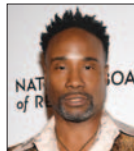


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ELECTION 2020

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Cathy Badalamenti poses for a portrait at in her Lombard, Ill., home on Saturday. In 2016, the Independent eschewed both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton and voted for a third-party candidate, despite having voted twice for former President Barack Obama.

THE Undecided

Policy vs. personality debate leaves some voters torn

By JILL COLVIN
AND AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Amanda Jaronowski is torn. The lifelong Republican from suburban Cleveland supports President Donald Trump's policies and fears her business could be gutted if Democrat Joe Biden is elected.

But she abhors Trump personally, leaving her on the fence about who will get her vote.

It's a "moral dilemma," Jaronowski said as she paced her home one recent

evening after pouring a glass of sauvignon blanc. "It would be so easy for him to win my vote if he could just be a decent human being," she had said earlier during a focus group session.

Jaronowski is part of a small but potentially significant group of voters who say they remain truly undecided less than three weeks before the Nov. 3 election. They have been derided as uninformed or lying by those who cannot fathom still being undecided, but conversations with a sampling of these voters reveal a complicated tug of war.

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"It would be so easy for him to win my vote if he could just be a decent human being."

Amanda Jaronowski

undecided voter on President Donald Trump

General removed amid racial slur probe

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Maj. Gen. Stephen Neary has been relieved of command of U.S. Marines in Europe and Africa while the service investigates allegations he used a racial slur that denigrates Black people, the Corps said Tuesday.

Marine Commandant Gen. David H. Berger relieved Neary on Monday "due to a loss of trust and confidence in his ability to serve in command," the Corps said in a statement.

The Marine Corps previously said that the investigation was connected to the use of a racial slur but declined to go into detail.

Stars and Stripes reported earlier this month that the two-star general's actions were being probed for using the word during a training event at his Stuttgart-area headquarters.

The incident occurred in August on the parade field outside Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa headquarters in Boeblingen, Germany. A lance corporal who was present told Stars and Stripes that Neary used the N-word while Marines were doing physical training outdoors with loud music playing. Some of the rap music incorporated the word, which prompted Neary to ask the junior Marines how they would feel if he said it, the lance corporal said.

The Marine, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution, said Black, white and Latino Marines were jolted when the general said the word. Even if Neary was attempting to be



Neary

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Nokia to build moon's first 4G cellular network

Associated Press

LONDON — Nokia said it has been tapped by NASA to build the first cellular communications network on the moon.

The Finnish telecommunications equipment maker said Monday that its Nokia Bell Labs division will build a 4G communications system to be deployed on a lunar lander to the moon's surface in late 2022.

NASA is awarding \$370 million to 14 companies to provide

technology for the Artemis moon-landing program. The program's aim is to establish a long-term human presence on the moon as a warm-up for future missions to Mars.

Nokia released more details of its involvement after an announcement last week by NASA, which said it was giving the company's U.S. unit \$14.1 million for the network. The U.S. space agency is also funding other innovations in descent and landing capability, cryogenic fluid management and

lunar surface innovation.

Nokia's network will provide critical communications capabilities for tasks that astronauts will need to carry out, like remote control of lunar rovers, real-time navigation and high-definition video streaming, the company said.

The equipment includes a base station, antennas and software, and is designed to withstand harsh launches and lunar landings and extreme conditions in space.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Commercial rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 21)	\$1.15	Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Dollar buys (Oct. 21)	68.8251	British pound	\$1.2968
British pound (Oct. 21)	\$1.26	Canada (Dollar)	1.3165
Japanese yen (Oct. 21)	103.00	China (Yuan)	6.6814
South Korean won (Oct. 21)	1,112.00	Denmark (Krone)	6.2965
		Egypt (Pound)	15.1288
		Euro	\$1.1819/0.8461
		Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7503
		Hungary (Forint)	309.36
		Israel (Shekel)	3.3883
		India (Rupee)	105.63
		Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3058
		Norway (Krone)	9.2788
		Philippines (Peso)	48.53
		Poland (Zloty)	3.88
		Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
		Singapore (Dollar)	1.3711
		South Korea (Won)	1,140.25
		Switzerland (Franc)	0.9075
		Thailand (Baht)	31.31
		Turkey (Lira)	6.8760

(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.)

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3-month bond	0.11
30-year bond	1.55

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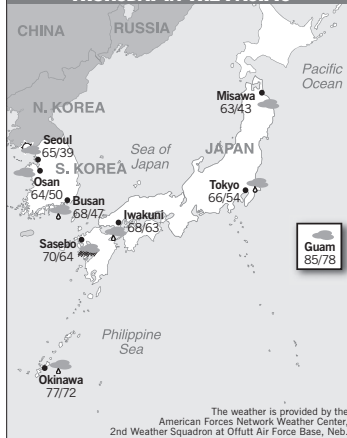
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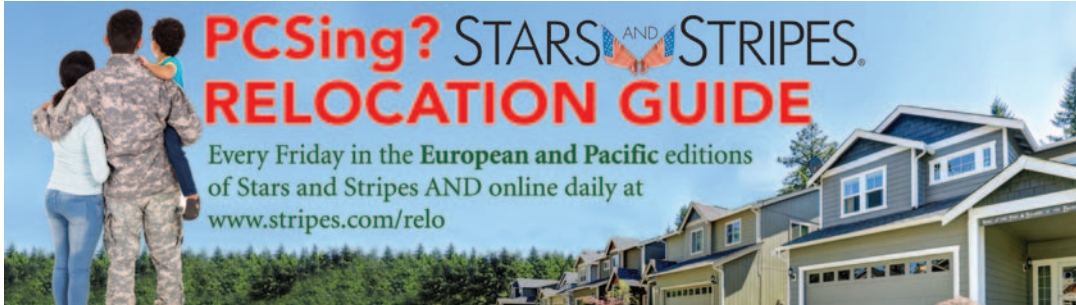
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MILITARY



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This image taken Oct. 2, 2019, shows an unarmed Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missile test launch at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The Pentagon has raised to \$95.8 billion the estimated cost of a new fleet of 1 missiles to replace the Minuteman 3.

Pentagon estimates cost of new nuclear missile fleet at \$95.8B

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has raised to \$95.8 billion the estimated cost of fielding a new fleet of land-based nuclear missiles to replace the Minuteman 3 arsenal that has operated continuously for 50 years, officials said Monday.

The estimate is up about \$10 billion from four years ago.

The weapons, known as intercontinental ballistic missiles, or ICBMs, are intended as part of a near-total replacement of the American nuclear force over the next few decades at a total cost of more than \$1.2 trillion.

Some, including former Defense Secretary William J. Perry, argue that U.S. national security can be ensured without ICBMs, but the Pentagon says they are vital to deterring war. The Trump administration affirmed its commitment to fielding a new generation of ICBMs in a 2018 review of nuclear policy.

"The ICBM force is highly survivable against any but a large-scale nuclear attack," the review concluded. "To destroy U.S. ICBMs on the ground, an adversary would need to launch a precisely coordinated attack with hundreds of high-yield and accurate warheads. This is an insurmountable challenge for any potential adversary today, with the exception of Russia."

The current fleet of 400 deployed Minuteman missiles, each armed with a single nuclear warhead, is based in underground silos in Montana, North Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming and Nebras-

ka. Their numbers are governed in part by the 2010 New START treaty with Russia, which is due to expire in February. Russia wants to extend the treaty but the Trump administration has set conditions not accepted by Moscow.

The U.S. also is building a new fleet of ballistic missile submarines to replace the current Ohio-class strategic subs; a new long-range nuclear-capable bomber to replace the B-2 stealth aircraft; a next-generation air-launched nuclear cruise missile; and a new nuclear command and communications system. It also is working on updated warheads, including an ICBM warhead replacement for an estimated \$14.8 billion.

The nuclear modernization program was launched by the Obama administration and has been continued by President Donald Trump. Democrat Joe Biden has said that if elected in November he would consider finding ways to scale back the program.

The Pentagon's \$95.8 billion cost estimate for the Minuteman replacement was first reported by Bloomberg News. The Pentagon provided the estimate to Congress last month but had, until Monday, refused to release it publicly.

Last month the Air Force awarded Northrop Grumman a \$13.3 billion contract for engineering and manufacturing development of the new missiles. The total "lifecycle" cost, including operating and sustaining the missiles over their expected lifetime into the 2070s, is set at \$263.9 billion.

Army captain charged in death of Fort Bliss officer

By ROSE L. THAYER
Stars and Stripes

AUSTIN, Texas — An Army captain has been arrested and charged with murder in the death of another captain at Fort Bliss with whom she had a romantic relationship, police said.

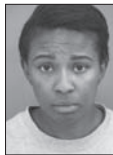
Capt. Clevy Mutchette Nelson-Royster, 27, is the second person charged with murder in the death of Capt. Malcom X. Perry, 27, according to the El Paso Police Department.

Perry died at about 5:50 a.m. Oct. 11 after the Audi A4 sedan that he was driving was rammed by a Jeep Wrangler until it flipped and burst into flames on a road in east El Paso. Minutes before the crash, Perry called 911 and told the dispatcher, "I am going to die," according to a report from the El Paso Times.

The driver of the Jeep, Richard Mustapha Sennessie, 23, was arrested Wednesday morning and also charged with murder. Nelson-Royster was a passenger in the Jeep, police said.

Nelson-Royster's bond is set at \$500,000 and Sennessie's at \$1 million.

Nelson-Royster and Sennessie met at a local bar Oct. 11 before going to a strip club called Jaguars,



Nelson-Royster



Sennessie

where they saw Perry. Nelson-Royster told police she had been in an on-and-off relationship with Perry for the past five years, the El Paso Times reported. Later, the two followed Perry to his apartment.

When Nelson-Royster and Sennessie arrived at the apartment complex, they saw a group of men beating up Perry, the newspaper reported. Nelson-Royster said she attempted to break up the fight and Perry escaped to his vehicle. Perry drove away in his Audi and Nelson-Royster and Sennessie chased Perry in the Jeep, which belonged to her but was driven by Sennessie.

The Jeep began ramming the Audi until it rolled over, crashed and caught fire on John Hayes Street and Zaragoza Road, the newspaper reported. Sennessie then exited the Jeep and fled the scene, but police found Nelson-Royster and the Jeep near the scene of the crash. She told police that her boyfriend was in the burned vehicle, the paper reported.

The investigation into the incident continues.

The newspaper report did not mention whether Nelson-Royster was injured in the crash or what could have motivated any of the violence that night. Police arrested Sennessie on Wednesday and Nelson-Royster the following day.

Base officials said Nelson-Royster is a logistics officer with the 1st Armored Division, but they did not provide further details on her military service.

Perry, a logistics officer from Virginia, was commander of Bravo Company of the 123rd Brigade Support Battalion, part of the 1st Armored Division, according to Fort Bliss officials. He had served in the Army for five years and arrived at the west Texas Army base in March.

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Russia, US appear ready for deal to extend nuclear pact for a year

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia said Tuesday it's ready to accept a U.S. proposal to freeze the number of nuclear warheads and extend the two nations' last arms control pact for one year and Washington responded that it's prepared to make a quick deal.

U.S. State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortugas welcomed the Russian offer and said that the U.S. is ready to quickly clinch an agreement.

"We appreciate the Russian Federation's willingness to make progress on the issue of nuclear arms control," Ortugas said in a statement. "The United States is prepared to meet immediately to finalize a verifiable agreement. We expect Russia to empower its diplomats to do the same."

The statement from the Russian Foreign Ministry marked a shift in Moscow's position after Russia and the U.S. rejected each other's offers regarding the New START treaty that expires in February.

The ministry noted that it's ready for a deal if the U.S. does the same and doesn't put forward any additional demands, the statement read.

The New START treaty was signed in 2010 by then U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian

President Dmitry Medvedev. The pact limits each country to no more than 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads and 700 deployed missiles and bombers, and envisages sweeping on-site inspections to verify compliance.

After both Moscow and Washington withdrew from the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty last year, the New START is the only remaining nuclear arms control deal between the two countries.

Russia has offered its extension without any conditions, while President Donald Trump's administration initially pushed for a new arms control agreement that would also include China.

It recently modified its stance and proposed a one-year extension of the 2010 treaty, but said this must be coupled with the imposition of a broader cap on U.S. and Russian nuclear warheads. The cap would cover warheads attached to battlefield weapons, which are limited by the New START treaty that only restricts strategic nuclear arsenals.

Russia has agreed to a one-year extension but resisted a broader cap on warheads until Tuesday.

Last week, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov argued that Russia can't agree to the proposal to limit tactical nuclear

weapons alongside nuclear warheads that arm strategic missiles and bombers until Washington agrees to withdraw its nuclear warheads from Europe.

Lavrov also noted that Moscow wouldn't accept the U.S. demand to have intrusive verification measures like those that existed in the 1990s when inspectors were positioned at missile factories. Moscow appears to still resist the deeper inspections, which aren't envisaged by the New START.

In the closing days of his reelection, Trump has looked for ways to boost his foreign policy record, and although he says he favors nuclear arms control, he has called New START flawed and unfavorable to the U.S. Last year, he withdrew the U.S. from a separate nuclear arms treaty with Russia, and he waited until this year to begin engaging with the Russians on the future of the New START deal.

Democrat Joe Biden, who was vice president when New START was negotiated during the Obama administration and ratified by the Senate, has said he wouldn't hesitate to agree to Putin's original proposal for a five-year extension of New START. That would be followed by negotiation of a follow-on deal.

MILITARY

Yokota Air Base looks to solve child care problem



ERICA EARL/Stars and Stripes

The Yume Child Development Center at Yokota Air Base, Japan, provides day care and other services for infants through preschool age children.

By ERICA EARL
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Child Development Center here will seek to hire more Japanese employees to alleviate a continuing staff shortage among child care providers, the base commander said during a Facebook Live town hall Monday.

“CDC manning is consistently a problem,” Col. Andrew Campbell, commander of the 37th Airlift Wing, said during the question-and-answer event.

The installation, also home to U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force in Tokyo, may hire more local Japanese personnel for long-term childcare positions rather than rotate staff as U.S. personnel come and go from Yokota, Campbell said.

The base has one Child Development Center for a population of about 14,000. It provides day care

and other services for infants through preschool age children. Campbell said Pacific Air Forces will determine how many positions the base is authorized to fill at the center.

The U.S. military recognizes the value of child care for its service members in terms of readiness and retention, according to a 2006 Rand Corp. study.

“If parents are forced to make do with inadequate child-care arrangements or cannot find child care, they may be distracted from duty or in some instances may even fail to report for duty in order to care for their children,” according to a report summary. “Inadequate child care may also affect a family’s decision to remain in the military.”

At Yokota, coronavirus restrictions further complicate the staff shortage, Campbell said during the town hall.

At the pandemic’s outset, the

center cut its hours from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday to 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and limited services to essential workers only. Re-extending those hours is not possible until the center hires more staff, said Campbell and Command Chief Master Sgt. John Payne.

Returning to pre-pandemic hours at current manning would mean disenrolling 58 children, Campbell said.

“I think most people would agree that the clear decision here is to keep the hours as they are to provide child care for as much as the community as we can,” he said.

The base public affairs office did not respond to a request Monday for more information on the center’s staffing levels.

Also, the center does not permit staff members to mingle with different age groups in order to stem the virus’ spread, Campbell said.

That practice adds a further constraint to the staffing issue.

“We are trying to keep the facility open to the most amount of people while limiting the risk of exposure,” he said.

Even prior to the pandemic, the Childhood Development Center had a roughly six-month waiting list, Air Force spouse Kaitlyn Fein told Stars and Stripes last month.

A base rule prohibits anyone from offering more than 10 hours of babysitting services per week without being certified by Family

Child Care, according to the Yokota website.

Many parents who cannot get their children enrolled at the center, Fein included, are seeking off-base day cares, a process she said can be lengthy and more expensive than care on base.

“It absolutely isn’t sustainable,” Fein said. “It makes especially difficult for some, such as single parents and dual military families.”

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US, India, Japan, Australia plan annual Malabar exercise

By CATLIN DOORNBOS
Stars and Stripes

Next month’s Malabar naval drills will include Australian military vessels for the first time in 13 years, India’s Ministry of Defense announced Monday.

The annual exercise comes as India contends with a simmering border dispute with China, and the United States rotates warships through the South China Sea, a sore spot in U.S.-Chinese relations.

The U.S. has made tighter partnerships with regional friends and allies a mainstay of its strategy to offset growing Chinese influence and ambition in the Indo-Pacific region.

Australia last took part in the annual U.S.-India-Japan naval exercise in 2007, according to a statement Monday by the Australian Defense Department.

Malabar, created by India and the U.S. in 1992, added Japan as a permanent partner in 2015. India invited Australia to participate this year “to increase cooperation with other countries in the maritime security domain and in light of increased defense cooperation with Australia,” according to the ministry statement.

The exercise — to be held next month in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea — comes as tensions rise between China and the four nations regarding Beijing’s claims and militarization of islands and reefs in the South China Sea. The drills’ exact dates have not been announced.

“The participants of Exercise Malabar 2020 are engaging to enhance safety and security in the



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Ships from the Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the U.S. Navy sail in formation during Malabar 2018.

maritime domain,” the Indian ministry said in its statement. “They collectively support a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific and remain committed to a rules-based international order.”

The U.S., India, Japan and Australia make up the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, which brings together the countries’ defense officials for regular talks, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The so-called Quad was first created in 2007 but disbanded

the following year in response to pressure from China. It resumed in 2017 with a common goal of securing “a free and open Indo-Pacific amid China’s aggressive postures in the region.” The Economic Times reported after a Quad talk in September 2019.

On Monday, three of the allies sent one warship each for a day-long exercise in the South China Sea, according to a Navy statement Tuesday.

The guided-missile destroyer USS John S. McCain, the Australia

frigate HMAS Arunta and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force destroyer JS Kiriwame trained together to hone the allies’ capacity for maritime security and their “readiness to respond to any regional contingency,” according to the Navy.

Thursday, the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan and its strike group made their third appearance in the contentious waters this year and held flight exercises, the Navy said.

China considers the South

China Sea within its territorial limits — a claim not recognized by international law — and views the presence of foreign navies there as a provocation.

In June, a clash between Chinese and Indian troops along a disputed section of the Himalayan border led 20 Indian soldiers dead, the worst toll between the two countries since a 1962 war, according to the New York Times on June 16.

Monday, however, in a sign that tensions appeared to have eased, Indian troops who captured an errant Chinese soldier reportedly treated him well. China expected a smooth repatriation, according to the Times.

The upcoming Malabar 2020 exercise “showcases the deep trust between four major Indo-Pacific democracies and their shared will to work together on common security interests,” said Australia’s Minister for Defense Linda Reynolds, according to the Australian statement.

“High-end military exercises like Malabar are key to enhancing Australia’s maritime capabilities, building interoperability with our close partners, and demonstrating our collective resolve to support an open and prosperous Indo-Pacific,” she said.

Malabar will “bolster the ability of India, Australia, Japan and the United States to work together to uphold peace and stability across our region,” Australia’s Minister for Foreign Affairs Marise Payne said, according to the statement.

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MILITARY

NATO to build space center amid Russia and China concerns

By **LORNE COOK**
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KESTER, Belgium — To a few of the locals, the top-secret, fenced-off installation on the hill is known as “the radar station.” Some folks claim to have seen mysterious Russians in the area. Over the years, rumors have swirled that it might be a base for U.S. nuclear warheads.

