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A sailor reunites with his children on the pier at Naval Station Everett in Everett, Wash.

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Emotional attachment

Navy finds fostering sense of belonging critical to increasing sailor retention

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

Fostering a sense of kinship among sailors while mitigating feelings of depression and stress could be the Navy's key to keeping them in the service, a new study found.

Retention of personnel is a priority for the military, but the factors influencing why some sailors stay in while others leave are not fully understood, according to "Toward a 'Dashboard' Indicator of Retention in U.S. Navy Personnel," published this month in the *Journal of Military Medicine*.

The Navy increased deployment lengths for some ships at sea this year as a means of preventing the coronavirus' spread, a measure that can potentially elevate work and family stress leading to early separation from the Navy.

The study found that the most "robust" predictor of job satisfaction and retention among sailors was "affective organizational commitment,"

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FAMILY MATTERS

A study of 798 Navy men and women found the most "robust" predictor of job satisfaction and retention among sailors was the level of emotional attachment to the Navy.

Marcus Taylor, study co-author, said "feeling a sense of belonging — or seeing your employer as a family and having the sense that you are part of a family," was a strong predictor of one's long-term military intentions.

ANALYSIS

North Korea flexes military might ahead of US election

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's introduction of a suspected new intercontinental ballistic missile during a military parade this weekend sent a warning that its nuclear weapons program is advancing amid stalled talks with the United States.

Leader Kim Jong Un didn't mention Washington in a half-hour speech before the weapons began to roll out during the parade celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the communist state's ruling Workers' Party.

Occasionally tearing up, he focused on shoring up domestic unity in the face of hardships this year, including the corona-

virus and typhoons that have caused major flooding.

Kim, who was wearing a gray suit and tie, vowed to continue efforts to build up his country's arsenal while insisting it was for defense and not targeting any specific country.

"Our war deterrent ... will never be abused or used as a means for preemptive

strike," he said after entering the podium to roars from the crowd on Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square as the clock struck midnight on Saturday.

"But if any forces intrude upon the security of our state and try to use military force against us, I will enlist all

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Iowa crop losses from derecho rise by over 50%

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Crop loss estimates from a rare wind storm that slammed Iowa in August have increased by more than 50%, a new report shows.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Friday that the number of crop acres that Iowa farmers are unable to harvest has grown to 850,000 acres from estimates last month that 550,000 acres were lost. The Des Moines Register reported.

The storm, known as a derecho, generated winds of up to 140 mph that flattened crops. The damage was then compounded in late summer with a drought that, at its peak, encompassed much of the state. The drought is again expanding after some September rainfall.

Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig said he expects the number of lost acres will climb even more as growers move deeper into the harvest. Usually, farmers will try to harvest downed

corn, salvaging what they can. But Naig said he has heard that many are asking crop insurance adjusters to take another look at their fields after finding it more difficult than expected.

“Crops can deteriorate,” said Naig, who was helping his father harvest corn in northwest Iowa. “It’s a really dynamic situation.”

Average corn yields in Iowa will drop to 186 bushels per acre, the USDA estimated, down from forecasts of 191 bushels in September and 202 bushels in August.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	Switzerland (Franc)	0.9100
Euro costs (Oct. 12)	Thailand (Baht)	31.01
Dollar buys (Oct. 12)	Turkey (Lira)	7.8497
British pound (Oct. 12)	(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	
Japanese yen (Oct. 12)	113.00	
South Korean won (Oct. 12)	1,129.00	
Commercial rates		
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771	
British pound	\$1.3038	
Canada (Dollar)	1.3125	
China (Yuan)	6.6947	
Denmark (Krone)	6.2937	
Egypt (Pound)	15.7098	
Euro	\$1.1826/0.8456	
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7505	
Hungary (Forint)	301.39	
Israel (Shekel)	3.3775	
Japan (Yen)	105.64	
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3061	
Norway (Krone)	9.1468	
Philippines (Peso)	48.36	
Poland (Zloty)	3.78	
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7512	
Singapore (Dollar)	1.1329	
South Korea (Won)	1,143.62	

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.10
30-year bond	1.58

WEATHER OUTLOOK

MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



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MILITARY



Facebook

Staff Sgt. Austin West, an Army musician and recruiter in Watertown, N.Y., honors Eddie Van Halen by performing a medley of his group's hits in this screenshot from a Facebook Live broadcast, Wednesday.

Army guitarist's Eddie Van Halen tribute really got Facebook going

By ERICA EARL
Stars and Stripes

In the same way that music unites its listeners, so can grieving the loss of a legendary musician.

After rock 'n' roll icon Eddie Van Halen died of cancer on Tuesday, several people took to the internet to pay their tributes, including Army Staff Sgt. Austin West.

The recruiter based in Watertown, N.Y., swiftly became a viral sensation for a cover of a medley of Van Halen classic guitar riffs and solos. A video of the performance, posted via Facebook Live, has attracted more than a million views.

During the three-minute clip, West rips through a half-dozen of Van Halen's best-known works, including "Eruption," "Panama" and the band's cover of The Kinks' "You Really Got Me."

West, who is also an Army musician, told Stars and Stripes via Facebook Messenger on Friday that he feels a connection both to his guitar and the late rock

legend.

"Believe it or not, it just came through, and I played what I felt through Eddie," he said.

The video united fellow rock aficionados in the comments section, with more than 60,000 messages Friday from veterans, service members and civilians sharing in their appreciation for the tribute and their memories attached to Van Halen's music.

"Eddie lives on through you and the thousands of guitar players he inspired," one of the messages said.

West, 26, said he started learning how to play the guitar after listening to an AC/DC cassette and was further spurred to become a musician after seeing Van Halen live in 2008.

"When you actually learn 'Eruption' on guitar and you're 15 years old or 13 and it sounds completely horrible, you feel like a rock god," he told Watertown CBC affiliate WYNY on Wednesday.

Before taking a turn at recruiting, West worked as a signal soldier and then a guitarist for the

U.S. Army Band.

"What helps me get out of bed every day is knowing that I am going to help someone, whether it be in recruiting and helping change someone's life and hearing their success stories or going out and playing in front of all these beautiful people," he said in a soldier spotlight video for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command in February.

In 2015, West performed in a tour with the U.S. Army Soldier Show, an annual production that visits installations to feature the musical and theatrical talents of service members.

After his recruiting assignment, West will join the touring U.S. Army pop-rock group As You Were for a three-year stint, according to WYNY.

West said he is surprised by the Van Halen video's popularity. "Hitting one million [views] is so shocking," he told Stars and Stripes. "I know Eddie is smiling."

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US Army Europe, Africa merge, led by 4-star general

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The U.S. Army in Europe is once again led by a four-star general after the service decided to consolidate its Europe and Africa headquarters.

Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli assumed command of the newly formed U.S. Army Europe and Africa on Oct. 1, according to his official biography.

The Army made no formal announcement of the change, but Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy said in an interview Thursday with Defense News that the service felt elevating USAREUR to a four-star command was necessary.

"[We] advocated and pushed hard and got that done because, in his capacity as U.S. Army Europe commander, he is the joint force land component commander, and in that capacity, if war breaks out on the Continent, this is the officer leading all of those NATO elements under that umbrella," Defense News quoted McCarthy as saying.

Before putting on his fourth star, Cavoli served as a lieutenant general leading USAREUR out of Wiesbaden, Germany.

Cavoli's headquarters will remain in Wiesbaden, the Army's spokesman in Europe, Col. Joseph Srococa, said.

"Planning remains ongoing regarding the new command structure, roles and responsibilities," Srococa said in a statement.

It still isn't clear whether an Africa-focused headquarters el-



Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli

ement would remain in Vicenza, where Africa Command is based, or get folded into Wiesbaden.

Requests for comment from the newly consolidated headquarters were not immediately answered.

For most of its existence, the Army component in Europe was a four-star command, but in 2011 the Pentagon reduced the billet to a three-star position. The move was part of an effort to find savings by cutting back the number of four-star generals, and USAREUR quickly collapsed.

The Pentagon was continuing with its long post-Cold War drawdown in Europe in 2011, and was regularly returning units to the U.S. Since then, however, the Army's mission has expanded as the security environment in Europe has changed, notably in 2014 when Russia invaded eastern Ukraine and annexed the Crimean Peninsula.

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‘Planning remains ongoing regarding the new command structure, roles and responsibilities.’

Col. Joseph Srococa
U.S. Army spokesman

US, Romania sign 10-year defense cooperation agreement

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

The U.S. and Romania have signed a 10-year road map for defense cooperation that puts increased focus on security around the Black Sea, a region in Europe where the Pentagon is looking for ways to strengthen its position.

The deal "captures our common strategic goals and interests, such as defense modernization and Black Sea security," De-

fense Secretary Mark Esper said Thursday while joined by Romanian Defense Minister Nicolae Ciuca at the Pentagon.

The road map could help pave the way for a larger U.S. mission in the country. Esper has said he wants to increase the U.S. troop presence in Romania, an emerging hub for NATO on its southern flank.

Romania is prepared to add to pre-positioned weapons stockpiles, hosting exercises and boost

modernization efforts, Ciuca said.

The former communist bloc country is one of a handful of NATO members to have met the spending benchmark that calls for allies to dedicate 2% of GDP to defense. Two weeks ago, Romania took delivery of the Patriot surface-to-air missile system.

Romania also is investing in the modernization of Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, "to become a pivotal hub in the Black Sea,"

Ciuca said.

"Acquiring modern and relevant capabilities is standing evidence of how seriously Romania understands its security and defense role in the region," Ciuca said.

NATO's interest in strengthening its southern flank and the area around the Black Sea comes as Russia has added firepower in the region, including troops and sophisticated air defense systems in Crimea, which Moscow an-

nexed from Ukraine in 2014.

The U.S. military has invested heavily in Romania in recent years to support expanded troop rotations in places such as Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base and Campia Turzii Air Base.

"We see putting more rotational forces into the Black Sea region, Romania in particular," Esper said in August.

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PACIFIC

‘Cultural shift’ At Noble Fury exercise, Okinawa Marines take island and turn outward to support Navy control of the seas

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

IE SHIMA, Okinawa — Sgt. Cal Cushing-Hurley and his squad from the Camp Lejeune, N.C.-based 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, could hardly contain their enthusiasm for their first Pacific exercise — a simulated airfield seizure on a tiny island off Okinawa’s northwest coast.

They were among the first wave of about 100 Marines to land at the airfield aboard MV-22 Ospreys on Wednesday during drills dubbed Noble Fury.

“I’m excited to put all of our practice into action,” Cushing-Hurley, 24, of Marshfield, Mass., said before the mission. “It’s always good to get live reps in and reinforce everything you’ve trained for.”

Noble Fury is a first-time joint training exercise between Marines and sailors of the III Marine Expeditionary Force and the Navy’s 7th Fleet, according to a Tuesday statement from III MEF. It is designed to improve III MEF and 7th Fleet’s working relationship through “simultaneous, distributed events.”

Primary activities include a command post exercise and field training drills like Wednesday’s airfield seizure. The exercise takes place on Okinawa and other Japanese islands, including Iwo Jima, known in Japan as Iwo To, the statement said. It concludes Oct. 15.

During the airfield seizure, Marines wore masks as a precaution against the coronavirus but were unable to maintain a minimum distance of six feet. They took off their masks once they hit the island.

First Battalion, which deployed to Okinawa in August, came to rehearse its ability to take and hold key maritime terrain from an equally matched, or “peer” enemy, and establish an expeditionary advanced base, Marine planners from the battalion and 3rd Marine Division said Wednesday.

However, in a “cultural shift” for the Corps, the Marines would then face outward and support the Navy in control of the seas, Col. Jason Perry, assistant commander of the 3rd Marine Division, said Wednesday at Camp

Schwab. The tactic comes directly from commandant Gen. David Berger’s planning guidance.

“As a Marine, I’ve always kind of viewed our role as: We’re on ships; we’re looking at the shore; we get on our [amphibious assault vehicles] and boats and helicopters, and then we land; we go ashore; the Navy supports that and then we fight ashore,” Perry said.

“I think the difference now is that not only do we do that ... once we are ashore, we are now in support of the Navy. We now turn our focus from just doing the land portion of that fight to looking out into the airspace and into the maritime space and supporting those fleet operations.”

‘The next fight’

Noble Fury is also designed to reinforce the concept of distributed command and control centers, said 1st Battalion commander Lt. Col. Gabe Diana. This means having multiple command posts dispersed throughout the region, so adversaries have no chance of disrupting operations by targeting any one center.

“We’ve really worked the last 12 months to build competency in expeditionary — offense and defensive — operations, a focus on [amphibious] operations, so this provides us an opportunity to come out here and really practice our trade in very complex terrain,” he said. “It’s a well-disciplined, well-trained force.”

The core group of leaders in 1st Battalion are combat veterans with experience in Iraq and Afghanistan, Diana said. Division spokesman Maj. Kurt Stahl said training prepared them to fight the next war against a peer adversary.

Marines in the field echoed the thought.

“In the future, this is something we might be tasked to do so we need to be able to conduct it and it needs to be passed on to the next generation of Marine so we do well,” said Cpl. Daniel Steele, 28, of Middlebury, Vt.

A key part of the exercise involved inserting a Marine M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, or HIMARS, from 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines’ Romeo Battery to IE under the cover of



PHOTOS BY MATT BURKE/Stars and Stripes

Forward air-controller Capt. David Kee stands by as Marines pour out of an MV-22 Osprey to seize the airfield at Ie Shima, Okinawa, on Wednesday during the Noble Fury exercise.



Marines patrol Ie Shima, Okinawa, after securing the Japanese island’s airfield during Noble Fury drills Wednesday.

darkness Wednesday night for a fire mission.

Cushing-Hurley said he was “absolutely confident” in his squad’s ability to accomplish their part of the mission, providing security for the HIMARS, without issues.

“It’s my first time bringing HIMARS to conduct [airfield seizure] operations so I’m looking forward to that and seeing the integration between the [Marine Air-Ground Task Force] and the battalions as a whole,” he said.

Machine-gun squad leader Cpl. Nikolas Werosta, 23, from Medford, N.J., couldn’t wait to get on the Ospreys and get airborne.

“For me, it’s just about getting experience under my belt so when I get newer guys when we get back to [Camp Lejeune], to just be able to teach them, help them out,” he said.

Blackout conditions

The day started early at Camp Schwab for Cushing-Hurley and the Marines of 2nd Platoon. They arrived at the Central Training Area and took positions in

the woods around Landing Zone Phoenix, concealing themselves by slathering camouflage paint across their faces.

A few hours later a pair of MV-22 Ospreys arrived to ferry them to their destination.

The scenario was simple: The platoon would take and hold IE’s long runway and airfield. It would then push out and defend against enemy counterattacks, sending security patrols spiderwebbing across the island’s grassy fields and jungle patches.

Lastly, the platoon would support deployment of the HIMARS system and depart the island the next day. No simulated opposition force awaited them.

When the time came, the Marines poured off the Ospreys and immediately hit the deck, covering all angles of the runway, rifles pointed outward in all directions. Once they had established a perimeter, they moved out into tall grass surrounding the airfield.

Forward air controllers set up communications gear in the grass and talked to incoming helicopters as the first wave pushed

out into the island’s interior: Two more waves arrived behind them.

Marine AH-1Z Viper attack helicopters buzzed overhead, making simulated strafing runs along the coast and at sea. Werosta set up his machine guns with interlocking fields of fire on potential enemy approach points.

Sometime in the evening darkness, an Air Force MC-130J Super Hercules, from 1st Special Operations Squadron at Kadena Air Base, approached the island, Marine officials said. It landed on the Ie runway, which was still controlled by 1st Battalion.

Marines of Romeo Battery rolled off their HIMARS using night vision optics. They simulated firing its complement of rockets, in what is called a rapid infiltration mission, to support the Navy, and then they were gone, back aboard the MC-130J, before the simulated enemy even knew they were there.

“It’s very quick,” said HIMARS battery commander Capt. Ralph Biddle, 31, from Philadelphia. “A good crew can get on and off in well under a half-hour.”

The Marines judged the exercise a success.

“Noble Fury improves the MEF’s ability to establish expeditionary fires bases and forward arming and refueling points throughout the Indo-Pacific at any time and place, further enabling the Navy and the larger joint force in times of conflict,” III Marine Expeditionary Force commander Lt. Gen. H. Stacy Clardy III said in the Marine statement. “We must be ready to rapidly deploy in support of—and stand with—our allies and partners throughout the region.”

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A Marine scans for enemy troops after taking over the airfield at Ie Shima, Okinawa, during Noble Fury drills.

MILITARY

Attachment: Morale, cohesion, support factor in Navy's sense of belonging

FROM FRONT PAGE

which in the context of this study means the level of a sailor's emotional attachment to the Navy.

"This notion of feeling a sense of belonging — or seeing your employer as a family and having the sense that you are part of a family — seems to be a very strong predictor of one's intention to remain in the military long term," Marcus Taylor, a study co-author and researcher with the Naval Health Research Center's Warfighter Performance Department in San Diego, told Stars and Stripes.

