims pray toward five times a day.

Before visitors can enter the mosque to pray or perform the umrah, they will have to reserve a specific time and date through an online application to avoid crowding and maintain social distancing. Visitors can also select their means of transportation and specific meeting points via the app.

State TV showed Sunday what appeared to be less than 50 people circling the Kaaba at the same time and walking several feet apart. Typically, the mosque would be packed with worshippers from around the world crowding shoulder-to-shoulder at all times of the day and night.

The second phase for loosening restrictions at the Grand Mosque will begin Oct. 18, allowing for a maximum of 15,000 pilgrims and 40,000 for prayer from among residents and citizens based on allocated times via the app.

Muslim travelers from outside Saudi Arabia could eventually be allowed to perform the umrah pilgrimage as early as Nov. 1, the Interior Ministry has said. Saudi Arabia recently began easing some restrictions on international flights for the first time since March.

The kingdom held a dramatically downsized, symbolic hajj pilgrimage in July due to concerns that it could easily have become a global super-spreader event for the coronavirus. Pilgrims were selected after applying through an online portal, and all were residents or citizens of Saudi Arabia.

Rather than the more than 2 million pilgrims the kingdom usually hosts for the annual event, as little as 1,000 took part after being tested for the virus and quarantined.

Despite taking early and sweeping measures to contain the virus, Saudi Arabia has recorded nearly 336,000 cases, including 4,850 deaths.
A look at the big issues on high court’s agenda

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will begin hearing arguments Monday after a summer break. Here are some of the issues either already on the court’s docket or likely to be before the justices soon:

- **Elections.** Trump has already predicted that the 2020 election will end up at the Supreme Court. That’s part of why he says Amy Coney Barrett should be confirmed before Election Day to the seat left open by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Trump says he wants a full court to be available to weigh in on any campaign-related litigation.

- **Religious rights.** The day after the election in November, the high court will hear a dispute involving Philadelphia Catholic agency that won’t place foster children with same-sex couples.

- **Technology.** The most high-profile, big-dollar case the justices will hear arguments over this month is a copyright dispute between technology giants Oracle and Google.

It’s a big test of religious rights and could be one of the first cases the court hears with Barrett on board, if Republicans succeed in confirming her before the election.

The justices will review an appeal Monday of court rulings that upheld the city’s decision to stop placing children with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia’s agency because it would not permit same-sex couples to serve as foster parents.

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Golda R. Rodriguez

SAN FRANCISCO — Red flag warnings of extreme fire danger subsided, but warm and dry weather conditions continue to challenge firefighters battling more than two dozen blazes across California on Saturday as the state approaches an astonishing milestone: 4 million acres burned by wildfire this year.

The state was about 20,000 acres from reaching the unprecedented figure, fire officials said. Meanwhile, two major fires that have killed four people and incinerated hundreds of homes in the wine country and the far north continued to burn.

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Seattle defends police response to protest

Heidi Groover

SEATTLE — Lawyers for the city of Seattle on Friday rejected claims that police officers have violated court orders during recent protests where officers have cleared crowds with blast balls, pepper spray and foam-tipped projectiles.

While protesters allege police have used those weapons indiscriminately, the city argues police were responding to threats to officers or buildings.

“The reality is that not all participants in these protests were peaceful,” wrote attorney Robert Christie, whose firm represents the city.

The ACLU and others filed a motion last week arguing police officers violated those orders.

“The police showed restraint,” wrote a judge. "Well beyond the bounds" of the judge’s order.

President Donald Trump adjusts the microphone after announcing Judge Amy Coney Barrett as his nominee to the Supreme Court on Sept. 26. The court will begin hearing arguments this week after a summer break.
**AMERICAN ROUNDPUP**

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By Gary D. Robertson
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RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina’s intensely competitive and expensive U.S. Senate race has been upended by personal and health disruptions that sent sharp tremors and uncertainty through the campaigns and an electorate already casting ballots.

Democratic nominee Cal Cunningham acknowledged and apologized for exchanging sexually suggestive text messages with a woman who’s not his wife, but he said he won’t drop out of the race. And just a few hours earlier Friday evening, his opponent, Republican Sen. Thom Tillis, announced he has tested positive for COVID-19. The first-term senator has "mild symptoms," and the positive test forced Tillis to cancel in-person events as several members of his campaign staff headed into quarantine, less than five weeks until Election Day.

"It’s chaos — it’s really what I see it is," David McLennan, a political science professor at Meredith College in Raleigh, said in a Saturday interview.

In the text message exchanges, Cunningham tells the woman he wants to kiss her and she says she wants to spend the night with him. The messages were first reported by the website NationalFile.com. "I have hurt my family, disappointed my friends, and am deeply sorry. The first step in repairing those relationships is taking complete responsibility, which I do," Cunningham said in his statement late Friday. "I have hurt my family, disappointed my friends, and am deeply sorry. The first step in repairing those relationships is taking complete responsibility, which I do," Cunningham said in his statement late Friday.

The race is the nation’s most expensive Senate campaign and considered key to determining the power balance in the chamber. Democrats need to gain four seats in November to take control. The developments come as voting already has gone on for four weeks in North Carolina, as 341,000 completed mail-in absentee ballots already have been accepted and will be counted. Early in-person voting begins Oct. 15.

As for Tillis, a spokesman for the Republican said Tillis has “mild symptoms” and will be staying at home for 10 days. Cunningham tweeted that he wished Tillis a “quick recovery.”

Graham, Harrison tout bipartisanship in SC debate

By Meg Kinnard
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — In their first debate in a race that has shattered fundraising records and become among the more closely watched Senate contests of this cycle, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Democratic challenger Jaime Harrison drew multiple contrasts between their campaigns but also both portrayed themselves as willing to work across the aisle to achieve legislative progress.