It’s easy to see how the rumors start. The site is visually striking. Four huge white Kevlar balls sit like giant spherical spaceships in a compound in the middle of open farmland 16 miles west of Belgium’s capital, Brussels.

But the Kester Satellite Ground Station is both safer and more sophisticated than local lore might suggest. It’s central to space communications at NATO — the biggest and most modern of four such stations the military alliance runs.

Around 2,000 satellites orbit the earth, over half operated by NATO countries, ensuring everything from mobile phone and banking services to weather forecasts. NATO commanders in places like Afghanistan or Kosovo rely on some of them to navigate, communicate, share intelligence and detect missile launches.

This week, the site at Kester is

set to fall under a new orbit, when NATO announces that it is creating a space center to help manage satellite communications and key parts of its military operations around the world.

In December, NATO leaders declared space to be the alliance’s “fifth domain” of operations, after land, sea, air and cyberspace. Over two days of talks starting Thursday, NATO defense ministers will greenlight a new space center at the alliance’s Air Command in Ramstein, Germany.

“This will be a focal point for ensuring space support to NATO operations, sharing information and coordinating our activities,” NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said before the meeting.

It’s part of the alliance’s efforts to keep ahead in a fast moving and hi-tech sector, particularly amid concerns about what member countries have said is increasingly aggressive behavior in space by China and Russia.

Around 80 countries have satellites and private companies are moving in too. In the 1980s, just a fraction of NATO’s communications was via satellite. Today, it’s at least 40%. During the Cold War, NATO had more than 20 stations, but new technologies mean



LORNE COOK/AP

Satellite dishes inside Kevlar domes line a field at the Kester Satellite Ground Station in Kester, Belgium, on Thursday

the world’s biggest space organization can double its coverage with a fifth of that number.

At Kester, behind a double security fence, massive steel gates and bulletproof glass in a facility that can withstand a terror attack or any attempt to jam communications, four satellite dishes enshrouded in Kevlar domes connect NATO’s civilian and military headquarters in Belgium to their operations around the world.

From their elevated position, the dishes — two of them 52 feet in diameter — beam information and imagery down across Europe and over Africa into space above the equator where satellites owned by allies like the United States, Britain, France and Italy orbit. NATO itself doesn’t own

any satellites.

Around the globe, commanders in ships, aircraft and mobile or static headquarters decrypt the data to gather orders, pictures and intelligence, prepare missions or move troops and military equipment. From Kester, new lines of communication can be set up for NATO within a half-hour.

Much of the facility is encased in thick steel plates, including the ducts where cables run, to withstand any attack by electromagnetic pulses — high bursts of energy that can knock out electrical power grids or destroy electronic circuit boards and components.

But NATO allies are increasingly concerned about other kinds of attacks using anti-satellite

weapons miles above the earth which could wreak havoc below and leave dangerous debris adrift in space.

“Some nations — including Russia and China — are developing anti-satellite systems which could blind, disable or shoot down satellites and create dangerous debris in orbit,” Stoltenberg said. “We must increase our understanding of the challenges in space and our ability to address them.”

For the moment, the military alliance insists that its “approach will remain defensive and fully in line with international law.” And despite the strides being made in the “fifth domain,” Stoltenberg has repeatedly said over the last year that “NATO has no intention to put weapons in space.”

Navy destroyer enters Barents Sea for 3rd time in 2020

By **JOHN VANDIVER**
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The United States has once again sent a warship into the Barents Sea in what is becoming the new normal this year, as Navy surface vessels navigate waters not visited since the height of the Cold War.

The USS Ross entered the Barents Sea on Monday, the Navy said. The Russian navy happens to be conducting military drills in the Barents this week.

“This Barents Sea mission marks a significant milestone, clearly demonstrating our dynamic ability to operate anywhere in the world,” said Cmdr. John D. John, Ross’ commanding officer, in a statement Tuesday. “These operations demonstrate the commitment of our crew to transatlantic stability and security.”

The Ross’ transit into the Barents — the third this year for Navy destroyers — comes as the Navy steps up activities in the

Arctic, where Russia has invested heavily in recent years and China has declared itself a power with economic interests.

The Navy now sees operating in the Barents Sea as “normal activity” akin to routine operations in the Baltic, Mediterranean and Black Seas, said Cmdr. Kyle Raines, spokesman for 6th Fleet.

“We must operate and train in every environment in order to ensure a secure, stable and prosperous region,” Raines said.

Before heading into the Barents Sea, the USS Ross took part in the U.K.-led Exercise Joint Warrior, the Navy’s 6th Fleet said.

“The lessons learned during this high-end warfare training, along with previous Arctic experience, ensures the readiness of the crew to execute the entire spectrum of maritime operations across the maritime domain,” the statement said.

The Navy re-entered the Barents Sea in May for the first time

since the mid-1980s, drawing complaints from Russia.

On Tuesday, as the USS Ross entered the area, the Russian navy announced that it was doing drills of its own in the Barents. Russia deployed a frigate from its Northern Fleet for anti-submarine warfare drills, Russia’s Tass news agency reported Tuesday. The drills were expected to last several days.

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Probe: Leader’s comments reportedly made during training event in Germany

FROM FRONT PAGE

instructive about the taboo nature of the word, it came as a shock to hear it from a white general officer, the lance corporal said.

“He lost respect right there,” the Marine said.

As the weeks passed and Neary remained in command, several Marines brought the matter to the attention of Stars and Stripes.

The incident came at a time of racial upheaval in the United States and inside the military as

troops grappled with how to respond to police brutality cases that have sparked protests in U.S. cities in recent months.

In August, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the killing of George Floyd by Minnesota police in May served as a “wake-up call” for the military.

“I don’t think what everybody [in the Defense Department’s leadership] appreciated, at least me personally, is the depth of sentiment out there among our service members of color, par-

ticularly Black Americans, about how much [impact] the killing of George Floyd ... had on them, and what they are experiencing in the ranks, as well ... We must do better,” Esper said during a security forum.

The unrest triggered by Floyd’s and others’ deaths prompted the military to reexamine instances of racism in the ranks and sparked calls for a more inclusive military culture.

The Marine Corps, which has long faced questions about

a lack of diversity within its senior ranks, has taken some steps to deal with racism. In June, it banned all Confederate battle flags from being displayed on its bases. Marine Commandant Gen. David Berger said that there would be no tolerance for prejudice or any expression of bias, “direct or indirect, intentional or unintentional.”

“The trust Marines place in one another on a daily basis demands this,” Berger said. Neary, who assumed command

of Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa in July, previously served as deputy commander of II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The Boston native was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1988 after graduating from Virginia Military Institute.

Col. James T. Iulo will serve as the acting commander until a replacement is determined, the Marines said Tuesday.

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NATION

Trump levels attacks on Fauci, press, polls

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TUCSON, Ariz. — An angry President Donald Trump has come out swinging against Dr. Anthony Fauci, the press and polls that show him trailing Democrat Joe Biden in key battleground states in a disjointed closing message two weeks before Election Day.

On the third day of a western campaign swing, Trump was facing intense pressure to turn around his campaign, hoping for the type of last-minute surge that gave him a come-from-behind victory four years ago. But his inconsistent message, another rise in coronavirus cases and his attacks on experts like Fauci could undermine his final efforts to appeal to voters outside his most loyal base.

“I’m not running scared,” Trump told reporters on Monday before taking off for Tucson, Ariz., for his fifth rally in three days. “I think I’m running angry. I’m running happy, and I’m running very content ‘cause I’ve done a great job.”

Trump’s aggressive travel comes as he plays defense in states he won four years ago, though the Republican president insisted he was confident as he executed a packed schedule despite the pandemic.

“We’re going to win,” he told campaign staff at a morning conference call from Las Vegas. He went on to admit that he “wouldn’t have told you that maybe two or three weeks ago,” referring to the days when he was hospitalized with COVID-19. But he said he



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President Donald Trump works the crowd after speaking at a campaign rally on Monday in Tucson, Ariz.

felt better now than at any point in 2016. “We’re in the best shape we’ve ever been,” he said.

Seeking to shore up the morale of his staff amid growing private concerns that he is running out of time to make up lost ground, Trump blasted his government’s own scientific experts as too negative, even as his handling of the pandemic, which has killed over 220,000 in the United States, remains a central issue to voters.

“People are tired of hearing Fauci and all these idiots,” Trump

said of the government’s top infectious disease expert. “Every time he goes on television, there’s always a bomb. But there’s a bigger bomb if you fire him. But Fauci’s a disaster!”

At a rally in Prescott, Ariz., Trump assailed Biden for pledging to heed the advice of scientific experts, saying dismissively that his rival “wants to listen to Dr. Fauci.”

The doctor is both respected and popular, and Trump’s rejection of scientific advice on the

pandemic has already drawn bipartisan condemnation.

At his rally, Trump also ramped up his attacks on the news media, singling out NBC’s Kristen Welker, the moderator of the next presidential debate, as well as CNN for aggressively covering a pandemic that is now infecting tens of thousands of Americans every day.

Fauci, in an interview with CBS’s “60 Minutes” that aired Sunday, said he was not surprised that Trump contracted the virus

after he held a series of large events with few face coverings.

“I was worried that he was going to get sick when I saw him in a completely precarious situation of crowded, no separation between people and almost nobody wearing a mask,” Fauci said of the president.

Biden was off the campaign trail Monday, but his campaign praised Fauci and criticized Trump for “reckless and negligent leadership” that “threatens to put more lives at risk.”

“Trump’s closing message in the final days of the 2020 race is to publicly mock Joe Biden for trusting science and to call Dr. Fauci, the leading public health official on COVID-19, a ‘disaster’ and other public health officials ‘idiots,’ the campaign said.

Monday’s professed confidence in victory stood in contrast to some of Trump’s other public comments in recent days reflecting on the prospect that he could lose.

“Could you imagine if I lose my whole life? What am I going to do?” he asked a rally crowd last week in Macon, Ga. “I’m not going to feel so good. Maybe I’ll have to leave the country. I don’t know.”

Biden, meanwhile, was in Delaware for several days of preparation ahead of Thursday’s final presidential debate. His running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, returned to the campaign trail after several days in Washington after a close adviser tested positive for the coronavirus.

Some states allow ballots to be counted if voters die by Election Day

Associated Press

ATLANTA — At 90 years old and living through a global pandemic, Hannah Carson knows her time may be short. She wasted no time returning her absentee ballot for this year’s election.

As she sat in a chair at her senior living community, she filled it out and sent it back to her local election office in Charlotte, N.C. If something were to happen and she doesn’t make it to Election Day, Carson said she hopes her ballot will remain valid.

“I should think I should count, given all the years I have been here,” she said.

In North Carolina, a ballot cast by someone who subsequently dies can be set aside if a challenge is filed before Election Day with the county board of elections.

Questions over whether ballots will count if someone dies early but dies before Election Day are especially pressing this year, amid a coronavirus outbreak that has been especially perilous for older Americans. People 85 years and older represent nearly one in three deaths from COVID-19 in the United States. As an election looms, the odds against older people who contract the virus are on

the minds of the elderly and their family members.

Seventeen states prohibit counting ballots cast by someone who subsequently dies before the election, but 10 states specifically allow it. The law is silent in the rest of the country, according to research by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Even though a law might require such ballots to be rejected, it’s likely that some could still count depending on when the person dies and when election officials find out about the death.

“The law may say that the ballot of a person who dies in that situation can’t be counted, but it is a hard law to follow,” said Wendy Underhill, head of elections for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

When someone dies close to an election, it takes time to death records to be updated, and there is a narrow window between when a ballot is cast and counted. Colorado in 2016 had between 15 and 20 instances of voters who cast a ballot by mail and then died before Election Day. All were counted.

In Michigan’s primary earlier this year, 864 ballots were rejected because the voters died

before the election even though they were alive when they filled them out.

The president’s son, Donald Trump Jr., tweeted a link to a story about the dead voters in Michigan that was later debunked for misrepresenting the issue. With President Donald Trump making unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud, the question of whether ballots will count if early voters die soon after could be a source of further conspiracies.

Studies have shown that voter fraud is exceptionally rare. There are numerous safeguards built into the system to ensure that only voters eligible to vote can do so and that they cast only one ballot. Election officials say that when fraud does happen, people are caught and prosecuted.

“There have been umpteen examples of some group claiming a whole bunch of people casting ballots after they died,” said Justin Levitt, an election law expert who has studied voter fraud in depth. “These things don’t pan out.”

In most cases, claims of dead voters are based on poor information or a faulty analysis that fails to account for the many people who share the same name and

birthdate, Levitt said.

In an exceptionally small number of cases, there is fraud. Levitt said this typically involves someone wanting to honor the wishes of a loved one who recently died, and either knowingly or not commits a crime by filling out that ballot.

An election judge from southern Illinois was charged in 2016 with voter fraud after she filled out a ballot for her late husband because she said he would have wanted Trump to be president.

In California, it’s an issue of fairness to count ballots cast by people who die before Election Day. Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. He said it’s just as conceivable that someone who votes early in-person also dies before Election Day, and there is no way to identify and reject that ballot.

“The ‘dead voters’ is used as a false narrative, a pretext for changes in some states to how they register voters or count ballots when the data shows otherwise,” Padilla said.

Wisconsin, which, like North Carolina, is a presidential battleground this year, is among the states that prohibit a ballot from being counted if the voter dies

after submitting it. Every month, the state’s election commission receives records of county death certificates, and those records are run against the statewide voter registration system.

Any potential matches are flagged to the local clerk where the voter is registered, and the clerk is responsible for verifying the match by looking to obituaries and other sources before changing the voter’s status, said Reid Magney, Wisconsin Election Commission spokesman. But that also has its limits.

“There’s no way to check every absentee ballot to make sure the voter hasn’t died since it was issued,” Magney said.

Iowa’s election office also receives death records and processes them as they are received, including on Election Day. If a person dies after requesting or returning an absentee ballot, the ballot is voided and not counted, said Kevin Hall, spokesman for Iowa’s secretary of state.

“Voters have to be eligible electors on Election Day,” Hall said. “If you have died 29 days of absentee voting, there is still only one Election Day.”

NATION

Undecided: It comes down to policies vs. personalities for many on-the-fence voters

FROM FRONT PAGE

Many, like Jaronowski, are longtime Republicans wrestling with what they see as a choice between two lousy candidates: a Democrat whose policies they cannot stomach and a Republican incumbent whose personality revolts them. Some voted for third-party candidates in 2016 because they were so repelled by their choices — Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton — and may do so again.

While polls show there are far fewer on-the-fence voters this year than the unusually high number in 2016, the Trump and Biden campaigns each believe it still can win over numbers that matter.

Among those people is John Welton, 40, a Presbyterian minister from Winfield, Kan., who has spent much of his career moving from parish to parish. His political views, he said, have been shaped in part by watching how trade deals have hurt once-vibrant manufacturing communities and his congregants' livelihoods, as well as by his own "pro-Second Amendment" views.

Welton said he is turned off by Biden's support for tighter gun restrictions. But he is also put off by Trump's bullying and demeaning of opponents on Twitter and his divisive rhetoric.

On the other hand, Welton has been pleasantly surprised that Trump has made good on his campaign pledge to bring U.S. troops home from Iraq and Afghanistan, though thousands still remain.

In 2016, Welton ended up voting for Clinton, but barely. He circled the box at his polling place before making a decision. This year, he's hoping a second debate will offer him some clarity.

"I remain pretty swayable," he said.

Cathy Badalamenti, 69, an independent from Lombard, Ill., is also struggling with her choice again. In 2016, she voted for a third-party candidate after twice supporting Democrat Barack Obama.

"I'm not happy with anybody," she said of her choices this time. That's especially hard in a family of ardent Trump supporters who have voted at an election. "Believe me, my son, my kids are looking at me and thinking, 'How can you not like Trump?'" she said, describing difficult Sunday night dinners where she tries to redirect the conversation from politics to the Cubs.

Badalamenti credits Trump for a booming economy before the pandemic but she's turned off by his knee-jerk reactions, worried about his interactions with world leaders, and feels he should think more before he speaks and tweets.

Biden worries her, too: "I think he's trying to make a good effort but at the same time he doesn't know what's — he's only being

told what's going on."

Longtime Republican pollster Frank Luntz, who has been running focus groups with undecided voters throughout the election, including one Thursday night that included Jaronowski, sees a common refrain among many of the undecideds.

"They're judging on two completely different attributes and they can't decide which is more important to them," he said. "They don't like Trump as a person, but they don't feel badly about his administration or his policies. They really like Joe Biden as a person, but they are so nervous about what he's going to do if he were elected. And so they can't figure out which is more important to them."

With two historically unpopular candidates, the 2016 race produced unusually large numbers of voters — double digits on the eve of the election — who told pollsters they were either undecided or planned to vote for third-party candidates. Many of those voters rallied around Trump in the final weeks of the campaign, helping to hand him his unexpected victory.

Polls suggest there are far fewer on-the-fence voters this time around, but both campaigns believe they have the edge in an election where every vote could count.

"Frankly, I like our chances with them because President Trump has delivered results," said Nick Trainer, Trump's director of battleground strategy. He said that just like in 2016, those who identify as undecided tend to be right-leaning and support conservative policies such as lower taxes and a strong military.

Biden's campaign, which is ahead in polls nationally and a number of battleground states, voices similar optimism and argues those who are undecided historically break for the challenger.

Having so few undecided voters to move "is problematic if your candidate is not leading," said Becca Siegel, the campaign's chief analytics officer. She adds that the campaign's focus on unity and bringing the country together is "extremely persuasive to this group."

The Biden campaign has hope of winning over people like Jaronowski, a guidance counselor who comes from a family of lifelong Republicans.

Jaronowski, 37, who lives in Independence, Ohio, said she ended up supporting Clinton. Jaronowski said she was repulsed by Trump, whom she said she hates "with the fire of a thousand suns." But it was hard nonetheless.



STEVE HELBER/AP

Tracye Stewart of Richmond, Va., voted for Donald Trump in 2016. She said that she's more ideologically in line with Trump than Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden. But her ballot remains on her desk at home unfiled.



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Rebecca Westrate of Round Lake, Ill., is still undecided about who she will vote for. While there are fewer on-the-fence voters this time around, a small but potentially significant group say they remain truly undecided less than two weeks before the Nov. 3 election.

This year, though she opposes Democratic policies, she has deep respect for Biden, whom she calls "a very good man."

But she and her husband own a consumer debt-buying company and fear that a President Biden could cancel that debt, which amounts to tens of millions of dollars.

"Voting in Biden, that's a very scary thing personally," she said, adding that the decision would be far easier if she didn't think he was such a good person.

Others are making their own calculations.

Sam Hillyer, 35, who lives in Fayetteville in northwest Arkansas, voted for third-party candidate Gary Johnson in 2016.

This time, he said, "it's down

to either Donald Trump, Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian candidate, or possibly not voting in the presidential and voting for the other candidates." Hillyer, a dispatcher for a trucking company, has written off Biden, convinced the Democrat would raise taxes and take a more interventionist approach to foreign policy and, he said, it "doesn't help with all the new kind of shady scandals popping up."

Hillyer said he closely aligns with Jorgensen on most issues, but rejects the candidate's support for abortion rights.

Living in a strongly Republican state, he said, gives him more freedom than if he lived in a battleground state whose electoral votes are up for grabs, in which case he would vote for Trump without

hesitation to try to stop Biden. For now, he said, "I go back and forth maybe a couple times a day."

