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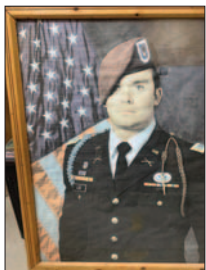
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A faded portrait of Army 1st Lt. Weston Lee that hung in the fieldhouse at Camp Taji, Iraq, is going home with the Americans.

As Camp Taji is handed to Iraqis, memorial murals are documented

By CHAD GARLAND
Stars and Stripes

The U.S.-led coalition formally transferred Camp Taji near Baghdad, handing over to the Iraqi security forces nearly \$350 million in equipment and property, including blast walls once painted with murals honoring military units and fallen comrades.

A small number of remaining coalition troops at the base will depart soon, after finalizing the transfer of some \$10 million in excess property, about \$13 million in base improvements and nearly \$325 million in vehicles, weapons, clothing, equipment, ammunition, medical supplies and spare parts, the coalition said in a statement on Sunday.

Many of the more than two dozen tributes, some painted on concrete "T-walls" over 10 feet tall, had to be left in place, so they were documented with photographs and painted over to prevent vandalism or defacement, a separate statement said.

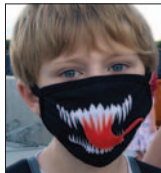
But at least one — a faded portrait honoring 1st Lt. Weston Lee, an infantry officer killed by an

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Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lielze Cabusao, 33, walks her son, Cayden, 6, to class with help from Yokota West Elementary School teacher Kristin Pine, right, on Monday at Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo.



Declan Land, 6, wears a Venom mask on his first day of first grade at Vogelweh Elementary School in Germany. Parents were asked not to accompany their children into the school for health reasons.

BRIAN FERGUSON/Stars and Stripes

A new learning curve

First day at DODEA's overseas schools looks different amid pandemic

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS
Stars and Stripes

The first day of school on U.S. military bases overseas took on the trappings of a pandemic Monday as children bustled off to class in masks or logged on to meet their teachers from home.

Schools on a handful of bases with a substantial risk of the coronavirus spreading, or Health Protection Con-

dition-Charlie in military terms, are holding class remotely under a policy set by the Department of Defense Education Activity for the new school year.

In the Pacific, that includes DODEA schools at Yokosuka Naval Base and the Army's Camp Zama in mainland Japan, as well on installations in Okinawa, Guam and South Korea.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Account advertising COVID-19 parties deleted

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Instagram has deleted an account that claimed to throw “COVID parties” at Arizona State University after the school sued Facebook and the owner of the account Thursday on allegations that the account improperly used the school’s logos and trademarks.

“We have removed the account in question for violating our policies,” a spokesperson for Facebook, Instagram’s owner, told

The Arizona Republic. “We disagree that the account infringes any trademark rights ASU might have.”

It is unclear who ran the account. ASU’s lawsuit names “John Doe aka ‘asu_covid_parties’” as the defendant alongside Facebook.

The university’s regents filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court Thursday. The lawsuit said the account shared misinformation about the coronavirus with students and claimed to be throw-

ing large parties as students returned for fall semester classes last week.

The lawsuit also alleged the account engaged in the unauthorized use of the university’s trademark and school colors.

One alumnus threatened to cut off support for ASU because the person thought the account was affiliated with the university, the lawsuit said. The account also spread false information about the university, ASU argued.

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Military rates		Switzerland (Franc)	0.9093
Euro costs (Aug. 25)	\$1.16	Thailand (Baht)	31.44
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British pound (Aug. 25)	\$1.28	(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	
Japanese yen (Aug. 25)	103.00	INTEREST RATES	
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Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770	Federal funds market rate	0.09
British pound	\$1.3086	3-month bond	1.35
Canada (Dollar)	1.3192		
China (Yuan)	6.9140		
Denmark (Krone)	6.2929		
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Japan (Yen)	105.80		
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3058		
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Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7504		
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WEATHER OUTLOOK

TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



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MILITARY

First day: Students return to school with new guidelines

FROM FRONT PAGE

Under DODEA-Europe, 58 schools opened their classrooms while retaining a remote option, while six schools located in Bahrain, Spain and Ankara, Turkey, began the year with distance learning due to health concerns.

The day was embraced with a mix of excitement and trepidation by parents leaving their kids at school for the first time in more than five months.

“We feel our kids are in good hands,” said Army Master Sgt. Faustin Desir, while dropping off his two children, in first and third grades, at Vogelweh Elementary School in Germany.

But “as a parent, it is very difficult, because of the unknown,” said Desir, who works for the 21st Theater Sustainment Command in Kaiserslautern. “This morning, my wife and I, we prayed for our kids.”

Rachel Byrd, the mother of a second grader at Vogelweh, said being at school will give her daughter “the structure that she’s used to ... and a little sense of control.”

At Vogelweh, like other DODEA schools in Europe, parents were asked not to accompany their children into the building for health reasons.

Vogelweh principal David Lee gave parents a glimpse of how the morning was going through a series of live videos posted on the school’s Facebook page Monday.

Students were spread out at tables or desks “by at least a pool noodle away from each other,” he said.

At Yokosuka, several parents said remote learning didn’t stop them from keeping up their yearly back-to-school traditions. Navy spouse Karina Moretz packed a lunchbox for her fourth-grade son, Nathan Moretz, 9.

“Keeping to our tradition helped make the transition from being at home to remote schooling,” she said. “I’ve always done the first-day-of-school photo because I want to look back over the years and see how he’s changed.” “I didn’t want to miss this year’s photo just because the school year will start at our table,” she added.

Samantha Valera, whose husband is a civilian employee at Yokosuka, said she continued her annual tradition of making special pancakes for her third-grader, Isaac. Though she had wanted her son to start school in-person this year, she said the online start went smoothly.

“We have a great teacher, so virtual learning is going well,” Valera said.

At Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo, Donald Williams, community superintendent for DODEA Pacific East, called this school year a “new era of education.” Yokota High School, for example, launched the day with a seminar on hygiene practices, proper mask-wearing and social distancing.

In the hallways, students will travel a predetermined path to

avoid getting too close to each other; instead of using drinking fountains, they’re instructed to carry water bottles. Video chats linked to classrooms replace large assemblies.

Still, students across Yokota found familiar sights and traditions. Parents, many in uniform, walked their kids to class at Yokota West and Joan K. Mendel elementary schools.

Mendel students were welcomed by chalk drawings around campus, encouraging them to “Have a great year!” and to “Make this year rock!” Parents watched outside the fenced-in playground as their kids stood in line with their new classmates before filing inside.

As a special treat at Yokota West, first-responders and base firefighters waved the kids into school.

While dropping off her 6-year-old son, Cayden Cabusao, Tech. Sgt. Liezel Cabusao said opening the schools makes sense, even during the pandemic.

“Yes, they have COVID, but I know they have processes in place ... and socialization with other kids is great,” she said, referring to COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus.

Schools across DODEA instituted universal online learning in the spring because of the pandemic. Master Sgt. John Esposito, assigned to the 374th Comptroller Squadron at Yokota, said helping students at home was challenging.

“As a parent, you have to get more engaged and remember those things from the eighth or ninth grades to try to help them out with their questions,” he said. “It’s pretty difficult.”

His son, Vincent Esposito, a Yokota High School freshman, said he was “looking forward to sports this year and seeing my friends.”

Yokota High math teacher Shujii Lee Miller said he was looking forward to interacting face-to-face with students again, even if from behind a mask.

“Virtual learning is not an exact substitute for in-person instruction,” Miller said. “High-schoolers still need guidance and don’t always have the maturity to seek out help on their own. In a classroom, it is easier to see the beginning signs of when a student is struggling.”

Miller said distance learning was a good way for students to get more technologically savvy and practice initiative, but some students may have difficulty managing distractions from home or may hesitate to ask for help.

“It created more of a college-type environment requiring students to be owners of their own learning,” he said. “It required the students to be self-sufficient.”

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Students walk to class on the first day of school at Vogelweh Elementary School, Germany, on Monday.



U.S. Air Force

Clockwise from left: Yokota Air Base posted this photo of students attending the first day of class at an unidentified school on the installation in western Tokyo.

Teachers held a variety of signs to meet up with their new students before the first day of school at Aviano Elementary School, Italy.

McGruff the Crime Dog was among those welcoming back students to the first day of school at Aviano Elementary School.



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WAR/MILITARY

Taliban delegates visit Pakistan to talk peace effort

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A Taliban political team arrived in Pakistan on Monday as efforts appear to be ramping up to get negotiations underway between the Afghan government and the insurgents.

The start of the talks, envisaged under a U.S.-Taliban peace agreement signed in February, was hampered by a series of delays that have frustrated Washington. Some had expected the negotiations to begin earlier this month.

The Taliban delegation, led by their political chief Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, will discuss with Pakistan's leaders the "recent developments in Afghanistan's peace process," as well as "relaxation and facilitation of people's movement and trade between the two neighboring countries," tweeted Suhail Shaheen, the spokesman for the Taliban political office.

Islamabad is thought to wield influence over the Taliban, though there is mistrust on the part of some within the movement toward Pakistan.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi told reporters he would meet with the Taliban delegation on Tuesday. Islamabad's role is only to "facilitate the peace process," and it's up to Afghans to decide the way

forward, he said.

"The majority of Afghans believe the only way forward is through reconciliation but the decision to reconcile has to be taken by Afghans themselves," Qureshi said.

The visit comes a day after the Taliban chief announced a powerful negotiating team that includes nearly half of the Taliban leadership council and has the power to set agendas, decide strategy and even sign agreements with the Kabul government. That Taliban team is headed by Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai.

The Kabul government and the Taliban are deadlocked over outstanding prisoner releases. Kabul insists the Taliban free 22 Afghan commandos they hold captive while the Taliban demand the release of a final 320 Taliban prisoners held in Afghan jails.

The release of the remaining prisoners was approved by a traditional Afghan council, or Loya Jirga, called by President Ashraf Ghani earlier this month. The council approved the immediate release of the prisoners but later the government announced the Taliban were still holding Afghan soldiers and halted the process.

It is not clear how Pakistan could break the impasse. Both Kabul and Washington would want to see a reduction in violence going into the talks.



ANDREW SILVER/U.S. Marine Corps

U.S. Marines with Marine Wing Support Detachment 371, assigned to Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force — Crisis Response — Central Command 20.2, board a KC-130 after completing an airfield damage repair mission in Camp Taji, Iraq, on Aug. 18.

Taji: US soldiers collect memorials of the fallen as they withdraw from Iraq camp

FROM FRONT PAGE

improvised explosive device blast while on patrol outside Mosul in 2017 — will be going home with the Americans. It had hung in a fieldhouse named in the Bluffton, Ga.-native's honor.

"When we found 1st Lt. Lee's memorial, we worked swiftly to make sure it was taken into our custody and moved to his former unit," Chaplain Joel Reynolds, a captain deployed with the Tennessee Army National Guard, said in the statement.

Lee's portrait will travel back to the U.S. with members of 1st Battalion, 325th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, the unit he was serving with when he was killed on his first deployment.

"We look forward to offering it to the Lee family as a token of our continued appreciation for

their son's service and sacrifice to this great nation," said Capt. Tyler Morgan, commander of the battalion's Charlie Company.

The coalition's withdrawal from the base about a dozen miles north of Baghdad was part of a plan to consolidate international troops as Iraqi security forces take on more responsibility for their own training and counter-Islamic State operations, officials have said.

It came amid heightened tensions between the U.S. and Iran, and the coronavirus pandemic, both of which have caused the coalition to shift resources to force protection and relocate troops as it accelerated the handover of some bases.

An important coalition training site over the past six years, Taji has in recent months been the target of frequent rocket at-

tacks, which the U.S. has blamed on Iran-backed militias. Three coalition troops were killed and more than a dozen wounded when rockets fell on Taji in March.

Sunday's transfer ceremony came just days after President Donald Trump reiterated his promise to bring home the roughly 5,200 American troops still in Iraq. As of this month, Taji's population was down to around 300 from about 2,000, the coalition said.

The U.S. and other coalition forces provide technical expertise, including planning, intelligence and air support, to help Iraqi and Syrian partner forces battle ISIS, which continues to wage an insurgency in both countries after being ousted from the territory it once held.

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Blast hits Syrian pipeline, causing power outages

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DUMAIR — An explosion early Monday struck a gas pipeline in a Damascus suburb, causing a huge fire and cutting off electricity throughout Syria, state media reported, citing the country's electricity and oil ministers.