In his pursuit of a fourth term, Graham — chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee — also argued the case for his chief congressional goal at the moment: the confirmation of President Donald Trump’s latest Supreme Court nominee.

Graham worked in his support for a conservative judiciary and particularly Amy Coney Barrett, whom he called a “buffer to liberalism” he hoped “won’t be treated like Kavanaugh” in her upcoming confirmation hearings.

It was Graham’s fiery 2018 defense of Brett Kavanaugh that helped cement his now-close relationship with Trump, as well as renew support with some who hadn’t seen Graham as conservative enough to represent South Carolina.

That moment, Graham said Saturday, also riled up liberals he now says are pouring $100 million into Harrison’s campaign and groups supporting him, to try to oust Graham.
PARIS — French authorities deployed about 1,000 firefighters, four military helicopters and troops Sunday to help search for at least eight people still missing in a mountainous southeastern region after devastating floods that killed two people in neighboring Italy.

Floods washed away houses and destroyed roads and bridges surrounding the city of Nice on the French Riviera after almost a year's average rainfall fell in less than 12 hours. Nice Mayor Christian Estrosi said over 100 homes were destroyed or severely damaged.

Rescuers on Sunday were also providing emergency assistance, including food and water, to residents living in isolated villages. The missing people include two firefighters whose vehicle was carried away by a torrent when a road collapsed south of the village of Saint-Martin-Vesubie. Authorities fear more victims as many families couldn’t reach out to relatives due to cellphone services being down.

French Prime Minister Jean Castex, who flew over the area in a helicopter, expressed “grave concern” over the toll of the flooding.

POPTUN, Guatemala — Hundreds of U.S.-bound Honduran migrants who had entered Guatemala last week without registering were being bused back to their country’s border Saturday by authorities who met them with a large roadblock.

By 5 a.m. Saturday, none of 1,000 or so migrants who had been stalled by police and soldiers along a stretch of rural highway remained. Police said that hours earlier, migrants had boarded buses and army trucks to be taken back to the border. Small groups of fewer than 10 migrants each could still be found walking along the highway before the roadblock Saturday morning.

Olvin Suazo, 21, was walking with three friends, all from Santa Barbara, Honduras. “We’re going to continue,” he said. “We were resting and the bigger group continued. We didn’t know what happened to them.”

The four, all in their early 20s, are farmworkers. They heard about the caravan that formed last week in San Pedro Sula via WhatsApp and Facebook.

On Friday, over 100 Guatemalan soldiers and police blocked the migrants, who became increasingly frustrated with the lack of food and forward movement after walking from Honduras earlier in the week.

Migrants’ voices rang out on the rural highway, demanding authorities either let them through or provide them food.

Guatemala immigration authorities said some of the original group of about 2,000 migrants had agreed to return to Honduras, though Guatemala’s vice minister of foreign relations, Eduardo Hernandez, issued a video Saturday complaining that Honduras was refusing to receive some of them.
Zemeckis’ ‘The Witches’ headed to HBO Max

The Robert Zemeckis adaptation of “Roald Dahl’s The Witches” has found a new home on HBO Max just in time for Halloween. Warner Bros. said “The Witches” will debut on the subscription streaming service Oct. 22.

The dark fantasy starring Anne Hathaway, Octavia Spencer, Stanley Tucci and Kristin Chenoweth was originally intended as a theatrical release, but like many others was delayed due to the effects of COVID-19 on movie theaters. Dahl’s 1983 novel is about an orphaned boy who discovers a coven of witches that hate children. This movie adaptation has actor Jahzir Bruno playing the boy who must try to stop the witches from turning the world’s children into mice. Chris Rock provides his adult narration.

Shia LaBeouf charged with battery, petty theft

Shia LaBeouf has been charged with misdemeanor battery and petty theft.

Prosecutors allege that the 34-year-old actor fought with a man named Tyler Murphy and took his hat, according to a criminal complaint obtained by The Associated Press on Oct. 1 from the Los Angeles city attorney.

The charges were filed Sept. 24 for the June 12 incident.

A representative for LaBeouf did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

LaBeouf, who first gained fame as a teenager on the Disney Channel show “Even Stevens,” has had several run-ins with the law during his career, including a 2017 New York arrest for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct that was captured on a livestream video.

Actor Moranis punched while walking in NYC

Actor Rick Moranis was sucker punched by an unknown assailant while walking Oct. 1 on a sidewalk near New York’s Central Park, a law enforcement official told the Associated Press.

Surveillance video shows a man wearing a black “I (heart) NY” sweatshirt and a backpack hitting the 67-year-old “Ghostbusters” star and knocking him to the ground around 7:24 a.m. Moranis took himself to the hospital and later went to a police station to report the incident, according to the official.

Nicki Minaj gives birth to her first child

Nicki Minaj has welcomed her first child.

The R&B superstar announced her pregnancy on social media in July.

Rapper Cardi B and singer Selena Gomez are set to perform at this year’s virtual American Music Awards.

Nicki Minaj gave birth to her first child Wednesday at a hospital in Los Angeles.

Minaj, whose real name is Takenisha St. John, announced her pregnancy on social media in July.

Minaj, 37, and her husband, Kenneth Petty, announced their engagement in January 2019.

Minaj and Petty got married last October.

Minaj, a 10-time Grammy nominee, is known for her hit songs “Super Bass,” “Anaconda,” “Anaconda” and “五金.”

She also recently released a collaborative album with English hitmaker Dua Lipa.

Minaj, whose full name is Nina Simone Minaj, has been in the public eye since the early 2000s, when she first gained attention for her raunchy raps and colorful hair and outfits.