Tracye Stewart, 49, of Richmond, Va., is certain a Biden victory would lead to more government restrictions in the fight against the coronavirus and exact unnecessary economic pain.

Stewart, a faithful Republican voter, said that while Trump "hasn't done anything spectacular" in his first term, he also has not "made the country worse."

But Stewart's ballot remains on her desk at home unfiled.

Her sometimes fearful conversations with a friend she's known since 3rd grade have given her pause.

Her friend raises concerns about Trump's embrace of QAnon, an unfounded conspiracy theory, and argues that white supremacy is on the rise under the president.

Stewart, who works for a helicopter charter management company, said, "If I voted for Biden it wouldn't be for myself, it would be for my friend."

Frank Luntz
Republican pollster

“They’re judging on two completely different attributes and they can’t decide which is more important to them.”

VIRUS OUTBREAK

To find vaccine, UK to infect volunteers

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LONDON — U.K. researchers are preparing to infect healthy young volunteers with the virus that causes COVID-19, becoming the first to announce plans to use the controversial technique to study the disease and potentially speed up development of a vaccine that could help end the pandemic.

This type of research, known as a human challenge study, is used infrequently because some consider the risk involved in infecting otherwise healthy individuals to be unethical. But researchers racing to combat COVID-19 say that risk is warranted because such studies have the potential to quickly identify the most effective vaccines and help control a disease that has killed more than 1.1 million people worldwide.

“Deliberately infecting volunteers with a known human pathogen is never undertaken lightly,” said professor Peter Openshaw, co-investigator on the study. “However, such studies are enormously informative about a disease, even one so well studied as COVID-19.”

Human challenge studies have been previously used to develop vaccines for diseases including typhoid, cholera and malaria.

Imperial College London said Tuesday that the study, involving volunteers aged 18 to 30, would be conducted in partnership with the government’s Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust and hVIVO, a company that has experience conducting challenge studies. The government plans to invest \$43.4 million in the research.

Governments around the world are funding efforts to develop a vaccine in hopes of ending the pandemic that has pummeled the international economy, shutting businesses and putting millions of people out of work. Forty-six potential vaccines are in human testing, with 11 of them in late-stage trials — several expected to report results later this year or in early 2021.

The Imperial College partnership expects to begin work in January, with results expected by May. Before any research begins, the study must be approved by ethics committees and regulators.

While one or more vaccines are likely to be approved before then, the study will still be relevant because the world may need multiple vaccines to adequately protect different groups within the population, as well as treatments for those who continue to get sick, said Dr. Michael Jacobs, a consultant in infectious diseases at the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust who will take part in the research.

“I don’t think many people think that what we’re doing as scientists is searching for a silver bullet,” Jacobs said. “We’re going to need a whole raft of interventions in order to control this pandemic.”

Critics of challenge studies question the need to expose healthy people to the virus when the disease remains widespread and vaccine development is moving quickly.

In the first phase of the U.K. challenge study, researchers will expose 90 paid volunteers to the virus using nasal drops in an effort to determine the smallest level of exposure needed to cause COVID-19. Ultimately, the same model will be used to test the effectiveness of potential vaccines by exposing volunteers to the virus after they’ve received one of the candidate vaccines.



NATASHA PISARENKO/AP

A health care worker takes a nasal swab sample for a COVID-19 test from inside a freestanding isolation booth at a hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Monday. As the country passed 11 million coronavirus cases Monday, it is now smaller cities, not the capital, that are seeing some of the most notable upticks.

Argentina at 1M cases, small cities see upticks

Associated Press

USHUAIA, Argentina — At the edge of Argentina in a city known as “The End of the World,” many thought they might be spared from the worst of the coronavirus pandemic.

Sitting far from the South American nation’s bustling capital, health workers in Ushuaia were initially able to contain a small outbreak among foreigners hoping to catch boats to the Antarctic at the start of the crisis.

But as Argentina passed 1 million virus cases Monday, it is now smaller cities like Ushuaia that are seeing some of the most notable upticks. Doctors have had to quadruple the number of beds for COVID-19 patients over the last month. At least 60% of those tested recently are coming back positive for the virus.

“We were the example of the country,” said Dr. Carlos Guglielmi, director of the Ushuaia Regional Hospital. “Evidently someone arrived with the coronavirus.”

Across Latin America, the three other nations are expected to reach the 1 million case milestone in the coming weeks — Colombia, Mexico and Peru. The grim mark comes as Latin America continues to register some of the world’s highest daily case counts. And though some nations have seen important declines, overall there has been little relief, with cases dropping in one municipality only to escalate in another.

The trajectory is showing that the pandemic is likely to leave no corner of Latin America unscathed.

Argentina has seen cases spiral despite instituting one of the world’s longest lockdowns. Colombia’s major cities have seen a dip, but smaller areas like the department of Caldas in the coffee region are only now reaching a peak. Peru’s overall numbers have dropped, but officials recently reported 12 regions are spiking back up. Mexico, likewise, has seen a rise in a quarter of all states over the last week.

The result is that rather than a second virus wave like that being seen in Europe, epidemiologists anticipate a more sus-

tained, plateau-like trend.

“Our countries are still getting out of the first wave,” said Dr. Marcos Espinal, director of the Pan American Health Organization’s Department of Communicable Diseases. “A great part of the population remains exposed and community transmission continues.”

The virus’ cruel path through Latin America is a consequence of weak public health systems, social factors like poverty and poor government decisions early on that resulted in flawed or limited testing and little contact tracing. Today the region is home to half the 10 countries with the highest total cases around the globe.

Argentina initially registered low virus case numbers but now has one of the highest rates of new daily infections per capita, according to Our World in Data, a nonprofit online scientific publication based at the University of Oxford. It is on par with several European countries that are experiencing a resurgence of the virus.

Dr. Adolfo Rubinstein, a former Argentine health minister, said the nation depended too heavily on lockdowns as its primary means of controlling the virus, failing to purchase enough tests in the initial months of the pandemic.

Where the virus is appearing is also shifting. Initially, up to 90% of the confirmed cases were in metropolitan Buenos Aires. Today, 65% of Argentina’s cases are in its provinces and even faraway places like Ushuaia, authorities said.

Ushuaia, the city famous as a departure point for cruises to the Antarctic, had been a model for the nation. Closed off air travel and a halt on tourism left it virus free for months.

But that false sense of comfort may have led people to relax on basic pandemic norms like hand washing and social distancing.

Jose Bongiovanni, a lawyer in Ushuaia, said a worry that seemed distant now feels close.

“Living at the end of the world was never easy,” he said. “It’s a lot less easy in a moment like this.”

As infection numbers fall, Navy reports 2 new cases in Japan

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TOKYO — The Navy reported two new coronavirus cases Tuesday at its base south of Tokyo as the number of infections within the U.S. military in Japan continues to decline.

Yokosuka Naval Base, home of the U.S. 7th Fleet, said two new arrivals had tested positive since Oct. 14, according to a Facebook post. Both have been in quarantine since arriving and remain in isolation.

The U.S. military in Japan typically does not identify coronavirus patients as service members, Defense Department civilian employees, contractors or family members.

Yokosuka, whose commander imposed one of the most stringent lockdowns among U.S. bases in Japan early in the pandemic last reported a new case on Oct. 15. That person was a recent arrival to Japan and tested positive while still in isolation, the base said. Yokosuka as of Tuesday has six active cases.

In the nation’s capital, still a hot spot in Japan for the virus, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government reported 139 new coronavirus patients on Tuesday, according to

public broadcaster NHK. Since Oct. 12, the daily number of new cases in Tokyo has bounced between 78 and 284, according to metro government data.

Japan has reported 93,127 cases during the pandemic and 1,674 deaths as of Monday, according to the World Health Organization.

On Okinawa, home to the bulk of U.S. troops in Japan, prefectural Gov. Denny Tamaki announced a “coronavirus cautionary warning” for the fourth time during the pandemic due to a recent increase in cases.

Tamaki on the prefectural website repeated an admonition to wear masks, maintain social distancing, wash hands and gargle outside the home. He also asked Okinawans to refrain from dining in large groups, to talk quietly in public and stay away from gatherings when ill.

Okinawa had 21 new cases with no deaths on Tuesday, according to a prefectural public health official. The prefecture has reported 2,976 cases and 55 deaths due to coronavirus complications during the pandemic.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK ROUNDUP

Fearred surge of cases in Calif. hasn't happened

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SACRAMENTO — Near the end of September, with coronavirus cases falling and more schools and businesses reopening, Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration urged restraint, citing a statistical model that predicted a startling 89% increase in virus hospitalizations in the next month.

That hasn't happened. Instead, state data shows hospitalizations have fallen by about 15% since that warning while the weekly average number of new cases continues to decline, even as other more populous states like Florida, Ohio and Illinois see increases.

California's good news isn't enough to change what Newsom calls his "slow" and "stubborn" approach to reopening the world's fifth-largest economy. He again cautioned people against "being overly exuberant" about those coronavirus numbers, pointing to a decline in the rate of decline of hospitalizations.

While California's 14-day average of hospitalizations is down, the seven-day average is up ever so slightly to 2,241 patients. The number peaked in July at more than 7,100.

Connecticut

HARTFORD — Connecticut is planning to revamp its benchmarks for when people entering the state from locations with large COVID-19 rates will need to quarantine.

Currently, both state residents and out-of-state travelers coming from states and territories with 10 cases per 100,000 population or 10% positivity rates must fill out a state travel form and isolate for 14 days. Under the new rule, people must take such steps if they come from locations with 10 cases per 100,000 and 5% positivity rates.

Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont said the revised advisory, which New York and New Jersey may also adopt, will still impact those people coming from states with substantially higher infection rates than Connecticut's.

As of Monday, Connecticut itself surpassed the threshold of 10 cases per 100,000 with 11.2 new cases per 100,000. The state's seven-day rolling average for positive cases as of Monday was 1.7%.

Georgia

ATLANTA — The number of COVID-19 cases is rising in Georgia, although infections in the state are not climbing as fast as the nationwide average.

Even with relatively few in-

fections reported Monday, the state's seven-day average is close to 1,300, more than 10% above the recent bottom on Oct. 8. The number of people hospitalized with confirmed cases of COVID-19 has also been rising for a week, crossing back above 1,300 on Monday.

Experts fear another jump like the one seen in June, in part because cases and hospitalizations never fell as low as they did in the spring.

One issue is that Georgia is still not including probable cases in its daily reports. Those cases are mostly diagnosed from rapid antigen tests, and many other states are counting them as positives. Public Health Commissioner Kathleen Toomey said recently that the state is working on a plan to report probable cases daily.

Illinois

CHICAGO — Chicago officials warned Monday of "worrying trends" in increased COVID-19 cases, calling it a second wave that could trigger additional restrictions to curb the spread.

Such restrictions have already returned to other areas of the state. Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, speaking Monday in Muncyphorsboro, announced an end to indoor restaurant and bar service in part of southern Illinois, along with limits on groups of more than 25 from congregating.

In Chicago, there has been a more than 50% increase of positive cases in the past two weeks to over 500 daily cases, according to the Chicago Department of Public Health. Commissioner Allison Arwady said it is the most cases since late May.

There also has been a 25% increase in hospitalizations. There are spikes across all groups of Chicagoans and parts of the city. The increase coincides with an increase statewide. The Illinois Department of Public Health on Monday announced 3,113 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and 22 additional deaths.

North Dakota

FARGO — The mayor of North Dakota's largest city said Monday that he'd like to see a statewide mask mandate as the coronavirus spins out of control, and in the meantime invoked emergency powers to require face coverings in most settings that don't involve family members.

Tim Mahoney, who, in addition to being Fargo's mayor, is also a general surgeon, has been largely supportive of Republican



LEILA NAVIDI, STAR TRIBUNE/AP

Tori McKinney, left, 14, a ninth grader at Minnetonka High School who is mostly distance learning, stands with her mother, Jenny, during a news conference outside the State Capitol on Monday in St. Paul, Minn., where Republican state leaders announced a "Contract to Open Up Minnesota." With less than two weeks until Election Day, Minnesota Republicans will make the case that Gov. Tim Walz needs to roll back COVID-19 regulations.

Gov. Doug Burgum's approach to managing the pandemic. But he said that in recent weeks, up to one in four people tested for the virus in his city has tested positive, and said it "would be great" if Burgum issued an order for the entire state.

Cass County, which includes Fargo, had over 200 new cases Monday and has had nearly 8,000 since the pandemic began. It's been one of the hardest-hit spots in the nation for daily new cases per capita the past two weeks.

New York

ALBANY — New York may have to consider changes to its quarantine rules for out-of-state travelers now that two of its closest neighbors, Connecticut and New Jersey, are on the brink of getting added to the list of places subject to the restrictions.

About three dozen states are now on New York's must-quarantine list. Both Connecticut and New Jersey were poised to join them based on the current threshold of targeting states averaging 10 or more new cases per day, per 100,000 residents, over a seven-day period.

The latest data shows Connecticut and New Jersey hit that threshold Monday, with 11.2 new cases per 100,000 residents and 10.3 respectively. Massachusetts is at 9.9 cases per 100,000 residents, while New York is at seven per 100,000, twice what it was at the end of August.

Though he acknowledged that this is a problem, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo also said travel restrictions might be unenforceable among the three states given

so much cross-border commuting to work or shop and worries about disrupting the economy.

Oregon

ALBANY — At least 19 students in Greater Albany Public Schools attended a gathering without masks, spurring new COVID-19 cases and setting back progress made toward holding in-person classes, officials said.

At least three positive cases have been traced to a large gathering in a local home with students from West Albany High School, South Albany High School and Lebanon High School, the Albany Democrat-Herald reported.

The families of the students have been contacted by local health authorities but according to Schools Superintendent Melissa Goff, some families may not be cooperating with efforts to trace the potential outbreak.

Prior to the latest positive cases, the school district was holding limited in-person instruction for students who receive special services while monitoring the increasing case load around the county. A total of 142 students at 14 district sites were receiving in-person instruction.

Tennessee

NASHVILLE — Gov. Bill Lee intends to extend an executive order that allows the majority of Tennessee's counties the option to require face coverings in public, as the state has seen coronavirus case counts grow.

Gillum Ferguson, Lee's spokesman, confirmed Monday that the executive order will be extended until the end of the year. The order — which applies to 89 out

of the state's 95 counties — was scheduled to expire at the end of the month.

In Tennessee, executive orders can be extended up to 60 days at a time.

Meanwhile, the state's six large metro counties with locally governed health departments already had authority to implement their own COVID-19 restrictions, including mask mandates.

West Virginia

CHARLESTON — The federal government has authorized the West Virginia National Guard to increase the number of personnel on active status to support the response to the coronavirus pandemic, Gov. Jim Justice said.

There are currently 379 members of the state National Guard on active status. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will allow that to increase to 400. The federal government will reimburse the state for 75% of the related costs for these personnel, the governor's office said in a news release Monday.

The National Guard's state response has included disinfecting vehicles and facilities, producing and distributing personal protective equipment, performing virus tests and virus prevention training for businesses, long-term care facilities, medical practices and residents, the statement said.

"If there is a state with a better National Guard, I'd love to see it, because our guardsmen and women in West Virginia are champions beyond belief and they've done an incredible job," Justice said.

NATION

DOJ to file antitrust case against Google

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department was expected to file a lawsuit Tuesday alleging that Google has been abusing its online dominance in online search to stifle competition and harm consumers, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press.

The lawsuit marks the government's most significant act to protect competition since its groundbreaking case against Microsoft more than 20 years ago. It could be an opening salvo ahead of other major government antitrust actions, given ongoing investigations of major tech companies including Apple, Amazon and Facebook at both the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission.

Lawmakers and consumer advocates have long accused Google, whose corporate parent Alphabet Inc. has a market value just over \$1 trillion, of abusing its

dominance in online search and advertising to stifle competition and boost its profits. Critics contend that multibillion-dollar fines and mandated changes in Google's practices imposed by European regulators in recent years weren't severe enough and that structural changes are needed for Google to change its conduct.

The case is expected to be filed in federal court in Washington, D.C., and will allege Google has been abusing its dominance in online search to stifle competition and harm consumers, the person familiar with the matter told the AP. It will also allege that Google uses billions of dollars collected from advertisers to pay phone manufacturers to ensure Google is the default search engine on browsers, the person said. The person could not discuss the matter publicly before a formal announcement and spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity.

Court records indicate that 11 states will

join the federal government in the lawsuit. The Trump administration has long had Google in its sights. A top economic adviser to President Donald Trump said two years ago that the White House was considering whether Google searches should be subject to government regulation.

Google controls about 90% of global web searches. The company has been braced for the government's action and is expected to fiercely oppose any attempt to force it to spin off its services into separate businesses.

The company owns the leading web browser in Chrome, the world's largest smartphone operating system in Android, the top video site in YouTube and the most popular digital mapping system. Some critics have singled out YouTube and Android as among Google businesses that should be considered for divestiture.

With only two weeks to Election Day, the Trump Justice Department is taking bold

legal action against Google on an issue of rare bipartisan agreement. Republicans and Democrats have accelerated their criticism of Big Tech in recent months, although sometimes for different reasons. It's unclear what the status of the government's suit against Google would be if a Joe Biden administration were to take over next year.

The Justice Department sought support for its suit from states across the country that share concerns about Google's conduct. A bipartisan coalition of 50 U.S. states and territories, led by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, announced a year ago they were investigating Google's business practices, citing "potential monopolistic behavior."

Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, South Carolina and Texas will join the lawsuit, according to court records.

6 Russian officers charged in cyberattacks

By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department announced charges against Russian intelligence officers in cyberattacks that targeted a French presidential election, the Winter Olympics in South Korea and American businesses. The case implicates the Kremlin unit that interfered in the 2016 U.S. election but is not related to the November vote.

The indictment accuses the six defendants, all said to be current and former officers in the Russian military intelligence agency known as the GRU, of hacks prosecutors say were aimed at furthering the Kremlin's geopolitical interests and destabilizing or punishing perceived enemies. All told, the attacks caused billions of dollars in losses and disrupted a broad cross-section of life, including health care in Pennsylvania, a power grid serving hundreds of thousands of customers in Ukraine and a French election that saw the late-stage disclosure of hacked emails.

The indictment is the most recent in a series of Justice Department prosecutions of Russian hackers, often working on behalf of the government.

The attacks in this case are "some of the most destructive, most costly, most egregious cyberattacks ever known," said Scott Brady, U.S. attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, where the 50-page indictment was filed.

"Time and again, Russia has made it clear: They will not abide by accepted norms, and instead, they intend to continue their destructive, destabilizing cyber behavior," said FBI Deputy Director David Bowdich.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Tuesday rejected the accusations and said Russia and Russian special services "was never undertaken any hacking attacks, especially against the Olympics."

"This resembles regularly occurring re-



A poster showing six wanted Russian military intelligent officers is displayed before a news conference at the Department of Justice on Monday in Washington.

lapses of rampant Russophobia, which of course has nothing to do with the reality," Peskov said.

The indictment doesn't charge the defendants in connection with interference in American elections, though the officers are part of the intelligence unit prosecutors say interfered in the 2016 U.S. election. One of the six charged in the case announced Monday was among the Russian military intelligence officers charged with hacking in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election interference.