U.N.-led talks in Geneva including the Syrian government, opposition and civil society were meanwhile put "on hold" after three delegates tested positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus. The oil minister, Ali Ghanem, said the explosion struck the line that feeds three power stations in southern Syria, calling the incident "a cowardly terrorist act." Ghanem spoke to journalists who visited the blast site near the suburb of Dumair, northeast of the capital.

Syria's oil and gas infrastructure has been hit over the past

years by acts of sabotage, but no one has ever claimed responsibility for such attacks. The nine-year civil war, which has killed more than 400,000 people, has also badly affected oil and gas fields, many of which are outside government control.

The state news agency SANA quoted Electricity Minister Zuhair Kharbottli as saying the explosion on the "Arab Gas Pipeline" occurred after midnight Sunday between the northeastern Damascus suburbs of Adra and Dumair.

He said it was the sixth time the pipeline was hit. Technicians were working to fix the problems, he said.

Ghanem, the oil minister, said the pipeline was attacked in this same desert area six times in recent years.

He said it pumps some 7 million cubic meters of natural gas to power stations that supply much of Syria with electricity.

By CATLIN M. KENNEY
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A 36-year-old staff sergeant assigned to the California National Guard has died from the coronavirus about a week after the Defense Department announced the death of an Army reservist from the disease, the Pentagon said Monday.

The soldier died Thursday and he was assigned to the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade out of Fresno, Lt. Col. Jonathan Shiroma, a spokesman for the California Military Department, wrote Monday in an email.

Shiroma did not release the soldier's name, an official photo or any other personal details, citing a request for privacy from the soldier's family.

The death was first reported

only as an increase in the number of deaths in the Pentagon's coronavirus case chart, which was updated Monday.

The soldier's death was just days after Army Master Sgt. Brian K. Tolliver, 46, died Aug. 17 in Largo, Fla. Tolliver died more than a month after he first tested positive for the virus on July 10, according to an Army statement. He was the third Army Reserve soldier to die of the virus.

The soldier from California is the second member of the National Guard to die from the virus this year. In March, Army Capt. Douglas Linn Hickok, 57, was the first service member to die of the virus. He was with the New Jersey National Guard and was preparing to activate in response to the pandemic when he died.

As of Monday, 36,232 service members have been infected with the coronavirus. More than 550 have been hospitalized and more than 20,800 have recovered. The Army has reported 12,833 cases, the highest among the military services. The Navy has had 8,429 cases, the Marine Corps has had 4,532 cases and the Air Force has had 5,556 cases of the virus as of Monday, according to the Pentagon. The National Guard has also reported 4,566 cases.

The United States is the most affected country from the coronavirus pandemic. As of Monday, the United States has had more than 5.7 million cases and more than 176,000 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University.

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Russian Defense Ministry

Russian S-400 surface-to-air missile launchers are seen in Sevastopol, on the Crimean Peninsula, in 2018. Russia plans to deliver more S-400 surface-to-air missile systems to Turkey, Russian state news reported.

Report: Turkey to defy US, buy more Russian missiles

Stars and Stripes

Russia plans to deliver more S-400 surface-to-air missile systems to NATO member Turkey, despite warnings from Washington that Ankara may face sanctions if it deploys them.

The two governments signed a contract Sunday for the second system, Russian state news agency TASS reported. They were discussing financial aspects of the deal, the report cited Alexander Mikheyev, head of the state Rosobron export military sales agency, as saying.

Ankara did not immediately confirm the latest purchase.

Turkey's surprise \$2.5 billion purchase in 2017 of four batteries of the advanced Russian anti-aircraft system drew criticism from the United States and its European allies. Among other disagreements with the deal, NATO members said the S-400s were incompatible with the Western-made weapons systems used by Turkey's armed forces.

After the Russian anti-aircraft

system was delivered in 2019, the United States kicked Turkey out of the F-35 program, fearing Russia could use the S-400 system to gather intelligence on the fifth-generation jet and possibly compromise its stealth technology.

Turkey was one of the original foreign customers for the F-35, which is built by Lockheed Martin. It planned to buy about 100 of the jets.

Ankara has argued that the deal for Russian missiles was superior to the offer from Washington for Patriot missiles.

In addition to the follow-up order, Turkey plans to pursue a joint development agreement with Russia that would allow it to produce its own sophisticated surface-to-air missiles.

Washington so far has held off from penalizing the NATO ally under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, which says any nation that makes a major defense purchase from Russia should be sanctioned.

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Marine staff sergeant dies in car accident on Okinawa

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — A Marine staff sergeant was killed over the weekend when his car crashed near the headquarters gate of Marine Corps Installations Pacific, Marine and local police spokesmen said Monday.

The 31-year-old assigned to the 3rd Marine Logistics Group was southbound when he apparently lost control of his vehicle around 11 a.m. Sunday, an Okinawa Police Station spokesman told Stars and Stripes by phone.

The car left the road, struck a tree and a traffic-light pole in Kitanakagusuku village, the spokesman said.

The Marine, whose identity was not released, was found un-

conscious at the scene by medical personnel from nearby Camp Foster, the police spokesman said.

He was pronounced dead at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa from injuries sustained in the crash, logistics group spokesman 1st Lt. Jonathan Coronel wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes.

"No other service members or civilians were harmed in the accident," Coronel said. "This matter is currently under investigation."

Okinawa roads were slick from rain at the time of the crash as Typhoon Eavi affected the island, the police spokesman said. The Marine had his seatbelt fastened at the time of the crash.

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NOV: Even troops used to voting by mail should plan

By MISSY RYAN
The Washington Post

As the partisan fight over mail-in voting intensifies ahead of the November presidential election, hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops and their families are preparing, as they have for decades, to cast absentee ballots by mail.

Defense Department officials say that the delivery of ballots cast by troops at military installations across the United States and far-flung locations around the globe should not be significantly impacted by recent U.S. Postal Service changes and an expected crush of mail-in voting because of the coronavirus pandemic.

According to Peter Graeve, chief of plans and policy for the Military Postal Service (MPS) Agency, ballots completed by service members, their family members and military contractors between a Sept. 1 and Dec. 8 will receive a USPS Express Mail label for expedited handling. The average transit time to voting centers in the U.S. — whether ballots are sent from giant bases in Germany or tiny outposts in the Syrian desert — should be six days, Graeve said.

But a Pentagon official dedicated to facilitating voting for troops and other Americans overseas has cautioned that remote voting could be more complicated this year.

"Communication with the voter is more important now than ever," the Federal Voting Assistance Program said in a recent COVID-19 update on its website, urging election officials to communicate potential options to voters to ensure ballots arrive in time. "Due to international airport interruptions, many military and overseas voters will face greater-than-normal challenges with returning mail back to the United States in a timely fashion," it said.

Lisa Lawrence, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said mail, including ballots, had "continued to move to overseas military personnel regardless of international postal disruptions."

But, she added, "slight delays have occurred and the Military Postal Service Agency continues to monitor conditions globally with specific attention given to balloting materials."

The military's ability to ensure that service members can successfully vote is under heightened scrutiny as the U.S. Postal Service warns that some of the balloting materials sent by mail may not arrive in time to be counted.

President Donald Trump has repeatedly spoken out against mail-in voting and said he is against additional funding for the Postal Service because it could support voting by mail.

Military personnel, including those who are located within the United States but outside their

On Hill, DeJoy urges early ballot requests to ensure timely delivery

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Postmaster General Louis DeJoy refused requests by Democrats on Monday to restore mail-sorting machines or mailboxes removed from service as part of sweeping operational changes at the Postal Service, despite complaints that the changes are causing lasting damage and widespread delays.

Rep. Stephen Lynch, D-Mass., told DeJoy at a hearing on Capitol Hill that changes imposed by DeJoy this summer have threatened the reliability of mail service in his state and across the country.

"What the heck are you doing?" Lynch asked DeJoy at a sometimes contentious House Oversight Committee hearing. Either through "gross incompetence" or "on purpose," DeJoy is "deliberately dismantling this once-proud institution," Lynch said.

DeJoy denied any wrongdoing and accused Lynch and other Democrats of spreading misinformation.

DeJoy also disputed published reports that he has eliminated overtime for postal workers and said a Postal Service document outlining overtime restrictions was written by a midlevel manager. DeJoy, who has said his "No. 1 priority" is to ensure election mail arrives on time, said he will authorize expanded use of overtime, extra truck trips and other measures in the weeks



TOM BRENNER, POOL/AP

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy testifies before a House Oversight and Reform Committee hearing on Capitol Hill on Monday.

before the election to ensure on-time delivery of ballots.

DeJoy urged voters to request mail-in ballots at least 15 days before the Nov. 3 election so they have enough time to receive their ballot, complete it and mail it back to elections officials on time. Acknowledging an expected surge in mail-in ballots because of the coronavirus pandemic, DeJoy said voters should mail back their ballots at least seven days prior to the election.

His advice "should in no way be misconstrued to imply that we lack confidence in our ability to deliver those ballots," DeJoy told the House panel. "We can, and will, handle the volume of Election Mail we receive."

of residence, have been taking part in U.S. elections on an absentee basis since as early as the War of 1812 and, in greater numbers, the Civil War, according to the National Postal Museum.

In the 2016 election, service members and their families sent more than 633,000 ballots to their home jurisdictions. About 20,000 of those were rejected, half because they weren't received in time. The number of absentee ballots sent to service members and their families increased by nearly a quarter between the 2012 and 2016 elections.

The successful delivery of those ballots to voting centers relies on a vast logistical operation overseen largely by the MPS, which is run by the Army but provides service for all troops and their families overseas.

According to an overview provided by MPS, mail processed at the service's network of overseas post offices is taken by commercial or military aircraft to military mail terminals, then flown by commercial or military aircraft to airports or bases in the United States.

Before any of that can happen, they must ensure they are registered to vote and request an absentee ballot, which can be done by different means according to their state or territory.

Lawrence said service members are briefed on voting before being deployed overseas. "This affords an opportunity for personnel to complete a Federal Post Card Application prior to deployment," she said, or submit a written ballot depending on the length of their deployment.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

S. Korea warns of lockdown amid resurgence

By KIM GAEH
AND YOO KYONG CHANG
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean President Moon Jae-in warned a lockdown may be necessary as 266 new coronavirus cases were reported Monday, a sharp drop from the previous day but the 11th consecutive day the number was in triple digits.

Meanwhile, six more American service members tested positive after flying to South Korea from the United States, the military said Monday, raising its total to 166 since the pandemic took hold on the divided peninsula in late February.

Four of the infection troops arrived at Osan Air Base on government-chartered flights on Aug. 10 and Aug. 19, while two arrived at Incheon International Airport on commercial flights on Aug. 12 and 21, U.S. Forces Korea said in a press release.

The command said the new cases posed

no threat to the broader community because they were contained in a strict testing and two-week quarantine process that begins as soon as the plane lands.

"None of the new arrivals have interacted with anyone residing within USFK installations or the local community," it said.

Two of the individuals received positive results on their first mandatory test before entering quarantine, while the other four tested positive on a second test required before people can exit quarantine, USFK said.

All six have since been transferred to isolation facilities on Camp Humphreys or Osan Air Base, it added. Any transportation or quarantine facilities used by the troops also have been thoroughly cleaned.

The military has reimposed coronavirus restrictions, including limiting access to bases and barring personnel from most recreational activities off-post as the virus

has resurged in South Korea after months of relatively low numbers.

The Army had said that starting Sunday it also will require soldiers, family members and civilian personnel to have a negative coronavirus test before international travel.

South Korea, which was an early epicenter of the pandemic, has been lauded for its aggressive testing and tracing tactics that helped curb earlier outbreaks. But health authorities have struggled to maintain the efforts since the numbers have risen to triple digits for 11 consecutive days, with infections spreading rapidly from Seoul and surrounding areas.

South Korea has so far avoided mandatory lockdowns such as those imposed in the United States and other countries. The government has shut many public facilities and urged people to wear masks and stay home as much as possible, but it has stopped short of making those measures

mandatory.

Moan pleaded with South Koreans to follow the current guidelines and to wear face masks in public.

"Nowhere is a safety zone now," Moon said during a meeting with senior aides. "If we fail to prevent the virus from spreading at this stage, we will have to elevate the social distancing guidelines."

That would mean daily lives coming to a halt, with many jobs lost and a "huge economic blow," he added.

South Korea has confirmed a total of 17,655 cases, with 309 deaths, since the virus first emerged in China last year and began its global spread. According to the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 14,210 patients have fully recovered and been released.

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Tokyo's daily tally is below 100 for first time since July

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — New coronavirus cases reported in Japan's capital city fell below 100 on Monday for the first time since July, while U.S. military bases in the country announced just two infections.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government reported 95 new cases, according to public broadcaster NHK. That brings the city's pandemic total to 19,428 infections.