Minaj’s career took off in 2009 with the release of her debut album, “Pink Friday,” which included the hit single “Super Bass.”

Minaj has since released several more albums, including “The Pinkprint” and “ピンク,” and has collaborated with a number of other artists.

She is known for her energetic performances and her bold fashion choices.

Minaj is also an actress, having appeared in films such as “Focus” and “Girls Trip.”

The singer has also been active in social causes, including Women’s Marches and advocating for LGBTQ rights.

Minaj has been open about her struggles with depression and anxiety, and has spoken about the importance of mental health.

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Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: W equals L
What if illness leaves Trump ‘unable to govern’?

**By Cas R. Sunstein**

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ow that President Donald Trump has tested positive for COVID-19, the Department of Justice is almost certainly focusing on the 25th Amendment, which provides for the transfer of presidential authority to the vice president.

No one who works for a sitting president wants to think about that amendment. But in any administration, worst-case scenarios get attention, and if the president is sick, the lawyers and the vice president have to be clear on what the 25th Amendment says and requires.

The good news is that for most imaginable health outcomes associated with the virus, it is entirely clear. The less good news is that for some imaginable health outcomes, especially those associated with COVID-19, the 25th Amendment is ambiguous.

It offers two different routes by which the transfer of power can occur. Section 3 says this:

> Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.”

Section 4 says this:

> Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.”

Under section 3, the president voluntarily transfers power to the vice president. Under section 4, the decision is made by the president’s own team — by majority vote.

Section 4 also allows a role for Congress. If power has been transferred to the vice president, the president can produce a written declaration that he is well and can discharge his powers and duties. If he can, he can declare that the vice president must be invoked. That is not discretionary. If he is capable of doing so, he himself must sign the declaration required by section 3, if he cannot, the vice president and the Cabinet must proceed under section 4.

Unfortunately, we can also imagine hard cases. The president of the United States can be incapacitated, and for some of its symptoms, people can reasonably disagree about whether it renders the president “unable” to discharge their jobs. Symptoms that involve extreme fatigue, headaches and cognition could present borderline cases. It’s highly unlikely, but we cannot rule out a situation in which the president refuses to sign a declaration under section 3 but in which the vice president and the Cabinet is compelled to proceed under section 4.

For anyone who gets COVID-19, including the president, there is a chance that the disease will not prove incapacitating. If so, we will have no need to worry about the 25th Amendment. But it’s essential to understand what that makes clear, and what it leaves open.

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Tough economic recovery ahead — for Trump or Biden

**By Henry Olsen**

Special to The Washington Post

Friday’s employment market report is the last to be released before the election. The decline in the headline unemployment rate — from 4.4% to 3.9% in October — was the lowest monthly increase since the pandemic struck in March, up significantly from the all-time low of 5.1% recorded in April.

Nevertheless, there are plenty of reasons to believe further improvements will be slow. The labor force participation rate — the share of the working-age population working or looking for work — barely budged since June. Roughly 4.4 million people have simply stopped looking for work, which isn’t surprising given the pandemic. But for work to become available, people need to want to work.

That means that for 25th Amendment purposes, the Department of Justice’s analysis is mostly straightforward. The purpose of the amendment is to handle just one problem: incapacitation.

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Closed schools, colleges and day care centers also contribute to the employment problem. In February, about 1 million people were out of work in the education sector. The worst sectors remain travel and accommodation (about 1 million people are out of work there), restaurants (nearly 1 million), and retail trade (nearly 3 million).

That’s the highest rate since the pandemic struck in March, up significantly from the all-time low of 5.1% recorded in April.

The public sentiment will continue to have enough money in the future. That’s a total of 1.25 million more lost jobs.

That affects other economic sectors because it draws down consumer spending on the economy. People with uncertain job prospects have been cutting back on expenditures over the past few months even though government transfers flow of record government borrowing) have not increased by as much as we hoped.

The issue for many people isn’t lack of money; it’s a lack of certainty that they will continue to have enough money in the future. That’s the most important word.

As everyone knows, people who test positive for COVID-19 have a continuum of symptoms that can include essentially nothing; mild flu-like symptoms; serious but not fatal; and heart problems; severe respiratory problems requiring hospitalization; and worse.

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A players such Butler and Davis don’t wait to be wooed by teams. They decide where they want to play. Miami Heat forward Jimmy Butler, left, defends Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis. These days, players such Butler and Davis don’t wait to be wooed by teams. They decide where they want to play. Soon there will be a display in Springfield, Mass., reminding of the arcane term that the NBA used to call free-agent recruiting. There, at the Basketball Hall of Fame, they will play a loop of the Family Guy-style cartoon the Cleveland Cavaliers entertained LeBron James with in 2010, display the satchel of championship rings that Miami Heat President Pat Riley routinely took on off-season tours, offer a mannequin of Tiger Woods for his role in the Orlando Magic’s failed recruitment of Tim Duncan in 2006, offer context of why there was a Hamptons Five that won championships for the Golden State Warriors. It used to be that the proposal for a free-agent marriage was everything, with NBA executives and legends reduced to props, pitches and pleas. Now? Not so much, with these NBA Finals the latest example.

A year ago, the Los Angeles Lakers, a franchise that had made successful previous free-agency pitches to Shaquille O’Neal and Dwight Howard, stood poised for a similar audience with Jimmy Butler. One they would not receive. Because at the June 30, 2019 start of free agency, Butler arrived at the Heat’s AmericanAirlines Arena offices prepared to sign.