The indictment accuses the officers of hacking into the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea after Russia was punished by the International Olympic Committee for a vast doping conspiracy. It also says the Tokyo 2020 Olympics were targeted. Those Olympics have been postponed until next year.

Another attack was aimed at disrupting the 2017 presidential election in France through hacks that targeted local government entities, campaigns and political parties, including the party of current President Emmanuel Macron.

Other attacks targeted international

investigators looking into the suspected nerve agent poisoning of former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the United Kingdom, as well as the country of Georgia, where 15,000 websites were defaced.

Beyond that, though, the hacks had harmful impacts on quality-of-life for everyday citizens. The attacks in Ukraine disrupted the power supply in the middle of winter for hundreds of thousands of customers, officials say.

And the global malware attack known as NotPetya that infected computers across the world harmed the operations of the Heritage Valley Health System, which prosecutors say serves tens of thousands of people in western Pennsylvania.

The six defendants face charges including conspiracy to conduct computer fraud and abuse, wire fraud and aggravated identity theft. None is in custody, but the Justice Department in recent years has eagerly charged foreign hackers in absentia in countries including Russia, China and Iran with the goal of creating a message of deterrence.

7.5 quake hits off Alaska's southern coast

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — A magnitude 7.5 earthquake prompted a tsunami warning Monday for a nearly thousand-mile stretch of Alaska's southern coast, with waves over 2 feet at the nearest community as the threat subsided.

The quake was centered near Sand Point, a city of about 900 people off the Alaska Peninsula where wave levels late Monday topped 2 feet, according to the National Tsunami Warning Center. The warning was downgraded to an advisory just over two hours after the quake hit, and was lifted Monday night.

"It was a pretty good shaker here," said David Adams, co-manager of Marine View Bed and Breakfast in Sand Point. "You could see the water kind of shaking and shimmering during the quake. Our truck was swaying big time."

The quake struck in the North Pacific Ocean just before 1 p.m. It was centered about 67 miles southeast of Sand Point, according to the Alaska Earthquake Center. The community is about 800 miles southwest of Anchorage. The quake was recorded at a depth of 19 miles.

The quake was felt widely in communities along the southern coast, including Sand Point, Chignik, Unalaska and the Kenai Peninsula, according to the Alaska Earthquake Center, which said a magnitude 5.2 aftershock was reported 11 minutes later, centered roughly in the same area.

Patrick Mayer, superintendent of the Aleutians East Borough School District, said parents picked up their children from Sand Point School, which also served as an evacuation point.

Mayer said a school bus was dispatched to a fish processing facility to bring workers to the school since it's on high ground.

Public safety officials in King Cove had urged residents to remain vigilant after the warning was downgraded and to stay off the beach and out of harbors and marinas. Waves by late afternoon in King Cove were less than 2 feet, according to the National Tsunami Warning Center.

NATION

Protest arrests not showing antifa, but ordinary Americans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump portrays the hundreds of people arrested nationwide in protests against racial injustice as violent urban left-wing radicals. But an Associated Press review of thousands of pages of court documents tell a different story.

Very few of those charged appear to be affiliated with highly organized extremist groups, and many are young suburban adults from the very neighborhoods Trump has vowed to protect from the violence in his reelection push to win support from the suburbs.

Attorney General William Barr has urged his prosecutors to bring federal charges on protesters who cause violence and has suggested that rarely used sedition charges could apply. The Department of Justice has also pushed for detention, even as prisons across the United States were releasing high-risk inmates because of the COVID-19 and prosecutors had been told to consider the risks of incarceration during a pandemic when seeking detention.

Defense attorneys and civil rights activists are questioning why the Department of Justice has taken on cases to begin with. The news said that most belong in state court, where defendants typically get much lighter sentences. They have also argued that federal authorities appear to be cracking down on protesters in an effort to stymie demonstrations.

It is highly unusual, and without precedent in recent American history," said Ron Kuby, a longtime attorney who has represented scores of clients over the years in protest-related incidents. "Almost all of the conduct that's being charged is conduct that, when it occurs, is prosecuted at the state and local level," he said.

This is not to say there hasn't been violence. Police cars have been set on fire, officers have been injured and blinded, windows have been smashed, stores looted and businesses destroyed.

Some of those facing charges uniformly "share far-left" and anti-government views. Some have criminal records and were illegally carrying weapons. Others came to the protests from out of state. Some are accused of using the unrest as an opportunity to steal or create havoc.

But many have had no previous run-ins with the law and no apparent ties to antifa, the umbrella term for leftist militant groups that Trump has said he wants to declare part of a terrorist organization.

Even though most of the demonstrations have been peaceful, Trump has made "law and order" a major part of his reelection

campaign, casting the protests as lawless and violent in mostly Democratic cities he said have done nothing to stymie the mayhem. Trump has argued that some cities have refused to properly clamp down on protesters, so the federal government has to step in.

The government has pushed in scores of cases to keep the protesters behind bars while they await their trials amid the COVID-19 pandemic that has killed more than 210,000 people across the U.S.

In Texas, Federal Magistrate Judge Andrew Austin repeatedly challenged the prosecutor to explain why Cyril Lartigue, who authorities said was found with the materials to make a Molotov cocktail in his backpack, should be behind bars while he awaits his trial. Lartigue, of Cedar Park, described his actions that night as a "flash of stupidity," prosecutors said. Letters filed with the court from friends and family members describe him as a caring and honest man.

The 25-year-old lives with his parents in the Austin suburb, had never been in trouble with the law before and wasn't a member of a violent group.

The judge said there is a lot of people "who do something stupid that's dangerous that we don't even consider detaining."

"I have defendants in here with significant criminal histories that the government agrees to release," he said. "We have no evidence of him — at least that's been given to me — being a radical or a member of a group that advocates violence toward the police or others ... What evidence is there that he's a danger to society?"

The judge allowed Lartigue to stay out of jail.

While some of the defendants clearly hold radical or anti-government beliefs, prosecutors have provided little evidence of any affiliations they have with organized extremist groups.

A Seattle man who expressed anarchist beliefs on social media was accused of sending a message through a Portland citizen communication portal to protesters to "flow up" a police precinct. Another shouted anarchist messages at a protest, according to social media.

In Detroit, city leaders have decried suburbanites coming into the city and causing havoc.

"If you really want to address these issues ... and we stand in solidarity with you, address them in Royal Oak ... address them in Dearborn, address them in Grosse Pointe," the Rev. Wendell Anthony of the NAACP said in May. "Don't come down to Detroit and make the city up and then go back home."



MICHAEL PEREZ/AP

Philadelphia Sheriff Rochelle Bilal talks to reporters during a press conference earlier this month.

Black officers break from police unions over Trump endorsements

By CLAUDIA LAUER

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Police unions nationwide have largely supported President Donald Trump's reelection amid mass demonstrations over police brutality and accusations of systemic racism — but a number of Black law enforcement officers are speaking out against these endorsements, saying their concerns over entering the 2020 political fray were ignored.

Trump has touted his support from the law enforcement community, which includes endorsements from national, city and state officers' unions — some of which publicly endorsed a political candidate for the first time. He's running on what he calls a "law and order" platform and tapping into a strain of anger and frustration felt by law enforcement who believe they are being unfairly accused of racial discrimination.

There are more than 8,000 law enforcement agencies in the U.S., with large departments holding sway nationally. The number of minority officers in policing has more than doubled in the last three decades, but many departments still have a smaller percentage of Black and Hispanic officers compared to the percentage of the general population those communities make up.

Many fraternal Black police organizations were formed to advocate for equality within police departments, but also to focus on how law enforcement affects the wider Black community. There have often been tensions between minority organizations and larger unions. Like in August, when the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers issued a letter condemning use of deadly force, police misconduct and abuse in communities of color.

While support for the Republican incumbent does not strictly fall along racial lines, many Black officers say the endorsements for

Trump don't fairly represent all dues-paying members.

"We are members of these unions, and they don't take into consideration our feelings about Donald J. Trump, then they don't care about us and ... they don't care about our dues," said Rochelle Bilal, the recent past president of the Guardian Civic League of Philadelphia, calling the National Fraternal Order of Police's Trump endorsement an "outrage."

Bilal, who was elected as Philadelphia's first Black female sheriff last year, spoke at an early October news conference with other Black law enforcement groups in Philadelphia to condemn Trump endorsements and the process they said ignored their concerns over what they perceived to be racist remarks, support for white supremacist groups and a lack of respect for women from Trump.

But national union leaders have said the process is designed to give everyone a voice, and the endorsement represents the majority of officers. The Fraternal Order of Police represents close to 350,000 officers nationally, but does not track racial demographics.

"I am a Black American and a Black law enforcement officer," said Rob Pride, the National Fraternal Order of Police chair of trustees. "It's been emotionally a rollercoaster ride for me since the George Floyd incident. It was horrific."

Pride, who oversees the vote that leads to the organization's presidential endorsement, says the May 25 police killing of Floyd in Minneapolis and the political climate "is tearing America apart" and having a similar effect on the FOP.

National FOP leaders said they have heard from members who don't agree with the Trump endorsement — and they're open to talking over concerns — but that all 44 state Fraternal Orders of Police chapters that cast a ballot voted for Trump. Pride said the

whole process starts locally, with lodges passing out candidate survey answers and ballots, and then voting at a statewide meeting. State delegates then voted at the national meeting.

"We could probably have an hourlong conversation about why some folks feel President Trump is racist and why others disagree," he said. "But there are a lot of officers of all races of all backgrounds who feel he best represents and supports the interests of law enforcement."

Denouncing the endorsement processes, The Guardian Civic League has asked its approximately 1,200 members to be prepared to withdraw their dues from the national FOP, as has the Club Valiants of Philadelphia — an organization of more than 500 minority firefighters — from the Local 22 of the International Fire Fighters and Paramedics Union. In endorsing Trump, Local 22 broke from its parent organization, which endorsed Democrat Joe Biden.

In New York City, Patrick Lynch — the head of the Police Benevolent Association that represents about 24,000 officers — announced the union's endorsement of Trump at August's Republican National Convention, something members said they had no warning would happen. An unsigned letter from the Guardians Association said the Black and minority officers the group represents felt blindsided by Lynch's endorsement and wished the union had stayed neutral.

Terrence Hopkins, president of the Black Police Association of Dallas, said a handful of officers left the Dallas Police Department's largest union, partly driven by its support for Trump, and had joined his organization.

"A lot of these officers feel like they aren't being considered. A lot of the issues that push them to that point border along racial lines," Hopkins, a 30-year veteran officer, said.

NATION

Governor calls for VMI probe after cadets describe racism

By IAN SHAPIRA
The Washington Post

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, a Democrat, ordered an investigation into the culture at the Virginia Military Institute on Monday after Black cadets and alumni described relentless racism at the nation's oldest state-supported military college.

The governor, who graduated in VMI's Class of 1981, co-wrote a letter to the college's Board of Visitors informing it that the state will fund an independent probe into the school's treatment of its Black students.

His action followed a Washington Post story detailing a lynching threat, Klan reminiscences and Confederacy veneration at the Lexington school, where cadets fought and died for the slaveholding South during the Civil War.

The letter—signed by Northam, Democratic Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, Democratic Attorney General Mark Herring, and several state House and Senate leaders, including Del. Lamont Bagby, D-Henrico, the chair of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus—said the state is directing an “independent, third-party review” of what they called “the clear and appalling culture of ongoing structural racism at the Virginia Military

Institute.”

“Black cadets at VMI have long faced repeated instances of racism on campus, including horrifying new revelations of threats about lynching, vicious attacks on social media, and even a professor who spoke fondly of her family’s history in the Ku Klux Klan—to say nothing of inconsistent application of the Institute’s Honor Code,” the letter said. “In addition, VMI cadets continue to be educated in a physical environment that honors the Confederacy and celebrates an inaccurate and dangerous ‘Lost Cause’ version of Virginia’s history. It is long past time to consign these relics to the dustbin of history.”

“This culture is unacceptable for any Virginia institution in the 21st century, especially one funded by taxpayers. Virginians expect all universities—and particularly public universities established by the General Assembly—to be welcoming and inclusive, and to eschew outdated traditions that glorimize a history rooted in rebellion against the United States.”

In a statement to The Post last week, retired Gen. J.H. Binford Peay, the school’s superintendent, said: “There is no place for racism or discrimination at VMI” and promised that “any allegation

of racism or discrimination will be investigated and appropriately punished, if substantiated.”

Black cadets make up about 8% of VMI’s 1,700 students. The school, which was founded in 1839 and was the last public college in Virginia to integrate in 1968, received nearly \$19 million in state funds this past fiscal year.

The campus’ main Parade Ground features two statues of enslavers—Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson, who taught at VMI, and the school’s first superintendent, Francis Smith, who believed Black people should be resettled in Africa.

In the Post article, Black students and alumni described an atmosphere of hostility and cultural insensitivity. One Black woman, who graduated in the class of 2019, filed a complaint against her white business professor, who reminisced in class about her father’s membership in the Ku Klux Klan—and how they had “the best parties ever.”

Other Black students said they were outraged in 2018 when a white sophomore told a Black freshman during Hell Week that he’d “lynch” his body and use his “dead corpse as a punching bag.”

According to a Black student who helped investigate the incident, the white student was suspended,



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The Virginia Military Institute Corps of Cadets participated in the parade for Inauguration Day 2017 in Washington.

not expelled.

Several members of Virginia’s House of Delegates expressed outrage after reading the Post story.

Del. Jennifer Carroll Foy, D-Prince William, a Black VMI graduate who is running for governor, said cadets accused of racism, sexism or bullying should be investigated and, if found guilty, expelled.

“I personally went through more egregious experiences at VMI that I do not wish to recount,” said Carroll Foy, 39, who graduated in 2003. She said it was particularly disturbing to read what the current generation of VMI students have endured because it shows that “the culture has not improved over the years.”

Racial incidents began publicly rolling VMI in June when Caleb Tucker, who’d just graduated after

enduring four years of indignities as a Black cadet, shared an online petition demanding the removal of the Jackson statue. His effort sparked a counterpetition by Jeremy Sanders, a Class of 2015 graduate and Army captain, who wrote that the “core” of VMI was “under attack by those who seek to destroy these noble ideas that have made VMI cadets an ‘honor to their country and state.’”

Northam has made racial equity in Virginia a cause since he was caught up in a blackface scandal over his 1984 Eastern Virginia Medical School yearbook. His page showed a photo of two people, one dressed in blackface, the other in a Klan robe. Initially, Northam said he was in the picture, but he did not specify which costume he wore. The next day, though, Northam said he wasn’t in the picture at all.

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WORLD

Dane who killed Swedish journalist on sub briefly escapes from prison

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — A Danish man convicted of torturing and murdering a Swedish journalist on his homemade submarine made a dramatic but brief escape from a suburban Copenhagen prison Tuesday, reportedly taking a hostage to break out before police recaptured him.

Peter Madsen was quickly apprehended near the Herstedvester prison where he is serving a life sentence for the killing of Kim Wall.

Police said Madsen appeared to be carrying fake weapons, including a "bogus" explosive belt.

Madsen was captured about five minutes after the escape and less than a half-mile from the facility. Prison personnel who followed him saw that he had jumped into a passing white van and informed police.

Police officers then found on Madsen "what seems to be a belt with explosives," said Mogens Lauridsen, operations chief of the suburban Copenhagen police. He was handcuffed, officers stepped back and Madsen was left on the side of a road when a bomb squad



NILS MELVANG, RITZAU SCANPIX/AP

A police officer watches convicted murderer Peter Madsen as he sits on the side of a road after being apprehended following a failed escape attempt from prison in Albertslund, Denmark, on Tuesday.

investigated the belt, Lauridsen said.

In 2018, Madsen was sentenced to life in prison for killing Wall, 30, who he lured aboard his homemade submarine in 2017 with the promise of an interview. Madsen claims Wall died accidentally in-

side the submarine, but he has confessed to throwing her body parts into the Baltic Sea. Wall had planned to interview Madsen for a story on a rocket program he founded, with the goal of building a crowd-funded rocket to launch himself into space.

Turkey evacuates large post in Syria

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Turkish troops in northwestern Syria have been evacuating one of their largest military bases in the area, which was surrounded by Syrian government troops for months, activists said Tuesday.

There was no immediate comment from Turkish officials. Activists and opposition media platforms reported the military evacuation, posting footage and photos of Turkish trucks and equipment driving north of Mörək.

Turkish TV station Haberturk quoted unnamed officials saying that Turkey is moving the base to an area farther north in the northwestern province of Idlib still controlled by Syrian opposition forces backed by Ankara. There was no immediate government confirmation of that report.

It was not immediately clear whether the withdrawal is part of a deal to reposition Turkish observation points inside the op-

position-held enclave or is aimed at reducing Turkey's military presence in the area. As part of an earlier cease-fire deal, Turkey deployed troops to man 12 observation points in the northwest to separate government forces and Syrian opposition fighters and monitor the truce negotiated with Russia. But the cease-fire failed to curtail government advances, including the one that encircled the base in Mörək late last year.

The shrinking enclave at the edge of northwestern Syria, along the border with Turkey, is the last area controlled by Turkish-backed Syrian opposition forces.

The Step News Agency, an opposition media collective, said two Turkish convoys were spotted driving toward the M4 highway, an area where the Syrian opposition is in control. The agency first reported movement in the Turkish base in Mörək on Sunday. There are believed to be three other posts encircled by Syrian government troops.

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WORLD

China urges India to honor pledge, return soldier

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's military says it hopes India will make good on its pledge to swiftly return a Chinese soldier found lost along their mountainous border where the sides have been locked in a tense standoff.

The defense ministry issued a statement late Monday saying the soldier had been helping herders round up yaks when he lost his way Sunday evening.

The Chinese side informed their Indian counterparts of the missing individual and were informed shortly afterward that he had been found and would be returned after undergoing a medical checkup, a spokesperson for the Western Theater Command, Zhang Shuili, was quoted as saying.

A statement from the Indian side Monday said the soldier, Cpl. Wang Ya Long, was apprehended inside Indian-controlled Ladakh's Demchok area and was to be released soon.

It said the soldier "had strayed" across the de facto border along the eastern section of what's known as the Line of Actual Control, a loose demarcation separating Indian- and Chinese-controlled areas.

"As per established protocols, he will be returned back to Chinese officials at the Chushul-Moldo meeting point after completion of formalities," the statement said.

The high-altitude standoff began in early May with a fierce brawl, and exploded into hand-to-

hand combat with clubs, stones and fists on June 15 that left 20 Indian soldiers dead. China is believed to also have had casualties, but has not given any details.

China detained at least 10 Indian soldiers, including four officers, following the deadly brawl. They were returned three days later after intense military and diplomatic negotiations.

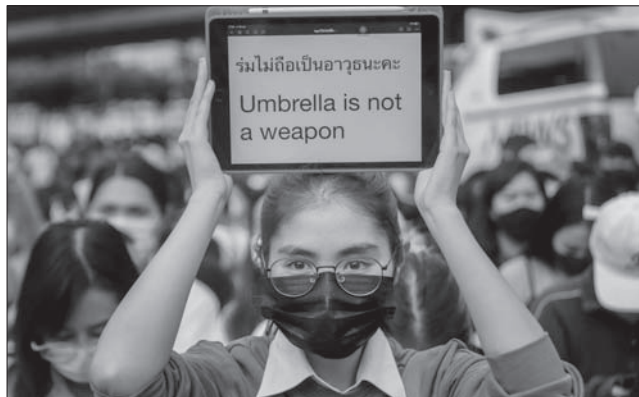
India and China have each stationed tens of thousands of soldiers backed by artillery, tanks and fighter jets and are bracing for a harsh winter in the cold-desert region, where temperatures can fall to minus 58 Fahrenheit.