The number of new cases reported daily in the city fell from 258 on Friday to 212 on Sunday; the rolling seven-day average likewise fell from the most recent high, 275.3 on Thursday, to 231.3 on Sunday, according to data on the metro government's website.

The greater Tokyo area is home to a handful of U.S. installations, including Yokosuka Naval Base, home of the 7th

Fleet; Camp Zama, headquarters of U.S. Army Japan; and Yokota Air Base, headquarters for U.S. Forces Japan.

On Okinawa, home to the bulk of U.S. forces in Japan, the Marine Corps reported two new cases Monday. Both were discovered at Camp Courtney by testing people in quarantine, according to a Facebook post by Marine Corps Installations Pacific.

U.S. service members, civilian employees, contractors and family members waiting the required 14 days in quarantine after arriving in Japan must test free of the coronavirus before leaving isolation.

The Marines also reported nine more individuals had recovered and were ready to exit quarantine on Monday.

Okinawa prefecture, like Tokyo

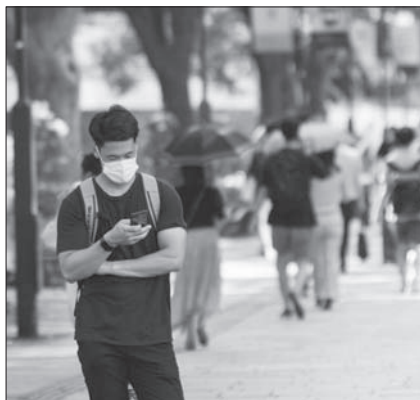
experiencing a surge that began July 8, reported 22 new cases Monday, along with 56 infections and two deaths from the weekend, according to a prefectural health officials and the prefecture's website.

Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki on Friday said about 1,000 patients, or roughly 60% of the recent cases, have recovered, according to the prefecture's website.

Tamaki on Aug. 15 extended an existing state of emergency for two weeks; it expires Saturday.

"Also, the new cases have been decreasing, as well, because of the joint effort of the local businesses and people of Okinawa," according to a translation of Tamaki's statements posted online.

"I can say declaring the state of emergency worked effectively."



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A man wearing a face mask stops to check his smartphone in Tokyo on Aug. 14. Tokyo reported that new coronavirus cases fell below 100 on Monday, while U.S. bases in Japan announced two infections.

USAF, nonprofits deliver care packages to quarantined troops

By MATTHEW KEELER
Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — Seventh Air Force teamed up with two nonprofit groups Friday to deliver the first of many care packages filled with things like snacks and hygiene kits for quarantined troops transitioning to new assignments in South Korea.

The partnership between the American Red Cross and Operation Gratitude began in July to provide U.S. service members and their families with comfort items as they begin their mandated quarantines. Operation Gratitude was founded in 2003 and has since delivered more than 2.7 million care packages to service members deployed to countries around the world, according to its website.

"In the normal world these items would be going to places like Kunsan Air Base, Camp Casey and Chinhae, where the hardships and single soldiers are at,"

Mark Hooper, the Red Cross regional director for South Korea, said Friday. "But since we are doing the quarantine, there is a need, and the hardships are here at Osan, Humphreys and Kunsan."

Two cargo pallets loaded with more than 11,000 items, including coffee, candy bars, Girl Scout cookies and hygiene kits, arrived at Osan after departing from Military Air Force Base, Calif., aboard a military aircraft provided by 7th Air Force.

"While we are in COVID operations, quarantine is not fun," said Chief Master Sgt. Brandon Dunstan, the 7th Air Force's logistics, engineering and force protection chief enlisted manager. "It's 14 days and everybody is trying to come together to make sure all of our components, airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines are being taken care of."

Since the initial outbreak in the southern city of Daegu, 160 people associated with U.S. Forces Korea have tested positive for the coronavirus, 112 of them ac-

tive-duty service members.

"As we continue to battle COVID and focus on our number one priority, which is our people, I think we will find creative ways to do that until we go back to whatever the new normal looks like," Dunstan said.

Members of the 51st Fighter Wing's Logistics Readiness Squadron assisted the Red Cross in separating the supplies to be taken to the quarantine facilities. Most will find their way to Camp Humphreys where the majority of incoming personnel complete the required quarantine period.

"No one can do this alone," Hooper said. "We could not do this without the help and partnership with all the other people in play with this. A big thank you goes out to those here on Osan; trying to do this without them would be very difficult."

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Members of the 51st Logistics Readiness Squadron at Osan Air Base, South Korea, prepare to organize care packages that will go to troops quarantined in South Korea.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

President touts plasma treatment

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced emergency authorization to treat COVID-19 patients with convalescent plasma — a move he called a “breakthrough,” one of his top health officials called “promising” and other health experts said needs more study before it’s celebrated.

The announcement Sunday came after White House officials complained there were politically motivated delays by the Food and Drug Administration in approving a vaccine and therapeutics for the disease that has upended Trump’s reelection chances.

On the eve of the Republican National Convention, Trump put himself at the center of the FDA’s announcement of the authorization at a news conference Sunday evening. The authorization makes it easier for some patients to obtain the treatment, but is not the same as full FDA approval.

The plasma, taken from patients who have recovered from the coronavirus and rich in antibodies, may provide benefits to those battling the disease. But the evidence so far has not been conclusive about whether it works, when to administer it and what dosage is needed.

In a letter describing the emergency authorization, the chief scientist for the FDA, Denise Hinton, said: “COVID-19 convalescent plasma should not be considered a new standard of care for the treatment of patients with COVID-19. Additional data will be forthcoming from other analyses and ongoing, well-controlled clinical trials in the coming months.”

But Trump had made clear to aides that he wanted to showcase good news in the battle against the virus, and the timing allowed him to head into his convention with

momentum. He and aides billed it as a “major” development and used the White House briefing room to make the announcement.

The White House had grown agitated with the pace of the plasma approval. The accusations of an FDA slowdown, which were presented without evidence, were just the latest assault from Trump’s team on what he refers to as the “deep state” bureaucracy. White House chief of staff Mark Meadows did not deal in specifics, but said that “we’ve looked at a number of people that are not being as diligent as they should be in terms of getting to the bottom of it.”

“This president is about cutting red tape,” Meadows said in an interview Sunday on “This Week” on ABC. “He had to make sure that they felt the heat. If they don’t see the light, they need to feel the heat because the American people are suffering.”

During Sunday’s press conference, Trump said he thought there had been a “logjam” at the FDA over granting the emergency authorization. He alleged there are people at the FDA “that can see things being held up... and that’s for political reasons.”

Dr. Joshua Sharfstein said the statement, and silence from the head of the FDA, Stephen Hahn, while Trump said it, “was disgraceful.”

“The FDA commissioner basically allowed the president to mischaracterize the decision and attack the integrity of FDA employees. I was horrified,” said Sharfstein, a vice dean at Johns Hopkins University’s school of public health who was a top FDA official during the Obama administration.

Earlier this month, Mayo Clinic researchers reported a strong hint that blood plasma from COVID-19 survivors helps other infected patients recover. But it wasn’t considered proof.



South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, right, speaks during a COVID-19 briefing as state epidemiologist Linda Bell, left, looks on in West Columbia, S.C.

Emails show businesses held sway over state reopening plans

By DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

As South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster prepared to announce the end of a coronavirus stay-at-home order, his top staff received an email from the state health department.

The message, highlighted in bold, was clear: Wait longer before allowing customers back inside restaurants, hair salons and other businesses, where people will be in close contact.

Instead, McMaster pressed ahead with a plan written by the state restaurant association to resume inside dining on May 11. The guidelines made masks optional for employees and allowed more customers inside than the health agency had advised. A few days later, the Republican governor opened the doors to salons, fitness centers and swimming pools. He did not wait

gauging the effect of the restaurant reopening on the virus, as public health officials had suggested. Like many states, South Carolina later experienced a surge in infections that forced McMaster to dial back his reopening plan.

He was hardly alone. Thousands of pages of emails provided to The Associated Press under open-records laws show that governors across the United States were inundated with reopening advice from a wide range of industries — from campgrounds in New Hampshire to car washes in Washington. Some governors put economic interests ahead of public health guidance, and certain businesses were allowed to write the rules that would govern their own operations.

As job losses accelerated, the pressure to reopen intensified.

“Attraction folks are on the like white on rice,” McMaster’s tourism director wrote to the head

of the governor’s reopening task force, describing lobbying from amusement parks, bingo halls and other types of entertainment venues.

“Though governors often work with business leaders to craft policy, the emails offer a new window into their decisions during a critical early juncture in the nation’s battle against the pandemic. Many governors chose to reopen before their states met all the nationally recommended health guidelines, which include a sustained downward rate of infection and robust testing and contact tracing.

“The interest in trying to reopen and restart economic activity had a much greater pull at the time... than did public health concerns or question marks about how it would go,” said Anita Cicero, deputy director of the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security.

China says it began public use of vaccine a month ago, bypassing trials

By EVA DOU
The Washington Post

China is claiming the dubious honor of the first nation to roll out an experimental coronavirus vaccine for public use, saying it began inoculating high-risk groups in late July.

For those keeping score, that would put Beijing’s civilian rollout three weeks earlier than Russia’s, with neither vaccine having yet passed standard clinical trials. Beijing health officials said Saturday they began dosing some medical workers and state-owned enterprise employees with an experimental COVID-19 vaccine in late July under “urgent use” protocols.

Officials around the world have

been debating how far they should suspend ordinary drug-development protocols to get virus vaccines and treatments to markets. Many governments declared early on that they would not cut corners in developing a vaccine, but they are proving amenable in practice to corner-cutting as the pandemic’s human and economic tolls mount.

The Beijing announcement followed a diplomatic controversy last week, in which Papua New Guinea said it had turned back a group of Chinese miners who had received an experimental coronavirus vaccine.

They are showing impatience in the White House as Beijing trumpeted its vaccine rollout

over the weekend. President Donald Trump tweeted Saturday alleging that either the Food and Drug Administration or the “deep state” was delaying further progress for a U.S. coronavirus vaccine, without providing substantiating detail.

The standard approval process for a new vaccine takes years and requires the observation of large numbers of patients over time to ensure safety and efficacy. The United States and China have both pledged to bring vaccines to market by the end of this year or early 2021, an unprecedented speed that requires gargantuan factory investments before the vaccines have passed safety tests. Now Beijing and Moscow

have pushed the timeline up further, with large numbers of citizens essentially being asked to serve as test subjects as an act of patriotism.

On Chinese state TV on Saturday, Zheng Zhongwei, head of China’s coronavirus vaccine development program, said that “urgent use” of Sinopharm trial vaccines were launched on July 22, with initial use for medical workers and some state-owned enterprises. This came a month after China’s military began inoculating troops with an experimental vaccine.

Authorities are considering expanding the inoculations to fall to employees of food markets, transport systems and service in-

dustries, he said.

“In order to prevent the disease spread in the fall and winter, we are considering a moderate expansion in the program,” he said.

“The purpose would be to first build an immunity barrier among special groups in the population.” One point that remains unexplained is why China chose to delay its announcement of the public rollout of a trial vaccine for a full month.

On Saturday, Chinese health officials said few people who were given the experimental vaccine so far had reported adverse effects, and none reported fevers. They did not give a number of how many have received the trial vaccines.

VIRUS OUTBREAK ROUNDUP

Judge blocks rule that boosted aid to private schools

From wire reports

SEATTLE — A federal judge in Seattle granted state Attorney General Bob Ferguson's request to block a U.S. Department of Education rule that would have forced school districts to either share a higher portion of federal coronavirus emergency relief funds with private schools or limit spending the aid only to a particular subset of public schools in their boundaries.

The ruling, issued Friday, blocks the Education Department's requirement nationwide, according to the state Attorney General's Office.

The rule, a departure from how districts are normally allowed to spend funds through the federal Title I formula, was issued last month as a stipulation for how districts could spend their share of the \$13.5 billion in relief allocated to schools through the federal CARES Act coronavirus relief package.

Earlier this summer, Washington and five other states sued the Education Department on the grounds that it diverted emergency funds away from low-income students toward private schools, whose students' needs are not as great. On July 20, Ferguson filed suit against the department challenging the rule's legality. Three days later, he filed a request to stop the rule from being fully implemented while his original suit continued to progress. The Friday ruling applies to the latter action.

Iowa

IOWA CITY — A young child died due to complications from the coronavirus in June, which was the first confirmed death of a minor in Iowa since the pandemic began, the state health department belatedly announced Sunday evening.