Says who? Said Heat coach Erik Spoelstra, at last weekend’s close of the Eastern Conference finals. “We never even got into a pitch with him,” Spoelstra said ahead of these NBA Finals between the Heat and Lakers. “We really just had dinner. We were talking shop and he interrupted Pat and I after dinner, probably five minutes into just a conversation, and he said, ‘By the way, I’m in.’”

“We’re like, ‘What? We haven’t even given you our pitch yet.’”

If the quickness of that pitch-less closing came as a surprise, then consider how, that same day, Brooklyn Nets general manager Sean Marks learned that Kevin Durant would be joining his team in free agency: by an Instagram post released on Durant’s public account.

Understand, it was just three years earlier that Durant entered into a pitch that $31 million house rented in New York’s East Hampton. There, he was courted by Riley, as well as the Warriors’ quartet of Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson, Draymond Green and Andre Iguodala. Golden State’s foursome closed the deal, thus the birth of the term Hamptons Five.

The following year, the Heat were involved in a similar recruiting battle, this time for Gordon Hayward, touting everything and anything about South Florida, including appealing to Hayward’s love of tennis. Ultimately, he signed with college coach Brad Stevens and the Boston Celtics. By then, the trend had shifted. When James left the Heat to return to the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2014, he barely allowed Riley to get a foot in the door of his Las Vegas suite. And when James left the Cavaliers for the Lakers in 2018, it was a decision made well in advance.

Just as Kawhi Leonard long had hinted of a desire to return to California well ahead of his July 2019 decision to join the Los Angeles Clippers. Or just as Kyrie Irving had been linked to his eventual destination months in advance of leaving the Celtics for the Nets that same offseason. In the wake of such rapid free-agency decisions, the NBA enacted stricter tampering rules, everything down to the right to dump cellphone of team executives.

But as Butler, James, Durant, Irving and others showed, the empowerment no longer is with the executives. The players decide where they next want to play.

So it was Butler in 20 minutes to the Heat, Durant in less than that to the Nets, James with bags packed well in advance of the return to Cleveland and then the move on to Los Angeles. Recruiting has given way to relocating.

Swiss Skydiver, the sixth filly to win the Preakness and the first since Rachel Alexandra did so in 2009.

“I had an opportunity,” said Albarado, who won his second Preakness after 2007 aboard Curlin. “I took advantage of the rail. Johnny stayed off the fence there, made a conscious decision to move at that time. Give or take now. If I make that move now or I wait and get smothered.”

Swiss Skydiver averged her loss in her only other competition against colts, when she finished second to Art Collector in the Blue Grass Stakes on July 11. She since won the Grade 1 Alabama at Saratoga on Aug. 15 and finished second in the Kentucky Oaks on Sept. 4.

“Swiss Skydiver beating Authentic and Thousand Words denied trainer Bob Baffert what would have been a record-break- ing eighth Preakness win. Baffert was looking for his 17th victory in a Triple Crown race.

The Preakness was run with only owners, trainers and essential personnel in attendance. There was also no Triple Crown sweep for the 40th time in the past 42 years, when Authentic beat Belmont winner Tiz the Law in the Derby. Trainer Bob Baf- fertificate’s love of tennis. Ultimately, he

DID YOU KNOW?

Swiss Skydiver added another memo- rable moment to cap off a topsy-turvy Triple Crown season. Jockey Robby Albarado made a power move to pass favored Authentic around the far turn, and Swiss Skydiver went head to head and beat him by a neck after a stretch duel in the Preakness Stakes run without fans Saturday. She’s the sixth filly and first since Rachel Alexandra in 2009 to win the Preakness, which this year served as the third leg of the Triple Crown for the first time. “She’s just such a special filly,” said trainer Kenny McPeek, who won the Preakness for the first time for his second Triple Crown race victory. “Just a real honor to be around horses like this.”

At odds of 11-1, Swiss Skydiver pulled off an upset of 3-2-favorite Authentic, who came in off winning the Kentucky Derby. It became a two-horse race with the rest of the field 10 lengths behind.

Jesus’ Team was a distant third at 40-1 and Art Collector fourth at 2-1. The 145th running of the Preakness at a mostly empty Pimlico Race Course came four weeks after the Kentucky Derby and 5½ months since the Belmont as they were held out of order for the first time since the 1930s.

McPeek won a Triple Crown race for the first time since the 2002 Belmont with Sarava, which was the biggest upset in the history of that race. Swiss Skydiver was the first filly to run the race since 1940, when Ria Antonia finished last.

“I didn’t feel like that much tension,” McPeek said. “I feel like we had her well-prepared.”

Albarado got rid of any tension more than halfway through, tak- ing the chance given to him by John Velazquez when Authentic’s Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez abandoned the rail.

Pimlico Race Course Saturday in Baltimore. Ridden by John Velazquez, to win the 145th Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Race Course Saturday in Baltimore.

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Winds of change blow on day of upsets in Paris

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

PARIS — On a Sunday of upsets among the women at the French Open, revenge was a dish served up in an autumnal chill by a Polish teenager.

It was only partially business as usual for the men, too. Rafael Nadal advanced, but his opponent in the fourth round at Roland Garros will be dangerous debutant Janik Sinner.

By making the men’s last eight as a newcomer, the 19-year-old Italian matched a feat last achieved by Nadal himself, in 2005, on his march to the first of his 12 titles in Paris.

So impressive has Sinner been on the clay this 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 win against U.S. Open finalist Alexander Zverev hardly seemed like an upset, despite the 68-spot gulf separating them in tour rankings. Sinner pulled the sixth-seeded German this way and that with precision groundstrokes and exquisitely crafted service games.

Against fourth-round foe Sebastian Korda, a 20-year-old qualifier and third-seeded Novak Djokovic’s stepson, Sinner said, ‘Yeah, no problem.’ So I have more than his dad, 1998 Australian Open champion packing 6-1, 6-2 with winners at the net.