The nuclear-armed rivals have accused each other of crossing into rival territory and of firing shots for the first time in 45 years.

Relations between the two countries have often been strained, partly due to their undemarcated border. They fought a border war in 1962 that spilled into Ladakh and ended in an uneasy truce. Since then, troops have guarded the undefined border and occasionally brawled. They have agreed not to attack each other with firearms.

India unilaterally declared Ladakh a federal territory and separated it from disputed Kashmir in August 2019, ending Indian-administered Kashmir's semi-autonomous status. It also vowed to take back the Aksai Chin plateau.

China was among the first countries to strongly condemn the move, raising it at international forums including the U.N. Security Council.



SAKHAI LALIT/AP

A pro-democracy activist displays a message during a demonstration in the suburbs of Bangkok, Thailand, on Monday. The Parliament will hold a special session to discuss the ongoing protests.

Thai Parliament to debate protests

Associated Press

BANGKOK — Thailand's Cabinet on Tuesday approved a request to recall Parliament for a special session to deal with the political pressures from ongoing anti-government protests.

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting approved the request, which calls for a non-voting session on Oct. 26-27.

The request for the session came from House Speaker Chuan Leekpai, who said Monday that both government and opposition parties supported it. Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha had already said earlier that he supports the move.

There is a deadlock between the government and the student-led protesters, who want Prayuth to step down, the constitution to be amended to make it more democratic, and reforms to the monarchy to have it conform to democratic norms.

The protesters charge that Prayuth, an army commander who led a 2014 coup, was returned to power unfairly in last year's general election because laws had been changed to favor a pro-military party. The protesters say a constitution written and passed under military rule is undemocratic.

But their more recent demand for checks and balances on the monarchy has deeply angered conserva-

tive Thais — and broken a taboo, since the monarchy is considered sacrosanct and tough laws protecting it from insult mean its role is not usually discussed openly.

The government has sought to weaken the protesters' resolve over the past week by arresting their leaders, declaring a state of emergency for Bangkok that makes all rallies illegal, and trying to physically impede their gatherings, including by closing mass transit stations.

Two detained top protest leaders, Panusaya "Rung" Sithijirawattanakul and Parit "Penguin" Chiwarak, were released Tuesday, but were immediately rearrested on other charges, said their lawyer, Noraseth Nanongtoom. He said they would seek their release on bail when they are brought to court Wednesday.

Parliament in September made its first attempt at dealing with one of the protesters' demands when it was scheduled to vote on six proposed constitutional amendments. But the vote was canceled at the last minute as Parliament voted instead to set up a committee to further consider such proposals.

Constitutional changes require a joint vote of the House and the Senate, but it was clear that the proposals lacked enough support in the Senate, whose members are not elected and are generally very conservative and hostile to the protesters.

Duterte accepts responsibility for killings in drug crackdown

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine president has said he accepts responsibility for the thousands of killings committed during police operations in his crackdown on drugs, adding that he was even ready to go to jail.

President Rodrigo Duterte's televised remarks Monday night were typical of his bluster — and tempered by the fact that he has pulled his country out of the International Criminal Court, where a prosecutor is considering complaints related to the leader's bloody campaign.

The remarks were also a clear acknowledgment that Duterte could face a deluge of criminal charges. Nearly 6,000 killings of drug suspects have been reported by police since he took office in mid-2016, but rights watchdogs suspect the death toll is far larger.

"If there's killing there, I'm saying I'm the one ... you can hold me responsible for anything, any death that has occurred in the execution of the drug war," Duterte said.

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Philippine president

"If you get killed, it's because I'm enraged by drugs," said the president known for his coarse and boastful rhetoric. "If I serve my country by going to jail, gladly."

He said, however, that drug killings that did not happen during police operations should not be blamed on him, alleging that those may have been committed by gangs.

Duterte has made a crackdown on drugs a centerpiece of his presidency. At the height of the campaign — which has often targeted petty dealers and users along with a handful of the biggest drug lords — images of suspects sprawled dead and bloodied in the streets were frequently broadcast in

TV news reports and splashed on the front pages of newspapers. Tens of thousands of arrests in the initial years of the crackdown worsened congestion in what were already among the world's most overcrowded jails.

U.N. human rights experts and Western governments led by the United States have raised alarm over the killings, enraging Duterte, who once told former U.S. President Barack Obama to "go to hell."

There have been widespread suspicions that police engage in extrajudicial killings in the crackdown, allegations that they and Duterte deny. In 2018, a court convicted three police officers of murdering a 17-

year-old student after witnesses and a security video disproved their claim that the suspect was shot after violently resisting, a common reason cited by police officers after drug suspects are killed.

At least two complaints for crimes against humanity and mass murder in connection with Duterte's campaign are being examined by an ICC prosecutor, who will determine whether there is enough evidence to open a full-scale investigation.

When the complaints were made, Duterte withdrew the Philippines from the world tribunal two years ago in a move that human rights groups said was a major setback in the country's battle against impunity. The ICC prosecutor has said the examination into the drug killings would continue despite the Philippine withdrawal.

Police have reported at least 5,856 drug suspects have been killed in raids and more than 256,000 others arrested since the start of the crackdown. Human rights groups have accused authorities of considerably under reporting the deaths.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Hiker missing 12 days found safe in park

UT SALT LAKE CITY — The family of a woman who was missing in Utah's Zion National Park for 12 days said she has been found and is safe.

Holly Courtier was reported missing Oct. 8 and a search began the next day. The Deseret News reported.

Search and rescue crews located Courtier on Sunday after receiving a tip from a park visitor who reported seeing her, National Park Service officials said.

Courtier's family said in a statement that they were "overjoyed" she was found safely, and thanked park rangers, volunteers and other members of the teams who searched for her.

Police arrest man on animal cruelty charges

OK PORTER — A north-eastern Oklahoma man has been charged with 42 counts of animal cruelty after authorities found 36 malnourished dogs inside maggot-infested cages and farm animals that had been restrained.

The Wagoner County Sheriff's Office said when deputies were dispatched to a home in Porter on Wednesday, they found three horses, one cow, one bull and a heifer bound to different fixed objects throughout the property, as well as 36 dogs packed into a small building in the back.

All of the animals had no access to food or water and appeared malnourished, according to the sheriff's office.

The home's owner, Kerry E. Yochum was arrested by deputies. Jail records did not list an attorney for Yochum.

Prisoner attacks guard and fellow inmate

AL OZARK — A jailed Alabama man awaiting trial in the killing and dismembering of his 58-year-old brother was charged with attacking a corrections officer and a fellow inmate with a homemade weapon, according to authorities.

The inmate then also assaulted a fellow prisoner, officials said. That inmate was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not described. The correctional officer was treated at a hospital and released.

Officials certify record 19-pound lake trout

VT MONTPELIER — A South Burlington fisherman caught a record 19.36-pound lake trout in Lake Champlain this summer, according to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department.

The department said this week that it had recently certified the record fish entry. Jeffery Sanford caught the 36.5-inch fish in over 100 feet of water in August, the department said.

The size and health of the fish is a result of good lake trout habitat and ongoing efforts to control sea lamprey, which prey on lake trout, landlocked Atlantic salmon, brown trout, steelhead, walleye, lake sturgeon and other fish species, said Shawn Good, the department's fisheries biologist who oversees the Vermont State Record Fish Program.

Sanford said he wanted to release the fish but was unable to revive it, so he brought it to be weighed as part of the Lake Champlain International's Basin Derby, where it is now in first place for the derby's lake trout category, the department said.



CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Memorial murals

A pedestrian passes murals of the recently deceased U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, left, and rock guitarist Eddie Van Halen on Sunset Boulevard on Friday, in Los Angeles.

counted for 147 of the 328 bears killed. Hunting is prohibited in state parks, forests and wildlife management areas.

Gov. Phil Murphy has said this year could be the last for the bear hunt, which the Democrat pledged to end when he ran for governor in 2017. Murphy cited a new bear management plan that the state Fish and Game Council was studying.

Long lines as medical weed dispensaries open

MO ST. LOUIS — Missouri's first licensed marijuana dispensaries opened this weekend in the St. Louis area with long lines.

The two dispensaries run by N'Bliss opened Saturday in Ellisville and Manchester. Another dispensary is expected to open Monday in the Kansas City area nearly two years after Missouri voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow the sale of medical marijuana.

To buy the drug, people need approval from a doctor and a state medical marijuana card. Prices are expected to be high initially because the supply is limited in the state at this stage. N'Bliss

was charging \$125 for an eighth of an ounce of marijuana when it opened Saturday.

The Missouri Department of Health and Human Services expects most of the state's 192 approved dispensaries to be open by the end of the year.

Cruise ship rescues 24 people on sinking boat

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The Miami Herald said the passengers were later transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard.

THE CENSUS

\$4.7M

The amount of money four people received in an accident settlement for what New Orleans federal prosecutors are now saying is part of a wider scheme to scam insurance companies. All four — Anthony Robinson, 66; Audrey Harris, 53; Jerry Schaffer, 65; and Keishira Robinson, 25 — were charged with two counts of mail fraud and one of conspiracy to commit mail fraud Friday. Prosecutors say their indictments bring the total of people accused of staging wrecks to 32. The maximum total sentence, if they are convicted, would be 45 years in prison and \$750,000 in fines.

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The cruise ship was in international waters 37 miles off the coast of Palm Beach when it came upon the struggling boat, whose passengers were of various nationalities, cruise line officials said. They were evaluated and quarantined from the crew.

Lab to use \$4M gift to study vision diseases

ME BAR HARBOR — A Maryland foundation plans to give \$4 million to support vision research at a Maine laboratory.

The Diana Davis Spencer Foundation has pledged the money to The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, which said the money will pay for research and training in the field of neurodegenerative diseases of the eye.

The work will include research into glaucoma, age-related macular degeneration and ocular signs of Alzheimer's disease.

The foundation is "honored to fund the dedicated researchers at JAX as they explore the eye as a biomarker for dementia," said Diana Davis Spencer, the foundation's executive chairperson.

Researchers tag record number of sharks

CA HUNTINGTON BEACH — There are more sharks in the water off the coast of Southern California than ever before, according to marine researchers.

The Shark Lab at California State University, Long Beach, tagged 38 sharks, more than triple the number tagged last year, KCAL-TV reported Friday.

Lab Director Chris Lowe tweeted about the findings and shared drone video of great white shark pups and juveniles swimming along beaches from San Diego to Santa Barbara.

The clusters were larger and stayed in the coastal waters longer than in past years, Lowe said. From wire reports

FACES

In his own voice

Billy Porter on new gay rights series, upcoming memoir and other projects

By JOCELYN NOVECK
Associated Press

Billy Porter is busy, pandemic or not. He's just appeared in a virtual play about nurses on the front lines. His series "Pose" is returning to production. He's soon to appear in the "Cinderella" remake. He's writing a memoir — a project he calls the hardest thing he's ever done.

And starting this week, he narrates "EQUAL," a new docuseries on HBO Max that traces the history of the LGBTQ movement through the Stonewall uprising in 1969.

Porter was born just a few months after Stonewall. He learned about galvanizing moment for the modern gay rights movement as he grew up. Still, he says, there was a lot about the movement's earlier history that he didn't know, and was able to learn through the docuseries.

In four episodes, the series, premiering Thursday, looks at the rise of early gay rights organizations like the Mattachine Society and Daughters of Bilitis; the 20th century transgender experience; the role of the Black community in gay rights; and then Stonewall.

Porter recently spoke with The Associated Press about the project, his other work, and how he's been coping during the pandemic.

Associated Press: You were born just after the Stonewall uprising; do you remember when you first became aware of it?

Porter: I came out when I was 15, about 1985. The research wasn't really at our fingertips as it is now, but we found it some way. There were some older survivors who would teach us. It was always nice to know as a baby gay that there was somebody out there who was fighting for our rights. Just as I intersect with the African American community and our civil rights. The two are aligned in many ways for me. It helps remind those of us in the fight on the regular that good is possible. And the work is eternal. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, is what Frederick Douglass says.

Tell us about "EQUAL."
It was really interesting for me as somebody who knows a lot about LGBTQ history — there's a lot of stuff in the four-part series I had not heard about before. So it's always nice to learn something new. (It's about) everything before the Stonewall riots. I think there's a lot of information at the fingertips post-Stonewall, (but) there's not a whole lot of talk about what came before Stonewall, so it's really interesting.

You recently did a public service announcement during the Emmys, basically saying that Hollywood is making an effort toward more inclusive representation, but there's a lot farther to go.

That is the direct message for the entertainment industry. But in the macro, it's the message for the world at large. Not just America; for the entire world. You know, it's time. It's time to make a change and a change for good. And it's about people rising up and making



CHARLES SYKES, INVISION/AP

Billy Porter attends the Christian Siriano fashion show at Siriano's home in Westport, Conn., on Sept. 17.

that so. So that's what you're seeing right now. And I think what's interesting about this series is that it's about people taking charge of their lives and rising up and making sure that we live up to what our Constitution boasts, which is that all men are created equal.

The pandemic has changed lives. How has yours changed?

It's a global reset, that's what I've been calling it. I've really been trying to make lemonade out of lemons. I've leaned in to my self-care work. I've leaned into boundaries and balance in relation to how I engage in the business and how I protect my relationships, my marriage, my family, everything. You know, I really feel like, as horrible as this is, the silver lining is that everybody is awake. And if you're not awake now and if you don't see it for what it is now, you never will. All of the issues have been laid bare.

You're writing a memoir. How has that process been?

It's a very difficult process. Yes, it is! It's the most difficult thing I've ever had to do. Because I'm trying to tell the truth and I'm trying to help somebody. So that means digging deep, and it's hard.

Jeff Bridges announces lymphoma diagnosis

Jeff Bridges says he is being treated for lymphoma and his prognosis is good.

The 70-year-old actor channeled his The Dude character from "The Big Lebowski" in a statement on social media

about the diagnosis Monday evening.

He said he understands the disease is serious. He expressed

gratitude to his family, friends and medical team and promised to keep fans posted on his recovery.

Bridges is a seven-time Oscar nominee known for his roles in "Starmann," "True Grit," "The Last Picture Show" and many other films. He won an Academy Award in 2010 for "Crazy Heart."

Jeffrey Toobin sidelined by the New Yorker, CNN

Author-commentator Jeffrey Toobin has been suspended by the New Yorker and is stepping away from his job as CNN's senior legal analyst pending what the cable network is calling a "personal matter."

He reported Monday that Toobin had exposed himself during a Zoom meeting with staffers of the New Yorker and WNYC radio. In a statement Monday afternoon, the New Yorker said Toobin had been "suspended while we investigate the matter." It declined further comment.

In other news

■ **James Redford**, a filmmaker, activist and son of actor Robert Redford, has died. He was 58. Robert Redford's publicist, Cindi Berger, said in a statement Monday that the 84-year-old father is mourning with his family during this "difficult time."

From The Associated Press

New this week: The Boss, Billie Eilish, Borat and 'Bad Hair'

Associated Press

Here's a collection curated by The Associated Press' entertainment journalists of what's arriving on TV, streaming services and music platforms this week.

Movies

You have to admire the moxie of Netflix and director Ben Wheatley for taking on *Daphne du Maurier's* "Rebecca," which all readers has a masterpiece Alfred Hitchcock adaptation to its name. But even with the above-than-stellar reviews, the prospect of watching stunners Lily James and Armie Hammer fret around Manderley in period clothes is still just too alluring to deny. And if "Rebecca" doesn't satisfy the need for voyeuristic beauty when it hits Netflix Wednesday, the streamer is also getting Todd Haynes' "Carol" back in its ranks Thursday.

Sacha Baron Cohen is returning to the character he made his name with: Borat. The Kazakhstani television host is back with "Borat 2" or "Borat Subsequent Moviefest: Delivery of Protectors and Benevolent American Regime for Make Benefit Once

Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." The film is being kept mostly secret until it hits Amazon Prime Video on Friday, but we can expect election and pandemic antics.

"Dear White People" filmmaker Justin Simien takes a big swing with his latest, "Bad Hair," a comedy-horror about a woman trying to rise in the late-'80s music business who gets a demonic weave. Critics have been mixed on the tonal mishmash, but you can decide for yourself when it hits Hulu on Friday.

— AP Film Writer Lindsey Bahr

Music

Rock legend Bruce Springsteen will release his 20th album on Friday. "Letter to You" reunites Springsteen with the E Street Band and includes 12 tracks, including three The Boss, 71, wrote in his early twenties: "Janey Needs a Shooter," "If I Was the Priest" and "Song for Orphans." The album was recorded in just five days and that portion was filmed — fans will get to see Springsteen and his band mates do what they do best in the Apple TV+ documentary film "Bruce Springsteen's Letter

to You," which also premieres Friday.

Billie Eilish was on the road for just three days before she had to cancel her worldwide tour due to the coronavirus pandemic in March. But thankfully on Saturday the Grammy-winning star will host her first global livestream concert. "WHERE DO WE GO: THE LIVESTREAM" will be available on Eilish's website as well as the interactive video streaming platform Maestro. Tickets cost \$30.

— AP Music Editor Mesfin Fekadu

Television

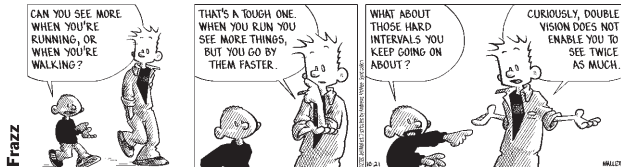
"The Queen's Gambit," based on Walter Tevis' 1983 novel of the same name, follows a chess prodigy who competes in a male-dominated realm as she battles her scarred past and prent. orphaned Beth, played as a young woman by Anya Taylor-Joy, finds solace in the game and escape in the substance abuse that could undermine her life and dazzling success. Annabeth Kelly, who plays Beth as a child, Marielle Heller and Thomas Brodie-Sangster co-star in the series directed and written by Scott Frank ("Out of Sight," "Logan").

It debuts Friday on Netflix.

HBO's "The Undoing" boasts A-list talent in front of and behind the camera. Nicole Kidman and Hugh Grant star, David E. Kelley ("Big Little Lies") is the writer and Susanne Bier ("The Night Manager") directs the limited series debuting Sunday. Grace and Jonathan (Kidman, Grant) have a charmed family life until it's revealed to be otherwise, forcing Grace to switch into crisis mode. Donald Sutherland, Edgar Ramirez and Noah Jupe also star in the adaptation of Jean Hanff Korelitz's 2014 novel, "You Should Have Known."

Eva Longoria, Gloria Estefan and Ricky Martin host a celebration of Latino culture airing Monday, Oct. 26, on CBS and streaming on CBS All Access. "Essential Heroes: A Momento Latino Event" uses music, comedy, short documentaries and celebrity appearances to explore the Latino experience. While essential workers, Latinos among them, have drawn praise for their efforts during the pandemic, Latinos have "been the backbone of this country for hundreds of years" and deserve recognition, Longoria said in a statement.