The Iowa Department of Public Health said the state medical examiner's office concluded its case investigation Aug. 6 into the death of the child, who was under the age of 5. But the death wasn't reported in the state's statistics until Saturday, more than two weeks later.

The confirmation of the state's first child death comes one day before dozens of school districts are prepared to begin the school year on Monday — a development that has many educators and parents already on edge.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds has ordered schools to reopen for at least 50% in-person instruction, despite a pandemic that has already killed over 1,000 people and seen infections soar in recent days.

Virginia

RICHMOND — Virginia Commonwealth University is reporting 58 active cases of the coronavirus among students and 12 employee cases.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch reports that's an increase from last week, when VCU reported 25 cases and 11 employee cases.

Thirty-nine residential students currently are in isolation on-campus and 57 residential students are currently in quarantine on campus.

VCU's reopening plans were in coordination with state health officials. It called for all residential students and 2% of nonresidential students to be tested for COVID-19 prior to their return to campus. The plan says VCU is also testing 5% of residential students and 2% of the broader campus community daily to monitor the prevalence of COVID-19.

Texas

BROWNSVILLE — Efforts by officials in one South Texas county to delay the start of face-to-face classes due to the coronavirus pandemic could face a legal challenge on claims of religious freedom.

Cameron County, which has been one of the many COVID-19 hot spots in South Texas in recent months, has delayed in-person classes at public and private K-12 schools until after Sept. 28.

But attorneys for two private religious schools have told the county that the order is unlawful and goes against Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's June 26 executive order superseding the authority of local governments to issue orders aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus if they conflict with the governor's own orders, the Brownsville Herald reported.

Laguna Madre Christian Academy in Laguna Vista and Calvary Christian School of Excellence in Harlingen plan to open for face-to-face classes on Aug. 31 and Sept. 8, respectively.

Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE — A deputy with the Dane County Sheriff's Office who is believed to have contracted the coronavirus while on duty has died.

Shufft David Mahoney said in a statement that Richard "Rick" Treadwell is believed to be Wisconsin's first law enforcement officer to die from the virus after contracting it while on duty.

The Journal Sentinel reported Treadwell had been with the department since 1995 and worked as a recruiter and instructor. The



ETHAN HYMAN, THE NEWS & OBSERVER/AP

UNC-Chapel Hill freshman Miranda Darwin, center, from Raleigh gets help from her brother, Sam, and her mother, Stacy, while moving out of Hinton James residence hall Tuesday. Saturday the school reported two more COVID-19 clusters, which are defined as five or more cases in close proximity.

statement did not provide specifics, but said "all evidence" indicates Treadwell contracted the virus while on duty.

His body was escorted from a hospital Saturday to a funeral home by a law enforcement procession. He leaves behind a wife and three adult children. Funeral arrangements are pending.

North Carolina

RALEIGH — UNC-Chapel Hill reported a new COVID-19 outbreak Saturday in a campus-wide alert.

Two clusters were found in Craze residence hall and Alpha Delta Pi sorority house at 411 E. Rosemary St., the school reported. It brings the number of clusters up to nine total.

The state defines a cluster as five or more cases in close proximity. The university did not give a specific number of new cases in the new outbreak.

The individuals in these clusters have been identified and are isolating and receiving medical monitoring, according to the university. UNC also said it has notified the Orange County Health Department and is working with the agency to identify additional potential exposures.

Tennessee

NASHVILLE — Tennessee will provide an additional \$300 per week in federal assistance to people who are unemployed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that it has approved Tennessee's request for a grant to give to people on top of their regular unemployment benefits. The Lost Wage Assistance grants have been awarded to nearly half of the

states.

President Donald Trump signed an executive order earlier this month making the money available. It was announced as a \$400-per-week benefit, but put the burden on the states to pay \$100 a week of that amount. The U.S. Department of Labor issued recent guidance saying states would not have to contribute that money.

Trump's order came after a \$600-per-week federal unemployment benefit expired at the end of July, without a new bill for pandemic relief being reached.

California

SAN JOSE, Calif — California reported the fewest average coronavirus cases and total hospitalizations last week in nearly two months, indicating that the summer's crushing caseload has eased — even as epidemiologists warn of another potential upswing this fall.

The state's seven-day average for new cases hit 6,662 on Friday, according to data compiled by The (San Jose) Mercury News, the lowest it's been since July 5. Hospitalizations, meanwhile, have dipped to 4,772 statewide, down from a peak of more than 7,000 in late July and marking the fewest patients since the end of June.

Even deaths — which take longer to catch up to case and hospitalization rates — have dropped off significantly, with the fewest average weekly deaths as of Friday (119) since July 30 (117).

Together, the consistent downward trends show that the crush of new patients and hospitalizations earlier this summer no longer threatens to overwhelm the state, supporting Gov. Gavin

Newsom's idea that California is "turning a corner" for now on the coronavirus pandemic.

Maine

More cases of COVID-19 have been linked to a Maine wedding reception that violated attendance limits.

Maine state health officials said Saturday that so far, 53 cases of the virus have been traced back to the Aug. 7 reception in Millinocket. One person has died, according to a local hospital.

The reception at the Big Moose Inn exceeded the state's indoor gathering limit, among other violations of state rules. The outbreak affected individuals from 4 to 78 years old, officials said.

One person whose infection has been linked to the reception died Friday afternoon at Millinocket Regional Hospital, the hospital's CEO announced Friday.

New Hampshire

Motorcycle Week is underway in Lacomia, but some bars and pubs won't be serving customers.

The annual event typical attracts thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts to the Lakes Region. Due to concerns about the coronavirus, Gov. Chris Sununu recently mandated that masks be worn at gatherings of more than 100 people, and has said that liquor enforcement officials will be out in force throughout the nine-day gathering.

While indoor dining is allowed, standing at bars is not; customers must be served while seated. Some bar owners brought in new chairs to comply, but others, fearing crowds and the potential for fines or the loss of their liquor licenses, decided to shut down for the week.

NATION

Gulf Coast towns brace for storms' deluge

By REBECCA SANTANA

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — As two powerful storms menaced the Gulf Coast on Monday, forecasters feared Marco would drive sea water onto the shore and unleash torrential rains just two days before Laura lashes the same region with potentially more powerful storm surge and hurricane-force winds.

Forecasters raised the ominous possibility that warm waters in the Gulf of Mexico could supercharge Laura into a powerful hurricane. Laura's center was remaining just off Cuba's shore, and was not expected to weaken over land before entering the gulf.

"Laura will be moving over the very warm and deep waters of Gulf Stream and Loop Current located over the southeastern Gulf, which could trigger a brief period of rapid intensification," the National Hurricane Center wrote in a Monday morning update.

That's a recipe for damaging, hurricane-force winds of more than 110 mph as Laura approaches the U.S. coast, forecasters said.

"There is definitely a possibility that it could be a little bit stronger and be a Category 3," said meteorologist Benjamin Schott, who runs the National Weather Service office in Slidell, La.

Marco was centered about 85 miles south-southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River and heading northwest at 10 mph Monday morning. Forecasters expected it to remain just offshore Tuesday as it weakens and dissipates, leaving a flooded coastline as it sets the stage for Laura.

Laura was centered just south of central Cuba on Monday morning, drenching most of the island with rain and tropical storm force winds. Its top sustained winds were 65 mph.

Rain bands from both storms could bring a combined total of 2 feet of rain to parts of Louisiana and several feet of potentially deadly storm surge, forecasters said.

"Basically that would be 10-feet plus along the southwest Louisiana coast line" in a reasonable worst-case scenario, Schott said. That surge also could push water up to 30 miles up the rivers,

he said.

The two-storm combination could bring a history-making onslaught of life-threatening winds and flooding along the coast, stretching from Texas to Alabama, forecasters said. It also comes as Louisiana continues its struggle to curb coronavirus infections as the disease remains prevalent throughout the state. Emergencies were declared in Louisiana and Mississippi as well.

"The virus is not concerned that we have hurricanes coming, and so it's not going to take any time off and neither can we," Gov. John Bel Edwards said at a Sunday briefing. "And it's going to make things a little more difficult, but we have to be mindful of these mitigation measures."

August Creppel, Chief of the United Houma Nation, was concerned about the group's 17,000 members, spread out over six parishes along the Louisiana Gulf Coast.

"I'm very concerned for my people," he said. "We know our people are going to get hit. We just don't know who yet."



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Mike Bartholmey places extra blocks under his recently dry-docked shrimp boat in Empire, La., on Sunday, in advance of Hurricane Marco, expected to make landfall on the Southern Louisiana coast.

The double punch of two storms comes just days before the Aug. 29 anniversary of 2005's Hurricane Katrina, something that isn't far from Creppel's mind. He took part

in a ceremony Saturday at the Superdome in New Orleans that included Native American singing and prayers to commemorate the storm's 15th anniversary.



NOAH BERGER/AP

Flames from the LNU Lightning Complex fires leap above a road in Lake County, Calif., as firefighters work to contain the blaze Sunday.

Massive Calif. wildfires burn on as death toll reaches 7

Associated Press

SCOTTS VALLEY, Calif. — Three massive wildfires chewed through parched Northern California landscape as firefighters raced to dig breaks and make other preparations ahead of a frightening weather system packing high winds and more of the lightning that sparked the huge blazes.

There were hundreds of other wildfires burning Sunday across the state and nearly 250,000 people were under evacuation orders and warnings.

The death toll from the fires reached 7 after authorities battling a big fire in the Santa Cruz Mountains south of San Francisco announced the discovery of the body of a 70-year-old man in a re-

mote area called Last Chance. He had been reported missing and police had to use a helicopter to reach the area of about 40 off-the-grid homes at the end of a steep dirt road north of Santa Cruz.

California over the last week has been hit by 650 wildfires across the state, many sparked by more than 12,000 lightning strikes recorded since Aug. 15. There are 14,000 firefighters, 2,400 engines and 95 aircraft battling the fires. The Santa Cruz fire is one of three "complexes," or groups of fires, burning on all sides of the San Francisco Bay Area. All were started by lightning. The National Weather Service issued a "red flag" warning through Monday afternoon for the drought-stricken area, meaning extremely dangerous fire conditions.

Protest erupts in Wis. after police shoot man from behind

Associated Press

KENOSHA, Wis. — Officers deployed tear gas early Monday to disperse hundreds of people who took to the streets following a police shooting in Kenosha that also drew a rebuke from the governor after a video posted on social media appeared to show officers shoot at a Black man's back as he leaned into a vehicle.

A person was hospitalized in serious condition following a shooting by officers about 5 p.m. Sunday as officers were responding to a "domestic incident," the Kenosha Police Department said

in a news release. Police did not provide details about what led to the shooting, but said the person was transported to a hospital in Milwaukee for treatment.

By late Sunday, multiple vehicle fires had been set and windows smashed along city thoroughfares as crowds faced off with law enforcement. Officers in riot gear stood in lines and SWAT vehicles remained on the streets to move people away from city buildings despite the declaration of an overnight curfew. Tear gas was used to disperse groups of people, according to reporters at the scene.

In the video posted earlier on

social media that appeared to show the shooting from across a street, three officers could be seen shouting and pointing their weapons at the man as he walked around the front of a parked SUV. As the man opened the driver's side door and leaned inside, one officer grabbed his shirt from behind and then fired into the vehicle. Seven shots could be heard on the video, though it was unclear if more than one officer fired.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice, which is investigating the shooting, said the involved officers have been placed on administrative leave.

Peaceful protest urged in fatal police shooting of Black man in Louisiana

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Protesters marched through a Louisiana city holding signs and at times blocking traffic in response to the fatal police shooting of a Black man that has heightened tensions between community activists and local leaders.

The march Sunday followed an event at Lafayette City Hall where protesters demanded racial justice in the death of Trayford Pellerin, who was shot and killed Friday night. The event called for demonstrations to remain peaceful, a day after protests ended

with fires set on a highway median and police clearing the crowd with smoke canisters.

"No rioting, no burning buildings, no damage to vehicles, no assaulting of people," community activist Jamal Taylor said during the rally livestreamed on his Facebook page. He said Pellerin's mother, Michelle Pellerin, told him she wanted her son's memory respected with peaceful protests.

The video showed what appeared to be 100 to 200 people at the event. Several people then participated in the subsequent march, and images appeared to

show at least one person being detained. It was unclear whether any arrests were made. Demonstrators ended up near the gas station where Pellerin was shot.

Police have said Pellerin was carrying a knife and was shot when he tried to enter one convenience store in Lafayette after causing a disturbance at another.