A huge lesson,” she said. “I will have a chocolate and I can finally show my best moment of my life.”

In the meantime, the Spaniard was defeated, never got through the first Grand Slam quarterfinal, made the men’s last eight as a debutant Jannik Sinner. By producing amazing shots.

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ish teenager.

The latest testing results has

Minnesota (0-3), which lost
to Tennessee a week ago, ready to play Houston (0-3) on Sunday.

On Monday, the league will hold a conference call with all 32 teams to reinforce the necessity of following their protocols and
ing updates made this week after the outbreak involving the Titans — updates that require increased contact tracing and to share best practices.

On Monday night, the Patriots

will play at Kansas City in a game
airing on CBS at 7:05 p.m. EDT. The

Atlanta Falcons-Green Bay
Packers game will shift to an 8:50
p.m. EDT start on ESPN.

Sunday marked the sixth straight day that at least one member of the Titans’ organization has had a positive test result return. The Titans had hoped to get back to practicing on Monday or Tuesday, but they must go consecutive day without a single positive result before that can happen.

Wednesday was the earliest they can get back in their facility, which is the day before the full squad is scheduled to start practicing to prepare to host Buffalo on Oct. 11.

The NFL’s outbreak appears to have started Sept. 24 when it placed cornerback Greg Mabin, who was on the practice squad, on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Then outside linebackers coach Shane Bowen’s test result came back positive on Sept. 26, and he did not travel with the Titans to Minnesota.

The NFL postponed the Patriots game at Kansas City to Monday night. New England starting quarterback Cam Newton and Chiefs practice squad quarterback Jordan Ta’amu were both added to the COVID-19 reserve list Saturday.

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New faces speak to the depth of cyclical change. Against a player who humbled her 6-1, 6-0 at the same stage last year, 19-year-old Iga Swiatek turned the tables on top-seeded Simona Halep, sending the 2018 champion packing 6-1, 6-2 with purring groundstrokes and exquisite service games.

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Nadal will now play each other in the first Grand Slam quarterfinal.

Halep led just 23 minutes longer this time. She never had a break point against her opponent, who racked up 14 against her, breaking her twice in each set and keeping her serve under near-constant pressure.

“Yeah, no problem.” So I have

one in my bag right now. So I’m

super stoked.”

Swiatek will be better tomorrow.”

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the 34-year-old and the youngest

man in a Grand Slam quarterfinal

since Novak Djokovic in 2006.

“A big challenge,” Nadal said.

“Amazing potential. He move the

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At Stade Roland Garros

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**MLB PLAYOFFS**

## Astros vs. Athletics


**Season Series:** Athletics won 7-3.

**Houston Astros**

- **Record:** 29-31
- **Playoff Entry:** Second place, AL West
- **Playoff Seed:** No. 6
- **Manager:** Dusty Baker (first season)
- **Projected Rotation:**
  - RHP Zack Greinke (3-3, 4.03 ERA, 67 Ks), RHP Lance McCullers Jr. (3-3, 3.93, 56 Ks), RHP Jose Urquidy (1-1, 2.73, 17 Ks), LHP Framber Valdez (5-3, 3.57, 76 Ks), RHP Cristian Javier (5-2, 3.48, 54 Ks).
- **Top Hitters:** DH Michael Brantley (.300, 5 HRs, 22 RBIs, .901 OPS), SS Marcus Semien (.223, 7 HRs, 17 RBIs, .734 OPS), LF Robbie Grossman (.241, 8 HRs, 22 RBIs, .770 OPS)
- **Projected Rotation:**
  - RHP Liam Hendriks (3-1, 1.07 ERA, 44 saves), LHP J.A. Happ (2-2, 3.47 ERA, 42 Ks), RHP Chris Bassitt (5-2, 4.75 ERA, 40 Ks), RHP Frankie Montas (3-2, 4.12, 59 Ks), RHP Sean Manaea (3-2, 4.34 ERA, 51 Ks)

**Oakland Athletics**

- **Record:** 36-24
- **Playoff Entry:** AL West champions
- **Playoff Seed:** No. 3
- **Manager:** Bob Melvin (10th season)
- **Projected Rotation:**
  - RHP Chris Bassitt (5-2, 2.29 ERA, 55 Ks), LHP Sean Manaea (4-3, 4.50, 45 Ks), RHP Mike Fiers (6-3, 4.75, 42 Ks), LHP Jesus Luzardo (3-2, 4.12, 59 Ks), RHP Frankie Montas (3-5, 5.60, 60 Ks in 53 IP)

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**Manager:** Kevin Cash (sixth season)

**Series Summary:**

- The best-of-three series. Fiers started Game 3 but with a losing record after expect it to be a no- no-shootout three and four of their last five. But then they swept two games at AL Central champi- onship in the first round, outside the Twins 7-2 and handing them their record 18th straight postseason defeat. Valdez, Urquidy and Valdez all delivered on the mound. Brantley and Carlos Correa came through at the plate, including a clutch home run by Correa. Springer and Jose Altuve won a combined 1-0 decision with two RBIs.
- Houston has reached the ALDS for the fourth straight year. ... With ace Justin Verlander out for the season and stars Altuve and Alex Bregman having lackluster years.
- The Yankees limped into the playoffs as the only AL team to make it with a losing record after drop- ping three straight postseason defeats. The Yankees alternated hot and cold spurs: a 16-6 start fol- lowing by a 5-15 slide, a 10-game winning streak and then losing their last eight games. ... Played much better in the Bronx, going 22-9 at home and 11-18 on the road. ... Offense was reliant on home runs, with 156 of 315 runs scoring on long balls during the regular season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, then 13 of 22 runs scor- ing on seven homers in the two-game sweep at Cleveland. ... The Red Sox started the ALDS against the Yankees in 35 at bats after returning Sept. 15 from more than a month on the injured list with a strained left hamstring, then hit .134. ... Aaron Judge also slumped after returning Sept. 16 from a strained right calf, with no home runs and two RBIs, then was 1-for-9 with an early run homer running against Cleveland.