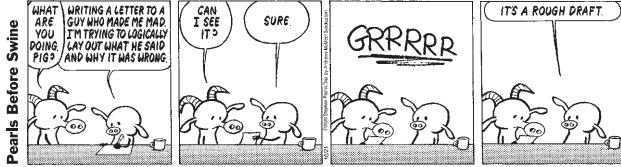
— AP Television Writer Lynn Elber



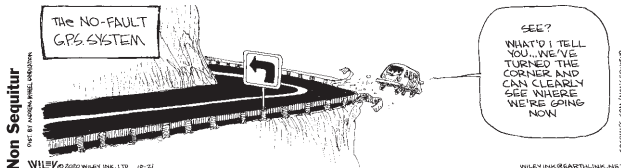
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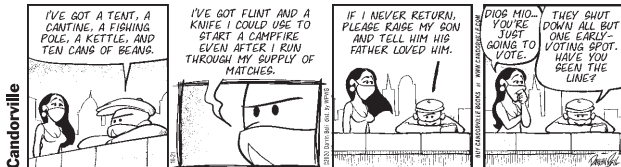
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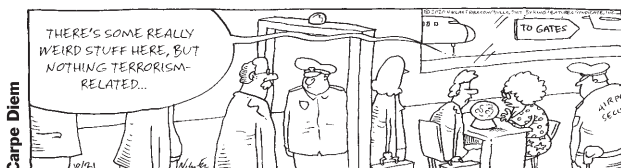
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 25 Bikini half
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OPINION

‘We’ have to go back,’ McMaster warns

By JOSH ROGIN
The Washington Post

Iresident Donald Trump's Afghanistan policy is confusing and unclear, even for his own officials. His top general and his national security adviser are publicly battling over U.S. troop withdrawals in the country. And now H.R. McMaster, a retired Army lieutenant general and former national security adviser, has publicly said that Trump's Afghanistan policy is a "travesty," and that his deal with the Taliban constitutes agreement similar to Europe's accommodation with Adolf Hitler in the Munich agreement of 1938.

McMaster, doing a publicity tour for his new book, sounded off about the Trump administration's recent approach to Afghanistan during an online event hosted Thursday by the Alexander Hamilton Society, a nonprofit foreign policy network that operates on college campuses across the country. McMaster told the audience that during his term as national security adviser the U.S. commitment in Afghanistan had been a track to be sustainable and effective. But making a deal with the Taliban, he said, Trump has now betrayed the mission and undermined U.S. security.

McMaster said Trump repeated and then exceeded all of the flaws of the Obama administration's approach to Afghanistan by seeking to bring the Taliban into the Afghan government and pressuring the Afghan government to go along. Trump, he said, apparently forgot that the Taliban are the enemy, and that they are intertwined with terrorist groups.

McMaster is pushing for an Afghan power-sharing agreement with the Taliban, the Trump administration was not

only undermining its Afghan government partners but also undermining the moral and legal underpinnings for U.S. intervention there. Trump's strategy "renders the war unjust, because we no longer have defined a just end," he said.

"It's just a travesty," said McMaster, predicting failure. "We will pay the price, and we'll be back. We'll have to go back, and at a much higher cost."

McMaster's comments came as the internal Trump administration battle over Afghanistan troop withdrawals spilled into public view last week. National security adviser Robert O'Brien and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Mark Milley are sniping at each other in public, each claiming to understand the president's policy better than the other.

It started Oct. 7, when O'Brien told a crowd at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas that the U.S. troop presence in Afghanistan would go down from about 5,000 to 2,500 by early next year. Referring to the Trump administration's push for the Afghan government and the Taliban to strike a deal, O'Brien said: "Ultimately, the Afghans themselves are going to have to work out an accord, a peace agreement."

Just hours later, Trump tweeted that all U.S. troops "should" be out of Afghanistan by Christmas, a typically vague tweet that could be interpreted either as an opinion or an order by the commander in chief. Asked about the troop withdrawal issue by NPR on Oct. 11, Milley told a swipe at O'Brien.

"I think that Robert O'Brien or anyone else can speculate as they see fit," Milley said. "I'm not going to engage in speculation. I'm going to engage in the rigorous analysis of the situation based on the conditions and the plans that I am aware of and my conversations with the president."

‘Herd immunity’ comes with unbearable costs

By TOM FRIEDEN
Special to The Washington Post

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues in the United States and many parts of the world, millions of Americans are increasingly impatient for the economy and society to regain a more normal footing. Some "maverick scientists" with "an audience inside the White House," as The Washington Post reported last week, argue for "allowing the coronavirus to spread freely at 'natural' rates among healthy young people while keeping most aspects of the economy up and running."

Their aim is to achieve "herd immunity," the concept that if enough people are immune, those without immunity can be protected. Usually this refers to immunity gained from vaccination, but the goal of herd immunity has typically not been applied to a disease for which there is no vaccine.

There is a saying that for every complicated problem, a solution exists that is quick, simple — and wrong. That applies here: Pursuing herd immunity is the wrong, fast way, solving for the pandemic. Discussing such a reckless approach shouldn't be necessary, except that it echoes the misguided ideas of neuro-radiologist Scott Atlas, who in recent months has become an influential medical adviser to President Donald Trump.

The fast way, as reported, has relied on similar-minded scientists "to bolster his in-house arguments."

Less than 15% of Americans have been infected by the virus that causes COVID-19. If immunity among those who have been infected and survived is strong and long-lasting (as it may well be neither), and if herd immunity kicks in at 60% in-

fection of the population (and it might be higher), with a fatality rate of 0.5% among those infected, then at least another half-million Americans — in addition to the 220,000 who have already died — would have to die for the country to achieve herd immunity. And that's the best-case scenario. The number of deaths to get there would be twice as high.

The route to herd immunity would run through graveyards filled with Americans who did not have to die, because what starts in young adults doesn't stay in young adults. "Protecting the vulnerable" however appealing it may sound, isn't plausible if the virus is allowed to freely spread among younger people. We've seen this in families, communities and entire regions of the country. First come cases in young adults. Then the virus spreads to older adults and medically vulnerable people. Hospitalizations increase. And then deaths increase.

The vulnerable are not just a sliver of society. The 65-and-over population of the United States in 2018 was 52 million. As many as 60% of adults have a medical condition that increases their risk of death from COVID-19, with many unaware of their condition, which can include undiagnosed kidney disease, diabetes or cancer. The plain truth is that we cannot protect the vulnerable without protecting all of us.

A one-two punch is needed to knock out the virus — a combination approach, just as the best way to use contact tracing to fight diseases such as HIV and tuberculosis. That in turn will allow the accelerated resumption of economic and social activity.

First, knock down the spread of the virus. The best way to do this is — as the country has been trying to do, with uneven success — to reduce close contact with others, especially in crowded indoor spaces

O'Brien hit back at Milley during an online event Friday hosted by the Aspen Strategy Group, repeating that Trump intends to draw down to 2,500 U.S. troops in Afghanistan soon. "It has been suggested by some that that's speculation. I can guarantee you, that's the plan of the president [of] the United States," O'Brien said, pushing back on Milley's claim that O'Brien didn't speak for Trump. O'Brien also said that Defense Secretary Mark Esper and the Defense Department are "fully on board" with implementing the withdrawal plan.

Officials tell me that O'Brien is definitely closer than Milley to being able to speak to the president's intentions. Trump has been angry at Milley since the general publicly apologized for his role in the clearing of Lafayette Square with chemical agents so Trump could hold a Bible photo op there in June.

McMaster is surely voicing the concerns of many of the senior military brass who have spent years fighting in Afghanistan and worry that Trump is squandering those gains. He has spoken out against his former boss very selectively. At the Hamilton Society event, he implicitly criticized his successor, John Bolton, by saying that the national security adviser shouldn't publicly reveal dirt about the president, especially while that president is still in office.

McMaster is criticizing Bolton for talking out of school, but at the same time criticizing the president's policies himself while trying to sell his book. Meanwhile, the U.S. troops in Afghanistan are still fighting the war while U.S. leaders in Washington fight among themselves.

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with poor ventilation. Increase adherence to the 'Three W's': wear a mask, watch your distance and wash your hands (or use sanitizer). Where restrictions have been loosened, track early-warning triggers and activate strategic closures to prevent an explosive spread.

Second, box the virus in to stop cases from becoming clusters and clusters from becoming outbreaks. Rapid testing should focus on those at greatest risk of having been exposed. The sooner people who are infectious get isolated, the fewer secondary cases there will be. That means rapid testing and a rapid action when tests are positive. Close contacts need to be quarantined so that if they develop infection, the chain of transmission will stop with them.

A safe and effective vaccine may become available in the coming months — or it may not. Yet even if it were widely administered (a big if), it wouldn't end the pandemic. Even if a vaccine that's 70% effective is taken by 70% of people — optimistic estimates — that leaves half of the population unprotected. For the foreseeable future, masks will be in, at least indoors, and handshakes will be out.

Although there's no quick fix, this pandemic will end one way. In the interim, there are actions individuals, families and communities across the country can take to reduce risk. The sooner the virus is under control, the quicker and more complete the recovery will be.

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SCOREBOARD/ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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Tennis

European Open
Monday
ATLANTA Arena
Antwerp, Belgium
Prize: \$294,500
Surface: Hardcourt/Indoor
Men's Singles
Qualification
Lloyd Harris (5), South Africa, def. Federico Coria (3), Argentina, 6-4, 6-0.
Marcos Giron (4), United States, def. Yasutaka Uchiyama (6), Japan, 7-6 (1), 6-2.
Salvatore Caruso (1), Italy, def. Yuchi Sugita (8), Japan, 6-3.
Eemi Ruusuvuori (7), Finland, def. Joao Sousa (2), Portugal, 7-5, 6-4.
Round of 32
Felipe Lopez, Spain, def. Tommy Paul, United States, 6-2, 6-2.
Francesca Tiafoe, United States, def. Dusan Lajovic (6), Serbia, 6-4, 7-6 (6).
Ugo Humbert, France, vs. Kimmer Coppejans, Belgium, 6-4.
Men's Doubles
Round of 16
Yannick Mertjens and Michael Geerts, Belgium, def. Luca Nardi, Italy, and Zane Krajnc, Australia, 6-4, 7-5 (3).
Michael Venus, New Zealand, and Jack and William Kontos, United States, def. Luke Bambridge, Britain, and Jackson Wildour, United States, 6-4, 7-5.

Deals

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
SEATTLE MARINERS - Announced RFS Seth Frankoff and Brady Call. Frankoff and Call have been outrighted to Tacoma (PCL).
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES - Activated LF Adam Davall from the 10-day IL. Activated LF Tucker Davidson and Ender Inciarte. Infs Adeiny Hechavarria, Alex Jackson and William Contreras. RHP Chad Sobota, Jassel De La Cruz, Luke Jackson, Touki Toussaint and Patrick Winters and LHP Tucker Davidson and Sean Newcom.
CINCINNATI REDS - Announced vice president and general manager Nick Krall will head the baseball operations department.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS - Signed TE Evan Baylis to the active roster. Promoted DL Trevor Coley and LB Reggie Walker to the active roster.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS - Agreed to terms with pitching coach Jim Hickey.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS - Signed TE Evan Baylis to the active roster. Promoted DL Trevor Coley and LB Reggie Walker to the active roster.
CINCINNATI REDS - Promoted DE Bryan Cox and DT Justin Zimmer to the active roster.
CINCINNATI BENGALS - Signed DL Marcus Huff. Waived DT Andrew Brown.
DALLAS COWBOYS - Activated LB Leighton Vander Esch from injured reserve. Promoted DE Prescott and DT Tyrsten Hill on injured reserve. Signed DT Justin Hamilton.
MIAMI DOLPHINS - Signed DT Albert Huggins to the practice squad.
JACKSON TEXANS - Claimed DT Eli Anko off waivers from the Colts.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS - Signed DB Nate Meadors to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS - Re-signed WR Wes Kittley to the practice squad. Released WR Devin Ross from the practice squad.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS - Designated LB Derion Johnson as IR. To Montgomery to return from injured reserve.
NEW YORK GIANTS - Placed LB Lorenz Taylor on injured reserve.
TENNESSEE TITANS - Activated WR Jaxon Smith-Tinkler from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Placed LT Taylor Lewan on injured reserve.

College football

Schedule
Thursday's game
SOUTH
Arkansas St. (3-2) at Appalachian St. (2-1).
Friday's games
SOUTH
Jacksonville St. (2-1) at FIU (0-2).
Tulsa (1-1) at South Florida (1-4).
Louisiana-Lafayette (1-1) at UAB (4-1).
MIDWEST
SE Missouri at S. Illinois, ppd. Illinois at Wisconsin.
Nation's games
EAST
Mercer (0-1) at UCF (5-1).
FAU (1-0) at Marshall (0-0).
Houston (4-1) at Navy (3-2).
Notre Dame (4-0) at Pittsburgh (3-3).
Georgia Tech (2-3) at Boston College (3-2).
SOUTH
NC State (4-1) at North Carolina (3-1).
Georgia Southern (3-1) at Coastal Carolina (4-0).
Syracuse (1-4) at Clemson (5-0).
Aburn (2-2) at Mississippi (1-3).
Temple (1-1) at Memphis (2-1).
Florida St. (2-3) at Louisville (1-4).
UTEP (2-2) at Charlotte (1-2).
Missouri (1-2) at Florida (2-1), ppd.
Georgia (3-1) at Kentucky (2-2), ppd.
Southern Miss. (1-3) at Liberty (5-0).
Tulane (2-2) at UCF (2-2).
Cont. Arkansas (2-3) at Kentucky (1-4).
Virginia Tech (3-1) at Wake Forest (2-2).
Alabama (4-0) at Tennessee (2-2).
Georgia St. (4-2) at Troy (3-1).
Chowanua (1-4) at Wake Forest (1-4).
Louisiana-Monroe (0-5) at South Alabama (2-1).
Louisiana (2-1) at LSU (1-2).
Virginia (1-3) at Miami (4-1).
Rutgers at Michigan St.
MIDWEST
Kansas (0-4) at Iowa St. (3-1).
Nebraska at Ohio St.
Iowa at Purdue.
Penn St. at Michigan St.
Kentucky (2-2) at Missouri (1-2).
Alabama (4-0) at Tennessee (2-2).
Michigan at Minnesota.
SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma (2-2) at TCU (1-2).
Auburn Christian (0-2) vs. Stephen F. Austin (2-3) at Arlington Tex. (3-1).
Iowa St. (3-1) at Oklahoma St. (3-0).
Texas (1-1) at Texas Tech (3-1).
Middle Tennessee (1-5) at Rice (3-1).
Louisiana Tech (1-1) at Texas Tech (3-1).
Louisiana Tech (3-2) at UTSA (3-3).
Cincinnati (3-3) at UTSA (3-3).
FAR WEST
Wyoming at Nevada.
Oregon at Stanford.
Hawaii at Fresno St.
Colorado at Colorado St.
Texas State (1-5) at BYU (5-0).
Air Force (1-0) at San Jose St.
Utah State at San Diego St.

Major League Soccer

PHILADELPHIA UNION - Acquired an injury roster spot from Montreal. Impact for the 2020 season in exchange for general allocation money.

Badgers' defense can't rest

With RB Taylor in the NFL, Wisconsin must rely on veteran defenders

BY STEVE MEGARGE
Associated Press

Wisconsin traditionally wins games because of its running game and defense.

Now that Jonathan Taylor has moved on to the NFL, that would seem to put more pressure on the defense to carry the load as the Badgers' offense adjusts to life without the two-time Doak Walker Award winner.

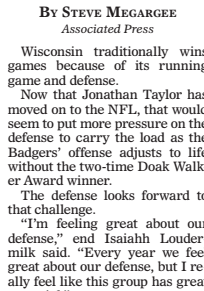
The defense looks forward to that challenge.

"I'm feeling great about our offense," def. Isaiah Loder-milk said. "Every year we feel great about our defense, but I really feel like this group has great potential."

The defense will need to live up to that potential for Wisconsin to reach the Big Ten championship game for the fourth time in five years. The 14th-ranked Badgers open their pandemic-delayed season Friday night by hosting Illinois.

Wisconsin's offense lost more than just Taylor. The Badgers also must replace All-America center Tyler Biadash and leading receiver Quintez Cephus from last year's team. Redshirt freshman quarterback Graham Mertz will start against Illinois because senior Jack Coen is out indefinitely after undergoing foot surgery.

The defense has fewer questions. Wisconsin returns eight players who made at least six starts last year for a defense that ranked fourth among Bowl Subdivision teams in yards allowed per game (287.1) and 13th in yards al-



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lowed per play (4.79).
"The chemistry is there," cornerback Caesar Williams said. "The playmaking is there. It's just (time to) put it on film."
Williams is one of three returning starters in a secondary that also features cornerback Paion Hicks and safety Eric Burrell.

Wisconsin also has three defensive linemen who made at least six starts in Loder-milk, Garrett Rand and Keanu Benton.

Linebacker Jack Sabornie had a team-high 80 tackles plus 5 1/2 sacks and three interceptions last season. Sabornie sees ways in which Wisconsin's defense can be



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even better this season.
"Last year, you'd look at games and we've got some guys doing one thing, some guys doing another," Sabornie said. "That's just one area we've talked about a lot that we believe we can clean up, and something that we need to clean up."

Wisconsin's biggest task on defense is replacing the playmaking ability of departed outside linebackers Zack Baun and Chris Orr, who combined for 24 of the Badgers' 51 sacks last season. Baun was an Associated Press All-America second-team selection.

Pro soccer

MLS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	11	3	5	38	34	17
Philadelphia	11	3	5	38	34	17
Chicago	10	4	6	36	29	22
Orlando City	9	2	8	32	30	18
New England	9	2	8	29	21	19
New York City FC	8	8	3	27	24	19
New York	7	10	4	25	22	23
Montreal	7	10	4	25	22	23
Nashville SC	6	6	2	15	17	17
Charlotte	5	6	2	14	24	26
Atlanta	5	10	4	19	22	22
Inter Miami CF	5	11	4	18	19	19
D.C. United	5	11	4	18	11	30
Columbus	5	10	5	15	17	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	9	5	4	31	25	13
Portland	9	5	4	31	38	30
LA Galaxy	8	7	5	29	32	22
LAFC	7	7	4	25	40	24
Minnesota United FC	6	5	24	28	23	23
San Jose	6	12	6	24	24	43
Vancouver	6	7	6	21	23	29
Real Salt Lake	5	7	6	21	24	29
San Diego	5	7	6	21	24	29
Colorado	5	4	19	22	24	30
LA Galaxy	5	4	19	22	24	30

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

Sunday, Oct. 18
Columbus 3, New York City FC 1.
New York City FC 1, Toronto FC 1.
D.C. United 2, Cincinnati 1.
Toronto FC 1, Atlanta 0.
Wednesday, Oct. 21
Houston 3, Minnesota United FC 1.
Real Salt Lake at Colorado ppd.
Los Angeles FC 1, Portland 1.
LA Galaxy 1, Vancouver 0.
Seattle 0, San Diego 0.

Monday's game
Philadelphia 2, New England 1.
New York City FC 1, Toronto FC 1.

Tuesday's game
FC Dallas at Nashville.
Wednesday's game
Sporting Kansas City at Colorado ppd.
Thursday's game
Portland at Seattle.
Friday's games
Orlando City at Nashville.
Saturday's games
D.C. United at Atlanta.
New York City FC at Chicago.
Minnesota at Cincinnati.
Montreal vs. New York City FC.
LA Galaxy at Philadelphia.
Columbus at Houston.
Colorado at Sporting Kansas City.
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake.
San Jose at Vancouver.