While this key predictor seems intuitive, Taylor said, "it's the type of thing that organizations can act upon and promote in order to enhance or sustain retention in its members."

The study said: "Synthesized with prior research, our findings suggest that affective organizational commitment may not only be the most instrumental subtype of organizational commitment in relation to retention, but it may also be one of the most influential of all human factors that influence job satisfaction, career intentions, and related occupational outcomes."

Researchers sampled 798 Navy men and women who were asked about personal and unit morale, unit cohesion, affective organizational commitment, social support, symptoms of depression or anxiety, post-traumatic stress symptoms, aggressive behavior, quantity of sleep, leadership satisfaction and perceived stress. They were also asked a series of questions to determine their overall job satisfaction and career intentions in the Navy.

The participants were a "convenience sample" selected from the Naval Unit Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Survey so that

the results of the study cannot be "seamlessly" generalized to the broader Navy population, the study said.

Just over half the participants were white and 83% male. Almost all were enlisted.

Researchers found that other variables were also significant in career decisions made by sailors.

Other predictors of job satisfaction were depression symptoms, unit cohesion and feelings of stress.

Additional predictors of career intentions were years of military service, marital status, race and ethnicity.

The authors wrote that further research was needed to better understand why non-white, married sailors expressed strong intentions to remain in the Navy long term.

"Future research is also needed to determine whether spousal support is causally implicated in married individuals' decision to stay long term," the study said.

Family separation comes with the job for many sailors, but the coronavirus pandemic added a new layer of strain.

The destroyer USS Stout recently set a Navy record for 208 consecutive days at sea, which followed record-length deployments by the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and the cruiser USS San Jacinto earlier in the year.

Sailors headed to sea now face an extra two-week quarantine before getting underway as a precaution against spreading the coronavirus, adding extra time to deployments.

The Navy is pushing Congress to extend deployment pay to include time sailors spend in quarantine as part of the deployment schedule, Vice Adm. John Nowell,

chief of naval personnel, told reporters last week.

Adm. Mike Gilday, chief of naval operations, told NBC News last month that ships were making fewer port calls and sailors were being given days off while at sea rather than port liberty.

"We have to have ships stay at sea another month or so longer as they do their training, and instead of taking leave right after training

before deployment, they roll right into deployment," he said.

Deployment lengths are an important factor when considering sailor retention, Taylor said. It's essential to break up periods of operational stress with rest and recovery, he said.

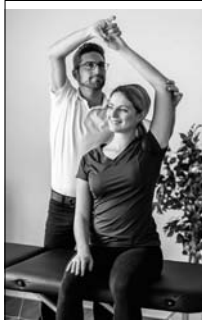
"If that isn't happening, periods of acute stress can turn into periods of chronic stress, and then people can develop stress-related

symptoms that impact not only their performance, but also their health," he said.

When that job-related stress helps unsettle a sailor's family dynamic, "it could play into one's decision to stay in or to not stay in the military service," Taylor said.

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A sailor on the destroyer USS Kidd meets his newborn child for the first time on the pier at Naval Station Everett in Washington.

WAR/MILITARY

Group declares 'conditional' cease-fire in Iraq

By LOUISA LOVELUCK

The Washington Post

BEIRUT — A group of Iran-backed militias said Sunday that it has agreed to a "conditional" cease-fire against U.S.-linked interests in Iraq on the condition that Washington present a timetable for the withdrawal of its troops.

The militias have plagued U.S.-linked diplomatic and military targets for months, firing rockets at embassies and bases and targeting Iraqis who drive logistics convoys serving the U.S.-led coalition.

The Trump administration has responded by threatening to shutter the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, a move that Iraq officials say will accelerate Iran's ascent in the tug of war that the two countries have fought over Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Mohammed Mohie, a spokesman for the

Iran-backed Kataib Hezbollah group, said Sunday that attacks would halt while the militias waited for the U.S.-led coalition to detail its timeline for full withdrawal. "But this truce is conditional, and the condition is that we will accept their retreat," he said. He did not provide a timeline for the process.

Mohie said he spoke on behalf of the Iraqi Resistance Coordination Commission, a new body that announced itself with a similar statement Saturday. Neither Mohie's comments nor the statement appeared to have come in consultation with the U.S.-backed force to which it referred.

It was unclear how many groups the new body represented.

Iraq's parliament urged the expulsion of U.S. troops in January, after President Donald Trump ordered the killing of Iranian Maj. Gen. Qasem Soleimani in

Baghdad. Soleimani had been a talismanic figure for Iraq's militias. Also killed in that strike was Iraqi militia leader Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

The strike sent tensions between Washington and Tehran soaring. Iraqis braced for the confrontation.

Since then, the U.S.-led coalition has departed from smaller bases across Iraq and promised to reduce its troop presence from 5,200 to 3,000. Although the coalition officially attributes that move to the Iraqi militia's increased capacity to take on what remains of Islamic State, senior officials have acknowledged that it came in response to concerns about the heightened risk of attacks by Iran-backed militias.

In the event that the U.S.-led coalition does not provide clarity on its timeline for withdrawal, Mohie said, the militia factions would use "all weapons available to

them." Kataib Hezbollah is one of a handful of powerful Iran-backed groups that have served as part of Iraq's conventional security forces since helping Iraqi and coalition forces defeat ISIS in the country.

But in recent months, apparent splinter groups have taken responsibility for rocket and roadside bomb attacks. Western officials in Baghdad say these are probably front groups for elements within the larger Iran-backed groups, allowing the latter to avoid retaliatory U.S. attacks.

It was unclear whether the weekend's announcements had altered that playbook.

Iraq's military reported Sunday that an Iraqi convoy carrying logistics equipment for the coalition was targeted with an improvised explosive device, this time on the highway between Samawah and Diwaniyah in the south.

Flexes: North Korea proves to be nuclear threat during display of military prowess

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our most powerful offensive strength in advance to punish them," he added.

Show of force

The display of military might, which came less than a month before the U.S. presidential election, showed that North Korea remains a nuclear threat while stopping short of triggering a response from President Donald Trump, experts said.

"Pyongyang displayed a tremendous number of military systems, most notably a new ICBM. However, Kim Jong Un's speech was not threatening to the United States," said Bruce Klingner, a former CIA Korea deputy chief now at the Heritage Foundation.

"The clear message was that, counter to U.S. claims, the North Korean nuclear threat has not been solved."

Trump has claimed his diplomatic efforts with North Korea, including three unprecedented meetings with Kim, were a key foreign policy success. He tweeted at one point that "there is no longer a nuclear threat from North Korea."

Negotiations collapsed as the two sides were unable to agree on the North's demands for sanctions relief in exchange for incremental steps toward disarmament.

Kim has expressed frustration over the deadlock, announcing in December that his regime was lifting a self-imposed suspension on nuclear and long-range missile tests and would soon unveil a "new strategic weapon."

What's next?

Jenny Town, a fellow at the Washington, D.C.-based Stimson Center, said the new ICBM was obviously that weapon.

The next step would be to test it, but Town said that was not likely until early next year since the North Koreans will want to pressure a reelected Trump administration to return to negotiations or test Joe Biden if he wins.

"They'll wait and see what the messaging is like in those first couple of months and then decide what's in their best interest," she said in a telephone interview.

The parade began late Friday, a departure from past parades that were held in the morning. North Korean state television aired a taped broadcast on Saturday evening.

As a military band played, goose-stepping troops marched in unison followed by apparently new battle tanks and other armored vehicles, rocket launchers and a broad array of missiles.

Nobody wore masks or maintained social distance, underlining Kim's claim that North Korea has not had a single case of COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus.

North Korea sealed its border and issued shoot-to-kill orders after the virus first appeared in neighboring China late last year, but experts have expressed skepticism that the communist state has escaped the pandemic.

New advances

The new, liquid-propellant ICBM — which may be the largest road-mobile missile — appeared to be a derivative of the Hwasong-15, the last long-range missile tested by North Korea in 2017 before Kim began engaging in diplomacy with Trump.

"North Korea can already range all of the continental U.S. down to Mar-a-Lago and beyond so one would think they wouldn't need a larger system, but a larger system equals a larger payload,"



Photos by KCNA

North Korea shows off what appears to be its largest intercontinental ballistic missile Saturday during a military parade to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the country's ruling Workers' Party.



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, center, watches as his country holds a massive military parade.

Klingner said. Mar-a-Lago is Trump's resort in Florida.

The increased size, which required a 22-wheel launcher, could enable the missile to carry multiple warheads or penetration aids to evade missile defense systems.

Klingner said the new launcher suggested that North Korea has developed the capability to build its own transport vehicles instead of relying on previous versions imported from China.

"That's a worrisome development because the more missiles they can send out to the field the more effective a first strike as well as retaliatory strike capability North Korea has," he said.

North Korea also trotted out an advanced solid-propellant submarine-launched ballistic missile dubbed the Pukguksong-4 as well as improvements in equipment used for conventional warfare.

While skeptics suggested the missiles may have been mockups, the North made clear it's moving

ahead with development.

Kim, who took control of the family dynasty after his father died of a heart attack in 2011, appeared emotional as he praised soldiers who were deployed to assist in flood recovery and "anti-epidemic" efforts after a year of hardship.

He thanked all of his people for remaining healthy, "without any one of them having fallen victim to the malignant virus."

In an olive branch to South Korea, Kim said he hoped the health crisis "would come to an end as early as possible and the day would come when the North and South take each other's hands again."

South Korea expressed concern Sunday over the new weapon and urged the North to comply to past promises to disarm.

The presidential office also "emphasized that various accords aimed at preventing armed clashes and war between the South and the North should be kept at any cost."

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Kaiserslautern alert level raised amid case surge

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The Kaiserslautern area was raised to Germany's second-highest health alert level last week after a sudden spike in coronavirus cases that some were pinning on members of the large U.S. military community, officials said.

The alert status was raised to orange Friday after the number of cases in the area more than doubled last week, with 59 new infections reported from Wednesday to Thursday. Two days earlier, there had been a total of 54 cases reported in the area.

One German official told Stars and Stripes, on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter, that the U.S. military community, which makes up about half the population in the area, was being eyed as a hot spot for the surge in infections.

But Kaiserslautern district administrator Ralf Lessmeister said the sharp rise in numbers was due to delayed reporting of cases by American military officials, who had sent the German public health authorities numerous new case reports, all at once, covering more than two weeks.

Only a fraction of the infections occurred in the past seven days, the time period used to calculate a city or region's alert level, Lessmeister said.

Both the Air Force and Army have bases in the area, but report coronavirus case numbers separately to German public health

officials, said Lt. Col. Will Powell, chief of public affairs for the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base.

"We have experienced a recent increase in COVID cases within the Air Force community, which corresponds with an increase in COVID cases throughout Germany and Europe," he said in a statement emailed to Stars and Stripes. "Most of our recent cases have been locally contracted or from travel within Europe. There are no 'hot spots' on base or within the Air Force community, but we continually emphasize the importance of following host nation restrictions and practicing proper hygiene," he said, adding that the measures the Air Force has put in place against the virus, including quarantine, are more restrictive than those imposed by state officials in Rheinland-Pfalz.

Germany's public health agency, the Robert Koch Institute, listed the Kaiserslautern district as red Sunday, but Lessmeister said that was done in error and case numbers in the region remained "significantly below" the limit of 50 per 100,000 inhabitants at which the health warning rating is raised to the highest level.

About 107,000 people live in the Kaiserslautern area, including roughly 50,000 Americans, he said. As of Saturday, there were 102 infections in the area, including eight new cases, according to data he posted on Facebook. Six people, including two members of the U.S. military community were released from quarantine, the data show.

Gino Mattorano, spokesman



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U.S. military personnel visit the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center last week at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The health alert in the Kaiserslautern area was elevated Friday to the second-highest level after a sudden spike in cases, district officials said.

for Regional Health Command Europe, said the military does its best to provide timely information, but due to a number of factors, which he did not explain, there can be delays in reporting.

"We will continue to work to improve the reporting process to minimize delays and provide the most comprehensive, accurate information to our host nation partners," he said. "We value and appreciate the outstanding relationship we have with the Kaiserslautern community."

Officials on Friday boosted measures to try to stem the spread of the virus, particularly in Landstuhl and Ramstein-Miesenbach, which district officials said were "the two municipalities hardest hit" by the surge in cases. Both are near Ramstein Air Base.

"There will be more controls by the regulatory authorities, especially on weekends," they said in a statement released late Friday.

"The catering sector is particularly advised to comply with the applicable provisions for running a restaurant — hygiene regulations, distance rules, contact tracing."

The increase in the number of cases "can largely be traced back to clearly defined 'infection events' in the catering sector and family celebrations ... especially in Landstuhl and Ramstein-Miesenbach," the statement said.

U.S. military police and German law enforcement were expected to step up patrols in the area to ensure people are complying with social distancing and other prevention rules.

"We will check to see if people are wearing their masks and keeping their distance," said Bernhard Christian Erfurt, a Kaiserslautern police spokesman.

New cases have increased sharply in the past week across Germany, with the country's public health agency reporting 3,483 new cases on Sunday compared to the day before.

The hardest hit cities in southwestern Germany, where the majority of U.S. bases are located, were Frankfurt and Esslingen, which have been labeled as "extreme risk" areas for the coronavirus.

U.S. Army Garrison Rhein-

land-Pfalz warned against travel to Frankfurt in a message posted on Facebook.

"FRANKFURT is now RED (High Risk for COVID infection), according to RKI," it said, referring to the Robert Koch Institute.

"Your plans should not include the Frankfurt metro area," the Facebook message said.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Friday after meeting with the mayors of Germany's 11 biggest cities that tougher measures against the virus would be imposed immediately if more than 50 cases per 100,000 inhabitants are reported in an area over the course of a week. Frankfurt has already exceeded that case load, according to Deutsche Welle.

Other measures that could be imposed to prevent a second wave of the virus in Germany include curfews, restrictions on the sale of alcohol, and limits on public and private gatherings.

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Europe feels unprepared as coronavirus makes resurgence

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ROME — Europe's second wave of coronavirus infections has struck well before flu season even started, with intensive care wards filling up again and bars shutting down. Making matters worse, authorities say, is a widespread case of "COVID-fatigue."

Record high daily infections in several eastern European countries and sharp rebounds in the hard-hit west have made clear that Europe never really crushed the COVID-19 curve as hoped, after spring-time lockdowns.

Spain last week declared a state of emergency for Madrid amid increasing tensions between local and national authorities over virus containment measures. Germany offered up soldiers to help with contact tracing in newly flaring hot spots. Italy mandated masks outdoors and warned that for the first time since the country became the European epicenter of the pandemic,

the health system was facing "significant critical issues" as hospitals fill up.

The Czech Republic's "Farewell Covid" party in June, when thousands of Prague residents dined outdoors at a 500-yard long table across the Charles Bridge to celebrate their victory over the virus, seems painfully naive now that the country has the highest per-capita infection rate on the continent, at 398 per 100,000 residents.

"I have to say clearly that the situation is not good," the Czech interior minister, Jan Hamacek, acknowledged.

Epidemiologists and residents alike are pointing the finger at governments for having failed to seize on the summertime lull in cases to prepare adequately for the expected autumn onslaught, with testing and ICU staffing still critically short. In Rome, people waited in line for 8-10 hours to get tested, while front-line medics from Kyiv to Paris found themselves once again pulling long, short-staffed shifts in overcrowded wards.

"When the state of alarm was aban-

doned, it was time to invest in prevention, but that hasn't been done," lamented Margarita del Val, viral immunology expert with the Severo Ochoa Molecular Biology Center, part of Spain's top research body, CSIC.

"We are in the fall wave without having resolved the summer wave," she told an online forum.

As infections rise in many European countries, some — including Belgium, Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Spain and France — are diagnosing more new cases every day per capita than the United States, according to the seven-day rolling averages of data kept by Johns Hopkins University. On Friday, France, with a population of about 70 million, reported a record 20,300 new infections.

Experts say Europe's high infection rate is due in large part to expanded testing that is turning up far more asymptomatic positives than during the first wave, when only the sick could get a test.



MANU FERNANDEZ/AP

A customer sits inside of a bar in downtown Madrid, Spain, on Friday.

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Binas Das/AP

Commuters wearing face masks to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus wait for a bus in Kolkata, India, on Saturday.

India case total passes 7M as experts warn of virus fatigue

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — India's confirmed coronavirus toll crossed 7 million on Sunday with the number of new cases dipping in recent weeks, even as health experts warn of mask and distancing fatigue setting in.

The Health Ministry registered another 74,383 infections in the past 24 hours. India is expected to become the pandemic's worst-hit country in coming weeks, surpassing the United States, where more than 7.7 million infections have been reported.

The ministry also reported 918 additional deaths, taking total fatalities to 108,334.

The number of people who have died of COVID-19 has remained relatively low in South and Southeast Asia — from India to Vietnam and Taiwan — compared to European countries and the U.S., said Dr. Randeep Guleria, a government health expert.