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- The Yankees are in the playoffs for the fourth straight year but still looking for their first pennant since winning the 2009 World Series. ... As rookie. ... Their hitters out, and that's what we're going to attack hard and our chemistry is great.

**Savages vs. the Stable**

**Yankees, Rays have hard feelings that date back awhile**

**By RONALD BLUM**

Associated Press

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**Tampa Bay Rays pinch-hitter Michael Brosseau ducks away from a pitch from New York Yankees reliever Aroldis Chapman during a Sept. 1 game at Yankee Stadium.**

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Hostile: Angry Dodgers fans likely to ‘greet’ Astros

FROM BACK PAGE

Three years has done little to stem the tide of scorn that has crashed over the Astros. They’ve been tarred and feathered as cheaters by other teams and fans, even though the current mix of rookies and second-year players hardly resembles Houston’s powerhouse rosters of recent years.

“We’re doing it with an oddball group,” Astros reliever Brooks Raley said.

After winning 101, 103 and 107 games in the last three regular seasons, capturing the 2017 World Series and losing the championship in seven games to the Washington Nationals last year, the Astros stumbled through this shortened season at 29-31.

They swept the Minnesota Twins in two games in the AL wild-card series with a group of many first- and second-year players filling the gaps created by in-season injuries, slumps and departures.

“I felt like there was big relief after that first game,” Raley said. “We’re finding guys to step up and finding offense to come through.”

The Astros worked out Friday at Target Field in chilly Minneapolis before flying to Los Angeles.

“Goin’ back to Cali,” said Baker, the ex-San Francisco Giants manager and former Dodgers player.

Baker has yet to announce his rotation against the A’s. West champion Oakland advanced to the Division Series by beating the Chicago White Sox in three games, ending 14 years of postseason futility.

Both the Astros and A’s have played at the stadium recently. The A’s dropped two of three to the Dodgers from Sept. 22-24. The A’s split a two-game series with the NL West champions on Sept. 12-13.

Angry Dodgers fans greeted Houston’s buses as the team pulled in, hoisting large garbage cans in the air, chanting and waving signs. The Astros banged on a trash can to let their hitters know which pitch the opposing catcher was calling for in the World Series.

During both days of the series, the Astros were bombarded with messages towed by planes over the field. “Steal This Sign Astros” read one. “Astros Cheated! Never Forget! Go Dodgers” and “Hey Astros Try Stealing This Sign” read others.

Despite being a former Dodgers player, Houston Astros manager Dusty Baker will likely get a cold reception this week.
No. 4 Georgia routs No. 7 Auburn

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Stetson Bennett threw for 240 yards and a touchdown in his first college start, Zamir White ran for 139 yards and 11 Knights 34-26, snapping UCF’s 21-game winning streak Saturday in Athens, Ga.

Kears Jackson was Bennett’s favorite receiver, hauling in nine catches for 147 yards. Bennett took advantage of a short field to guide a 43-yard touchdown drive on Georgia’s second possession. Bennett converted a third-and-10 with a 17-yard pass to Jackson, and White powered in from the 4 to put the Bulldogs ahead 7-0. Jordan Davis, a 320-pound nose tackle, lined up at fullback to provide a key block.

After Jack Podlesny’s 27-yard field goal extended the lead, Georgia put together touchdown drives of 84 and 72 yards on its next two possessions. Pickens made his touchdown grab sliding toward the left corner of the end zone. Bennett hooked up with Jackson on a 49-yard completion that set White for another 1-yard TD run — with the massive Davis again clearing a path.

The Tigers finally got on the board with a field goal late in the first half, but Auburn’s offense simply never got going behind Bo Nix. The sophomore quarterback completed just 21 of 40 passes for 177 yards.

Georgia linebacker Adam Anderson levels Auburn quarterback Bo Nix, who was called for intentional grounding, during the Bulldogs’ 27-6 win Saturday in Athens, Ga.

Cyclones stun No. 18 Sooners

Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Breece Hall scored the go-ahead touchdown on an 8-yard run with 4:06 left and Isheem Young intercepted Spencer Rattler’s pass on the end zone on No. 18 Oklahoma’s final drive, giving Iowa State a 37-30 victory Saturday night.

The Sooners (2-1-2 Big 12, 8-17), beaten at home by Kansas State last week, lost back-to-back regular-season games for the first time since 1999. They lost to Ames for the first time since 1962.

The Cyclones (2-1, 0-2 Big 12), who won the Sooners with the running of Hall, who rushed for 139 yards. Iowa State’s Brock Purdy passed for 254 yards and had a 2-yard touchdown run to tie it at 30.

“I’m sure senior class,” Cyclones coach Matt Campbell said. “We’ve got 16 seniors who came here on a dream that we would not only be able to win Iowa State. There’s a lot of people here at 3-9 and believed in us and believed in our vision.”

Isaiah Thomas seemed to turn momentum in Iowa’s favor when he sacked Purdy, causing him to fumble at the Iowa State 39. Four plays later Rattler found Jeremiah Hall for a 4-yard touchdown pass that put the Sooners up 30-23 with 8:17 left.

Kene Nwangwu returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards, setting up Purdy’s short touchdown run that tied it. Rattler had played a strong game, committing no turnovers before Young stepped in front of his pass to Charlton Rambo to secure one of Campbell’s biggest wins in Ames.