Brohm to miss Purdue's opener with Iowa after 2nd positive test

By MICHAEL MAROT Associated Press

Purdue coach Jeff Brohm started feeling abnormally fatigued late last week. By Saturday, the symptoms worsened.

Two positive COVID-19 tests Sunday confirmed what Brohm suspected.

On Monday, Brohm announced he had contracted the virus and would not be on the sideline for Saturday's season-opener at home against Iowa. Instead, offensive coordinator Brian Brohm will replace his older brother and will continue calling plays.

"It's not going to be very fun and it's bad timing," Jeff Brohm said on his weekly Zoom call. "You work all year long for a season, it's an abbreviated season, I'd like to be there, be with the team. But I don't think one person makes the team whether it's a coach or a player. I think our team will respond and play well."

Brohm isn't the first coach facing this predicament.

Alabama coach Nick Saban and Florida coach Dan Mullen both tested positive last week and are among a handful of other college coaches who have

been diagnosed with the illness.

The SEC canceled Florida's next two games after Mullen and at least 21 players and coaches had positive tests. Three negative tests allowed Saban to return to the sideline for Saturday night's win by No. 2 Crimson Tide over No. 3 Georgia.

Big Ten protocols are more stringent.

Boilermakers athletic director Mike Bobinski said players with confirmed COVID cases must sit out 21 days while staff members are required to follow CDC guidelines — isolate for 10 days and remain symptom-free.

Those requirements rule out Brohm's in-person availability Saturday though Purdue is looking for ways to keep him in touch with his team.

"If there is any way we can let Jeff be involved remotely, if that is permissible, we would explore it," Bobinski said. "We don't have an answer to that yet."

The initial indication something was wrong came late last week. So when Brohm started feeling worse Saturday — chills and chest tightness among the symptoms — he presumed he had it. Sunday morning's daily rapid test came back positive and a subsequent test came back positive that night.

Bobinski said no Purdue football players have returned a positive result since daily tests began Sept. 30 and there has been no discussion with conference officials about postponing or cancelling this weekend's game.



Brohm

WORLD SERIES



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Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw has won Cy Young awards but is 11-12 with a 4.31 ERA in the postseason, including a 1-2 record in the World Series.

World Series has not been kind to Kershaw

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Clayton Kershaw has pitched in the final game of the season for the Los Angeles Dodgers six of the last seven years. None of those followed by lifting the World Series trophy.

There are his three National League Cy Young Awards, even an MVP during one of his 21-win seasons, and the current streak of eight consecutive NL West titles for the Dodgers.

But the 32-year-old ace lefty has a losing record (11-12) in the postseason — and the Los Angeles hasn't won a World Series since 1988. That is the same year Kershaw was born in Dallas, where he still lives and not far from where he is about to get another chance to change that for the Dodgers and add a huge missing piece to his otherwise spangling résumé.

"I was throwing sim games May and June in Dallas, thinking about, man, are we even going to play a season?" Kershaw said Monday.

And now for the third time in four years, Kershaw was scheduled to start Game 1 of the World Series for the Dodgers, who were on the verge of their season ending when he left his NL Championship Series start last week in Arlington, Texas, where the World Series is also being played.

California-born Tyler Glasnow, a 27-year-old right-hander who grew up watching the early part of Kershaw's career, was set to start Tuesday night for the Tampa Bay Rays in their first World Series game since 2008. Glasnow was 5-1 with a 4.08 ERA in 11 starts during the regular season and is 2-1 with a 4.66 ERA in four postseason starts.

The World Series opener comes a week after Kershaw was scratched before his scheduled start in Game 2 of the NLCS against Atlanta because of back spasms. He instead started two days later in Game 4, which was tied 1-1 before he left after allowing three hits in a row to start the sixth in what became a six-run inning for the Braves on the way to a 10-2 win.

But the Dodgers then won three consecutive games when facing elimination — only the second time in their storied history they did that. Kershaw was in the bullpen scratching at times during Game 7 on Sunday night, but never entered the clinching 4-3 victory.

Before these unusual playoffs, Kershaw hadn't pitched professionally in Arlington. His rotation turns never matched up with trips to Texas, not at the old stadium across the street where he used to watch the Texas Rangers and one of his favorite players, Will Clark — the reason he wears No. 22 — or for the Dodgers' series at the new \$1.2 billion Globe Life Field at the end of August.

Kershaw was 6-2 with a 2.16 ERA in 10 starts during the regular season, then had 13 strikeouts in eight scoreless innings to win the clinching Game 2 against Milwaukee in the first round. He went six innings to beat San Diego during the NLDS in his first Arlington start.

"He's so competitive," first-year teammate and 2018 AL MVP Mike Betts said. "He does everything right."

But as good as Kershaw has been in going 175-76 with a 2.43 ERA in the regular season over his 13 seasons, the eight-time All-Star has had plenty of disappointing finishes in the postseason, when his ERA is nearly two runs higher at 4.31.

■ In relief during Game 5 of the NL Division Series at home against Washington last October, Kershaw allowed back-to-back homers to start the eighth that tied the deciding game before the eventual World Series champion Nationals won on a grand slam in the 10th.

■ There was a scoreless inning in relief to close out Game 7 of the NLCS in 2018 before he lost both his starts against Boston in that World Series — Game 1 and the deciding Game 5.

■ His World Series debut in 2017 included 11 strikeouts while allowing one run over seven innings to win Game 1 at home against the Astros. But after LA took an early 4-0 lead in Game 5 at Houston, Kershaw gave up six runs and left after 4½ innings — whether he tipped his pitches, or the Astros benefited from their illegal sign-stealing scheme that was revealed years later. The Astros won that game 13-12 in 10 innings, and clinched the series in Game 7, when Kershaw pitched four scoreless innings in relief at Dodger Stadium.

■ Kershaw was the loser in season-ending games against the Cardinals in the 2013 NLCS and the NLDS the next season. He was 2-0 with a save in his first four appearances during the 2016 postseason before losing the deciding Game 6 of the NLCS against the Chicago Cubs.

Matchups

Tampa Bay Rays

Record: 40-20.
Playoff entry: AL East champions.
Playoff seed: No. 1.

Manager: Kevin Cash (sixth season).
Projected rotation: RHP Tyler Glasnow (5-1, 4.08 ERA, 91 Ks in 57½ IP), LHP Blake Snell (4-2, 3.24, 63 Ks in 80 IP), LHP Charlie Morton (2-2, 4.74, 42 Ks in 38 IP), LHP Ryan Yarbrough (1-4, 3.56).

Top hitters: 2B Brandon Lowe (.269, 14 HRs, 37 RBIs, 36 runs, .916 OPS), LF Randy Arozarena (.281, 7, 11, 1,022 OPS in 23 games), SS Willy Adames (.259, 8, 23, .813 OPS).

Top relievers: RHP Nick Anderson (2-1, 0.56, 4 saves), RHP Diego Castillo (3-0, 1.66, 4 saves), RHP Pete Fairbanks (6-3, 2.70).

Series summary: It's the second American League pennant for the Rays, who began play as an expansion team in 1998. They lost the 2008 World Series to Philadelphia in five games. ... Tampa Bay opened a 3-0 lead in the ALCS against Houston, lost the next three games and then won 4-2 in Game 7 behind Morton, Arozarena and catcher Mike Zunino to avoid joining the 2004 New York Yankees (ALCS vs. Boston) as the only major league clubs to squander a 3-0 advantage in a best-of-seven postseason series. ... The Rays won the AL East this year for the first time since 2010 and third overall. They won nine of their final 11 regular-season games, finishing 20 games over .500 and completing the best 60-game start to a season in franchise history. It also matched the best 60-game stretch the club has had at any point in a season. ... Tampa Bay swept two games from wild-card Toronto in the first round of the playoffs and edged the rival Yankees 2-1 in the deciding Game 5 of their Division Series on Monday's season-high 10th-inning homer off hard-throwing closer Aroldis Chapman in the eighth inning. ... The thrifty and innovative Rays had a \$29 million prorated payroll as of Aug. 1, which ranked 28th out of 30 teams. The big-budget Dodgers topped the majors at \$96 million during this virus-shortened season, according to figures compiled by Major League Baseball. ... It's only the fourth time since 1995, when MLB realigned each league into three divisions, that the teams with the best record in each circuit are meeting in the World Series. ... Tampa Bay is one of six current franchises that's never won the Series. The others are Colorado, Milwaukee, Texas, San Diego and Seattle. ... Dodgers are 10-7 vs. the Rays in interleague play over the years. They split four meetings in 2019, with Kershaw pitching well in a win. Fairbanks had a loss and a save. ... Lowe slumped to .115 (6-for-52) with two RBIs in this year's playoffs. Arozarena, the ALCS MVP, has been the breakout star of the postseason, hitting .382 with a rookie-record seven homers and 10 RBIs. The Cuban Rocket needs one home run to match the major league mark of eight in a single post-season, held by Barry Bonds (2002), Carlos Beltran (2004) and Nelson Cruz (2011). Arozarena's 21 hits are one shy Derek Jeter's 1996 rookie post-season record. ... Kevin Kiermaier, a three-time Gold Glove winner in center field and the longest-tenured Rays player, missed three starts in the ALCS after being hit by a pitch on the left hand in Game 3. He returned to the lineup in Game 7 but appeared to have trouble swinging. ... Morton, who turns 37 next month, is the only pitcher to win four winner-take-all post-season games — including Game 7 of the 2017 World Series against the Dodgers with Houston. ... Rays led the AL with 20 comeback wins during the regular season. ... Tampa Bay thrived despite injuries that forced Cash to juggle his rotation and tinker with bullpen roles. The team had 12 pitchers earn at least one save, matching the big league record set by the 1973 Rangers. Fairbanks became the 13th in the playoff against Toronto. The hard-throwing staff now takes aim at the deep and dangerous Dodgers.

Los Angeles Dodgers

Record: 43-17.
Playoff entry: NL West champions.
Playoff seed: No. 1.

Manager: Dave Roberts (fifth season).
Projected rotation: LHP Clayton Kershaw (6-2, 2.16 ERA, 62 Ks), RHP Justin Mauer (3-1, 2.57, 44 Ks), RHP Walker Buehler (1-0, 3.44, 42 Ks), LHP Julio Urias (3-0, 3.27, 45 Ks).

Top hitters: SS Corey Seager (.307, 15 HRs, 41 RBIs, 38 runs, 12 doubles, .943 OPS), RF Mookie Betts (.292, 16, 39, 47 runs, 10 SBs, .928 OPS), C Will Smith (.289, 8, 25, .980 OPS), LF AJ Pollock (.276, 16, 34, .881 OPS), 3B Justin Turner (.307, 4, 23, .860 OPS), CF Cody Bellinger (.239, 12, 30, .789 OPS).
Top relievers: RHP Kenley Jansen (3-1, 3.33 ERA, 11 saves), RHP Blake Treinen (3-3, 3.86, 1 save), RHP Joe Kelly (2-0, 1.80), RHP Pedro Baez (0-0, 3.11, 2 saves), RHP Brusdar Graterol (1-2, 3.09), RHP Dylan Florio (0-0, 2.59), RHP Tony Gonsolin (2-2, 2.31, 46 Ks in 9 games, 8 starts).

Series summary: After winning the franchise's 24th National League pennant, Dodgers seek their seventh World Series title and first in 32 years. ... Dodgers won their third pennant in four years by overcoming 3-1 series deficit against Atlanta in NLCS. They rallied from 2-0 and 3-2 down in Game 7, getting a tying homer from pinch-hitter Kiké Hernández in the sixth inning and a go-ahead shot from Bellinger in the seventh for a 4-3 victory. Los Angeles allowed only seven runs while winning the final three games — aided by some spectacular defense from Betts. Seager batted .310 with five home runs, four doubles and 11 RBIs to earn series MVP honors. ... Dodgers won their eighth consecutive NL West crown with baseball's best record this season but are still chasing their first championship since 1988. They made back-to-back World Series appearances in 2017 (lost to Houston in seven games) and 2018 (lost to Boston in five games with Betts on the Red Sox roster). They won a franchise-record 106 games last year and didn't make it out of the Division Series. "This year is our year," Roberts said after the NLCS comeback vs. Atlanta. ... With much of the 2020 postseason played at neutral sites because of the coronavirus, LA stays at the Texas Rangers' new ballpark with a retractable roof for the third straight round. Dodgers will be the "home team" and bat last in Games 1 and 2 of Series, and 6 and 7 if necessary, thanks to superior regular-season record. About 11,000 fans will be allowed to attend each game. ... Dodgers had only one day off before Series opener. Tampa Bay got two. Kershaw was on regular rest in Game 1, but LA must decide whether to start Buehler on three days' rest in Game 2 or have him pitch Game 3 on extra rest. Another option for early innings of Game 2 is likely some combination of Mauer and Gonsolin, who both pitched in Game 7 against Braves. ... The 24-year-old Urias is already pitching in his fourth postseason. He went 4-0 with a 0.56 ERA and 16 strikeouts over 16 innings in four playoff games (one start) this year. He won Game 3 of NLCS as a starter and Game 7 in relief. ... Buehler, who has been dealing with blisters, has 29 Ks and a 1.89 ERA in 19 innings this postseason. ... Kershaw went 2-1 with a 3.32 ERA in three playoff starts, leaving the three-time Cy Young Award winner 11-12 with a 4.31 ERA in his postseason career. He lost Game 4 against Atlanta after his NLCS start was pushed back a couple of days due to back spasms. He is 1-2 with a 5.40 ERA in four World Series starts and a Game 7 relief appearance in 2017. ... Los Angeles dispatched No. 8 seed Milwaukee and division-rival San Diego in the first two rounds of the playoffs, outscoring them by a combined 30-11 while winning all five games. ... Jansen struggled with diminished velocity during a shaky outing against the Padres before getting pulled. But he looked much better in the NLCS and saved a 3-1 win in Game 6 with a 1-2-3 ninth inning.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL/AUTO RACING

Schedule scramble

Weeks before tipoff, teams still trying to find opponents

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

College coaches endured a tense time waiting for the NCAA to green-light the 2020-21 basketball season.

They knew there was a window the NCAA was looking at to start, likely sometime in late November or early December. They just didn't have a date. So they did the best they could to prepare for the big moment, yet still found themselves in a scramble once it actually happened.

Even now, five weeks before tipoff, teams are struggling to fill out schedules as the clock keeps ticking.

"We were trading a lot of phone calls, trying to come up with the best solutions," said Anthony Ruta, director of basketball operations under Arkansas coach Eric Musselman. "You need time because you're trying to juggle a bunch of different things. You're trying to check a lot of boxes along the way without compromising yourself in other areas."

'It has been frustrating because we don't know the rules of the game.'

Tom Izzo
Michigan State coach

12 and Big Ten, are still waiting for their seasons to kick off.

The NCAA took a more unified approach to the basketball season, saying it would set a start date for all teams in all conferences.

Word came down in mid-September, when the NCAA said the season will begin on Nov. 25.

Then the scramble began. Coaches kept in touch with opponents on their original schedules to make sure they were both on the same page. A multitude of factors had to be sifted through.

Because the season was originally slated to begin in early November, the later start date meant several games on the schedule would have to be pushed to another day or eliminated. Many teams don't want to travel long distances during a pandemic, so finding regional opponents became a priority.

Teams also had to sort through contracts with previously scheduled opponents and work around uncertainties as leagues across the country try to work out conference schedules.

"The problem is we already had the schedule," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "(Director of basketball operations Josh Eilert) had done a great job, had us a great nonconference schedule, and then we had to just about totally blow it up and start all over again. It's been as tough as I can remember in 43 years."

The NCAA reduced the maximum number of regular-season games from 31 to 27 if a team plays in a multiteam event. The max is 25 without a multiteam event.

One of those, the Maui Invitational, was moved to Asheville, N.C. The Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas was canceled and several teams slated to play there are headed to South Dakota instead. The Cancun Challenge was moved from Mexico to Florida and the Empire Classic from Madison Square Garden to the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut.

Many teams are opting to play in smaller events, like the four-team Little Apple Classic at Kansas State and the Champions Classic in Orlando.

The rest of the schedules will be a mix of home and away games. The safety of players and coaches is the top priority, so many programs are looking at nearby opponents so they can travel by bus instead of going through an airport and getting on a plane.

There's also the issue of testing. Every state and conference seems to have different standards and individual schools have a variety of testing capabilities, some based on financial restraints. Finding opponents with similar testing standards, or who are at least willing to adhere to possibly more stringent practices, became another piece of the scheduling puzzle.

"It has been frustrating because we don't know the rules of the game," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "If we bring in a nonconference team, are they testing the same way, are they following the protocol that the Big Ten would accept? We're starting to put together a schedule, maybe here and maybe there."

It's been nearly a month since the NCAA's start date announcement. The scramble is still ongoing.

At least coaches know there will be a season and when it will start after months of waiting.

"It really has given us some clarity going forward," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "It's taken a little bit of a workload off us because we were all prepared for anything. Now we've got some parameters to work with."

AP sports writers Dan Gelston, Larry Lage and John Raby contributed to this story.



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Chase Briscoe celebrates in victory lane following a NASCAR Xfinity Series race Saturday at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan.

Briscoe lands childhood hero Stewart's No. 14 car

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Chase Briscoe earned job security for the first time in his career with a well-deserved promotion to the Cup Series to cap a season that has so far been storybook.

Briscoe on Tuesday was named the replacement for Clint Bowyer in the No. 14 Ford at Stewart-Haas Racing, the team co-owned by Briscoe's childhood hero. Briscoe idolized fellow Indiana native Tony Stewart and dreamed of one day driving Stewart's car.

"People would ask me 'What's the goal' and I'd say 'Man, the dream is to drive the 14,'" Briscoe said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Never in a million years did I think that was possible. Getting to drive Tony's car, and how much of a die-hard Tony fan I was, it's just crazy that I'm getting to drive that car."

The 25-year-old native of Mitchell, Ind., is a third-generation racer who watched his father compete against Stewart on Midwest dirt tracks. Now he's a nine race winner in the Xfinity Series, the championship points leader, and just the third driver of the No. 14 at SHR since it was created for Stewart in 2009. Stewart hand-picked Bowyer to replace him in 2017, and when Bowyer accepted a television deal for next season, it freed the seat SHR desperately needed to avoid losing Briscoe.

"Chase has worked incredibly hard to make his mark in NASCAR and has earned this promotion," Stewart said.

Briscoe said he froze with stage fright during his childhood encounters with

Stewart, and was such a passionate fan that he argued every Sunday with his Jeff Gordon-loving grandmother during NASCAR races. He emulated his favorite driver while playing video games.

Much like Stewart, Briscoe is considered a blue-collar racer who lacks the family wealth needed to clear the path for an aspiring young driver: He had to earn everything on the track and nearly every year, his season plans were 11th-hour deals.

Even after he'd locked in on a driver development deal with Ford, his job security depended almost exclusively on funding. A strong three-race close to the 2019 Xfinity season, his first year with SHR, convinced Stewart that Briscoe had strong potential.

Yet the money was still an issue until a kismet set of circumstances led to a chance meeting on a Las Vegas street between Briscoe's father and the CEO of a technology solutions company who also happened to be a NASCAR fan. Mike Mendiburu passed Kevin Briscoe on the same side the No. 98 adorned Briscoe's hat, catching the eye of the CEO of Highpoint.