"We have been able to keep the curve rise slow, but I do agree

that we have not been able to get it to move aggressively down. That's related to our population density, diversity of our country and socioeconomic challenges in our country," said Guleria, referring to India's burgeoning population of nearly 1.4 billion.

Some experts have said, however, that India's death toll may not be reliable because of poor reporting and health infrastructure, as well as inadequate testing. India aims to provide vaccines to 250 million people by July 2021, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said last week. He said that the government was planning to receive 450 million to 500 million vaccine doses and would ensure "equitable access."

India saw a steep rise in cases in July and added more than 2 million in August and another 3 million in September. But it is seeing a slower pace of coronavirus spread since mid-September, when the daily infections touched a record high of 97,894.

It's averaging more than 70,000

cases daily so far this month. India has a high recovery rate of 85% with active cases below 1 million, according to the Health Ministry.

Health officials have warned about the potential for the virus to spread during the upcoming religious festival season, which is marked by huge gatherings in temples and shopping districts.

A crucial factor will be people wearing masks and maintaining a safe distance.

Dr. S.P. Kalantri, a hospital director in the village of Sevagram in India's worst-hit western Maharashtra state, said that people in his village had stopped wearing masks, maintaining distance or washing their hands regularly. He added that the sick were still being brought in to his hospital.

India's meager health resources are poorly divided across the country. Nearly 600 million Indians live in rural areas, and with the virus hitting India's vast hinterlands, experts worry that hospitals could be overwhelmed.

S. Korea to ease restraints as cases decline

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea will ease coronavirus prevention measures for much of the country beginning Monday due to a steady decrease in the number of cases, officials said Sunday.

The South will revert to the lowest level on a three-tiered system for enforcing social distancing rules aimed at curbing the spread of the virus.

That means public facilities like museums and sporting events may reopen to the public, although authorities stressed that people should still wear masks

and restaurants and bars should limit capacity and maintain safe seating arrangements.

Restrictions will also remain on door-to-door sales in parts of the Seoul metropolitan area due to continued concerns about cluster outbreaks.

Prime Minister Chung Sye-kyun said the decision to go to Level One was made to mitigate the negative impact the strict rules were having on mental health and the economy.

"The average number of local infections fell to less than 60 on a daily basis over the past two

weeks... which led us to judge that the spread is being contained," Chung was quoted as saying by the Yonhap News Agency.

The South reported 58 new cases Sunday for a total of 24,606, with 432 deaths.

South Korea, which was an early epicenter of the virus after it first appeared in China late last year, never implemented a strict lockdown.

It did, however, close many facilities and implemented fines to enforce mask usage after a new outbreak began in mid-August.

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Brazil death toll reaches 150K

Nation sees sign of relief as average number of deaths is static for 7 days

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RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil's count of COVID-19 deaths surpassed 150,000 on Saturday night, despite signs the pandemic is slowly retreating in Latin America's largest nation.

The Brazilian Health Ministry reported that the death toll now stands at 150,198. The figure is the world's second highest behind the United States, according to the tally maintained by Johns Hopkins University.

The milestone has rekindled the pain of Naiane Moura, a sales consultant, who lost her father Elivaldo to COVID-19 in April. The 58-year-old postman had no prior illness and battled COVID-19 for seven days in a public hospital in Manaus, Brazil's largest city in the Amazon.

"When I see 150,000, I see my father alongside many other faceless bodies," Moura said by phone. "I didn't imagine that we would reach that number. I don't believe that we will ever be able to totally overcome this."

Moura's hometown of Manaus became a horror show early on in the pandemic. Between April and May, the health system collapsed in the city as patients were turned away from full hospitals and over-

whelmed cemeteries were forced to dig mass graves. The capital of Amazonas state has had 122 deaths per 100,000 inhabitants, far above the national average of 71 per 100,000. The nation of 210 million people surpassed 5 million confirmed infections on Wednesday, according to official data.

There have been recent signs of relief in Brazil. Over the last six weeks, the viral curve has dropped. The average number of deaths sat at 598 over the last 7 days, the lowest level since the beginning of May.

The mayors of large cities such as Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro continue to reopen activities like cinemas and schools, even as public health experts warn of possible new outbreaks.

Manaus, where restrictions were relaxed, registered an increase in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks that led to speculation of a possible second wave. Local authorities reinstated restrictions on commerce and activity, and shut down the riverside beach.

Moura said she holds federal authorities responsible for the massive death toll.

"A lot of lives could have been saved if our leaders had taken rigorous measures in the beginning," she said.

Iran has its highest single day death toll

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran announced on Sunday its highest single-day death toll from the coronavirus with 251 confirmed dead, the same day local media reported two senior officials had been infected and the nation's currency plunged to its lowest level ever.

Health Ministry spokesperson Sima Sadat Lari said the total confirmed death toll now stands at 28,544, making Iran the hardest-hit country in the region. Iran had just recently recorded its highest daily death toll four days earlier with 239 new fatalities.

A further 3,822 new cases were confirmed over the past 24-hour period, raising recorded nationwide cases to 500,075. Nearly 4,500 patients are in critical condition.

Among those recently infected is the head of the country's atomic energy organization, the latest

senior official to test positive for the virus.

The semifioficial Tasnim news agency said Ali Akbar Salehi, who is also a vice premier of Iran, had confirmed positive for the virus last week and has been in home quarantine since. The news agency reported that his health condition is currently good.

Money exchange shops in Tehran sold the U.S. dollar at 315,000 rials on Sunday, compared to what was 32,000 rials to the dollar at the time of Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

The currency plummeted further on Sunday after the Trump administration's decision on Thursday to blacklist 18 Iranian banks that had so far escaped the bulk of re-imposed sanctions. The move subjects non-Iranian financial institutions to penalties for doing business with them, effectively cutting the banks off from the international financial system.

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Pelosi, GOP criticize White House aid offer

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
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WASHINGTON—A new White House coronavirus aid offer got bad reviews from both ends of the political spectrum Saturday.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., rejected the most generous Trump administration plan to date as “one step forward, two steps back.” The Republicans who control the Senate dismissed it as too expensive and a political loser for conservatives.

Pelosi said she is still hopeful that progress can be made toward a deal but it’s as clear as ever that GOP conservatives don’t want a deal on her terms.

The White House had boosted its offer before Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Pelosi spoke Friday afternoon. President Donald Trump is eager for an agreement before Election Day, even as his most powerful GOP ally in the Senate said Congress is unlikely to deliver relief by then.

“Covid Relief Negotiations are moving along. Go Big!” Trump said Friday on Twitter.

The new offer totals about \$1.8 trillion, aides familiar with it said, with a key state and local fiscal relief component moving from \$250 billion to at least \$300 billion. The White House says its most recent offer before that was about \$1.6 trillion. The aides were not authorized to publicly discuss private negotiations and spoke on condition of anonymity.



Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin leaves the office of Senate Majority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky last week. He had earlier met with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., to discuss a coronavirus relief aid package.

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Pelosi’s most recent public offer was about \$2.2 trillion, though that included a business tax increase that Republicans won’t go for.

In a letter Saturday to colleagues, Pelosi said, “This proposal amounted to one step forward, two steps back. When the president talks about want-

ing a bigger relief package, his proposal appears to mean that he wants more money at his discretion to grant or withhold.”

She said that while his administration attempted to address some of the Democratic concerns, disagreement remained on many priorities and Democrats are “awriting language” on several

provisions.

“Despite these unaddressed concerns, I remain hopeful that yesterday’s developments will move us closer to an agreement on a relief package that addresses the health and economic crisis facing America’s families,” Pelosi’s letter said.

Mnuchin’s latest offer also got

a roasting from GOP senators, who weighed in on a conference call Saturday morning, according to a Republican familiar with the call who was not authorized to discuss the call publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. Many conservatives are skeptical of so much deficit-financed aid in the first place, and Pelosi-sought provisions such as expanding eligibility for the Affordable Care Act landed with a thud.

Pragmatists such as Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and politically endangered Republicans including Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina appear willing to “go big” as Trump wants. But rank-and-file Republicans — Sens. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee, Rick Scott of Florida, and John Barrasso of Wyoming, for example — are adamantly opposed to another relief bill that’s so generous.

GOP Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell remains skeptical of the chances for an agreement, having told an audience in Kentucky on Friday that he didn’t see a deal coming together before Election Day.

“I think it’s unlikely in the next three weeks,” McConnell said Friday. He said later that the first item of priority of the Senate is the Supreme Court, suggesting there isn’t time to process both a relief bill and the high court nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett before the Nov. 3 election.

Republican governors in states where cases spiking look for silver linings

BY ANDREW DEMILLO
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Hospitalizations from COVID-19 have hit their highest points recently throughout the Midwest, where the growth in new cases has been the worst in the nation.

But that’s not the message coming from a number of Republican governors in the region, who are working to find silver linings in the ominous health data as outbreaks surge in their states.

In South Dakota, we didn’t take a one-size-fits-all approach and the results have been incredible,” Gov. Kristi Noem told lawmakers in her state, which Johns Hopkins University says ranks second in the country for new cases per capita.

Oklahoma’s governor has been effusively upbeat about progress against the virus, despite what figures compiled by public health experts and a White House task force show. North Dakota’s governor has called his state’s test positivity rate an achievement, even though its rate of new cases tops the nation.

The rhetoric in some cases is mirroring that of President Donald Trump, who continues

to downplay the virus’ risk even after being hospitalized with COVID-19. And it’s worrying public health experts concerned about a flu season that may exacerbate the outbreak’s effects.

“Public health is built on the backs of thousands of individual actions ... In order for there to be behavior change, there has to be trust on the data and the guidelines,” said Dr. Thomas Tsai, a surgeon at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and assistant professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Most of the Midwest Republican governors where the virus is worsening have either refused to enact statewide masky restrictions or have been rolling back restrictions imposed because of the pandemic.

Trump, who tweeted “don’t be afraid of Covid!” as he was being released from the hospital, cheered Noem for her speech to the Legislature last week, where she championed her refusal to issue a stay-at-home order or other restrictions.

But South Dakota’s new cases and positive test rates rank at or near the highest in the country. Doug Burgum, North Dakota’s

Republican governor, acknowledges his state’s numbers are moving in the wrong direction as it hit new highs for active and newly confirmed cases, as well as hospitalizations. But he’s also touting the state’s test positivity staying in the 7% range.

“That’s an achievement compared to many, many other states that have never been in the spot to have this low of a positivity rate and have their economy open,” Burgum said. “If you’re saying that among the states, who’s doing a great job, those would have to be some of the criteria you would have to look at.”

In Iowa, which has eased most of its earlier coronavirus restrictions, COVID-19 hospitalizations also hit a record high last week. Gov. Kim Reynolds, however, has defended the state’s decision to reopen bars and send students back into classrooms without masks required.

“The president is also right. We can’t let COVID-19 dominate our lives,” Reynolds said.

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson has cited where he sees his state making progress, even as a White House task force recently listed it in the “red zone” for its high rate



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds has defended the state’s decision to send students back into classrooms without requiring masks.

of new cases and positive tests. The state also recently hit a new high for hospitalizations. Parson and his wife were both diagnosed on Sept. 23, though they’ve both recovered.

“The fight is not over, but we are on the right track, and we will get through this,” Parson said in a video posted Sept. 30.

Some governors are even pushing back against Trump’s own advisers for giving blunter assessments of their states’ situations. Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt,

who in July became the first governor to announce he had tested positive for COVID-19, lashed out at the White House Coronavirus Task Force after it said high community transmission led to “many preventable deaths” in Oklahoma.

“The governor maintains that Oklahoma has performed much better than the nation as a whole in terms of protecting our most vulnerable, and the White House agrees with that assertion,” Stitt’s office said.

NATION

Mich.: Suspects seen armed at rallies

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Among the armed protesters who rallied at the Michigan Capitol against Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's coronavirus lockdown this past spring were some of the men now accused in stunning plots to kidnap her, storm the Capitol and start a "civil war."

The revelation has sparked scrutiny of rallies that were organized by conservative groups opposed to the Democratic governor's orders and egged on by President Donald Trump. It has also prompted renewed calls from Democrats for a gun ban in the building — an effort that so far has failed even after they reported feeling threatened by rifle-carrying protesters who entered the Statehouse.

At least one man accused of aiding in the surveillance of Whitmer's home as part of the alleged scheme to kidnap her stood in the Senate gallery on April 30 as majority Republicans refused to extend an emergency declaration that was the underpinning of Whitmer's stay-at-home and other restrictions aimed at slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. "Several" of the 13 men arrested in the plots against the state government were seen at Capitol protests this year, the state attorney

general's office said.

A man whom the FBI identified in court papers as a leader in the alleged plot, Adam Fox, attended an "American Patriot" pro-gun rights rally at the Capitol on June 18 to recruit members of anti-government paramilitary groups to attack the Statehouse, according to a federal complaint that cites a recording from a confidential informant.

"I'm not surprised — and anyone who is just hasn't been paying attention," Whitmer told The Associated Press by phone on Friday. There have been Republican lawmakers and at least one sheriff at the protests, she said, "who fraternize with these domestic terror groups, who egg them on, who encourage them, who use language that incites them. They too are complicit."

Some of the men involved in the alleged plots were members and leaders of Wolverine Watchmen, which authorities described as "an anti-government, anti-law enforcement militia group." Federal authorities became aware in March about an initial plan by Wolverine Watchmen to target and kill police, according to court papers. Officials have not indicated whether law enforcement monitored the anti-love-in protests in April and May.

Such protests have attracted a range of people, including openly

armed Second Amendment backers and members of paramilitary groups dressed in tactical gear — particularly early in the pandemic when some demonstrators displayed Confederate flags, misogynistic anti-Whitmer signs and threatening images. GOP leaders have denounced such protests while saying many people protest safely and responsibly.

The state's Republican Senate majority leader, Mike Shirkey, "does not condone violence, does not embrace violence and has never advocated in support of violence," spokeswoman Amber McCann said. "Like many politicians, he has spoken out when he disagreed with policy."

Barry County Sheriff Dar Leaf told WXMI-TV that maybe the men wanted to arrest Whitmer, not kidnap her, and suggested that could be legal. At least one man charged under the state's anti-terrorism law by Attorney General Dana Nessel appeared on stage in May at a protest in Grand Rapids against Whitmer's stay-at-home order that was also attended by the sheriff and Shirkey.

Nessel, a Democrat, told the AP that Leaf's remarks were "terrifying."

"To suggest that it is proper for armed gunmen who are not licensed law enforcement officers to execute an arrest on a sitting governor for policy disagree-

2 former Marines among men charged in Mich. plot

By TIM BALK
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Corps member from 2015 to 2020.

Two Marine Corps veterans among the men charged last week in connection with the alleged plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Daniel Harris, a rifleman who served in the Marines from 2015 to 2019, was one of six men who were federally charged in the headline-grabbing case. Harris, 23, and five other men were accused of hatching a plot to abduct the Democratic governor.

Another seven men were separately charged by the Michigan Attorney General, including Joseph Morrison, a

Morrison, 26, faces state charges including providing material support for terrorist acts.

"The serious allegations are not a reflection of the Marine Corps, do not reflect the oath every Marine takes to support and defend the Constitution, and do not align with our core values," Capt. Joseph Butterfield, a spokesperson for the Marines, said in a statement to The New York Daily News on Saturday.

Officials said conspirators surveilled Whitmer's home and discussed blowing up explosives to distract police officers.

ments is abhorrent to me on every level," she said.

The bombshell charges prompted Democratic legislators inside the Capitol.

The federal complaint alleges that Fox in June said he needed 200 men to storm the building

and take hostages, including Whitmer, and that several individuals talked about using Molotov cocktails to destroy police vehicles. By July, the men had shifted to targeting Whitmer's official summer residence or her personal vacation home before settling on the latter, according to authorities.

Louisiana resident's spirits remain high after back-to-back hurricanes

Associated Press

LAKE CHARLES, La. — First, Hurricane Laura roared ashore with its staggering, 150 mph winds. Then Hurricane Delta followed, with less wind but with ferocious downpours. The two back-to-back hurricanes in the space of six weeks have left this pocket of southwest Louisiana blanketed with tarpaulins, debris and flooded streets — but not despair.

Earnestine and Milton Wesley had decided to ride out Delta in their Lake Charles home, damaged just weeks earlier by Laura. As the wind rustled the tarp above them, they grabbed it through the hole in the ceiling and held on tight. Water poured in, flooding their den.

"We fought all night long trying to keep things intact," Milton said. "And with God's help we made it."

Hannah Franklin lives in Iowa, a small town of about 3,000 people outside of Lake Charles. She evacuated for both Laura and Delta, but she said not everyone could. Some people have been living in tents because they don't have anywhere to go, she said.

She's worried that the region isn't getting the help that it needs. At the same time, she's been heartened by the way the community has pulled together. Neighbors check on neighbors, bringing food or water.

"It's been really, really sad to see. But at the same time," she said, "it warms your heart to see ... how strong Louisiana is."