Civil rights attorney Ben Crump, who is representing the family with attorney Ron Haley of Baton Rouge, said the family believes Pellerin may have been having a mental health crisis.

NATION

GOP formally nominates Trump to take on Biden

By JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Republican Party formally nominated President Donald Trump for a second term in the White House on Monday, one of the first acts of a GOP convention that has been dramatically scaled down to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Trump has sought to minimize the toll of the pandemic, but its impact was evident as proceedings began in Charlotte. Instead of the thousands of people who were expected to converge on this city for a weeklong extravaganza, just 336 delegates participated in a roll-call vote from a Charlotte Convention Center ballroom.

Earlier, the convention renominated Vice President Mike Pence, and he thanked the delegates in person.

“The choice in this election has never been clearer and the stakes have never been higher,” Pence said. “We’re going to make America great again. Again.”
Party Chair Ronni McDaniel said as she began the proceedings:

“We are obviously disappointed we could not hold this event in the same way we had originally planned.” But she thanked the city for allowing the convention to move forward in its truncated form.

Many of the usual trappings of a convention were present, including signs designating each state and gift bags with Republican swag. But chairs on the ballroom floor were arranged with lots of space between them and convention organizers told participants to wear masks, though adherence to the rule was uneven. Still, the fact an in-person meeting was held at all marked a sharp contrast with Democrats.

Last week, the Democrats created a well-received roll call via video montage with diverse officials and others from states across the country. The Republicans, overwhelmingly white, spoke from the ballroom floor.

After Trump’s renomination, much of the action is shifting to Washington, where Republicans will spend the week trying to convince the American people that the president deserves a second



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Texas delegate Toni Anne Dashiell cheers as Vice President Mike Pence speaks at the 2020 Republican National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., on Monday.

term.
The GOP convention is a crucial moment for Trump, who is trailing in national and battleground state polls and under intense pressure to turn the race around. Just 23% think the country is heading in the right direction, while 75% think it’s on the wrong path, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

For both sides, it’s an unconventional election year.

The parties’ election year gatherings are typically massive events, drawing thousands of delegates, party leaders, donors,

journalists and political junkies for a week of speeches, parties and after-parties that inject hundreds of thousands of dollars into the local economy and deliver a multiday infernal for the nominee.

The coronavirus has changed all that. Just 336 delegates — six from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories — have been invited to cast proxy votes on behalf of the more than 2,500 regular delegates. And stringent safety measures have been put in place guided by a 42-page health and safety plan developed by a hired doctor.

After the Charlotte kickoff,

most of the GOP convention will take place in Washington at and around the White House, as well as by video. It will feature remarks from well-known Trump supporters, including members of the Trump family, outspoken conservatives and everyday Americans who campaign officials say have been helped by Trump’s policies.

First lady Melania Trump will speak Tuesday from the Rose Garden, Pence will appear from Fort McHenry in Baltimore on Wednesday and Trump will deliver his marquee acceptance speech Thursday from the South Lawn.

Top Trump aide Kellyanne Conway resigning from White House post

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Kellyanne Conway, one of President Donald Trump’s most influential and longest-serving advisers, announced Sunday that she would be leaving the White House at the end of the month.

Conway, Trump’s campaign manager during the stretch run of the 2016 race, was the first

woman to successfully steer a White House bid, then became a senior counselor to the president. She informed Trump of her decision in the Oval Office.

Conway cited a need to spend time with her four children in a resignation letter she posted Sunday night. Her husband, George, had become an outspoken Trump critic and her family a subject of Washington’s rumor mill.

“We disagree about plenty but

we are united on what matters most: the kids,” she wrote. “For now, and for my beloved children, it will be less drama, more mama.”

She is still slated to speak at the Republican National Convention this week. Her husband, an attorney who renounced Trump after the 2016 campaign, had become a member of the Lincoln Project, an outside group of Republicans devoted to defeating Trump.



Kellyanne Conway

The politically adversarial marriage generated much speculation inside the Beltway and online. George Conway also announced Sunday that he was taking a leave of absence from both Twitter and the Lincoln Project.

Trump to pay legal fees of Stormy Daniels

LOS ANGELES — A California court ordered President Donald Trump this week to pay \$44,100 in attorney fees to porn actress Stormy Daniels to pay for her legal battle over her effort to cancel a hush money deal brokered to keep her quiet about their sexual relationship a decade ago.

The order in Superior Court in Los Angeles determined Daniels won her lawsuit against Trump over the agreement that was signed 11 days before the 2016 presidential election. As a part of that deal, the losing party would pay the lawyers’ fees.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the decision.

The president’s personal lawyer at the time, Michael Cohen, paid \$130,000 to Daniels, who filed the suit under her legal name Stephanie Clifford. After Trump’s election, Daniels sued to void the agreement.

Daniels’ suit over the non-disclosure agreement was dismissed before going to trial or a settlement because the parties were no longer quiet. Trump’s lawyers said Daniels didn’t win the case and therefore wasn’t entitled to lawyer fees, but Judge Robert Broadbent III disagreed in his ruling Monday, posted online by Daniels’ lawyers.

From The Associated Press

Pompeo hopes other Arab states forge Israeli ties

By ILAN BEN ZION
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he hoped other Arab countries would also establish diplomatic relations with Israel as he kicked off a Mideast tour Monday to press the momentum of the Trump administration’s Arab-Israeli peace push.

Pompeo spoke during a joint statement with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, the first stop on a multi-country tour of the region

following the Aug. 13 announcement of the historic agreement between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, brokered by Washington, to establish diplomatic ties.

“I am hopeful that we will see other Arab nations join in this,” Pompeo said. “The opportunity for them to work alongside, to recognize the state of Israel and to work alongside them will not only increase Middle East stability, but it will improve the lives for the people of their own countries as well.”

The Israel-UAE agreement delivered a key foreign policy victory to President Donald Trump as he seeks reelection and reflected a changing Middle East in which shared concerns about archenemy Iran have largely overtaken traditional Arab support for the Palestinians.

Both Pompeo and Netanyahu criticized the lack of international support for the U.S. demand for the restoration of U.N. sanctions against Iran.

“We are determined to use every tool that we have to ensure they

can’t get access to high-end weapon systems,” Pompeo said. “The rest of the world should join us.”

Earlier this month, the U.S., Israel and the UAE announced the deal to establish full diplomatic relations, which also requires Israel to freeze its plans to annex parts of the occupied West Bank sought by the Palestinians as part of their future state.

Netanyahu called the agreement “a boon to peace and regional stability” that “ heralds a new era where we could have other nations join.”

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Lifeguard shortage prompts swimming ban

IN CHESTERTON — A lifeguard shortage has prompted Indiana Dunes State Park to ban beachgoers from swimming and wading in Lake Michigan at the lakeside park until September.

Park officials announced the ban Friday, but stressed that the beach will remain open for walking and other activities on the shore during regular park hours, The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.

The park is located about 50 miles southeast of Chicago and is a popular summer recreational destination for the region.

Officials said the park's main and west parking lots will remain open and its Beach Trail boardwalk will continue to give beach access for those staying at the campsites.

Police searching for pawn shop robbers

MN ST. CLOUD — Police in St. Cloud are searching for three men suspected of robbing a downtown pawn shop.

The St. Cloud Times reported officers responded to a report of a robbery at Security Coin and Pawn Shop around midday Friday. Three men had entered the store and approached two employees behind the counter. All three men were wearing masks.

One of the men left but the other two each grabbed an employee and punched them in their faces. The two men then leaped over the counter, took jewelry from a display case and left.

The employees, a 75-year-old woman and a 76-year-old man, were taken by ambulance to a hospital. Their injuries aren't believed to be life-threatening.

Seawalls shored up to protect 2 historic homes

IN BEVERLY SHORES — Crews are shoring up seawalls that protect two historic World's Fair homes along Lake Michigan's northern Indiana shoreline from the lake's worsening erosion.

The Wieboldt-Rostone House and the Florida Tropical House were featured in the 1933 World's Fair in nearby Chicago but were moved after the fair closed to lakeside property that's now part of the Indiana Dunes National Park.

They're owned by the National Park Service and leased to residents who are paying for the small work and to restore the historic buildings.

Now, crews are spending nearly a month to make the homes' seawalls taller due to record high water levels on the lake, The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.

Sheriff charged with giving alcohol to minor

KY FRANKFORT — A sheriff in Kentucky has been indicted on charges that he



STEPH CHAMBERS, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE/AP

A step back in time

Addison Mountain Stars' Netney "Klink Klunk" Johnson retrieves the ball as Somerset Frosty Sons of Thunder's Dave "Warden" Buck scores a run during a vintage baseball game Saturday, at Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village in Avella, Pa. The Somerset Frosty Sons of Thunder and the Addison Mountain Stars used 1860s rules and uniforms.

provided alcohol to someone underage and tampered with the testimony of a potential witness, the state attorney general announced Friday.

According to Attorney General Daniel Cameron's office, Trigg County Sheriff Jason Barnes, 50, faces a Class A misdemeanor charge of unlawful transaction with a minor and a Class D felony charge of witness tampering. A Trigg County grand jury handed down the indictment.

Cameron's office said it worked with Kentucky State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. attorney's office to determine Barnes illegally provided the alcohol to someone younger than 21 in February.

Man given 18 years after fleeing hit-and-run

IL URBANA — A Champaign man who drove into a crowd of people and fled the scene was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

Derek Overton was sentenced Thursday for the Sept. 24, 2019,

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\$600K

boardwalk improvements by the seawall, Mayor Joseph Solomon said. "These improvements will offer additional opportunities for families to enjoy a day by the ocean, increase access to the beach and the water for those with disabilities, improve water quality, and help to beautify the area," Solomon said last week. The project is expected to be complete by September 2021.

incident that left one man paralyzed. Overton, who has already served 253 days in county jail, said he drove into the crowd of people to escape from getting jumped, The News-Gazette reported.

Assistant State's Attorney Christopher McCallum, who negotiated the plea agreement with Assistant Public Defender Matt Ham, said several people were in the parking lot during the night of the incident when several fights broke out. He noted that it reportedly involved a quarrel over the car. Overton was driving, which he was keeping for another man serving a prison term.

The amount in state and federal grant money planned for upgrades to a Warwick, R.I., beach. The changes at Oakland Beach include construction of an accessible splash park, playground upgrades and splash pad. The project is expected to be complete by September 2021.

McCallum said the fights had already ended when Overton backed into a crowd, hitting people, then put the car in drive and ran over a sidewalk where more people were standing before taking off.

Overton was on the run until mid-December, when U.S. marshals found him in Champaign.

Man arrested for highway shootings

OR ROSEBURG — A 49-year-old man has been arrested in connection with

a series of highway shootings in southwest Oregon, state police said.

Kenneth Ayers, of Roseburg, was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, assault, recklessly endangering another person and other charges, police said.

A least eight vehicles have been struck by bullets on Interstate 5 since the end of May, police said. The most recent shooting happened Wednesday in Jackson County when a woman in a vehicle was struck by a bullet, police said. She has since been released from the hospital.

Police had been investigating a possible link between the shootings and a UPS truck when they found Ayers north of the spot where the woman was hit, Oregon State Police Capt. Tim Fox told The Oregonian/OregonLive. Police found a gun in his truck consistent with the gun used in the shootings, Fox said.

Police said Ayers was a UPS employee.

From wire reports

WORLD

Families confront New Zealand shooter

By NICK PERRY
Associated Press

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — Families and survivors had their first chance to confront the white supremacist who slaughtered 51 worshippers in a mass shooting at two New Zealand mosques at his four-day sentencing hearing began Monday.

“You killed your own humanity, and I don’t think the world will forgive you for your horrible crime,” said a tearful Maysoon Salama, the mother of Atta Elyayan, 33, who was killed in the March 2019 attacks. “You thought you can break us. You failed miserably.”

The gunman, Australian Brenton Harrison Tarrant, 29, pleaded guilty in March to 51 counts of

murder, 40 counts of attempted murder and one count of terrorism — the first terrorism conviction in New Zealand’s history. He could become the first person in New Zealand to be sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, the toughest sentence available.

Tarrant was brought into the Christchurch High Court shackled and wearing a gray prison outfit. In the dock, unshackled and surrounded by five officers, he showed little emotion throughout the hearing. He occasionally looked around the room, tapped his fingers, and watched the survivors as they spoke.

The courtroom was still half full due to coronavirus distancing requirements, while many others watched from adjacent court-

rooms where the hearing was streamed. Survivors and family members occasionally wept and comforted each other.

Two dozen victims and family members told the court about the pain of losing husbands, wives, sons and brothers. Some had family members around them for support, others spoke through translators or on pre-recorded videos from abroad.