He stopped Kevin Briscoe for a chat, said he rooted for the young driver and, upon learning Mendiburu was talking to Briscoe's father, offered assistance if there was a way Highpoint could help.

Briscoe was again in dire need of sponsorship. Without it, a second season at SHR was not going to happen.

But Highpoint, a company that had no involvement in NASCAR and never even considered sponsorship in the sport, pledged the money needed to get Briscoe another Xfinity season.

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HIGH SCHOOL/NFL

Tennis finals canceled

Virus spike in Germany might also affect cross country meet

By KENT HARRIS
Stars and Stripes

The recent rise in coronavirus cases in Germany has prompted DODEA Europe officials to cancel the season-ending tennis championships that were supposed to start Thursday.

The organization made the decision late Tuesday afternoon after consulting with U.S. military commanders, athletic director Kathy Clemons said.

"Of course, they're devastated," Clemons said of initial reaction from players and coaches.

She said military regulations prohibit official travel during current force protection conditions, so the scheduled three-day event in Wiesbaden couldn't take place as overnight stays would be involved.

The DODEA Europe cross country championships could still happen Saturday since no overnight stays are needed for the event. The location has already been changed from its traditional home in Baumholder to Seewog Park in Ramstein-Miesenbach, Ramstein's home course.

"At this moment, the cross country championships are still on," Clemons said. "Tuesday that at least four schools based in Germany have decided they can't participate at Ramstein and a decision on the event likely would be made Wednesday morning."

Cross country runners will be participating in at least a virtual championship, regardless. Schools outside of Germany haven't been competing against each other during the abbreviated month-long season and are still set to crown champions by running on their own base tracks and then comparing the times online.

Clemons said the window for the virtual competition starts Saturday through Oct. 31. That takes into account factors such as bad weather or track availability.

"We will have the virtual championships," Clemons said.

That's also the case with cheerleading, where teams will perform on tape at their local bases and send in the results by Oct. 28. Judges in Germany and the United States will then review performances and select winners.

And DODEA Europe's newest sport, the European Athletic Fitness Games, will have a new window for its championships as well. A maximum of three teams per school (boys, girls and coed) can compete in the heptathlon style sport during a four-hour window between Oct. 29-Oct. 31.



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Denver Broncos head coach Vic Fangio talks to officials during the first half of his team's game against the New York Jets on Oct. 1. After having their original Week 5 game against the New England Patriots postponed twice, the Broncos beat the Pats 18-12 Sunday.

Commentary

Fangio breath of fresh air in pandemic season

By ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press

DENVER — With the NFL scrambling to get a full 2020 season in during the coronavirus pandemic, one coach has stood out in his roll-with-the-punches guidance.

And it's one of the five head coaches fined by the league last month for shoddy mask wearing on the sideline, no less.

Broncos coach Vic Fangio has been personally touched by COVID-19. His daughter, Cassie, who is a nurse at a military hospital in San Antonio, has recovered after contracting the virus.

So, the repeated delays of Denver's game at New England because of the Patriots' infections didn't unnervingly Fangio, who admonished his players not to gripe about losing their bye week when the league pushed their game at New England back a week.

"That's part of it," Fangio said of his daughter's diagnosis, "but also I know a lot of people have had their lives interrupted in a very negative way whether it be through the illness itself, losing their job, taking a pay cut ... Some small businesses, people who have worked their whole lives to establish a business, are really struggling right now."

"Luckily here in the NFL, so

far as players and coaches, we haven't missed any paychecks," Fangio said. "We're just going to keep fighting through and consider ourselves lucky. Yes, we've been inconvenienced and there are a lot of protocols to follow — some of them can be a little overwhelming at times — but they're necessary."

"I think in the big picture we've been lucky."

How can you complain if your coach is doling out this kind of perspective?

"He's done a good job, and I think the whole organization has done a great job," Brandon McManus said after his franchise-record six field goals propelled the Broncos to their 18-12 win at Foxborough on Sunday.

"Obviously, it's our first time dealing with anything like this," said McManus, who was among the loudest voices in the players union calling for the daily COVID-19 testing back in the summer. "All of us are doing it on the fly and whatever team does that the best definitely has the best chance to win on Sunday."

McManus received a game ball from Fangio, who also promised to deliver one to his running backs coach, Curtis Modkins, who stayed back in Denver after testing positive for the virus on Saturday.

discipline of the Titans.

But the person familiar with the review says there was no discussion of any discipline for an individual, including general manager Jon Robinson, coach Mike Vrabel or any players, and there was no discussion of punishment.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither the NFL, the NFL Players Association nor the Titans have commented.

Plan: Chiefs off to third 5-1 start in four seasons

NFL scoreboard

FROM BACK PAGE

"I can't wait," Bell tweeted during the game.

Edwards-Helaire has already chatted with the veteran Bell and is excited to team up.

"Another guy coming in, another piece to the puzzle. For me, we can only go up," Edwards-Helaire said. "Anything I can do to pick his brain and gain knowledge from, I'm there for it."

Mahomes finished 21-for-26 for 225 yards with two touchdowns, both to tight end Travis Kelce. His first touchdown was the 90th of his career in his 37th game, breaking the NFL record for fewest games to 90 TD passes. Hall of Famer Dan Marino had the previous mark at 40 games.

The Chiefs are off to a third 5-1 start in four seasons, and they bounced back from a sloppy 40-32 loss to the Las Vegas Raiders on Oct. 11.

Buffalo (4-2) lost its second straight. The Bills fell 42-16 at Tennessee last Tuesday, a game that was moved because of a COVID-19 outbreak on the Titans.

That led to the Kansas City-Buffalo game being pushed back as well. The Chiefs, who were originally scheduled to play three games in 11 days, wound up having two more days of rest than the Bills.

Buffalo's defense sold out to prevent Mahomes from going deep but proved vulnerable against the run.

"We felt we did well limiting them from taking it off the top, but the run game's just another part of their game, and they executed it well," safety Micah Hyde said.

The Bills were undone by allowing the Chiefs to convert nine of 14 third-down chances, two of them on a 12-play, 75-yard drive that ended on Harrison Butker's 30-yard field goal with 1:56 remaining.

During that drive, Buffalo's Justin Zimmer stripped the ball

Monday Chiefs 26, Bills 17

Kansas City	7	6	7	6-26
Buffalo	3	7	0	7-17

First quarter
Buff—FG Bass 48, 54:27
KC—Kelce 1 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 3:05

Second quarter
Buff—Diggs 4 pass from Allen (Bass kick), 11:22
KC—Kelce 12 pass from Mahomes (kick failed), 4:59

Third quarter
KC—Darr-Williams 13 run (Butker kick), 1:18

Fourth quarter
KC—FG Butker 37, 9:07
Buff—Beasley 8 pass from Allen (Bass kick), 5:34
KC—FG Butker 30, 1:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	KC	Buf
First downs	27	20
Total Net Yards	466	208
Rush-yards	46-245	23-84
Passing	221	122
Punt Returns	2-2	1-24
Kickoff Returns	2-33	1-29
Interceptions Ret.	1-4	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-26-0	14-27-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-4	0-0
Punts	2-40	4-53.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-68	4-39
Time of Possession	37:45	22:15

RUSHING—Kansas City, Edwards-Helaire 26-61, Mahomes 10-36, Williams 6-25, D.Thompson 3-17, Hill 1-5. **Buffalo**, Allen 8-42, Singletary 10-32, Moss 5-10.

PASSING—Kansas City, Mahomes 21-26-0-25. **Buffalo**, Allen 14-27-1-12. **RECEIVING—Kansas City**, Mahomes 5-69, Kelce 5-55, Edwards-Helaire 4-8, Hill 3-25. **Pringle** 2-65, Williams 1-15, Keizer 4-2. **Buffalo**, Diggs 6-46, Beasley 4-45, Singletary 1-13, Davis 1-7, Kraft 1-7, McKenzie 1-18.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Buffalo, Bass 52.

from Edwards-Helaire at the Kansas City 30. The play was ruled a fumble on the field, but that call was overturned after replays showed Edwards-Helaire's knee was down.

Two plays later, on third-and-11, Mahomes scrambled out of trouble and hit Byron Pringle for 37 yards. Mahomes then ate up more clock with a 9-yard scamper on third-and-7.

"Frustrating, just because we feel like as a defense we've got to find a way to get our offense back on the field," Hyde said. "We had to get a stop and we didn't."



JEFFREY T. BARNES/AP

Kansas City Chiefs safety Juan Thornhill, top, breaks up a pass to the Buffalo Bills' John Brown during the first half of Monday's game in Orchard Park, N.Y. The Chiefs won 26-17.

NFL

Scoreboard

American Conference

	East			Pct	PF	PA	
	W	L	T				
Buffalo	3	3	0	500	160	113	
Miami	3	3	0	500	160	113	
New England	0	6	0	0	109	210	
N.Y. Jets	0	6	0	0	900	75	185
South							
Tennessee	5	0	0	1,000	164	126	
Indianapolis	4	2	0	666	157	115	
Houston	4	2	0	666	166	187	
Jacksonville	1	5	0	166	125	181	
North							
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	1,000	156	94	
Baltimore	5	1	0	833	179	104	
Newcastle	4	1	0	666	166	119	
Cincinnati	1	4	1	250	129	157	
West							
Kansas City	5	0	0	833	175	127	
Las Vegas	3	2	0	600	151	152	
Denver	3	2	0	400	100	110	
L.A. Chargers	1	4	0	200	110	125	

National Conference

	East			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
Dallas	1	4	1	333	173	218
Philadelphia	1	5	0	250	141	175
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0	166	101	152
Washington	1	5	0	166	108	162
South						
Tampa Bay	4	0	0	666	177	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	600	153	150
Carolina	3	2	0	500	138	141
Atlanta	1	5	0	166	162	184
North						
Chicago	4	1	0	833	128	116
Green Bay	4	1	0	800	162	139
Detroit	2	3	0	400	133	143
Minnesota	2	3	0	400	100	110
West						
Seattle	5	0	0	1,000	169	135
Arizona	4	2	0	666	166	112
L.A. Rams	3	3	0	500	152	142
San Francisco	3	3	0	500	148	130

Sunday's games

Tennessee 12, Houston 36, OT
 N.Y. Giants 20, Washington 19
 Indianapolis 31, Cincinnati 27
 Atlanta 40, Carolina 23, OT
 Chicago 23, Minnesota 16
 Denver 14, Jacksonville 16
 Pittsburgh 38, Cleveland 7
 New York, New England 12
 Baltimore 30, Philadelphia 28
 Miami 14, N.Y. Jets 13
 Tampa Bay 38, Green Bay 10
 San Francisco 24, L.A. Rams 16

Monday's games

Kansas City 26, Buffalo 17
 Arizona 17, Washington 17
Open: L.A. Chargers, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Seattle

Tuesday, Oct. 22

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia
Sunday, Oct. 25

Buffalo at N.Y. Jets
 Pittsburgh at Houston
 Green Bay at Houston
 Cleveland at Cincinnati
 San Francisco at New Orleans
 Detroit at Atlanta
 Dallas at Washington
 Seattle at Arizona
 Kansas City at Denver
 San Francisco at New England
 Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers
 Tampa Bay at Las Vegas

Monday, Oct. 26

Chicago L.A. Rams
Open: Baltimore, Indianapolis, Miami, Minnesota

Monday Cardinals 38, Cowboys 10

Arizona	0	21	7	10-38
Dallas	10	7	10	7-10
Second Quarter				
ARI—Kirk 6 pass from K.Murray (Gonzalez kick), 4:43.				
ARI—Drake 1 run (Gonzalez kick), 10:14.				
ARI—Kirk 8 pass from K.Murray (Gonzalez kick), 4:43.				
DAL—FG Zuerlein 34, 10.				
Third Quarter				
ARI—K.Murray 1 run (Gonzalez kick), 7:53.				
Fourth Quarter				
ARI—FG Gonzalez 49, 8:54.				
DAL—Cooper 1 pass from Dalton (Zuerlein kick), 9:48.				
ARI—Drake 69 run (Gonzalez kick), 11:45.				
A—25:17.				
First downs	438	182	17	
Total Net Yards	438	247		
Rushing Yards	358	297		
Passing	177	247		
Punt Returns	1-1	2-1		
Kick Returns	0-0	1-28		
Interceptions Ret.	2-0	0-0		
Comp-Att-Int	9-24-0	34-64-2		
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-11	3-19		
Punts	4-48	3-43		
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2		
Penalties-Yards	4-43	6-36		
Time of Possession	32:33	33:27		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Arizona: 20-164, K.Murray 10-74, Edmonds 5-23, Dallas, Elliott 12-49, Pollard 10-31, Dowdle 3-13, Dalton 2.

PASSING—Arizona: K.Murray 9-24-0, 164, Edmonds 2-7, Edmonds 1-6, Hopkins 1-1, Dallas, Elliott 8-31, Cooper 7-79, Lamb 7-64, Schultz 4-35, Gallup 2-23, Pollard 2-15, Wynn 2-15, Pollard 2-9.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Dallas: Zuerlein 58.

Cardinals top mistake-prone Cowboys

Murray now 7-0, counting high school and college, at AT&T Stadium in Dallas

By SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Maybe Kyle Murray will lose a game on the home field of the Dallas Cowboys one of these days.

It wasn't going to be on a night when the Arizona quarterback watched the star running back of his hometown team have another night of fumble-itis.

Murray accounted for three touchdowns in his first game back home as a pro, Ezekiel Elliott set up the visiting team's first two TDs with fumbles and the Cardinals beat the Cowboys 38-10 on Monday night.

The speedy quarterback who won three high school championships and a Big 12 title at the home of the Cowboys improved to 7-0 as a starter at AT&T Stadium, throwing for two scores despite a rough start through the air and rushing for 74 yards and a TD.

"That's not easy when that's what everyone has been talking about all week," coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "He's probably had this one circled on his calendar since it came out. But I thought he handled himself well."

It was the "Monday Night Football" debut for Murray, a star in high school football-obsessed Texas while playing in the Dallas suburbs, and Kingsbury, who also had a happy first trip to his native Texas as an NFL coach.

"It was fun, brought back a lot of memories," Murray said. "Felt like I've been playing there every Sunday honestly. It's comfortable, felt good."

Fired after six seasons at Texas Tech in 2018 without any winning records in Big 12 games, Kingsbury was hired by Arizona soon after and has the Cardinals (4-2) tied for second place in the tough NFC West. Arizona is above .500 this late in the season for the first time since 2015, its most recent playoff year.



RON JENKINS/AP

Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kyle Murray (1) and wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins celebrate a 1-yard touchdown run by Murray in the second half on Monday night.



RON JENKINS/AP

Arizona Cardinals defenders act out a bowling pin strike dramatization after being hit by a ball rolled by Byron Murphy Jr., who intercepted a Dallas Cowboys quarterback Andy Dalton pass in the second half of the Cardinals' 38-10 win Monday night in Arlington, Texas.

He's probably had this one circled on his calendar since it came out. But I thought he handled himself well.

Kliff Kingsbury

Arizona Cardinals coach, on Kyle Murray playing in his hometown

Captain Kirk

A former Texas A&M standout, Kirk came in with two 100-yard games and five touchdowns in three wins over Arkansas at the home of the Cowboys. Both of his catches in this game were for scores.

"When the bright lights come on, the cream of the crop rises," Kirk said. "It's something about big moments, the level of play always elevates. It's just rising to the occasion."

Injuries

Martin was briefly injured and returned, then went out for good after taking a knee to the helmet. Second-year player Connor McGovern took his spot, leaving left guard Connor Williams as the only preseason starter in the lineup.

Pandemic crowd

The Cowboys have had fans at all four home games, with the biggest so far (barely) at 25,174 against the Cardinals. While it was the most coronavirus-friendly setting so far with the retractable roof open for the first time, TV shots showed plenty of fans without masks over their noses. Dallas is filling about 31% of the 80,000-seat stadium.

Up next

Cardinals: Seattle at home Sunday to start a stretch of three straight home games that is also scheduled to include the bye, meaning Arizona won't be on the field for a month.

Cowboys: Washington on Sunday in the first of two consecutive road games against NFC East opponents.

Andy Dalton had the rest of Dallas' four turnovers with two interceptions in his first start for the Cowboys in place of injured star Dak Prescott, just down the road from where he had a stand-out career at TCU.

The nine-year starter in Cincinnati led a come-from-behind victory over the New York Giants in Week 5 after the gruesome-looking compound fracture of Prescott's right ankle. There wasn't anything resembling a rally this time.

While the Dallas offense didn't look anything close to the NFL-leading unit it was with Prescott — and lost the fourth of its five projected starting offensive linemen in four-time All-Pro Zack Martin (first-quarter concussion) — Elliott's miscues led to the fifth straight game in which the Cowboys have trailed by at least two touchdowns.

Dallas (2-4) overcame two of those deficits, which is why they were guaranteed to stay in first place in the woeful NFC East no matter what happened in the last of three straight home games — and a third straight road game for Arizona.

"The record, it is what it is right now, the division is what it is right now, but it's still early," Dalton said. "There's a lot of football left to be played, and for us, we've got to improve as a football team."

Elliott was benched briefly after the two-time rushing cham-

ption led a second fumble in the same game for the first time in his career. He has five fumbles (four lost) already this season — one shy of his career high from an entire season as the NFL's worst turnover margin dropped to minus-12 with four giveaways and no takeaways.

Murray was playing in the \$1.2 billion stadium with the retractable roof and giant video board for the first time since leading Oklahoma over rival Texas there in the Big 12 championship game.

While the 2018 Heisman Trophy winner missed on eight of his first 11 passes and finished 9-for-24 for 188 yards, Murray hit Christian Kirk in stride on an 80-yard touchdown for a 21-0 lead in the second quarter.

"It wasn't as good as it should have been," said Murray, who tied Jim Hart's 1968 franchise season record for QBs with his sixth rushing TD. "Wasn't as accurate as I should have been. Wasn't up to par for my standards, so I've got to be better."

Kirk opened the scoring on a 6-yard jet sweep that counted as a pass after the first fumble from Elliott. Kenyan Drake scored from the 1 after the second Elliott miscue, while Murray added a 1-yard TD run.

With the game out of hand in the final two minutes, Drake broke free for a 69-yard touchdown run, giving him 164 yards.

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Kansas City Chiefs running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire, left, picks up yardage while trying to evade Buffalo Bills cornerback Tre'Davious White during the second half Monday in Orchard Park, N.Y.

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Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes
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A different plan

Chiefs use ground game to beat Bills

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PATRICK MAHOMES didn't mind taking a back seat to rookie Clyde Edwards-Helaire and the Kansas City Chiefs' running attack.

With the Buffalo Bills working hard to limit deep throws by the strong-armed Mahomes, he gladly kept handing off the ball, and Kansas City beat Buffalo 26-17 on Monday night in a game that was originally scheduled for last Thursday.

"You know my nature, I want to throw it deep

every time. We want to go down and throw these long touchdowns," said Mahomes, the 2018 MVP. "But if teams are going to play us like this, we've got to show we can run the football."

Mission accomplished.

Led by Edwards-Helaire's 161 yards rushing, the Chiefs finished with 245—the most since Mahomes took over as starter in 2017. Kansas City's 46 rushing attempts were also the most in eight years under coach Andy Reid, and that was with newly signed Le'Veon Bell waiting to make his debut after signing with the Chiefs last Thursday.

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