“We were one play short,” OU coach Lincoln Riley said. “Obviously, our back is against the wall as a football team. We know that, we accept that. Our guys are hurt.

“Most of our guys haven’t experienced a start to the season like this. It’s still about how you respond. I believe I know how this group will. Despite the sickening feeling in my stomach right now and how disappointed we are, we know there are the makings of a good football team in there right now. I’ll continue to ride with this team. There are a lot of guys who are down, but they aren’t out of the fight.”

Saturday’s scores

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Cincinnati 38, South Florida 7

Georgia Southern 35, Louisiana-Monroe 28

Georgia St. 30, Georgia 29

Houston Baptist 33, E. Kentucky 30

Liberty 28, North Alabama 7

Mississippi St. 41, Kentucky 17

No. 14 Southern Miss 42, No. 11 UCF 28

No. 17 Oklahoma State 30, No. 9 Texas 29

UTC 33, Texas 31

FAR WEST

Air Force 48, Navy 7

Tulsa snaps No. 11 UCF’s 21-game home winning streak

By COREY LONG
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — There is something about UCF that brings that best out of Tulsa.

Zach Smith threw three touchdown passes and the Golden Hurricane erased an 18-point first-half deficit to beat the No. 11 Knights 34-26, snapping UCF’s 21-game home winning streak Saturday night.

Tulsa (0-1-1) made it two straight wins over the Knights (2-1), who were plagued by penalties (18 for 124 yards) and turned the ball over three times.

“New year, new season,” Golden Hurricane coach Philip Montgomery said. “We’ve got a lot of talent on this football team. On the road in a tough environment. I’m proud of these guys for sticking together. We’ve always been a gritty, tough, hard-nosed football team and we proved that again tonight.”

Smith threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Keylon Stokes to give Tulsa a 31-26 lead with 12:56 remaining. Zack Long added a 34-yard field goal with 1:30 remaining to make it 34-26.

UCF (2-1) drove into Golden Hurricane territory, but after a holding penalty pushed the Knights out of the red zone Dillon Gabriel’s Hail Mary pass fell incomplete.

Gabriel was 28-for-51 for 330 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

Auburn 27, No. 9 Texas 16

No. 10 Penn State 9, Michigan 6

No. 11 UCF (2-2) lost to Tulsa (34-26)

No. 12 North Carolina (2-0) beat Boston College (26-22)

No. 1 Virginia Tech (2-0) beat No. 4 Georgia, Saturday, Oct. 10

No. 12 BYU (3-0) beat Louisiana Tech (46-14)

No. 16 Mississippi State (1-1) lost to Arkansas (21-17)

No. 20 LSU (1-1) beat Vanderbilt (41-7)

No. 21 Tennessee (2-0) beat Missouri (14-10)

No. 23 Mississippi St. (4-0) beat Florida (42-17)

No. 24 Pittsburgh (5-0) lost to No. 15 Georgia Tech (20-10)

No. 25 Memphis (1-1) lost to SMU (30-27)

No. 11 UCF, Saturday, Oct. 17

Scoreboard

AP Top 25 Fared

1. Clemson (3-0) beat Virginia (41-21)
2. Alabama (2-0) beat No. 13 Texas A&M (52-24)
3. No. 5 Georgia (2-0) beat Arkansas (38-24)
4. No. 10 Penn State (9-6) beat Michigan (34-26)
5. No. 11 UCF (2-2) lost to Tulsa (34-26)
6. No. 25 Memphis (1-1) lost to SMU (30-27)
7. No. 11 UCF, Saturday, Oct. 17

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Air Force defenders tackle Navy quarterback Tyger Goslin during the Falcons’ 40-7 win Saturday at Air Force Academy, Colo.

Kicker, defense deliver Air Force’s rout of Navy

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

Air Force Academy, Colo. — The Air Force Falcons took advantage of their defense’s first road start — to settle on a kicker, to plug holes on a demoralized defense, to game plan for rival Navy.

Time very well spent.

Sophomore QB Haaziq Daniels rushed for a score in his first career start as the Falcons (1-0) extended their winning streak to nine straight dating to 2012. The Falcons extended their winning streak to nine straight dating to 2012. Navy safety Kevin Brennan was disqualified for targeting. ...

The Falcon Stadium. ... Falcons CB Davide Santangelo said.

But there was no telling what Air Force would resemble on the field with quite a few players taking military turnovers (an option a cadet has to leave the academy for up to two semesters).

A big portion of the missing personnel was on defense, but the Falcons didn’t miss a beat in shutting down Navy (1-2). They held the Midshipmen to 90 yards rushing. The last time Navy was held under 100 yards rushing was at Air Force in 2016 when the team had 57, according to Navy’s game notes.

In addition, the Falcons forced two turnovers and had three sacks.

“It speaks to the preparation that we made,” said Silvanic, who had 1½ sacks. “There’s a lot more preparation to be done for the rest of the season.”

Air Force improved to 14-0 in season openers under coach Troy Calhoun. It’s the latest the team has kicked off a season — and the first time opening with the rival Midshipmen.

Before the game, Navy announced starting quarterback Dalen Morris was out for health reasons not related to COVID-19. Tyger Goslin stepped in and had a 73-yard TD toss to Myles Fells in the second quarter. But the Midshipmen never completely found their groove on offense. It hurt to lose to Air Force and to lose this way in a convincing manner, is very disheartening,” Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. “They got us after.”

The win puts the Falcons in prime position during the annual round-robin Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy competition between the academies. Should Air Force win at Army on Nov. 7, they would steal the title from Navy.