One of those was grandmother Saira Patel, who spoke from Melbourne, Australia, and described the moment she thought she would die in the Linwood mosque.

“I stretched both my arms toward my husband so we would die together,” she said.

But it was her husband of 36 years, Musa, who was shot in the back. When paramedics arrived,

she said, they told her to push on the bullet hole to lessen the bleeding, but her hands kept slipping with all the blood. When they took over, she said, she held her husband’s warm hands until they dropped. He had died.

“I’m still searching for my husband’s beautiful face in the crowds, but he’s nowhere to be seen,” she said.

Some speakers raised their voices in anger when they addressed the gunman. One said nothing less than the death penalty would be fair. Janna Ezat, whose son Hussein Al-Umari was killed, looked at Tarrant and spoke softly.

“I forgive you,” she said. “The damage is done, Hussein will never be here. I only have one choice and that is to forgive.”

Official: Russian critic critical, but stable

BERLIN — Russian dissident Alexei Navalny remains in critical but stable condition in a Berlin hospital where he is being treated after a suspected poisoning, a German official said Monday.

Dirk Wiese, the German government’s coordinator for Eastern European affairs, told public broadcaster ZDF that police posted outside the downtown Charite hospital are there as a precaution while the 44-year-old is undergoing treatment.

“The circumstances of what led to Alexei Navalny’s critical condition haven’t yet been clarified,” he said.

Wiese expects full transparent and also cooperative clarification, especially from the Russian authorities. And before it is known how this happened, appropriate security precautions are necessary.”

Japan’s PM marks days in office amid concerns

TOKYO — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Monday became Japan’s longest-serving leader in terms of consecutive days in office, but there was little fanfare, as he visited a hospital for another checkup amid concerns about his health.

Abe marked his 2,799th consecutive day in office since returning to leadership in late 2012 for a second term, surpassing the previous record set by Eisaku Sato, his great-uncle, who served 2,798 straight days from 1964 to 1972.

Abe, who turns 66 next month, became Japan’s longest-serving prime minister last November.

His first term ended abruptly 13 years ago because of health problems, fueling concerns about his current condition. The prime minister made a hospital visit for the second week in a row on Monday.

“I’m making sure I’m in good health, and I plan to keep working hard,” Abe said, adding that he will explain his health later.

From The Associated Press

Soldiers and civilians killed in 2 bombing attacks in Philippines

By JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Muslim militants allied with Islamic State set off a powerful motorcycle explosive followed by a suicide bombing that together killed 14 people on Monday, many of them soldiers, in the worst extremist attack in the Philippines this year, military officials said.

At least 75 soldiers, police and civilians were wounded in the midday bombings in Jolo town in southern Sulu province, regional military commander Lt. Gen. Corleto Vinluan said. The bombings were staged as the government grapples with the highest number of coronavirus infections in Southeast Asia.

Vinluan said most of the vic-

tims, including children, were killed and wounded in the first attack, when a bomb attached to a motorcycle exploded near two parked army trucks in front of a grocery store and computer shop in Jolo.

“It was a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device which exploded while our soldiers were on a marketing run,” Vinluan told reporters.

A second blast, apparently from a female suicide attacker, occurred about an hour later and killed the bomber, a soldier, a police commander and wounded several others, a military report said. It said the suspected bomber walked out of a snack shop, approached soldiers who were securing a Roman Catholic cathedral and “suddenly



NICKKE BUTLANGAN/AP

Police attend to their injured at a site of an explosion in the town of Jolo, Sulu province, southern Philippines, on Monday.

blew herself up.”

Snipers were deployed in the area to guard against more bombers as the victims were carried to an ambulance.

A third unexploded bomb was reportedly found in a public mar-

ket. Jolo was immediately placed in a security lockdown by troops and police.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque condemned the bombings “in the strongest possible terms.”



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Mali junta wants to wait on elections until 2023

By BABA AHMED
Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali — The military junta that overthrew Mali's president wants to put off new elections for three years, an official said Monday, as the international community pressed for an immediate return to civilian rule.

The coup leaders want to prepare a new constitution before holding any vote, said an official in the talks who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to journalists.

The junta's proposal will likely be rejected by West African regional mediators and former colonizer France. It's more than double the time it took to hold a vote after a similar coup in 2012, and would allow the soldiers who overthrew a democratically elected president to remain in power for years.

A mediation team from the

15-nation regional bloc known as ECOWAS has been pressing the junta to hand over power to a civilian transitional government. Initially, they called for ousted President Ibrahim Bou-bacar Keita to be reinstated as president, but that prospect has become unlikely amid an outpouring of public support in Mali for the coup d'etat.

The official taking part in the talks indicated there had been some movement toward releasing Keita, who has been detained along with Mali's prime minister since the coup a week ago. Among the options is allowing him to stay at his residence in Bamako under surveillance instead of at the military barracks in Kati, he said.

African countries and the wider international community have expressed alarm over the coup d'etat, which deposed Keita three years before his final term was due to end. Mali has been fighting against Islamic extremists

with heavy international support for more than seven years, and jihadists have previously used power vacuums in the country to expand their territory.

The high-level regional delegation, led by Nigeria's former president, Goodluck Jonathan, held talks with the junta, including Col. Assimi Goita, who has declared himself the group's leader. The regional delegation has also met with Keita and the other detained officials.

After the brief meetings were held, few details were given, but Jonathan did say that Keita was doing well.

Hours after Keita was detained at his home last week, he announced his resignation on state broadcaster ORTM, saying he did not want any blood to be shed for him to stay in power. The next day, soldiers took to the airwaves calling themselves the National Committee for the Salvation of the People.



STATE TV AND RADIO COMPANY OF BELARUS/AP

Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko, armed with a Kalashnikov-type rifle, greets riot police officers near the Palace of Independence in Minsk, Belarus, on Sunday.

2 leading Belarus opposition activists detained in capital

By YURAS KARMANAU
Associated Press

MINSK, Belarus — Belarusian authorities Monday detained two leading opposition activists who have helped spearhead a wave of protests demanding the resignation of the country's authoritarian ruler of 26 years.

The opposition's Coordination Council said its members Sergei Dylevsky and Olga Kovalkova

were detained by police in the capital city of Minsk. City police confirmed their detention.

The move signals President Alexander Lukashenko's determination to stifle the massive demonstrations that have entered their third week. It comes a day after the 65-year-old Belarusian leader threw an assault rifle in a show of force as he arrived at his residence by helicopter as protesters rallied nearby.

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Russell Crowe stars in "Unhinged," a violent thriller now playing in some North American theaters.

Is the box office back?

'Unhinged' opening the first big test of the coronavirus era

By RYAN FAUGHNDER
Los Angeles Times

After months of dormancy for the major movie theater circuits because of the coronavirus, Hollywood has been awash in speculation over how quickly people will return to the cinema. They got their first clue over the weekend through an unlikely test case — a mid-budget hyper-violent road rage thriller starring Russell Crowe.

"Unhinged," starring the Oscar winner as a maniacal motorist, debuted in roughly 1,800 theaters and grossed about \$4 million in the U.S. and Canada from Friday through Sunday, according to studio estimates. The launch marks the first major wide release in American theaters since March, when virtually the entire industry was brought to an abrupt standstill amid the escalating public health crisis.

The question now is, of course, what do the numbers actually mean?

"Unhinged," a \$33 million R-rated thriller with tepid reviews, was never going to be a blockbuster, and it had virtually no competition. In some of the biggest states for moviegoing, including California, New York and New Jersey, indoor theaters remain closed despite the efforts of the cinema lobby, the National Association of Theatre Owners, to con-

vince public officials that cinemas are safe.

Solstice Studios, the new Los Angeles-based distributor that gambled on releasing the movie during a pandemic, said the weekend numbers marked a strong result and that the film would probably reach the \$8 million mark by Thursday. The early numbers indicate the film is on track to eventually hit its goal of \$30 million in North American ticket sales, the studio said. Solstice expects the movie's domestic footprint to reach 2,300 theaters next weekend. Including Canadian grosses from last week, "Unhinged" has collected \$5 million domestically so far.

"We're breathing a sigh of enormous relief," said Mark Gill, president and chief executive of Solstice Studios, by phone Sunday morning.

Whereas movies normally make the bulk of their grosses in the first couple of weeks, followed by a steep drop in business, new movies should now play for significantly longer in the coronavirus era, Gill added.

"This is looking exactly like the rest of the world, where slow and steady wins the race," he said.

The biggest test will arrive in the coming weeks as movies such as Walt Disney Co.'s "The New Mutants" hits theaters Friday, followed by Christopher Nolan's "Tenet" the following week, which is Labor Day weekend.

Musician Earle dies

By RANDALL ROBERTS
Los Angeles Times



AP

Justin Townes Earle, the Americana singer-songwriter and son of Nashville songwriter, actor and activist Steve Earle, died on Sunday. He was 38.

"It is with tremendous sadness that we inform you of the passing of our son, husband, father and friend Justin," said a statement on Justin Earle's Facebook page. "So many of you have relied on his music and lyrics over the years and we hope that his music will continue to guide you on your journeys."

No cause of death was given. "When you start with my middle and last names," Earle told the Los Angeles Times in 2011, "how much worse can the expectations be? My father is one of the greatest songwriters who's ever lived, and I couldn't write a song like (revered singer-songwriter) Townes Van Zandt if my life depended on it. But you know going through the door you're gonna be judged based on that, so you better be ready."

By the time he was 14, Earle was doing residencies in the competitive Nashville songwriter's scene. It was the mid-1990s, and artists in the so-called alternative country movement were mixing post-punk energy with honky-tonk twang. Earle's first three records were released by Bloodshot Records, one of the drivers of the scene and inheritors to Steve Earle's 1980s blue-collar barroom country.

Like his father, Earle battled substance abuse. "I always knew there was something different about the way that I used drugs and drank to the way that my friends did, but it's a wild thing to wake up when you're 16 years old and realize you can't stop shooting up," he told the Edinburgh Scotsman in 2015.

His mom, Carol-Ann Hunter, and dad divorced when he was very young. As the younger Earle kicked his drug habit, he began considering a path forward

Singer-songwriter Justin Townes Earle, shown in 2011, was a leading performer of American roots music known for his introspective and haunting style.

through songwriting: "I realized there was a way to come from the place I came from," he said. "I found an amount of comfort in it and I also found something I was good at that was legal."

Earle earned band experience in a ragtime outfit called the Swindlers and a country-punk band called the Distributors, and was an on-and-off member of the raucous country-rock band the Sadies. As Earle gained confidence, he committed to being a solo artist and eased his way through the Nashville independent country community.

From the start, Earle's solo work homed in on flawed characters hobbled by fate. He called himself "The Saint of Lost Causes" on his 2019 album of the same name. He'd already released eight albums by then, drawn from country, rock and rustic folk music.

"I took a lot from Townes," he told the Scotsman. "Don't explain too much or write your song like it's a thesis, don't give them all the information, leave some things out for interpretation."

Earle is survived by his parents; his wife, Jenn Marie; and their daughter, Etta St. James Earle.

Global online 'Black Joy Project' to be adapted into a book

Associated Press

The author and educator Kleaver Cruz has traveled the world asking the same question: "What does Black joy mean to you?"

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books & Media announced Monday that Cruz has adapted his "Black Joy Project" into a book of the same name. "Black Joy Project," which does not yet have a release date, will combine images and essays into what Cruz has called the vital use of joy as a path to resistance.

"There is a necessity in expressing and naming Black joy as a practice towards liberation, and I want it for all Black people around the world," Cruz said in a statement.

The Black Joy Project dates back to 2015 when Cruz felt overwhelmed by "Black death and pain," as he writes on his website kleavercruz.com. He made a video that for 30 days he would use social media to post images of Black joy. He now has thou-

sands of Facebook and Instagram followers, and his work has been highlighted in Vibe and Huffington Post, among other publications.

Screenwriter Ridley to write new Batman comic series

John Ridley will write the new Batman comic series with plans of the Dark Knight being a person of color.

The Oscar-winning screenwriter and DC publisher Jim Lee announced plans for Ridley to write the miniseries during a DC FanDome virtual panel on Aug. 22. The four-issue comic is scheduled to release in January.

Ridley said the series will focus on the family of Lucius Fox, who is one of Bruce Wayne's closest allies. Fox was also the president of Wayne Enterprises.

Ridley won an Academy Award for best adapted screenplay in 2013 for his work on "12 Years a Slave."

Berlin Film Festival to make acting prizes gender neutral

The organizers of the Berlin International Film Festival say they will stop awarding separate acting prizes to women and men beginning next year.