Delta made landfall Friday evening near the coastal town of Creole with top winds of 100 mph. It moved over Lake Charles, a city where Hurricane Laura damaged nearly every home and building in late August.

No deaths had been reported by Sunday morning, but a hurricane's wake can be treacherous. Seven of the 32 deaths attributed to Laura came the day that hurricane struck. Many others were caused by carbon monoxide poisoning from generators, and 10,000 utility workers were dispatched Saturday to get power restored to thousands of customers.

Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter estimated that hundreds of already battered homes took on water. And people were already exhausted and stressed — for two weeks the Wesleys had been sleeping on their back porch to escape the heat because they had no power.

"Like Laura and Delta together and it's just absolutely unprecedented and catastrophic," Hunter said. "We are very concerned that with everything going in the country right now that this incident may not be on the radar nationally like it should be."

Before Friday's storm, the streets were already lined with mountains of debris from the



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Siblings Chancy, from left, Blayke, and Alayna Trahan, play in a field that was flooded from Hurricane Delta, at their home Saturday in Hayes, La.

prior storm — piles of soggy insulation, moldy mattresses, tree limbs, twisted metal siding, ruined family treasures.

While Delta was a weaker storm than Category 4 Laura, it inflicted most of its damage with rain instead of wind. Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said it

dumped more than 15 inches of rain on Lake Charles over two days and more than 10 inches on Baton Rouge.

The floodwaters surged up the Wesley family's front yard, and they were terrified it would pour inside but it stopped short of the door. It carried with it bags of

trash and muck, swept up from their neighbors' piles of debris from the prior storm.

"The water was something else last night," Milton said. "We've never seen it flood so bad out here, to the point I could have swam out here last night, that's just how deep it was."

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Doctors: Trump not at risk of transmitting virus

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House doctor said that President Donald Trump was no longer at risk of transmitting the coronavirus but did not say explicitly whether Trump had tested negative for it. The diagnosis came as the president prepared to resume campaign rallies and other activities.

In a memo released Saturday night by the White House, Navy Cmdr. Dr. Sean Conley said Trump met the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria for safely discontinuing isolation and that by "currently recognized standards" he was no longer considered a transmission risk.

The memo did not declare Trump had tested negative for the virus. But sensitive lab tests — like the PCR test cited in the doctor's statements — detect virus in swab samples taken from the nose and throat. William Moricze, who oversees laboratories at the Mayo Clinic, said last week that using the PCR tests, the presi-

dent's medical team could hypothetically measure and track the amount of virus in samples over time and watch the viral load go down.

Some medical experts had been skeptical that Trump could be declared free of the risk of transmitting the virus so early in the course of his illness. Just 10 days since an initial diagnosis of infection, there was no way to know for certain that someone was no longer contagious, they said.

Dr. Albert Ko, an infectious disease specialist and department chairman at the Yale School of Public Health, said Saturday night that the White House appeared to be following CDC guidelines for when it is appropriate to end isolation after mild to moderate cases of COVID-19.

The memo stated that Trump had reached day 10 from the onset of symptoms, had been free of fever for well over 24 hours, and that all symptoms had improved.

Saskia Popescu, an infectious disease epidemiologist at George Mason University, said the tight time frame laid out by the White House made it appear that "they're really just pushing to get him out of isola-

tion" and back to campaigning.

The memo followed Trump's first public appearance since returning to the White House after being treated for the coronavirus at a military hospital. Hundreds of people gathered Saturday afternoon on the South Lawn for a Trump address on his support for law enforcement from a White House balcony.

"I'm feeling great," said Trump, who said he was thankful for their good wishes and prayers as he recovered. He then declared that the pandemic, which has killed more than 210,000 Americans, was "disappearing" even though he is still recovering from the virus.

Trump had hoped to hold campaign rallies over the weekend but settled for the White House event. But even as his health remained unclear, he planned to ramp up his travel with a rally in Florida on Monday, followed by trips to Pennsylvania and Iowa on subsequent days.

The president had not been seen in public — other than in White House-produced videos — since his return five days ago from Walter Reed National Military Medi-

cal Center, where he received experimental treatments for the coronavirus.

In a Friday night interview on Tucker Carlson's show on Fox, Trump was asked if he has been retested for COVID-19. "I have been retested, and I haven't even found out numbers or anything yet. But I've been retested, and I know I'm at either the bottom of the scale or free," he said.

White House officials, however, have declined to answer when Trump last tested negative for the virus before his diagnosis or release detailed information about lung scans taken while Trump was hospitalized.

While reports of reinfection in COVID-19 victims are rare, the CDC recommends that even people who recover from the disease continue to wear masks, stay distanced and follow other precautions. It was unclear if Trump, who has refused mask wearing in most settings, would abide by that guidance as he resumes his campaign.

Self-proclaimed satanist runs for sheriff as Republican in NH

BY MICHAEL CASEY
Associated Press

With more than 4,200 votes, Republicans in one New Hampshire county nominated an unconventional candidate for sheriff: a self-described satanist whose campaign slogan disparages the police.

Since then, Aria DiMezzo, a transgender woman in her early 30s, has become a minor celebrity — and the target of online attacks, vandalism including a homophobic slur spray-painted on her car, and a write-in campaign to weaken her chances.

DiMezzo — the lone Republican candidate for Cheshire County sheriff in September's primary — believes most voters blindly checked the box next to her name. She only registered as a Republican at the last second, after concluding her bid to get on the ballot as a Libertarian — her preferred party — would have required gathering signatures amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"Anyone who takes a look at me knows pretty much right off the bat that I'm clearly not a Republican," said DiMezzo, who stands over 6 feet tall, sports fire-engine red hair and has tattoos on both arms, including one for the Greek letter "pi" and the word "coexist."

She's looking to unsettle Eli Rivera, a Democrat who has held the job in the county of more than 76,000 since 2012.

"I'm just using the party infrastructure to run for office," she said. "I was 100% upfront about who I am. I never hid any of it. Anyone who bothered to Google me would have found all this stuff about me and they would have seen the anti-cop things that I was posting all over social media."

DiMezzo, who unsuccessfully ran as a Libertarian in the 2018 sheriff's race, said she hopes to attract voters on the left and right with campaign promises to support gun rights and limited government and combat police wrongdoing. Among her propos-

als is to have sheriff's deputies "pull over police for harassing peaceful citizens."

If her deputies don't want to police the police, she said they can either quit or sit in the office and play video games.

"If the police were these fine upstanding honorable people just investigating crimes where there are victims and were serving and protecting people, I wouldn't have an issue with that. But that is not what they are doing," said DiMezzo, whose campaign signs include the phrase "F - The Police" and the symbol for anarchy emblazoned over a sheriff's badge standing in for the "A" in "Aria."

DiMezzo said, as law enforcement, any of her own or her deputies "would be fired on the spot, and perhaps charged with crimes, for any brutality or misconduct."

She serves as the high priest of the Reformed Satanic Church, which is run from her home. The church doesn't believe Satan exists, DiMezzo said, but instead "stands for individualism and



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Aria DiMezzo, a self-described satanist whose slogan disparages police, is running as a Republican for sheriff in Cheshire County, N.H.

voluntarism, and opposes the god of the day" which she described as the state.

Despite hateful online comments and the vandalism, she's found residents in the college town known as a bastion for bitcoin and Libertarians have mostly welcomed her campaign.

"By and large, the response has been overwhelming positive," she said. "When I walk down the street, people cheer. They tell me they are going to vote for me. It's great."

Since her primary victory, DiMezzo has done a steady stream of interviews — a Russian television crew even came to town — and voters have stopped by the pizza shop where she works to wish her well.

Rivera, for his part, is confident he'll win another term.

"I have always embraced a positive campaign and will leave your questions about my opponent and the write-in campaign to be answered by the Republican Party," Rivera said in an email.

Biden strikes at Trump on economy in critical Pennsylvania county

Associated Press

ERIE, Pa. — With the backdrop of a union facility in a key battleground county of Pennsylvania, Joe Biden on Saturday blistered President Donald Trump as only pretending to care about the working-class voters who helped flip the Rust Belt to the Republican column four years ago.

"Anyone who actually does an honest day's work sees next and his promises for what they are," Biden told a masked, socially

distanced crowd at a training facility for plumbers and other tradespeople.

The Democratic challenger has hammered Trump on the economy in recent weeks, from sweeping indictments of how the president has downplayed the novel coronavirus and its economic fallout to a withering personal contrast between Biden's middle-class upbringing with that of the multimillionaire's son and self-proclaimed billionaire. Nowhere could Biden's argu-

ments prove more decisive than in Erie County, Long a Democratic bastion. It was among the most populous counties in the nation to flip from the Democratic column to Republicans in 2016.

"The president can only see the world from Park Avenue. I see it from Scranton and Claymont. Y'all see it from Erie," Biden told union officers and members, referring to his childhood hometowns in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

He lamented "the most un-

equal recovery in American history" since COVID-19 ground the economy to a halt in the spring. The investor class and top wage earners are fine, Biden said, "but what did the bottom half get?"

Biden used the stop at the training facility to show off his knowledge of apprentice programs and underscored the role that tradespeople play in the larger economy.

"If every investment banker in New York went on strike, nothing would much change in America,"

Biden said, "but if every plumber decided to stop working, every electrician, the country would come to a halt."

Biden delivered the first speech of his campaign at a Pittsburgh union hall in April 2019, and he's since piled up a long list of union endorsements. The president's reelection campaign is looking for a repeat of 2016, when Clinton won many of the same union endorsements but large swaths of rank-and-file members split from their leadership to back Trump.

WORLD

Tens of thousands protest in Israel against prime minister

By SEBASTIAN SCHEINER
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TEL AVIV, Israel — Tens of thousands of Israelis calling on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to resign demonstrated across the country Saturday evening, saying he is unfit to rule while on trial for corruption charges and accusing him of mis-managing the nation's coronavirus crisis.

Protesters gathered at hundreds of locations across the country due to a nationwide lockdown that has barred them from protesting at the usual site outside Netanyahu's official residence in Jerusalem. The current lockdown

regulations allow people only to gather within about 0.62 miles of their home.

The largest gathering at Habima Square in central Tel Aviv drew thousands of protesters, who blew horns and pounded on drums and tambourines. They waved pink and black flags symbolizing various grassroots protest movements. Some banners, using Netanyahu's nickname, said: "Bibi, you are destroying my future." Others read "Go!"

Police reported clashes with the protesters in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Netanyahu is on trial for fraud, breach of trust and accepting

bribes for his role in a series of scandals, and the demonstrators have staged weekly gatherings for the past four months demanding that he step down. Netanyahu denies the charges and accuses the protesters of being "leftists" and "anarchists."

The marches have also been fueled by the government's response to the pandemic. After appearing to contain the outbreak last spring through a tight lockdown, it reopened the economy quickly and the infection rate soared. The country of 9 million people has one of the highest infection rates in the developed world, and the death toll is approaching 2,000.



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Cardinal Agostino Vallini, left, holds a relic of Carlo Acutis, 15, who died in 2006 of leukemia, during his beatification ceremony celebrated in the St. Francis Basilica in Assisi, Italy, on Saturday.

Beatified Italian teen a step closer to sainthood

Associated Press

ASSISI, Italy — A 15-year-old Italian computer whiz who died of leukemia in 2006 moved a step closer to possible sainthood Saturday with his beatification in the town of Assisi, where he is buried.

Carlo Acutis is the youngest contemporary person to be beatified, a path taken by two Portuguese shepherd children living in the early 1900s who were proclaimed Catholic saints in 2017.

At the beatification ceremony in the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, a portrait of Acutis was slowly unveiled, revealing a smiling teen in a red polo shirt, his

curly dark hair illuminated by a halo of light. Cardinal Agostino Vallini, the papal legate for the Assisi basilicas, kissed each of the boy's mask-wearing parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, after reading the proclamation decreed by Pope Francis.

Already touted as the "patron saint of the internet," Acutis created a website to catalog miracles and took care of websites for some local Catholic organizations. While still in elementary school, Acutis taught himself to code using a university computer science textbook, and then learned how to edit videos and create animation.

Pompeo: 60K Chinese soldiers at India's border

By ANURAG KOTKY
Bloomberg

NEW DELHI — China has deployed tens of thousands of soldiers on India's Northern border, U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo said, in further signs that a deadly standoff between the world's two most populous countries is far from cooling down.

"The Indians are seeing 60,000 Chinese soldiers on their north-

ern border," Pompeo said on Fox News late Friday. Each of the three major Indo-Pacific democracies — India, Australia and Japan — which form the so-called Quad along with the U.S., is under threat from the Chinese Communist Party, Pompeo said, according to a transcript released by the U.S. State Department.

Pompeo also criticized China's response to the coronavirus pan-

demic and its telecommunication infrastructure, and said the country steals intellectual property. President Donald Trump has vowed "to take seriously the threat from General Secretary Xi Jinping and the Chinese Communist Party, and we're no longer going to allow them to run around cost-free and impose their vision for the future upon the West," Pompeo said.

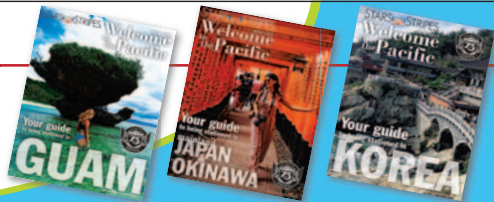
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Australian navy removes unexploded bomb from reef

Associated Press

SYDNEY — Australian navy divers removed an unexploded 45-kilogram bomb on a reef off the southeastern coast and a ship towed it to deeper waters because it posed a "significant risk" to the public.

The bomb was found by a fisherman on Elizabeth Reef near Lord Howe Island, about 340 miles off New South Wales state. He photographed his discovery and reported it to authorities.

Divers aboard the HMAS Adelaide carefully removed the abandoned explosive by floating it to the surface and towing it farther out to sea where it was dropped into 1,800-foot deep waters.

Although there was no date given for the bomb removal, the Australian Department of De-

fense photos were dated Sept. 25.

"That depth is really safe. It's not going to ever get washed back up onto the reef," Senior Marine Parks Officer John Pritchard said. "There's no deep-sea fishing or trawling allowed out there. It's a recreational fishing zone only. The chances of that UXO (unexploded ordnance) ever coming back to the surface is negligible."

The origin of the bomb is not known and divers couldn't estimate its age because of its deterioration, a spokesman for Environment Minister Sussan Ley said.

Bombs of that size were used as long ago as World War I, sometimes dropped from aircraft to target submarines. There were also bombings off the Australian east coast during World War II, Ley said the fisherman and

navy divers had potentially saved lives and one of Australia's most important reefs.

"The device was regarded as live by the navy and the consequences could have been quite frightening," Ley said in a statement on Sunday. "Thankfully the reef's precious ecosystem is safe and most importantly so are future visitors."

Elizabeth Reef is about 100 miles north of World Heritage-listed Lord Howe Island. Along with nearby Middleton Reef, Pritchard said it is the southern-most coral reef platform in the world.

"There's been 125 corals identified there (and) over 300 species of fish," Pritchard said. "It's quite a unique environment and, because it's so far from anywhere, it's relatively untouched."



SGT. JANE SIMS, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY/AP

Leading Seaman Daniel Atkins looks out over Elizabeth Reef in search of unexploded ordnance Sept. 25 on an MRH-90 helicopter from HMAS Adelaide.

Small craft air collision kills 5 in France

PARIS— An ultra-light airplane collided on Saturday with another small plane, killing five people as the two aircraft fell into gardens around a small town in

France.

The collision occurred in the skies above Loches, about 30 miles from Tours, southeast of Paris, according to the mayor, Marc Angenault, who was quoted by the France Bleu radio station.

According to Nadia Seghier,

head of the prefecture, the state authority of the Indre-et-Loire region, the ultra-light plane fell around a home near the town's center without injuring people on the ground. The tourism aircraft, reportedly a four-seat single engine plane, fell into an uninhab-

ited sector.

Two of the dead were in the ultra-light plane and the three others in the other small aircraft. There were no reports of survivors.

About 50 firefighters and 30 gendarmes rushed to the area of

the crash, as well as aviation specialists, the radio station said.

The reason for the collision was not immediately known, and an investigation to determine the cause was opened.

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Boy helps with rescue of grandparents at sea

FL KEY WEST — Authorities are praising an 11-year-old boy for staying calm, assisting them and following directions for more than an hour as his grandparents drifted away from their boat during a Florida Keys excursion.

The Miami Herald reported the three were rescued by police, the U.S. Coast Guard and some commercial fishermen.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office said the boy, Avani Perez, called 911 on a cellphone to report that his grandparents were in the water and drifting away.

The sheriff's office said the family had been boating in Islamorada when the anchor line of their boat became caught in the propeller. The grandfather first went in the water to free the line but began having trouble, then his wife followed and both struggled with the current.

"The whole time we were in the water we were like, we know he's got this," said the grandmother, Kim Harris. "He was raised on a boat."

Early delivery on way to hospital surprises mom

MS OCEAN SPRINGS — An expectant mother in coastal Mississippi was in for a surprise when her baby was born a month ahead of schedule — in her boyfriend's pickup truck.