The takeaway

Navy: Niumatalolo and Navy haven’t won at Falcon Stadium since 2012.

Air Force: The Falcons extended their winning streak to nine straight dating to last season.

This & that

The pregame skydivers socially distanced by landing in the field adjacent to Falcon Stadium. ... Falcons CB Davide Eure was ejected on the second play of the game for targeting. ... Navy safety Kevin Brennan was disqualified for targeting early in the third quarter. ... Air Force unveiled uniforms to honor the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of World War II Black pilots and ground crew from the U.S. Army Air Forces that fought in World War II.

Top 25 takeaways

Lone Star Sadness

Longhorns, Aggies form axis of underachievers

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

At the top of USA Today’s most recent revenue rankings for college athletic departments are Texas and Texas A&M.

Both had revenues of more than $200 million for the 2018-19 school year. Ohio State was the only other school to crack the $200 million mark.

Texas and Texas A&M have everything you need to put out a national championship-level football program. Right? Apparently not. The era of rivals remain stuck in a cycle of disappointment. The Aggies and Longhorns refuse to play each other, but continue to form an Axis of Underachievers in the Lone Star State.

The latest failures came Saturday. No. 9 Texas and No. 13 Texas A&M were two of eight ranked teams to lose, including six to unranked teams.

The wildest started with the Longhorns getting upset by home by TCU — though at this point calling Frogs over ’Horns an upset is to ignore recent history. Since coach Gary Patterson and TCU joined the Big 12, the Frogs are 7-2 against the Longhorns.

That includes 3-1 since Texas hired Tom Herman to make the Longhorns great again. Herman has done better than his predecessor, Charlie Strong, but no better than the raggedy end of Mack Brown’s tenure at Texas. The Longhorns are still routinely losing to Big 12 competitors who operate on half the revenue and stock their rosters with far fewer recruits.

Texas has had three straight top-10 recruiting classes under Herman, according to 247 Sports. TCU’s best showing in the last three years nationally is No. 24. Neither the Horned Frogs nor Longhorns distinguished themselves Saturday. The Longhorns committed for 26 penalties in a game that was at times unwatchable. Fittingly, it came down to which team made the worst mistake and Texas would not be denied — fumbling away a chance to take a late lead about a foot from the goal line.

“That’s on me to get them ready and find a way to make sure that we don’t beat ourselves,” Herman said.

On the opening night of the Associated Press Top 25, the Longhorns and Aggies seemingly have it all, revenue, resources and location. No state produces more major college football players than Texas.

Beating Alabama is hard. Just ask LSU. It doesn’t happen very often and when it does it’s a momentous event.

But the last time TCU and A&M did it was 2012 and it turned quarterback Johnny Manziel into a national celebrity. It remains the highlight of the Aggies’ otherwise unimpressive tenure in the Southeastern Conference.

They escaped the Big 12 to rid Texas and moved to the toughest neighborhood in college football — the SEC West — to take up residence in the middle of the pack.

With that contract, Fisher should have plenty more opportunities to beat his old boss, Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban. Fisher’s K-4 overall against Saban, who improved to 30-0 versus his former assistants.

The full Leach

Beat LSU in Death Valley one week with a record-setting performance. Lose to Arkansas, a team that had dropped 20 straight SEC games, the next week at home.

Mississippi State got the full Mike Leach experience in two games with its new head coach.

Turnovers and failure to convert in the red zone doomed the Bulldogs on Saturday.

The Razorbacks, unlike LSU, played mostly zone coverage against the Air Raid, “limiting” K.J. Costello to 313 yards passing after he went for almost double that against the Tigers.

Kudos to Arkansas defensive coordinator Barry Odom, who has a history with Leach and the Air Raid. Odom was defensive coordinator at Missouri when the Tigers were in the Big 12 and went 3-0 against Leach.

Hot take

Matt Campbell is as good as any coach in the country not named Saban or Swinney.

Iowa State is 7-7 in its last 14 games against ranked teams, a small miracle given the Cyclones’ history. Campbell now has two of Iowa State’s seven victories in 85 meetings against Oklahoma, and the Cyclones’ first win at home against the Sooners in 60 years.

Point to the opening loss to Louisiana and scoff if you want, but Campbell is doing things at Iowa State that simply aren’t supposed to happen.

Around the country

No. 4 Georgia reminded everyone it has one of the four most talented rosters in the country and that will be enough to treat opponents the way the Bulldogs treated No. 7 Auburn. ...

The penalties finally caught up to No. 11 UCF. After getting flagged 27 times in the first two games, the Knights got hit with 18 more and lost to Tulsa for a second straight season. UCF’s 21-game home winning streak was also snapped. The Troy L Vance hospitality package proved OK for North Dakota State and the possible first-round NFL draft pick. The Bison switched to a 3-4 defense earlier to get Vance and Lance sold enough to do no harm to his draft stock. ...

North Carolina State has been hard to figure out so far. The Wolfpack knocked off No. 24 Pitt for their first road victory against a ranked team since 2017.
The Houston Astros are returning to the scene of the crime. The Los Angeles Dodgers won't be there, but their fans surely won't let the visitors forget.

While the Dodgers head to Texas for the NL Division Series, their ballpark is hosting the AL Division Series in a post-season relocated due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The Oakland Athletics and pitcher Mike Fiers will be in Los Angeles, too. Fiers last year revealed the Astros' sign-stealing plot during the 2017 World Series, which they won in seven games over the Dodgers and celebrated on their rival's field.

Now, Fiers will be facing his old team in the best-of-five series that begins Monday. “Nobody's mentioned his name,” first-year Astros manager Dusty Baker said Friday. “I haven't heard Mike Fiers' name all year until you just mentioned it.”

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