Berlinale organizers said Monday the performance awards will be defined in a gender-neutral way at next year's festival, for which a physical event is planned.

In a statement, the co-heads of the festival, Mariette Rissenbeck and Carlo Chiarini, said "not separating the awards in the acting field according to gender comprises a signal for a more gender-sensitive awareness in the film industry."

Other news

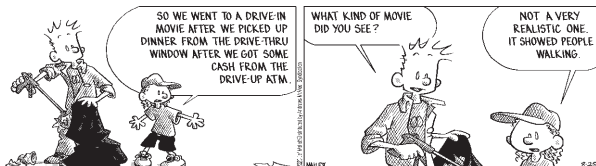
■ Singer Kirk Franklin took home six trophies during the 35th annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards on Sunday night. Thanks to his "Long Live" album, Franklin collected male vocalist, album,

producer contemporary male vocalist and contemporary album of the year honors at the two-hour virtual ceremony. He also won music video of the year for "Love Theory." Tasha Cobbs Leonard won the show's top award as best artist. She also took home contemporary female vocalist of the year through her album "Heart. Passion. Pursuit." Donald Lawrence's "Deliver Me (This Is My Exodus)" was named song of the year. The best new artist went to Pastor Mike Jr.

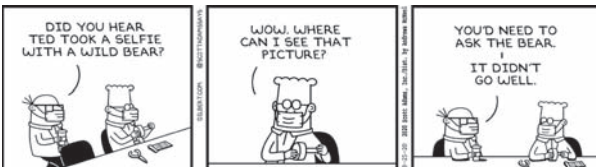
■ A fire that tore through celebrity chef **Rachael Ray's** upscale New York home started in a fireplace chimney, state officials said Aug. 21. The state Office of Fire Prevention and Control said the August 9 fire at the house in Lake Luzerne, N.Y., was accidental. No one was injured.

■ **Lea Michele** is a mom of a baby boy. A representative for Michele said Sunday that the former "Glee" star gave birth to her son on Aug. 20. It's the first child for Michele and her husband Zandy Reich, who married last year.

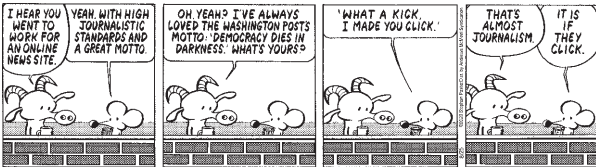
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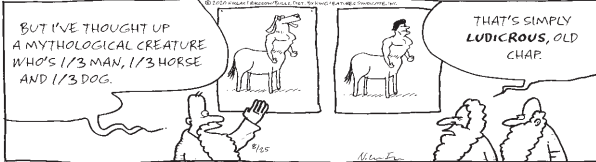
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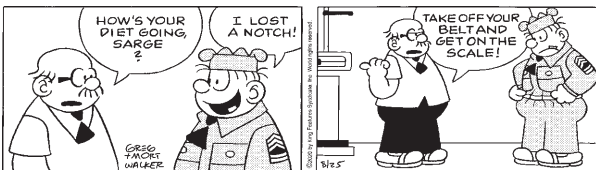
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- 22 Vintage video game
- 23 Chinese secret society
- 24 Concur
- 26 Train driver
- 27 Norwegian seaport
- 28 Son of Noah
- 29 "There!"
- 31 Deserve
- 34 Defeated
- 35 Worn at the edges
- 37 Suitable
- 38 Green gem
- 39 Kimono ties
- 40 Rope fiber
- 41 Agvle
- 44 Goat's plaint
- 45 Buddy
- 46 "A Chorus Line" song
- 47 Gen- (baby boomer's kid)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals H

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OPINION

Real reasons to celebrate 4 years of Trump

By HUGH HEWITT
 Special to The Washington Post

The 2016 Republican convention was packed with skeptics, including me.

Nearly 100% of the vast throng of journalists in attendance doubted that candidate Donald Trump could win, including me. Trump had fervent supporters, but it was oh so easy to find delegates who thought the party was hurtling toward a 1964-style catastrophe.

Some longtime party loyalists simply refused to believe Trump's promises — especially his commitment to make appointments to the Supreme Court and federal appeals courts in the mold of Antonin Scalia. Would he truly fund the military? What did he know of deregulation or national security? Could his aggressive, hark-trunked strategy of counterpunching offend everyone before the ballots were cast?

Polls didn't predict a blowout, but smart guys with models had Hillary Clinton's chances of winning at 85% or even higher.

Republicans had a terrific time in Cleveland — it's a great city for a convention but it was not in Lexington and I'm biased — but the conventional wisdom that "Trump was doomed" dominated the convention.

So it's a shame that the Charlotte, N.C., convention is off. What a contrast it would have been to the gathering in Cleveland — full of if not converted, then astounded, party regulars. "By God, he delivered," they'd find a hundred ways to say. Almost all media elites still loathe Trump, even more intensely than four years ago. It's hard to find broadcasts on stations other than Fox News that are remotely fair, though a handful of major figures remain balanced. Former Trump skeptics like me have been persuaded that he will do what prom-

ises. But he won't change. A second term will be rhetorically the same as the first. Military budgets will be the same. Judicial nominees the same. Deregulation will continue. Taxes will stay where they are.

In a second Trump term, confrontation with the Chinese Communist Party would sharpen, and possibly increase, as a clear-eyed appraisal of the CCP takes root. Tariffs on our allies that unhinge traditional free-traders should fade, but those ringing China will remain as our Navy's buildup continues. Our exit from Afghanistan will be completed and our footprint in Iraq reduced. The peace accord between the United Arab Emirates and Israel is the first fruit of Trump's peace plan for the region; the deal itself was birthed from the regional way that followed after Trump moved the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem.

Trump himself may or may not relax in a second term. The FBI machinations against Trump — though limited to a handful of actors — and the absurdity of the Mueller investigation and impeachment proceedings have become clear. Notice how little time the Democrats spent on these last week? The virus will recede, driven back by new rules. The vast majority of the remaining Americans have for themselves and others will end politicization of the pandemic. No matter who wins in November, schools will reopen and commerce (except for that which has permanently migrated online) will return to the streets. The astonishing piece of news from the region is a political revealing detail: The "pent-up" demand the president predicted in the spring has arrived, just like the expected V-shaped rebound in the markets. Employment is returning. We have to plan for the next virus outbreak; others are certain to follow. If Trump or his successors again, no one will call him xenophobic.

When the border wall is complete, per-

haps even sooner, regularization not just of "dreamers" but of all nonviolent immigrants in the country can proceed. Trump has been ready to strike that deal for four years. Manufacturing incentives are poised to draw factories back to the heartland, and Big Tech will find it necessary to invest in America, not faraway countries.

Later, politics will shift toward 2024 as a dozen Republicans begin to position themselves to succeed Trump, and as AOC — Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y. — completes her lightning takeover of the Democratic Party, presumably beating Sen. Chuck Schumer D-N.Y., in 2022 as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., exits stage way left. The Trump realignment would be complete.

That's what would have been the discussion in Charlotte or Jacksonville, Fla., and it still is the discussion among the center-right talking heads. Manhattan and Beltway media elites remain largely unaware or purposefully indifferent to the vast changes Trump has overseen, so blinded are they by rage at him personally that they have abandoned journalism's sacred vow.

Their anger doesn't matter. Donald Trump won't change. Neither will his policies nor the lasting benefits they have brought. The cost of the pandemic is high, but fair Americans don't blame Trump. They are calculating their future security, prosperity and, crucially, freedom. Freedom is the undervalued variable in 2024 election calculations. Americans love their freedom. And Trump, like every GOP nominee of my lifetime, is freedom's candidate.

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Negativity made Trump. We can expect more of it.

By DAVID VON DREHLE
 The Washington Post

Political scientists speak of "negative partisanship." It's a category, not a value judgment. It describes voters whose choices are driven by what — and who — they're against, not what or who they're for. Negative partisanship sounds like this: I wish Trump wouldn't tweet that stuff, but at least he's not Hillary. It also sounds like this: I support anyone but Clinton. It's the politics of no, not of the defining condition of American public life today.

The master practitioner will be nominated by Republicans this week for a second term as president of the United States.

Donald Trump is the most purely negative politician of our time. It describes him, not necessarily a value judgment. People are for him because of what he's against: Mexican rapists, unfair trade deals, nasty women, fake news, American carnage. What sounded on its surface like a positive message — "Make America Great Again" — was really a list of negatives.

He is a catchall of negative feelings: against open borders, against foreign allies, against the Swamp, against political correctness and, ultimately, against Hillary Clinton. He opposes low-flow shower heads, patterned neckties and restaurants he hasn't eaten in before. "What have you got to lose?" he asked, in one of his most memorable sales pitches. Here was the utter absence of an affirmative case.

Remarkably, Clinton's 2016 campaign was almost as empty of positive messaging. Rather than present a vigorous case for herself, she hammered on the notion that Trump was unacceptable. Both campaigns

were highly effective, judging from the record-low approval ratings the two candidates carried into Election Day. theirs was the most negative campaign of modern times, certainly the only one to feature lusty chants demanding the imprisonment of one of the candidates.

Negative partisanship explains the striking fact that Trump has become the defining figure of today's Republican Party without ever being a Republican in any meaningful sense. He identified as a Democrat for much of his adult life and flirted with the Red Star Party for a time. He was an independent. The GOP embraced him not for his beliefs, but because he was lethal in political combat.

This also explains his durable base of roughly 40%. My exasperated Eastern associates sometimes ask me, as their One Red Star Friend, "How do you people in the woods can still be for Trump, given double-digit unemployment, roughly the equivalent of the population of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., dead from COVID-19, his self-proclaimed love affair with the murderous dictator of North Korea, etc. etc." The answer is, "I'm not in the woods." It's also exposed the flaw in negative polarization: It leaves a leader paralyzed in times of crisis that call for teamwork and trust. Effectively handling the pandemic would have taken an affirmative plan: Do A, B, C and D — and keep doing them until the virus is under control. Instead, for nearly six months, Trump has zigzagged between

ignoring the disease and trying to find an enemy to blame for it. Democrats were hyping it, he charged. President Barack Obama did not prepare properly. Health care workers, he hinted darkly, might be stealing face masks. Governors were infringing on liberty, he tweeted. The World Health Organization was botching matters. Scientists from the Swamp were thwarting promising cures. The media was exaggerating the whole thing.

Now, it's convention time, and Trump seems to have settled on China as his prime coronavirus victim. But Biden, who delivered an entire acceptance speech without a single mention of Trump's name, seems to understand that you can't out-blow this president. There is a quiet party in the electorate, composed of voters who want someone to vote for, not against; someone to drive progress, not wedges; someone who understands the precious and endangered value of social cohesion and public trust, and will take personal responsibility for nurturing them.

There will always be blows thrown in our direction. But Biden, who delivered an entire acceptance speech without a single mention of Trump's name, seems to understand that you can't out-blow this president. There is a quiet party in the electorate, composed of voters who want someone to vote for, not against; someone to drive progress, not wedges; someone who understands the precious and endangered value of social cohesion and public trust, and will take personal responsibility for nurturing them.

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SCOREBOARD/SPIRITS/BRIEFS

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Pro soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE		Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	5	0	16	12
Toronto FC	3	2	10	7
New York	3	2	10	6
Atlanta	3	2	10	6
Philadelphia	2	2	9	8
Orlando City	2	2	9	8
New England	2	2	9	8
Cincinnati	2	2	9	8
Chicago	2	2	9	8
D.C. United	1	1	7	6
Nashville SC	1	1	4	4
Inter Miami CF	1	1	5	0
New York Red Bulls	1	1	3	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE		Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	5	1	0	15
Minnesota United	3	1	2	11
Portland	3	1	2	10
LA Galaxy FC	3	1	0	18
Real Salt Lake	2	1	3	9
Colorado	2	1	3	9
Vancouver	2	1	3	7
F.C. Dallas	1	1	3	6
LA Galaxy	1	1	3	2
Houston	1	1	3	2

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

Sunday's game
Seattle 3, Portland 0

Monday's game
Columbus at New York City FC

Tuesday's game
New England at D.C. United
Minnesota at Philadelphia
Cincinnati at Chicago
Vancouver at Montreal
Houston at Sporting Kansas City

Wednesday's games
Seattle at Atlanta
Nashville at Orlando City
Portland at Miami
Colorado at FC Dallas
Los Angeles FC at Real Salt Lake
Portland at San Jose

Friday's game
Toronto FC at Montreal

Saturday's games
Orlando City at Atlanta
D.C. United at Philadelphia
Chicago at New York City FC
Cincinnati at Columbus
New York at New England
Minnesota at FC Dallas
Sporting Kansas City at Colorado
Orlando City at LA Galaxy
Real Salt Lake at Portland

Sunday, August 30
Miami at Nashville
Los Angeles FC at Seattle
Portland at San Jose

Tuesday, September 1
Montreal at Toronto FC
Atlanta at Columbus
Chicago at Cincinnati
D.C. United at New York
Minnesota at Philadelphia
New York City FC at New England
Orlando City at Nashville
FC Dallas at Sporting Kansas City
Seattle at Real Salt Lake
LA Galaxy at Portland
San Jose at Los Angeles FC

Sunday

Seattle 3, Portland 0 3-3
Portland 0, 0-0
Atlanta 2, 1-1
Seattle, 2-1
Seattle, 3-0
Portland, 3-1
Seattle, 1-0
Seattle, 1-0

Goalies—Seattle, Stefan Frei, (Ridzwan Dzafar); Portland, Steve Clark, Jeff Attinella.