Precious Stanton told WLOX-TV after her water broke, she and the baby's father left home for Ocean Springs Hospital. Soon after, Stanton realized her baby wasn't wasting any time making his way into the world.

"My body started pushing and that's when I started pushing, and we got up there by Popeye's and his head came out and I was just like 'Is he here? Is he here?' and he came on out," Stanton said.

Jaquarian Robinson Jr. was born healthy at 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Worker in 'dog phobia' case owned dogs

WA OLYMPIA — A meter reader who was attacked by a dog while on duty and collected years of workers' compensation is now accused of stealing the money, the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries said.

Linda Jordan of Cathlamet told the agency the attack gave her such a strong fear of dogs she couldn't work anymore, the agency said.

She's now accused of stealing \$186,000 of workers' compensation money, The Bellingham Herald reported.

Jordan was bitten by a dog while working for the Pacific County Public Utility District in 2007. According to L&I, she filed an injury claim.

An L&I investigator went to Jordan's property and was "greeted by three small French bulldogs" when he arrived and "watched her three large boxers swarm around her," according to L&I.



BEN GARVER, THE (PITTSFIELD, MASS.) BERKSHIRE EAGLE/AP

Time to make the doughnuts

David Jurczak makes apple cider doughnuts at Lakeview Orchard in Lanesborough, Mass. In addition to the doughnuts, the bakery also offers a variety of baked goods including pies and cookies.

Man accused of shining laser at military aircraft

AL OZARK — An Alabama man accused of shining a laser at a military aircraft was arrested following a foot chase in a wooded area near an airfield, authorities said.

The arrest happened after Dale County deputies were called to Cairns Army Airfield about a person shining the laser and a high-powered spotlight into the cockpit of the aircraft, news outlets reported. The suspect pointed the laser as the aircraft was "in the traffic pattern" outside the airfield, said Dale County Chief Deputy Mason Bynum.

Man sentenced 5 years for 'romance scam'

MO ST. LOUIS — A St. Louis man was sentenced to more than five years in federal prison for a "romance scam" that targeted two dozen elderly people, creating severe financial hardship for some of them.

Hammed Akande, 30, pleaded guilty in March to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud.

The U.S. Attorney's office in St. Louis said romance scams involve targeting victims through online dating sites and social media. The criminals pretend to be interested in romantic relationships when the real goal is to get the victims to provide money and merchandise.

Federal prosecutors said Akande's role was to receive money and electronic devices. He would then

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and get it," County Treasurer Maria Pappas said. "This is simply a matter of not knowing." Most of the money comes from \$79 million in double payments, Pappas told WLS-TV. For example, two people in a household may have both paid taxes on the property at the same time without knowing.

forward a portion to Nigerian residents also involved in the scam.

All 24 victims were over the age of 60. Four of the victims had combined losses of nearly \$575,000.

Rare 1924 silver dollar goes unsold at auction

NV LAS VEGAS — A 1794 silver dollar believed to be among the first minted in the U.S., and the most valuable, went unsold during a public auction in Las Vegas.

Legend Auctions chief executive Matthew Bell said offers for the coin dubbed the Flowing Hair Silver Dollar didn't reach a minimum bid and Las Vegas resident Bruce Morelan retained ownership.

Coin collecting experts had thought the Flowing Hair coin could sell for more than the \$10 million Morelan spent to buy it in 2013.

Experts say the coin is one of perhaps 300 original silver dollars that still exist among 1,758 struck in one day at the first U.S. Mint in Philadelphia.

The approximate amount Illinois' Cook County owes in property tax refunds to thousands of residents who had no idea they were due the money, "if people knew that they had this money, then they would

Baby born on island for 1st time in over 90 years

ME ISLESFORD — A mother gave birth to a baby on Maine's Little Cranberry Island for the first time in more than nine decades.

Born two weeks ago, Azalea Belle Gray is the sixth child for Aaron Gray and Erin Fernald Gray in Islesford.

The Bangor Daily News reported that Azalea's great-grandfather, a lifelong lobsterman, had been the most recent baby born in Islesford, in 1927. He died in 2005 at age 77.

Gray said she didn't set out to be the first woman to have a home birth in Islesford since Calvin Coolidge was president. She said she didn't realize how long it'd been since the last island birth.

Man in hospital after police use stun gun

OR FOREST GROVE — A man was in critical condition after Forest Grove police officers used a stun gun on him and he stopped breathing.

Forest Grove police in a news release said officers responded to a report of a man with no shirt on, "running up and down the street with a flag pole," The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Police say James Marshall, 44, was found at a church and was uncooperative, erratic and making threatening moves with the aluminum flag pole.

Officers tried to de-escalate the situation, according to the release. But after officers decided to take Marshall into custody, he assaulted one of them, police said.

According to police, "immediately" after the use of force, officers noticed Marshall "appeared to have stopped breathing." Life-saving efforts were started and he was taken to a hospital.

FBI: Reward still offered for '95 train crash info

AZ PHOENIX — The FBI is reminding the public that a hefty reward remains on the table a quarter-century after someone sabotaged railroad tracks in the Arizona desert, resulting in the deadly derailment of an Amtrak passenger train.

Oct. 9 was the 25th anniversary of the derailment of a Sunset Limited train in a remote area southwest of Phoenix. The train conductor was killed and 100 people hurt.

Rewards offered by the FBI, Amtrak and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office for information leading to arrest and conviction total up to \$310,000.

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OPINION

Not the last white supremacist threat

By KATHLEEN BELEV
Special to The Washington Post

FBI agents have disrupted and stopped what they say was a conspiracy by militia movement members to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat. They discussed arson of her vacation home and other targets and kidnapping her for "trial."
This isn't just a one-off event or the work of a few mad actors — it's part of a rising tide of white power activity, one that poses an imminent danger to American democracy. The Department of Homeland Security's threat assessment report, released last week after a long wait, made that clear: White power movement violence and affiliated extremism is, by far, the greatest terrorist threat to our nation.

Not only does this kind of extremist violence outstrip any violence carried out by what President Donald Trump has referred to as "antifa and the left," but white power violence now also exceeds the threat of radical Islamism terror. The DHS assessment makes clear that "2019 was the most lethal year for extremism in the United States since the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995."

That bombing, the largest deliberate mass casualty on mainland American soil between Pearl Harbor and 9/11, is still not well understood by Americans. People still think of it as the work of lone wolves or a few bad apples. But the Oklahoma City bombing, which killed 168 people — including 19 young children — was the work of the white power movement, a coordinated social network that brought together Klansmen, neo-Nazi, skinheads, militia-men, radical tax resisters, separatists and others in outright war on the federal gov-

ernment. The evidence of the bombing as part of this movement is extensive and irrefutable.

And it encompassed the problem we face now. Twenty-five years later, the threat of white power domestic terrorism is inescapable. Experts agree. Watchdogs agree. White-beltowers agree. Deradicalizers agree. Scholars agree. Everyone, it seems, but the upper echelons of the Trump administration and the most unreachable corners of his base, agree: White power violence has been unleashed.

I studied the earlier white power movement for more than a decade. Now, I'm very concerned that more violence is imminent, and that these ideologies pose a threat to our democracy and to people going through their everyday lives.

The evidence is there, but it's easy to overlook if you don't connect the various alarming details. The attempted kidnapping of Whitmer is linked to the call to arms of the Proud Boys, the underground training of other white power groups, the militias and "boogaloo boys" on the march and the string of mass shooters motivated by this ideology.

In the new Michigan case, the FBI's reports reveal a highly volatile set of plots that included bombings of multiple targets and a coded reference to attempted murder. In white power discourse, kidnapping people for "trial" is often followed by references to lynching. Whitmer might easily have been assassinated by this group.

But again, seeing incidents like this as one-off cases obscures how deep this threat is. So here's just a partial list of violence white power activists have caused or attempted since the early 1980s:

Detonating a nuclear power plant as a bomb. Poisoning the public water supply of a major city with hundreds of gallons of cy-

anide. Stealing military weapons (including antitank weapons) from military posts and armories.

Assassination of political opponents. Assassination of state troopers, federal judges, people who make multicultural television shows, a radio host and FBI agents. Murder of unfaithful women. Murder of people in interracial relationships. Trial and hanging of elected officials, journalists, communists and "racial enemies."

Attempts to steal surface-to-air missiles. Establishment of a cell-state terrorist network. Use of the early Internet to post assassination lists. Theft of land mines from military armories.

Establishment and routine use of paramilitary training camps. Training in urban warfare. Training in field medicine, with a focus on post-atomic survival. Training in killing, using targets with caricatures of racial enemies.

Bombing of gas lines. Bombing of the Hoover Dam. Bombing of bridges. Bombing of synagogues. Bombing of an ethnic studies classroom. Bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building.

On top of these decades of organizing, we now encounter a new urgency among white power activists, who have capitalized upon the Trump administration's many green lights, the anti-mask movement and the social anxieties of pandemic and racial justice protest to launch new campaigns of violence.

This is a movement expressly dedicated to the violent overthrow of the United States and the destruction of democracy and its institutions. We have to stand against it. Read, vote, spread the word. Keep each other safe.

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The debate commission grabbed for too much power

By HUGH HEWITT
Special to The Washington Post

In February 1987, the Democratic and Republican parties announced the creation of a Commission on Presidential Debates, seizing control of the general election debates from the League of Women Voters. "The move provoked a sharp response from the League," Phil Gailey reported in The New York Times, "which announced plans to hold its 1988 debates in the primary and general elections. I think they're trying to steal the debates from the American voters," the league's president, Nancy M. Neuman, said.

But the two great parties did in fact take over the debates, because they could. They nominated the candidates for the nation's highest office. Either they would agree to the ground rules, or there would be no ground rules and no debates.

Yet the original design of the party-controlled general-election debate has slowly morphed from Republican Party-Democratic Party negotiation into something wholly different: a free-standing group of self-appointed, self-important Beltway Brahmins. Slowly but surely, the organization added staff, raised funds, expanded its "mission" and deepened its own sense of entitlement.

What had been a legitimate arrangement whereby the two parties would, every four years, meet and confer, negotiate and deliberate, and decide on the number and design of debates became something wholly else: a bastion of Beltway privilege, with a

little New York representation and media presence tossed in. The table servants became table setters. Last week they made their big move. Without consulting President Donald Trump or former Vice President Joe Biden, the commission simply declared it was changing the rules for the year's second general-election presidential debate: The "Townhall Debate" would be "virtual."

It was inveighed against the commission before, because it is obviously biased to the left, so patently "of, in, by and for" the Beltway, as have been many of its moderators. This is indeed the case with most Washington D.C.-based "institutions," whether it's PBS or the Smithsonian. Give any organization a "national mission" but base it inside the Beltway, and it will serve the Beltway.

Biden is most definitely the Beltway's candidate, and the commission tried Thursday morning to gift him the high ground as it did with Chris Wallace in the first debate. I never suspected that it would grab for the controls in such a naked and frankly vulgar way. The commission's original job was to arrange for the presidential candidates to meet and to agree on details of those meetings. They have gradually accreted power: to pick sites, format and moderators. This was the big grab, however, the play for lasting "independence" and "status." So oblivious to their hubris, they announced their diktat without even a phone call to either candidate.

Outrage was fast to follow, but not as fast as Trump, who announced immediately that no way was he going to pretend either

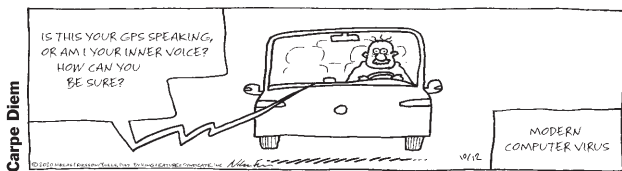
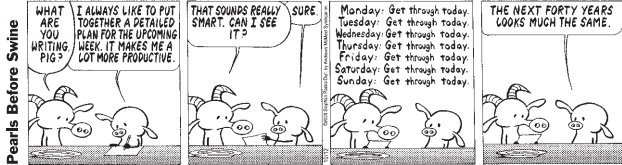
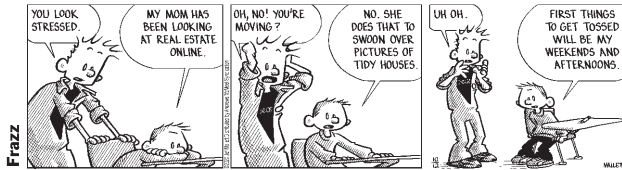
that a format he hadn't agreed to was the format that would be used, or, more importantly by far, that a group of aging grandees of no authority in law or regulation, much less the Constitution, was going to tell the head of state and government when to show up for what event.

The commission was last seen falling back in disarray, and the campaigns were negotiating, again, as was intended, by Tuesday. The Trump debate dates would be moved? I suggest the president name a stage and a date, name his own moderator and invite Biden to join him along with a moderator of the Democratic nominee's choosing. The moderators could alternate questions and leave the men who would be president to talk to each other for 10 minutes at a time. Who knows what would happen? A debate might break out.

But know that the commission is done. Finished. It went too far. It grabbed for too much. It exposed itself as not only far from its original, modest, representational purpose, as well as far from anything resembling nonpartisanship, but also far from the people who run this country: its citizens, organized on the largest scale, into two parties that will now take back their authority — and quickly.

"This election, like no other, has become one of 'The Countryside v. The Capital.'" Good. Thanks to the collective ego and ambition of the commission for clarifying this, its alien.

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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 5 Dead heat
- 8 Purple fruit
- 12 Type of exercise class
- 14 Greek vowel
- 15 Game officials
- 16 Coup d'—
- 17 Football filler
- 18 Sultry singer Kitt
- 20 Rib
- 23 "Mad Money" network
- 24 Rocker — Pop
- 25 Formal tools
- 28 Scott's refusal
- 29 "I I — rich man ..."
- 30 Attorney's profession
- 32 College awards
- 34 "Chicago" actor Richard

DOWN

- 1 Scratch
- 2 Garden
- 3 Canine cry
- 4 "Piece of cake!"
- 5 Level
- 6 Water cooler?
- 7 Perfume ingredients
- 8 14th president
- 9 Politico Trent —
- 10 Hexagonal state
- 11 — Hari
- 13 Party cheese
- 19 "East of Eden" girl
- 20 Can material
- 21 "Zounds!"
- 22 Baseball's Tommie
- 23 Harvest goddess
- 25 At heart
- 26 Power co. supply
- 27 "The Conners" actress Gilbert
- 29 Wee songbird
- 31 Spider's home
- 33 Betty of "How To Marry a Millionaire"
- 34 Pumpkin
- 39 Politico Trent —
- 36 Cast a ballot
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Ethan Hawke on a mission

Actor hopes to educate through limited series about John Brown

By **TIM GREIVING**
Special to The Washington Post

Spittle flies. Ethan Hawke's eyes are a cloudy blue, his teeth crooked, his beard prophetically long and more salt than pepper. He is shouting Old Testament scripture in a quavering, whiskey-growl and pop-quizzing his sons about Bible verses in the thick of a gunfight.

Hawke is John Brown, the violent anti-slavery crusader who collaborated with Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, famously raided the federal armory at Harpers Ferry, Va., and stoked the Civil War. Playing America's abolitionist vigilante in the Showtime limited series "The Good Lord Bird," which premiered Oct. 4, is the role of a lifetime for him — a "giant, greasy, fat, rich turkey leg on Thanksgiving morning," Hawke says. He co-created the show with James McBride, and co-wrote all seven episodes.

Hawke couldn't stop laughing when he read McBride's 2013 novel, which tells Brown's story with some dramatic license and black humor, and felt called to evangelize it — not least because Americans know next to nothing about Brown.

"They might know the word 'Harpers Ferry,'" Hawke says. "But: 'Was that the Revolutionary War?' Oh wait, he was an abolitionist, right? He was a lunatic, right? It's interesting that society thinks a person that took up arms to stop 4 million people from being bought and sold and treated as horribly as African Americans, the criminal way in which they were treated — a person who tries to take up arms to stop that that is not insane. It's the society that's insane."

Brown is one of the most radical transformations in the actor's career, which began 35 years ago. In July 1985, Hawke starred in "Explorers" as a bright-eyed, earnest Ben who travels into space and meets a family of aliens, an encounter he believes will change his life. After auditioning a bunch of "plastic," trained actors, Joe Dante gave this 13-year-old from Texas his first screen role because "he was very endearing, he was very awk-

ward," Dante says. "He was tripping over the wires, and he was really cute."

"Explorers" tanked. Hawke went back to school and back to the real world, feeling like "my dreams were never going to come true, because clearly I'd had the opportunity and I'd blown it."

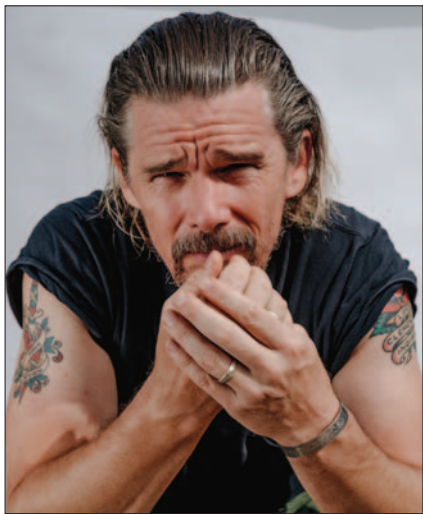
There's something of Ben in many of Hawke's characters through the years — even John Brown — in that he is a true believer who comes face to face with crushing disappointment. Think of his second major role, as the painfully shy Todd in "Dead Poets Society," who comes out of his shell only to lose his roommate and his inspiring teacher. Or the rookie cop in "Training Day," whose idealism is quickly splattered with blood. Or the hopeless romantic Jesse from "Before Sunrise" who, nine years later in the 2004 sequel "Before Sunset," has a family and a best-selling novel and couldn't be more miserable.

Hawke himself is the farthest thing from a bum. He's "excited all the time," according to his old friend and frequent co-star Steve Zahn; he "has a big heart, he forgives, he cares," says his "Before Sunrise" partner Julie Delpy; and he's "always trying to find where he can improve, and he seems to put the art before himself," says Juliette Binoche, who recently played Hawke's wife in "The Truth."

"He's curious, which is not often the case with an actor," says director Peter Weir, who encouraged Hawke to write scenes for his "Dead Poets Society" character and, essentially, become a co-filmmaker. Hawke has brought that collaborative spirit to screen projects ever since — in addition to forming his own theater company, writing novels and directing.

Hawke's successes have come more rapidly as of late. In 2018, he won accolades for playing another Christian extremist: the tormented Father Toller in Paul Schrader's 2018 film "First Reformed."

"I love both these characters," he says, "and this is really emblematic of this period of my life, of exploring these men of intense faith, and how our values can be manifested in our daily life. Because it's really hard. I thought being a grown-up was going to be a lot easier and clearer than it's been. Life is so messy, you know."



MELISSA BUNN ELIEN
For The Washington Post
Ethan Hawke stars as John Brown (shown at left in character) in Showtime's "The Good Lord Bird." Hawke co-created the limited series, and co-wrote all seven episodes. "A person who tries to take up arms to stop [slavery] is not insane. It's the society that's insane," says Hawke of Brown, an abolitionist.

City in Connecticut renaming sewage plant for John Oliver

Associated Press

It's official. Every time residents of Danbury, Conn., flush, they will be sending their special deliveries to the John Oliver Memorial Sewer Plant.

The City Council voted 18-1 on Oct. 8 to rename the sewage plant after the comedian, who began a tongue-in-cheek battle with Danbury when he went on an expletive-filled rant against the city on HBO's "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver" in August.

Mayor Mark Boughton didn't waste any time responding on social media. He posted a video of himself at the sewage plant saying the city was going to name it after Oliver.

"Why?" the Republican mayor asked. "Because it's full of crap just like you, John."

That drew a delighted response from Oliver, but he went off against the city again because Boughton later said he was just joking.

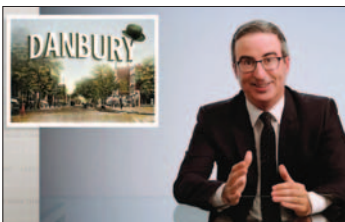
Oliver topped the stakes Aug. 30 by offering to donate \$55,000 to local charities if Danbury actually followed through with renaming the plant.

"I didn't know that I wanted my name on your [expletive] factory but now that you floated it as an option, it is all that I want," Oliver said.

Boughton said Oct. 9 that Oliver's promised donations have helped spur local fundraising efforts for area food banks that could end up collecting a few hundred thousand dollars. The mayor added he will be offering tours of the sewer plant for \$500 donations to local food pantries.

"I think it's been a home run. It's been a lot of fun," Boughton said of the spat. "If I can put food on people's table for Thanksgiving by naming a sewer plant after a very popular comedian, we'll do it all day long."

Oliver also offered to provide the new sign for the plant that includes his name, as well as attend the ribbon-cutting, Boughton said. A timeline has not been finalized.



This video frame grab shows John Oliver from his "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver" program on Aug. 30 on HBO. After an expletive-filled rant by the comedian about Danbury, Conn., the city council voted to rename the sewage plant after Oliver.

Broadway shutdown extended to May 30

Fans of Broadway will have to wait a little longer for shows to resume — until at least late May.

Although an exact date for various performances to resume has yet to be determined, Broadway producers are now offering refunds and exchanges for tickets purchased for shows through May 30.

Broadway theaters abruptly closed on March 12, knocking out all shows — including 16 that were still scheduled to open. Producers, citing health and city authorities, previously extended the shutdown to June 7, then again to Sept. 6 and again to Jan. 3.

The new timeframe may complicate shows that had planned to open in the spring, including "MJ," "The Music Man," "Flying Over Sunset," "Caroline or Change," "Plaza Suite," "American Buffalo" and "The Minutes."

In London, producer Cameron Mackintosh has said his company's West End productions of "Hamilton," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Mary Poppins" and "Les Misérables" won't reopen until 2021 due to the pandemic.

Other news

■ The Pixar film "Soul" will skip theaters and instead premiere on Disney+ on Christmas, the Walt Disney Co. announced Oct. 8. "Soul" will be available to subscribers on the streaming service at no further charge.

■ American poet **Louise Glück** won the Nobel Prize in Literature on Oct. 8 for her "candid and uncompromising" work, which looks unflinchingly and with humor at loss and trauma, especially in family life. Very few American poets have received the prize, which has been dominated by novelists since the first award in 1901.

■ Model and activist **Emily Ratajkowski** has a book deal. Ratajkowski is working on an essay collection called "My Body." Metropolitan Books will publish it in 2022. According to Metropolitan, Ratajkowski will explore "what it means to be a woman and a commodity," how men treat women and why women permit it.

■ Los Angeles prosecutors on Oct. 8 charged rapper **Tory Lanez** with shooting artist Megan Thee Stallion during an argument July 12. He faces two felony charges — assault with a semiautomatic firearm and carrying a loaded, unregistered firearm in a vehicle. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of roughly 23 years.

■ Nominations for this year's **Tony Awards** have been set for Oct. 15, pitting 18 eligible shows in competition for 26 competitive categories in a coronavirus-shortened season. No date was announced for the awards show.

SCOREBOARD

Sports on TV

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Pro soccer

MLS

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	10	2	4	34	27	16
Columbus Crew	9	3	4	31	23	13
Philadelphia Union	9	3	4	30	26	16
Orlando City	8	5	2	26	20	16
New York Red Bulls	8	5	2	26	22	13
New York	8	2	20	21	13	13
Nashville	6	8	2	20	24	30
Atlanta	6	8	2	20	20	17
Montreal Impact	4	8	6	18	11	14
Chicago	4	8	6	18	20	25
Inter Miami CF	3	9	4	13	26	28
Cincinnati	3	9	4	13	26	28
D.C. United	1	8	3	6	15	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	9	3	3	30	14	14
Portland	8	4	4	27	27	21
Portland Timbers	8	4	4	27	27	21
Minnesota United	6	4	3	25	21	21
Los Angeles FC	6	4	3	25	21	21
FC Dallas	5	4	4	21	27	20
Colorado	5	4	4	21	17	20
Houston	4	4	4	19	24	26
Real Salt Lake	4	4	4	19	24	26
Vancouver	5	11	0	15	37	37
LA Galaxy	3	8	3	15	20	20

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Miami 1, Houston 0
 New York 1, Atlanta 0
 LA Galaxy at Colorado ppd.
 Vancouver vs. Real Salt Lake 1
Sunday's games
 New England at New York City FC
 Seattle at Los Angeles FC
 D.C. United at Chicago
 Toronto FC at Cincinnati
 Columbus at Orlando City
 Philadelphia at Philadelphia
 Nashville at Sporting Kansas City
 Minnesota at FC Dallas
 San Jose at Portland
Wednesday's games
 Columbus at Cincinnati
 New England at Montreal
 New York City FC at Orlando City
 New York at Toronto FC
 Philadelphia at D.C. United
 Nashville at Houston
 Atlanta at Miami
 Chicago at Minnesota
 Sporting Kansas City at FC Dallas
 Portland at Real Salt Lake
 Colorado at Seattle
 Los Angeles FC at Vancouver
 San Jose at LA Galaxy

NWSL

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	3	1	0	9	12	7
Portland	2	0	1	7	8	7
Washington	2	0	1	7	8	7
Chicago	1	1	1	4	6	4
North Carolina	1	1	0	3	4	4
San Jose	1	2	0	3	4	4
Seattle	0	1	1	1	3	6
Orlando	0	2	1	1	3	6
Bay Area	0	2	1	1	3	6

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday's game

Houston 2, Orlando 1

Saturday's games

San Jose vs. Chicago 1
 San Jose vs. Chicago 1
 Portland 2, Reign FC 1
SUNDAY GAMES, Oct. 17
 North Carolina at Orlando
 LA Galaxy at Reign FC

Deals

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
 American League
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- (1) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 68, 50.
- (3) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 68, 43.
- (16) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 68, 49.
- (5) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 68, 46.
- (11) Austin Cindric, Ford, 38.
- (38) Cody Ross, Ford, 68, 30.
- (8) Jade Buford, Chevrolet, 68, 30.
- (14) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 68, 28.

28. (4) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 68, 27.

11. (26) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 68, 27.

(12) Riley Herbst, Toyota, 68, 25.

(32) Josh Bilz, Toyota, 68, 24.

(10) Matt Crafton, Chevrolet, 68, 23.

(13) Joe Graf Jr., Chevrolet, 68, 22.

(16) Ryan Yermey, Chevrolet, 68, 22.

(18) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 68, 29.

(19) Jimmy Hill, Toyota, 68, 26.

(20) Kody Vandervall, Chevrolet, 68, 21.

(6) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 68, 16.

(22) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 68, 15.

(23) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 68, 13.

(28) Stephen Leicht, Toyota, 68, 13.

(23) Matt Mills, Toyota, 67, 12.

(7) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, accident, 40.

(17) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 63, 10.

(23) Gary Gauding, Chevrolet, electrical, 60, 0.

(23) McLaughlin, Toyota, 54, 8.

(37) Jesse Little, Chevrolet, engine, 48, 7.

(21) Zach Grala, Chevrolet, suspension, 44, 16.

(30) Preston Pardus, Chevrolet, ignition, 36, 0.

(3) Harrison Burton, Toyota, transmission, 36, 0.

(15) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, accident, 36, 0.

(2) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, accident, 34, 0.

(27) Austin Hill, Toyota, accident, 13, 0.

(35) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, accident, 13, 1.

(19) Brett Moffitt, Chevrolet, accident, 2, 0.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 58.042 mph.

Time of Race: 2 hours, 43 minutes, 5 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 0.446 seconds.

Cautions: 14 among 24 laps.

Lead Changes: 14 among 5 drivers.

Lap Leaders: N.Gragson 7; J.Haley 14; J.Haley 5; C.Briscoe 35; A.Allmendinger 51; C.Briscoe 56-60; A.Allmendinger 61-63; C.Briscoe 64; A.Allmendinger 65-66.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led)

AJ Allmendinger, 4 times for 16 laps; Noah Gragson, 4 times for 12 laps; Daniel Hemric, 1 time for 4 laps; Chase Briscoe, 1 time for 1 lap; Kody Vandervall, 1 time for 1 lap; Chase Briscoe, 8; AJ Allmendinger, 5; Daniel Hemric, 4; Matt Crafton, 2; N.Gragson, 2; H.Burton, 2; A.Allmendinger, 2.

Top 16 in Points:

- C.Briscoe, 306.3
- AJ Allmendinger, 303.0
- N.Gragson, 302.5
- J.Haley, 302.3
- Chase Briscoe, 302.7
- R.Chastain, 301.0
- R.Sieg, 300.8
- H.Burton, 295.8
- B.Jones, 295.1
- M.Annett, 296.1
- R.Herbst, 296.0
- J.Clements, 297.4
- W.Lalabe, 294.3
- D.Hemric, 298.1
- Williams, 298.0

Golf

Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

Saturday

At Las Vegas

Purse: \$7 million

Yardage: 7,431 Par: 72

Third Round

Marlin Laird	65-63=55=193	-20
Patrick Cantlay	63-65=55=193	-20
Matthew Wolff	63-65=55=193	-20
Wyndham Clark	67-63=55=193	-18
Brian Harman	65-63=57=195	-18
Austin Cook	65-63=57=195	-18
Will Zalatoris	68-64=64=197	-17
Cameron Tringale	66-66=64=197	-16
Adam Hadwin	67-63=66=197	-16
Si Woo Kim	67-63=66=197	-16
Abraham Ancer	66-66=66=197	-16
Harold Hargrett	63-68=66=197	-16
James Hahn	64-66=66=197	-14
Brandt Snedeker	67-68=63=198	-15
Matthew NeSmith	66-68=64=198	-15
Josiah Bremitt	66-68=64=198	-15
Michael Gilch	65-67=66=198	-15
Cameron Tringale	66-66=66=198	-15
John Huh	69-66=64=199	-14
Tom Lewis	67-67=65=199	-14
Peter Malnati	67-66=66=199	-14
Cameron Smith	67-66=66=199	-14
Justin Suh	67-66=66=199	-14
J.T. Poston	67-66=66=199	-14
Andrew Landry	64-68=66=199	-14
Justin Suh	65-68=66=199	-14
Sungjae Im	67-63=69=199	-14
Peter Malnati	66-66=66=199	-14
Nate Lashley	63-67=69=199	-14
Justin Suh	64-67=69=199	-14
Bob Opperheim	66-71=65=200	-13
Patton Kizzire	67-68=65=200	-13
Webb Simpson	67-68=65=200	-13
Russell Henne	67-66=66=200	-13
Scott Piercy	68-65=67=200	-13
Charles Howell III	69-64=67=200	-13
Justin Suh	67-67=66=200	-13
Bryson DeChambeau	62-67=71=200	-13

SAS Championship

PGA Tour Champions

Saturday

At Cary, N.C.

Purse: \$2.1 million

Yardage: 7,137 Par: 72

Second Round

Darren Clarke	69-66=135	-9
Tommy Fleetwood	69-66=135	-9
Woods Young	66-69=135	-9
Vicky Singh	70-67=136	-8
David Tom	69-67=136	-8
Robert Karlsson	69-67=136	-8
Tim Herron	70-68=137	-7
Jim Furyk	70-68=137	-7
Robert Karlsson	70-68=137	-7
Cameron Beckman	70-68=138	-6
Tommy Fleetwood	68-70=138	-6
Kirk Triplett	68-70=138	-6
Tommy Fleetwood	68-70=138	-6
Kerry Kelly	72-67=139	-5
Lee Janzen	72-67=139	-5
Nicky Price	72-67=139	-5
Wes Shortz	71-68=139	-5
Robert Karlsson	72-67=139	-5
Kenny Perry	70-69=139	-5
Marco Dawson	68-71=139	-5

KPMG Championship

Saturday

At Newtown Square, Pa.

Purse: \$4.3 million

Yardage: 6,831 Par: 70

Third Round

Sei Young Kim	71-65=67=203	-7
Brokee M. Henderson	71-69=65=205	-5
Justin Suh	71-69=65=205	-5
Inbee Park	70-68=66=206	-4
Chunheon Kang	70-68=66=206	-4
Mina Harigae	74-66=66=208	-2
Gaby Lopez	68-69=71=208	-2
Carlo Porta Cupcho	68-71=71=208	-2
Chunheon Kang	70-69=69=210	-1
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	72-69=71=210	E
Chunheon Kang	72-69=71=210	E
Chunheon Kang	72-69=71=210	E
Kelly Tan	68-71=72=210	E
Danielle Kang	69-71=72=210	E



Left wing Taylor Hall is among the headliners of a talented free agent class, but Hall is still unsigned as teams make other moves.

Teams not waiting for free agents

BY STEPHEN WHYNO

Associated Press

NFL/FRENCH OPEN

Broncos-Patriots game postponed indefinitely

Titans close facility again after staff member tests positive; game against Bills uncertain

By **BARRY WILNER** and **TERESA M. WALKER**
Associated Press

The NFL has postponed the Denver-New England game indefinitely due to another positive coronavirus test with the Patriots.

That game, originally scheduled for Sunday, had been moved to Monday night.

A person familiar with the situation says the Patriots have closed their facility again after the positive test result, while the Tennessee Titans announced they closed their facility Sunday morning after a staff member tested positive. The latest result also endangers the Titans' game with Buffalo (4-0) set for Tuesday night after it was moved from Sunday. Six games have been moved already as the league is in its fifth week of the schedule.

There were no other positive COVID-19 tests Sunday.

The NFL rescheduled New England's game for a second straight week after reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year Stephon Gilmore tested positive. This latest positive result puts their outlook at four, according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither team announced the latest results.

Broncos coach Vic Fangio, in a memorable take on the outbreaks in the league, noted on a Zoom call that what is occurring with the Titans and Patriots could happen to anyone.

"But my message to them and to anybody is we were inconvenienced by this," he said, "but it's very easily could have been flipped around to where we had the positive tests and the Patriots were inconvenienced by it. So, I'm happy that the positive tests weren't in our building."

"But I'm under no illusion that at some point we might have a positive test or two and be the

cause of a game getting moved down the road. So, we're all in this together, the entire league is.

"And in a weird way, I'm kind of happy to see some of this stuff happen because you see who the winners are ... and who can't handle adversity. And I'm going to try hard that the Denver Broncos don't fall into any of those categories."

Fangio added that the NFL is considering several scenarios for when the Broncos will play New England.

The Titans last played Sept. 27 because of an outbreak that has now reached 24. They've already had a game with Pittsburgh first postponed, then rescheduled to Oct. 25. They sent out a statement saying they learned a staff member tested positive.

"We have temporarily closed our facility and are in communication with the league on the next steps," the Titans said.

The Bears also had an issue, moving offensive lineman Darius Traore from their practice squad to the reserve/COVID-19 list on Saturday.

Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill addressed the uncertainty of the situation on Saturday.

"It was a roller coaster for sure," he said. "Definitely the fact that we had guys with no symptoms testing positive and we had guys with full-blown symptoms getting consecutive negative tests on multiple days was really eye opening. Just the fact of we really don't know."

"So, we have to treat everyone as if they have the virus. Unfortunately, really probably lost some faith in the testing system just through everything we've been through over the past week and a half. But we said that from the beginning, that testing is not going to prevent the virus from being spread, it's the way we handle ourselves with all the protocols and handle ourselves outside the building as well."



STEVEN SENNE/AP

The NFL has postponed the Denver Broncos-New England Patriots game due to another positive coronavirus test with the Patriots.

NFL scoreboard

NFL						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East			Pct PF PA			
W	L	T				
Buffalo	4	0	0	1.000	123	100
New England	2	0	0	.500	57	92
Miami	1	3	0	.250	93	96
N.Y. Jets	0	4	0	.000	55	131
South						
Tennessee	3	0	0	1.000	80	74
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.750	103	96
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	95	117
Houston	1	4	0	.200	80	126
North						
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1.000	90	58
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	122	73
Cleveland	2	1	0	.750	124	126
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.750	99	97
West						
Kansas City	4	0	0	1.000	117	70
Las Vegas	2	2	0	.500	111	120
Denver	2	2	0	.500	92	98
L.A. Chargers	3	0	0	.750	83	95

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East			Pct PF PA			
W	L	T				
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	126	146
Dallas	1	3	0	.250	95	112
Washington	1	3	0	.250	95	112
N.Y. Giants	0	4	0	.000	47	96
South						
Tampa Bay	3	0	0	.500	139	112
Carolina	2	2	0	.500	109	102
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	123	123
Atlanta	0	4	0	.000	106	138
West						
Green Bay	4	0	0	1.000	152	101
Chicago	4	1	0	.800	105	107
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	123	123
Minnesota	1	4	0	.250	105	125
West						
Seattle	4	0	0	1.000	142	109
Los Angeles	3	1	0	.750	102	98
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	98	92
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	107	71

Thursday's game
Chicago 20, Tampa Bay 19
Sunday's games
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
Carolina at Atlanta
Las Vegas at Kansas City
Houston at Pittsburgh
Arizona at N.Y. Jets
Washington at New Orleans
Miami at San Francisco
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia
Seattle at Cleveland
Minnesota at Indianapolis

Monday's games
Denver at New England, ppd
Washington at New Orleans
Tuesday's game
Buffalo at Tennessee
Open; Detroit, Green Bay, Denver, New England
Thursday, Oct. 15
Kansas City at Buffalo
Sunday, Oct. 18
Houston at Tennessee
Washington at N.Y. Giants
Cincinnati at Indianapolis
Atlanta at Minnesota
Chicago at Carolina
Detroit at Jacksonville
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Baltimore at Philadelphia
Miami at Denver
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Chargers
Green Bay at Tampa Bay
L.A. Rams at San Francisco
Monday, Oct. 19
Arizona at Tennessee
Open: Las Vegas, New Orleans, Seattle

NFL injury report
NEW YORK — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (DNP: did not practice; LIMITED: limited participation; FULL: Full participation; SAINTS):

MONDAY
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — CHARGERS: PRactice Not Complete. SAINTS: DNP: CB Justin Hardie (hamstring), WR Deonte Harris (hamstring), CB Janoris Jenkins (shoulder), LB LIMITED: WR Coby Ford (Coby Ford De Marcus Davenport (toe), DE Troy Hendrickson (groin), S Malcolm Jenkins (knee), CB Marshon Lattimore (hamstring), G Andrew Pet (ankle), T Ryan Tannezyk (concussion), WR Michael Thomas (ankle).

TUESDAY
BUFFALO BILLS at TENNESSEE TITANS — Bills: DNP: LB Malcom (pectoral), WR Andre Roberts (ankle), CB Tre Baylour, White (back), G Brian Winters (knee). LIMITED: WR John Brown (calf), G Coby Ford (N.Y. Jets at L.A. Chargers Groin), DE Jake Fromm (not injury related), RB Jack Moses (toe). FULL: QB Josh Allen (left shoulder), WR Cole Beasley (toe), LB Shawn Phillips (quadripec), TITANS: LIMITED: WR A.J. Brown (knee), FULL: CB Malcolm Butler (quadripec), LB Derrick Clowney (knee), RB Darrius Evans (hamstring), CB Chris Jackson (hamstring), T Taylor Lewan (shoulder).



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates winning the final match of the French Open Sunday against Serbia's Novak Djokovic in three sets, 6-0, 6-2, 7-5, at Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

Nadal ties Federer with 20 Slam titles

By **HOWARD FENDRICH** and **JOHN LEICESTER**
Associated Press

PARIS — For years, Rafael Nadal pursued, and achieved, greatness at the French Open and other major tournaments. He never made a big deal out of his trophy total or the way he kept gaining on rival Roger Federer in the Grand Slam standings.

Now, thanks to a flawless performance against Novak Djokovic in the final at Roland Garros on Sunday, Nadal is finally there — tied with Federer at 20 major singles championships, more than any other man in tennis history.

Adding to his own French Open record with trophy No. 13, Nadal delivered a remarkably dominant 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 victory over the No. 1-ranked Djokovic.

"He keeps going. No holding him back, it seems like. It's amazing, I mean, I admire all his achievements," said Djokovic, who had won his last five Grand Slam titles. "There's not much you can say. All the superlatives you can use, he deserves them."

When Nadal ended it with an ace, he dropped to his knees, smiled widely and pumped his arms. It's the fourth time he's won this tournament without ceding a set.

"The love story that I have with this city, and with this court, is unforgettable," Nadal said.

He deflected a question during the on-court, post-match interview about catching Federer, who is 39 and sat out the U.S. Open and French Open after having two operations on his right knee.

"(To) win here means everything to me, no? It's not the moment, honestly ... (to) think today about the 20th," Nadal said. "Roland Garros means everything to me. I spent here, the most important moments — or most of the most important moments — in my tennis career, no doubt about that."

About an hour after the match ended, Federer posted a congratulatory message on Instagram.

"I have always had the utmost respect for my friend Rafa as a person and as a champion. As my greatest rival over many years, I believe we have pushed each

other to become better players," Federer began, ending with: "I hope 20 is just another step in the continuing journey for both of us. Well done, Rafa. You deserve it."

Nadal, No. 2 in the rankings, improved to 100-2 at the French Open, including a combined 26-0 in semifinals and finals, and picked up his fourth consecutive title in Paris. The 34-year-old left-hander from Spain previously put together streaks of four French Open championships from 2005-08, then five in a row from 2010-14, to go alongside his four trophies at the U.S. Open, two at Wimbledon and one at the Australian Open.

Nadal is now even with Federer for the first time since each man had zero Slams in 2003. Federer first arrived at Wimbledon as the year; Nadal, naturally, earned his first in France in 2005, by which point he trailed 4-0.

Djokovic's loss left him at 17 majors; had he won, the trio's standings would have read 20-19-18. "It's honestly a pleasure — in some ways, it's a pleasure — sharing this great era of tennis together," Nadal said. "On the other hand, (there) have been tough battles for a long time."

This was the 56th installment of Nadal vs. Djokovic, the most meetings between any pair of men in the professional era, and their ninth in a Grand Slam final, matching Nadal vs. Federer for the most.

Djokovic had won 14 of the last 18 matchups against Nadal, and led 29-26 overall, including a 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 win at the 2019 Australian Open final.

Nadal allowed Djokovic one fewer game than Federer. "In Australia, he killed me ... Today was for me," Nadal said. "That's part of the game." The key statistic Sunday: Nadal limited his unforged errors to 14 across 183 points, too impressive against anyone, but especially someone of the caliber of Djokovic, who accumulated 52.

"He did surprise me with the way he was playing, the quality of tennis he was producing, the level," Djokovic said. "I mean, he's phenomenal. He played a person of the caliber of Djokovic, who accumulated 52."

NBA PLAYOFFS/MLB PLAYOFFS



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Members of the Los Angeles Lakers and Miami Heat listen during the national anthem before Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals Friday in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Analysis

Learning beyond the bubble

NBA's isolation zone lessons should endure beyond the league's Finals

By IRA WINDERMAN
Sun Sentinel

There came a point where there no longer could be questions about the legitimacy of the NBA's bubble setting at Disney World and the value of the results produced to this stage.

That point came when Nate McMillan, Brett Brown and Doc Rivers were fired.

Because you can't have it both ways. You can't say that the neutral courts, the absence of fans, the quarantine hotel life for weeks on end make it less than valid — and then dismiss respected coaches based on the results.

Basketball in a bubble has proven to be very real, highly competitive, a made-for-television production that has managed to make the game the centerpiece.

It was early in the process when one of the network announcers, during a private moment, confided that seeing the bubble through to its completion would go up there on Adam Silver's resume with the commissioner running disgraced former Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald T. Sterling out of the game.

It started in a perfect storm, COVID-19 on one side, the growing alarm of systemic racism on the other. Both have been addressed with concern for both players and product.

It has been these games wrapped in the bubble that introduced us to Michael Porter Jr. and Luguentz Dort, reintroduced us to Jusuf Nurkic and T.J. Warren, reinforced the trust in the passion of Fred VanVleet, Marcus Smart, Luka Doncic, Devin Booker and, yes, very much, Jimmy Butler.

There also have been innovations, byproducts of the fresh thinking, that, if feasible, deserve

NBA playoffs

NBA Finals
At Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)
L.A. Lakers 3, Miami 1
L.A. Lakers 124, Miami 114
Miami 115, L.A. Lakers 104
L.A. Lakers 102, Miami 96
Miami 111, L.A. Lakers 108
Sunday: Game 6
x-Tuesday: Game 7 (AFN-Sports, 3 a.m. Wednesday CET; 10 a.m. Wednesday JKT)

to endure.

■ The play-in round created meaning until the final day of the regular season for practically the entire Western Conference, making the Phoenix Suns, San Antonio Spurs, Portland Trail Blazers and Sacramento Kings feel alive at a time when they otherwise could have contemplated hoarding of Ping-Pong balls.

■ The layout of the courts, with plenty of runoff areas behind the baselines have had players, driving harder, diving harder and dashing back faster, without the fear and reality of crashing into spectators or cameramen who long had seemed too close for comfort.

■ The wider buffers along sidelines, have allowed officials to officiate, without concern of block/charge with court-side servers.

■ Audio of referee conversations with the scoring table, so at least you knew they those infernal replays were deemed necessary, with the bonus of real-time clarification.

Granted, the NBA is not going to displace front-row patrons "Sorry, Jack, you can't handle the truth" — but at least there is the recognition of greater safety

potential.

There also has been another unspoken truth in the way the resumption was handled: The crappy teams weren't invited. There was no need to have to witness the incompetence of the New York Knicks, mediocrity of the Charlotte Hornets, indifference to a gap season by the Golden State Warriors. Think about it, three months without a meaningful matchup.

Most of all, there have been the lessons from the very reason that the bubble was established, of social distancing, mask safety, rapid testing and the type of basic hygiene that should not require a pandemic to be put in place.

And soon the next challenge will immediately be put into place: Find a way to do it again.

In the lane

NBA Executive of the Year tends to be viewed as a secondary award, one that comes without tangible metrics, the lone official NBA award voted upon by the candidates themselves. This past week, the 2020 version went to Los Angeles Clippers President Lawrence Frank, with the league noting, "the voting was conducted based on regular-season games played through March 11," so as not to deny opportunity for teams not invited to the restart. In fact, if any award should include the postseason, this is it. Because for all the Clippers did in adding Kawhi Leonard and Paul George, all it got them was a second-round ouster and renewed questions about chemistry. Runner-up Sam Presti, of the Oklahoma City Thunder, by contrast flipped a declining Russell Westbrook and George into a renewed future for his franchise.

Shaky: Jansen hasn't been the same pitcher

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had the same control that is so important in crucial situations. In Game 2 of the NL Division Series on Wednesday night, Jansen needed 30 pitches to get two outs and gave up two runs without being able to finish the game. Joe Kelly then walked two batters to lead the bases before getting the final out of a 6-5 victory.

After averaging 93-94 mph earlier this season, the 33-year-old Jansen rarely got above 90 mph on those 30 pitches. While there were 11 pitches of at least 90 mph, only three of them above 92 mph.

"With Kenley, I think that regardless of velocity, when he's executing, making quality pitches, he's as good as anybody," Roberts said. "But then when you start not executing and missing to the big part of the plate, then it's not as good. That's something we're constantly trying to figure out."

Jansen got the last two outs in a 5-1 in Game 1 against the Padres. But that was a non-save situation like five of his last six appearances in the regular season, though he did get a save when getting the Dodgers out of a bases-loaded jam in the wild-card round against Milwaukee.

Because of pitching the previous two nights, Jansen wasn't expected to be available for Game 3 of the NLDS. But there was no need for a closer in what turned out to be a series-clinching 12-3 victory Thursday night.

While Jansen hasn't been made available recently to talk to reporters, catch partner and locker mate Kelly said Jansen is handling the situation well.

"Obviously he doesn't like un-

MLB playoffs

Playoffs
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)
American League
Houston vs. Tampa Bay
At San Diego
Sunday: Game 1
Monday: Game 2
Tuesday: Game 3, Tampa Bay (TBO) vs. Houston (TBO), AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.
Tuesday CET; 5 a.m. Wednesday JKT
Wednesday: Game 4
x-Thursday: Game 5
x-Friday, Oct. 16: Game 6
x-Saturday, Oct. 17: Game 7
National League
L.A. Dodgers vs. Atlanta
At Arlington, Texas
Monday: Game 1
Tuesday: Game 2, Atlanta (Anderson 3-2) vs. L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 6-2), AFN-Sports, 3 a.m. Tuesday CET; 9 a.m. Tuesday JKT
Wednesday: Game 3, L.A. Dodgers (TBO) vs. Atlanta (Wright 2-4)
Thursday: Game 4
x-Friday, Oct. 16: Game 5
x-Saturday, Oct. 17: Game 6
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x-Sunday, Oct. 18: Game 7

derperforming, but he's a mentally tough guy," Kelly said. "It's not like he's sitting around at his locker putting. He's fine.... It's not like he's going to be like, 'Hey, I'm not going to pitch if I don't pitch the ninth.' He's good a teammate, and he's taking it like a man, and he knows he hasn't thrown his best, but whenever we need him, he's going to right there for us."

The Dodgers' primary closer since 2012, Jansen is the team's career leader with 312 saves and 935 strikeouts for a reliever. He has pitched in a team-record 44 postseason games with 17 saves.

Jansen converted 10 of his first 11 save opportunities this season, even after arriving late to camp because of a positive COVID-19 test.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Top 25 takeaways

Orgeron star-turn may be short-lived

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

The comment from LSU coach Ed Orgeron understandably drew a fair amount of attention.

A little more than a week before the start of the Southeastern Conference season, Orgeron was talking about his new defensive coordinator, former Nebraska coach Bo Pelini.

"We are so much better on defense right now than any part of the season last year," Orgeron said then.

Three weeks into this season, results show otherwise. It has become abundantly clear the Tigers won't be defending their national championship and Orgeron's start- turn might be short-lived.

LSU, 17th-ranked, fell to 1-2, upset for the second time this season by an SEC underdog. First it was Mississippi State. On Saturday, it was Missouri, playing with a freshman quarterback and missing both its starting receivers, that tore up the Bayou Bengals, 45-41.

"We couldn't stop anybody. Really poor showing on defense," Orgeron said.

A goal-line stand by Mizzou sealed the thrilling upset and first victory for new coach Eli Drinkwitz. But the story was LSU's collapse.

The defense that opened the season by allowing an SEC-record 623 passing to Mississippi



L.G. PATTERSON/AP

LSU quarterback Myles Brennan walks off as Missouri celebrates the final seconds of its 45-41 win Saturday in Columbia, Mo.

State in coach Mike Leach's debut, permitted 586 total yards to Missouri. Those Tigers came in averaging 333 per game.

And it wasn't just the passing of Connor Bazelak (29-for-34 for 406 yards and four TDs) that flummoxed LSU. Missouri also ran for

180 and 5.5 yards per carry. "We have to coach better, No. 1. It starts with me," said Orgeron, who defended Pelini. "Players have to make plays. We couldn't stop the run, receivers wide open during the field. It was embarrassing. We have to get it fixed."

Scoreboard

AP Top 25 Fared

No. 1 Clemson (4-0) beat No. 7 Miami (42-17). Next: at Georgia Tech, Saturday.
No. 2 Alabama (3-0) beat Mississippi (63-48). Next: vs. No. 3 Georgia, Saturday.
No. 3 Georgia (3-0) beat No. 14 Tennessee (44-21). Next: at No. 2 Alabama, Saturday.
No. 5 Florida (2-1) lost to No. 21 Texas A&M (41-38). Next: vs. No. 17 LSU, Saturday.
No. 6 Notre Dame (3-0) beat Florida State (42-26). Next: vs. Louisville, Saturday.
No. 8 Ohio State (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday, Oct. 24.
No. 9 Miami (2-1) lost to No. 1 Clemson (42-17). Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday.
No. 9 North Carolina (3-0) beat No. 19 Virginia Tech (56-45). Next: at Florida State, Saturday.
No. 9 Penn State (0-0) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Saturday, Oct. 24.
No. 10 Oklahoma State (3-0) did not play. Next: at Baylor, Saturday, Oct. 24.
No. 11 Cincinnati (3-0) did not play. Next: at Tulsa, Saturday.
No. 12 Oregon (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Stanford, Saturday, Nov. 7.
No. 13 Auburn (2-1) beat Arkansas (30-28). Next: at South Carolina, Saturday.
No. 14 Tennessee (2-1) lost to No. 3 Georgia (44-21). Next: vs. Kentucky, Saturday.
No. 15 BYU (4-0) beat UTSA (27-20). Next: at Houston, Friday, Oct. 16.
No. 16 Wisconsin (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday, Oct. 24.
No. 17 LSU (1-2) lost to Missouri (45-41). Next: at No. 16 Wisconsin, Saturday.
No. 18 SMU (4-0) did not play. Next: at Tulane, Friday, Oct. 16.
No. 19 Virginia Tech (2-1) lost to No. 8 North Carolina (56-45). Next: vs. Boston College, Saturday.
No. 20 Michigan (0-0) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Minnesota, Saturday, Oct. 24.
No. 21 Texas A&M (2-1) beat No. 4 Florida (41-38). Next: at Mississippi State, Saturday.
No. 22 Texas (2-2) lost to Oklahoma (53-45, 40T). Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday, Oct. 24.
No. 23 Louisiana-Lafayette (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Coastal Carolina, Wednesday, Oct. 14.
No. 24 Iowa State (3-1) beat Texas Tech (31-15). Next: at No. 10 Oklahoma State, Saturday.
No. 25 Minnesota (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Michigan, Saturday, Oct. 24.

Saturday's scores

EAST
Army 14, The Citadel 9
Boston College 31, Pittsburgh 30, OT
Duke 38, Syracuse 28
Navy 31, Temple 29

SOUTH
Alabama 63, Mississippi 48
Auburn 30, Arkansas 28
Clemson 42, Miami 17
East Carolina 44, South Florida 24
Georgia 40, LSU 15
Jacksonville St. 35, Mercer 28
Kentucky 24, Mississippi St. 2
Liberty 49, Louisiana-Monroe 7
Louisiana Tech 21, UTEP 17
North Carolina 56, Virginia Tech 45
Middle Tennessee 31, FIU 28
NC State 38, Virginia 21
North Carolina A&T 14
South Carolina 41, Vanderbilt 7
Troy 37, Texas Tech 15

MIDWEST
Iowa St. 21, Missouri 15
Missouri 45, LSU 41
Notre Dame 42, Florida St. 26

WEST
Arkansas St. 50, Cent. Arkansas 27
Charlotte 59, North Texas 21
Kansas St. 21, TCU 14
Washington 45, AOT
Texas A&M 41, Florida 38

FAR WEST
BYU 27, UTSA 20

Army escapes upset bid by winless Citadel

Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Sophomore Jemel Jones ran for a score and threw for another and Army defeated The Citadel 14-9 on Saturday for the Black Knights' sixth straight home win.

Jones finished a 14-play, 62-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown run near the end of the third quarter for a 14-3 lead. Just before halftime, he threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Keikan Donaldson for a 7-3 Black Knights (4-1) advantage with 2:57 before halftime.

On the Bulldogs' (0-4) following drive, Brandon Rainey completed a 50-yard pass to Raleigh Webb to put the ball at Army's 29-yard line. On the following play, however, Cedrick Cunningham Jr. intercepted Rainey at the 3-yard line to end the threat.

The Bulldogs tried to make a game of it when Jay Smith picked off Jones and returned the ball 18 yards to the Black Knights' 2-yard line. Darique Hampton ran it in for the score, the 2-point conversion failed, and The Citadel reduced the deficit to 14-9 with 3:21 left.

Maurice Bellan, on relief of Jones who

suffered an injury in an attempt to tackle Smith on his interception, helped Army run out the clock, converting a fourth-down on the game's final play.

"Give The Citadel credit," said Black Knights coach Jeff Monken, whose team leads the nation in rushing. "They beat us up, and we didn't run the ball effectively. They outplayed us, their defense outplayed our offense." Jaylan Adams had 14 carries for 55 yards in relief of Rainey.

The crowd consisted only of Army cadets.

Niumatalolo's 100th win is a narrow one

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Nelson Smith scored two touchdowns, Bijan Nichols kicked a critical 50-yard field goal and Terrell Adams denied a 2-point conversion attempt in the final minute as Navy defeated Temple 31-29 on Saturday.

With the 4,400-strong Brigade of Midshipmen in attendance for the first time this season, Navy scored first and led thereafter in giving Ken Niumatalolo his 100th career win, all at the academy.

The Midshipmen rolled up 251 yards rushing, led by Smith, who had 120 yards on 20 carries, including TDs of 26 and 22 yards, the second score giving Navy a

28-17 lead with just over a minute left in the third quarter.

The Owls' Anthony Russo scored from 9 yards out early in the fourth quarter but his two-point pass was nullified by a penalty. The Midshipmen (2-2, 2-0 American) then used up nine minutes on a drive that ended with Nichols' field goal, the longest for Navy in nearly a decade. Temple drove the field with Re'Mahn Davis' 1-yard run getting the Owls within two, but Russo's conversion pass was broken up by Adams, who led Navy with nine tickles.

The Midshipmen, who have had a different starting quarterback in their first three games, put Dalen Morris back in charge of

the option offense. He completed his only two passes, one a 36-yard screen to CJ Williams that set up Chance Warren's short TD run in the second quarter.

Russo was 21-for-30 passing for 206 yards, with a touchdown and an interception in Temple's season opener.

This was the third time in four games Navy faced a team playing its season opener.

The Midshipmen entered the game averaging just 3.2 yards per carry.

The struggles of the first three games weren't evident in the first half for Navy. First three possessions, three touchdowns.

The Owls wore an "Owls for Justice" patch on their uniforms.



GAIL BURTON/AP

Navy's Chance Warren runs for a touchdown in his team's 31-29 defeat of Temple Saturday in Annapolis, Md. It was Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo's 100th career win, all of them with the Midshipmen.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Points taken: No. 2 Tide wins record slugfest

Harris runs for 5 TDs as Alabama downs Ole Miss in highest-scoring SEC regulation game

By CHRIS BURROWS

Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — Lane Kiffin's Mississippi offense put up more yards against an Alabama defense than has ever been done before and scored more points against the Crimson Tide than any unranked team has ever.

It was not enough.

Najee Harris ran for 206 yards and five touchdowns and No. 2 Alabama beat Ole Miss 63-48 on Saturday night in the highest-scoring Southeastern Conference regulation game ever.

Matt Corral passed for 365 yards for Ole Miss (1-2) and the Rebels put up 647 yards on the Tide. The teams combined for an SEC-record 1,370 yards.

"We knew we had to score pretty much every possession," Alabama quarterback Mac Jones said.

The Tide and the Rebels traded touchdowns for much of the night, but with Alabama (3-0) leading 49-42, Ole Miss misfired in Tide territory and had to settle for a field goal. That was as good as a stop in this game. Alabama receiver DeVonta Smith went 14 yards for a touchdown run to make it 56-45 with 3:16 left.

"To beat that team, we've got to play perfect," said Kiffin, the former Tide offensive coordinator. "We didn't do that. Obviously, we didn't play well on defense."



ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP

Alabama running back Najee Harris (22) runs past Mississippi linebacker MoMo Sanogo, left, during the second half of the No. 2 Crimson Tide's 63-48 win Saturday in Oxford, Miss.

After another Mississippi field goal, Alabama recovered an on-side kick and Harris busted a 39-yard touchdown run moments later to seal it.

The Tide trailed 14-7 in the second quarter and then scored touchdowns on eight straight pos-

sessions on drives of 72, 75, 85, 52, 72, 44, 90 and 44 yards.

"We scored every time we had to score," Alabama coach Nick Saban said. "We took the air out of it at the end of the game."

Kiffin worked for Saban at Alabama from 2014-16 and became

the latest former Saban assistant to come up short against the old boss. Saban improved to 21-0 against his former assistants, but he did suggest Kiffin and his staff might have been able to decipher the Tide's defensive signals. "I definitely think so," said Al-

abama linebacker Dylan Moses, agreeing with his head coach.

The Rebels got nearly 250 yards rushing and four touchdowns from Shoop Connor (128 yards) and Jerrion Ealy (120).

The takeaway

Alabama: The results weren't unexpected but the degree of difficulty was surprising, especially for the Crimson Tide defense. Bottom line was Alabama avoided a road upset at the hands of an inspired underdog.

Ole Miss: The offensive unit is impressive. The special teams are adequate. But the Rebels are going to have to get more from a defense that plays hard but is clearly short-handed in talent and depth by SEC standards. Competitive home losses to Florida and Alabama have built some optimism.

Eventful trips

The Tide's trips to Oxford have been eventful in recent years. The Rebels upset Alabama in 2014 and the Tide needed a big comeback to 48-43 win at Mississippi in 2016.

"All in all, we've had some crazy games over here," Saban said. "This was another one."

Alabama has won five straight against Ole Miss since losing in 2014 and '15, scoring at least 48 points in each game and reaching the 60-mark three times.

No. 3 Bulldogs dominate in 2nd half to beat No. 14 Vols

By PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Tennessee charged off the field at halftime, seemingly holding all the momentum.

But there were still two quarters to go.

That time belongs to Georgia.

Bouncing back from a goal-line stand at the end of the first half, the No. 3 Bulldogs dominated the final 30 minutes to beat the No. 14 Volunteers 44-21 Saturday.

Stetson Bennett threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score, while the defense forced three turnovers — returning one of them for a TD — and held Tennessee to just 71 yards total offense in the second half.

"We knew we're a second-half team," said Georgia linebacker Azeem Ojulari, who got the turnover-back rolling.

The Bulldogs (3-0) defeated a ranked Southeastern Conference team for the second week in a row, shaking off a 21-17 deficit to become the first team in 10 years to win two games in a season by at least 20 points after trailing at

By the numbers

32-3

Point differential in second half of Georgia's season-opening defeat of Arkansas.

27-0

Point differential in the second half in Georgia's win Saturday over Tennessee.

SOURCE: Associated Press

halftime.

Georgia also trailed midway through the season opener at Arkansas, but romped to a 37-10 victory.

This was essentially a repeat.

"We didn't blink," Bulldogs coach Kirby Smart said. "We've got a very emotional team. In the locker room, a lot of emotions were shown."

Georgia took out that emotion on the Volunteers (2-1), who showed they are not ready to compete with the league's top programs.

"They really outplayed us in the second half," coach Jeremy Pruitt said. "You can't turn the ball over three times against anybody and expect to win."

Bennett ran for a 10-yard touchdown in the first half, hooked up with Kearis Jackson on a 21-yard scoring pass in the final minute of the third quarter, and sealed the victory with a 1-yard TD flip to 305-pound nose tackle Jalen Carter, who was supposedly in the game as an extra blocker.

For good measure, Monty Rice stripped the ball away from quarterback Justin Guarantano, scooped up the loose ball and ran 20 yards for a fitting epitaph to the Bulldogs' defensive dominance as darkness fell over Athens.

Fittingly, Guarantano was sacked on the final play of the



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Tennessee quarterback Jarrett Guarantano (2) is brought down by Georgia defensive lineman Julian Rochester (92) after a short run in the Bulldogs' 44-21 win Saturday in Athens, Ga.

game. Bennett, the former walk-on making his second straight start for Georgia, completed 16 of 27 for 238 yards.

Jackson hauled in four passes for 91 yards. Zamir White added a 1-yard scoring run.

Tennessee seemed to have all the momentum at the end of the first half.

The Bulldogs drove inside the Vols 1 and had two shots to ram it into the end zone, inserting Carter to provide another massive blocker at fullback as well

as 320-pound nose tackle Jordan Davis at tight end.

But Tennessee stopped White short of the goal line on two straight runs, charging off the field in celebration after the second stop ended the half.

All those good feelings evaporated when the Vols turned it over on their first two possessions of the second half.

"That was pretty big," Ojulari said. "We needed that coming off halftime. We definitely needed to shift the momentum."

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MLB: NLCS

On shaky ground

Jansen's uncertain role as the Los Angeles Dodgers closer has become an uncomfortable question

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas

In a season that's gone exceedingly well for the Los Angeles Dodgers, a late problem that popped up is causing a lot of concern: Can they still count on Kenley Jansen as their closer?

That has become an uncomfortable question for manager Dave Roberts and the Dodgers as they prepare for another NL Championship Series. Especially with something seemingly not right with the reliever who for so long was the obvious answer when it came to finishing playoff games.

"I'm very sensitive to what he has accomplished on the baseball field, as a closer and as a perennial All-Star, but we also have to look in real time, and do what's best for the Dodgers," said Roberts, though the manager hasn't been ready to make a definitive declaration about Jansen's role.

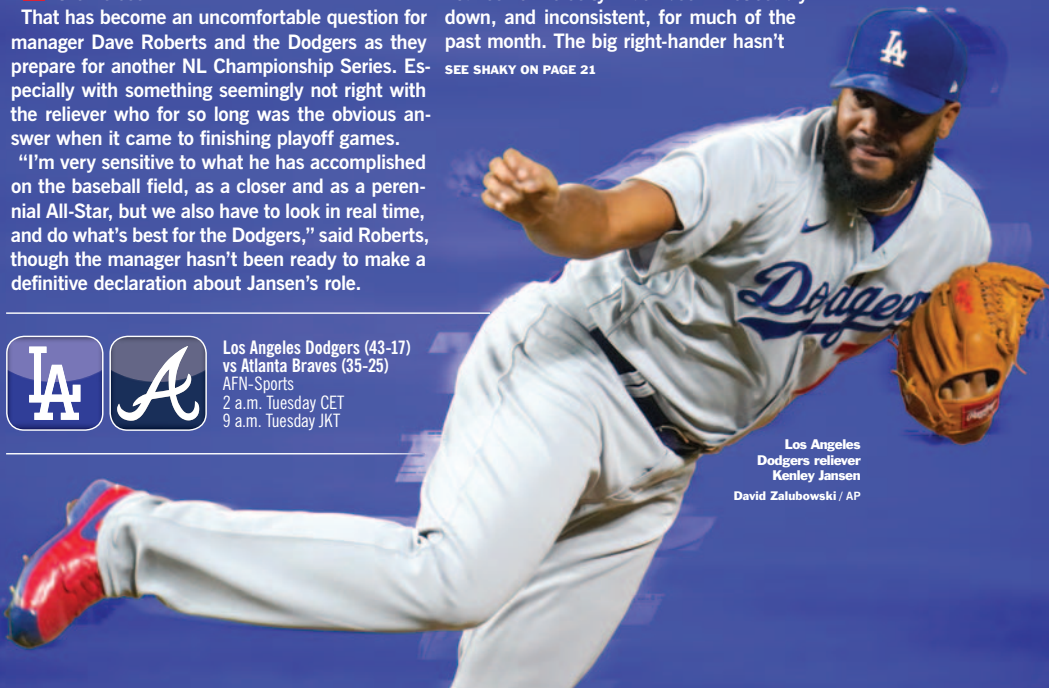
The best-of-seven NLCS against the Atlanta Braves starts Monday night in the Texas Rangers' new \$1.2 billion stadium with a retractable roof. That is where the Dodgers, whose last World Series title was in 1988, swept San Diego in three games in the NLDS and is the neutral site of this year's World Series.

Jansen's velocity has been noticeably down, and inconsistent, for much of the past month. The big right-hander hasn't

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