Pro basketball

WNBA		Pct	GB
Chicago	10	4	714
Connecticut	10	8	429
Indiana	10	7	505
Washington	4	9	308
New York	1	12	877
WESTERN CONFERENCE		Pct <td>GB </td>	GB
Seattle	11	3	786
Las Vegas	10	2	769
Los Angeles	10	3	769
Minnesota	7	4	659
Phoenix	7	5	500
Dallas	5	9	357

Sunday's games
Atlanta 78, Minnesota 75
Los Angeles 84, Dallas 81
Phoenix 86, Washington 77

Monday's games
No games scheduled.

Deals

Sunday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Sent 3B Christian Arroyo outright to alternate training site.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Recalled RHP Chase De Jong from taxi squad. Options RHP Humberto Castellanos to alternate training site. Transferred OF Yordan Alvarez from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Chance Adams from alternate training site. Options RHP Jake Newberry to alternate training site.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Designated C Michael Hermosillo for assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Selected the contract of LHP Josh Fleming from alternate training site. Recalled RHP Edgar Garcia from alternate training site. Designated LHP Sean Gilmartin for assignment. Placed RHP Nick Anderson on the 10-day IL retroactive to Aug. 20.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed RHP Matt Shoemaker on the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Jacob Waguespack from taxi squad. Acquired 1B Daniel Vogelbach from Seattle for cash considerations.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Selected the contract of LHP Jason Pridmore from alternate training site. Transferred RHP James Norwood from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL. Signed free agent LF Patrick Wisdom and sent to alternate training site.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Activated C Will Smith from the IL. Options C Kelsier Ruiz to alternate training site.
DALLAS RANGERS — Options RHP Justin Tincop to alternate training site. Placed C Francisco Cervelli on the 10-day IL. Selected the contract of C Brian Navarro from alternate training site.
MIAMI MARLINS — Options RHP RHP J.P. Feyereisen from alternate training site. Options RHP Angel Poggiolo to alternate training site.
NEW YORK METS — Released 2B Brian Dozier.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Recalled RHP Tropeano from alternate training site. Options RHP Nick Mears from alternate training site.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Acquired IF Daniel Robertson from Tampa Bay in

exchange for cash considerations. Activated RHP Sam Coonrod from the IL. Designated OF Hunter Pence for assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Activated SS Paul DeJong from the 10-day IL. Options RHP Seth Etheld to alternate training site.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Options RHP Will Crowl to alternate training site.
BASKETBALL
NBA — Fined Milwaukee F Marvin Williams and Orlando F James Ennis \$15,000 for their roles in an on-court altercation during an Aug. 6 game.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed CB Dre Kirkpatrick to a one-year contract. Released CB Duke Thomas.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Released S Earl Thomas.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Waived RB Jordan Scarlett.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Activated WR John Ross from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Placed DT Renell Wren on the IL.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed LB Malcolm Smith. Waived C Casey Dum. **DENVER BRONCOS** — Signed WR Cody White.
DETROIT LIONS — Signed DE Will Clever. Released OL Caleb Benenoth.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed LB Daren Bates. Signed LB Anthony Kukwa. Waived LB Jan Johnson.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed CB Andrew Chachere and C Joey Hunt. Placed 1 Andrew Donnal on the IL. Waived TE Ian Bunting.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Signed RB Theo Riddick and LB Kyle Emanuel. Released LB Bryn Hager.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Activated WR Travis Fulgham. Waived OT Casey Tucker.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS — Placed RHP Sean Rodriguez on the 10-day IL. Injured reserve.
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released WR Cody Latimer. Waived TE Thaddeus Moss with an injury designation.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed F Blake Speers to a one-year, two-way contract.



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP
Grigor Dimitrov, of Bulgaria, returns to Ugo Humbert, of France, in Dimitrov's 6-3, 6-4 win Sunday at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament in New York.

Briefly Dimitrov wins first bout with COVID-19

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two months after barely being able to walk while ill with COVID-19, Grigor Dimitrov played a professional tennis match at the Western & Southern Open on Sunday and — while the result was not what was most important — he won.

"I said to myself, 'I'll give it a try.' Now I'm here playing a match today," said Dimitrov, a 29-year-old from Bulgaria who was a U.S. Open semifinalist last year and is ranked No. 19. "Honestly, I'm just purely thankful that I'm even able to just be here, to participate. Forget about the match. I'm not even talking about tennis right now."

He said he arrived in New York, the site for both the Western & Southern Open and the U.S. Open, just 1½ days before taking the court for what turned out to be a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Ugo Humbert.

The winners draw saw some big names exit on Day 2 at the hard-court tournament: No. 1 seed Karolina Pliskova, No. 2 Sofia Kenin and 2017 U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens. Pliskova, the 2016 U.S. Open runner-up who will be the top seed when the Grand Slam tournament begins Aug. 31, lost 7-5, 6-4 to Veronika Kudermetova, Kenin, who won the Australian Open this year, was upset by Alize Cornet 6-1, 7-6 (7); Stephens was eliminated by Caroline Garcia 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Dimitrov tested positive for the coronavirus in June while participating in a series of exhibitions in Croatia and Serbia organized by Novak Djokovic, who also got COVID-19. Djokovic pulled out of the doubles event at the West-

ern & Southern Open on Sunday, citing neck pain, but was still slated to compete in singles Monday.

"The first week was just tragic. I started by just walking. I couldn't really do any exercises. I couldn't lose a lot of weight. I couldn't play tennis," Dimitrov said, adding that he lost a lot of weight while sick.

"It was a really dark moment," he said. "I'm not going to lie."

Eventually, Dimitrov said, he would practice for 20 minutes at a time, then built that up in increments.

UEFA 'not happy' with Man City reversing ban

LISBON, Portugal — UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin said Manchester City's two-year ban from European competitions was overturned, but the governing body does not plan to appeal against the decision at the Swiss federal court.

Ceferin also insisted that UEFA's Financial Fair Play regulations are "not dead" even though City's win at the Court of Arbitration for Sport was seen as a big blow to efforts to curtail spending by rich club owners.

Jays acquire Vogelbach from Mariners

TORONTO — The Toronto Blue Jays have acquired struggling slugger Daniel Vogelbach from the Seattle Mariners for \$100,000. The 27-year-old Vogelbach was a first time All-Star last season but was designated for assignment by the Mariners on Aug. 19 after hitting .094 with two home runs and four RBIs in 18 games this season.

Tennis

Western and Southern Open

at Lindner Family Tennis Center
Men's Singles
Purse: \$225,000
Surface: Hardcourt, outdoor
Round of 64
Karen Khachaturian, def. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 6-4.
Tommy Sandgren, United States, def. Lorenzo Sonego, Italy, 6-4, 6-2.
Ricardo Sanchez, (3), Argentina, def. Daniel Riu, Romania, 6-4, 6-2.
Marcos Giron, United States, def. Mackenzie McDonald, United States, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, def. Norbert Piros, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-2.
Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, def. Cristian Garin, Chile, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 6-0.
Grijp Dimitrov (14), Bulgaria, def. Ugo Humbert, France, 6-3, 6-4.
Daniel Evans, def. Andy Rublev (10), Russia, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.
John Isner (1), United States, def. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, 7-5, 6-4.
Richard Gasquet, France, def. Jeffrey John Volok, United States, 6-4, 6-2.
John Millman, Australia, def. Adrian Panatta, France, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Emil Ruusuvuori, Finland, def. Sebastian Korda, United States, 6-3, 4-7, 7-5.
Men's Singles
Round of 32
Stefanos Tsitsipas (1), Greece, def. Kevin Anderson (4), South Africa, 6-1, 6-3.
David Goffin (1), Belgium, def. Borna Coric, Croatia, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Men's Singles
Round of 64
Anett Kontaveit (12), Estonia, def. Daria Savicki, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
Elise Mertens (14), Belgium, def. Alison Riske, United States, 6-4, 6-2.
Arista Rus, Netherlands, def. Reson van Uytvenk, Belgium, 6-2, 6-3.
Vera Zvonareva, def. Madison Keys, Canada, 6-3, 6-2.
Magda Linette, Poland, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Cici Bellis, def. Oceane Dodin, France, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (1).
Mercedes Martinez, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3.
Christina McHale, United States, def. Iga Swiatek, Poland, 6-4, 6-2.
Jessica Pegula, United States, def. Jen-

nifer Brady, United States, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Laura Siegemund, Germany, def. Marketa Vondrousova (10), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-4.
Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, def. Leylah Annie Fernandez, Canada, 0-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-4, 6-2.
Daniela Hingis, Switzerland, def. Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 6-1, 7-5.
Daniela Hingis, Switzerland, def. Sloane Stephens, United States, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Daniela Hingis, Switzerland, def. Danielle Collins, United States, 6-3, 6-3.
Women's Singles
Round of 32
Veronika Kudermetova, Russia, def. Sofia Kenin, United States, 6-4, 6-2.
Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Sofia Kenin (2), United States, 6-1, 7-6 (7).
Men's Doubles
Round of 22
Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, and Alex de Minaur, Australia, def. Nikola Pietrangeli, Croatia, and Filip Polasek (4), Slovakia, 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-4.
Milos Raonic and Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, and Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, 6-3, 1-6, 10-8.
Dusan Lajovic and Nikola Cacic, Serbia, def. Frances Tiafoe and Tommy Paul, United States, 3-6, 5-7, 6-4.
Horacio Zeballos (5), Argentina, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Denis Sharovatov, Canada, 6-4, 7-6 (1).
Nicola Pietrangeli and Steve Johnson, United States, def. Sander Gille and Johan Vliegen, Belgium, 6-0, 6-2.
Nelly Pietrangeli and Taylor Fritz, United States, def. Sam Querrey and Jack Sock, United States, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-4.
Women's Doubles
Round of 32
Vera Zvonareva and Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, def. Alison Riske, United States, and Gabriella Dabrowski, Canada, 6-3, 6-4.
Nicola Pietrangeli and Aryna Sabalenka (1), Belarus, def. Bernarda Pera, Spain, and Liang Chen, China, 6-4, 6-2.
Hayley Carter, United States, and Luisa Stefani, Brazil, def. Laura Siegemund, Germany, and Elena Rybakina, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 3-6, 12-10.

AP spotlight

Aug. 25
1904 — Alice Millie becomes the first woman jockey as she rides in a four-mile race in York, England.

1911 — The first professional mixed-gender ping-pong tournament was held in England, but held on as the game ended with the Phillies leading the bases loaded.

1916 — Ben Huh became the PGA championship with a 6 and 4 win over Ernie Olin.

1950 — Sugar Ray Robinson knocks out Bobo Olson in the 10th round to retain world middleweight boxing title.

1951 — Carl Lewis claims his title of world's fastest human by setting a world record of 0.96 second in the 100-meter final in the world championships in Tokyo. Lewis clips four-hundredths of a second off the record by 0.89 set by Leroy Burrell in the U.S. Championships two months earlier.

NHL

Scoreboard

Stanley Cup playoffs
EASTERN CONFERENCE
FIRST ROUND
At Toronto
 (1) Philadelphia 4, (8) Montreal 2
 Philadelphia 2, Montreal 1
 Montreal 5, Philadelphia 0
 Philadelphia 1, Montreal 0
 Philadelphia 2, Montreal 0
 Montreal 5, Philadelphia 3
(2) Tampa Bay 4, (7) Columbus 1
 Tampa Bay 3, Columbus 2, OT
 Columbus 3, Tampa Bay 5
 Tampa Bay 3, Columbus 2
 Tampa Bay 2, Columbus 1
 Tampa Bay 5, Columbus 4, OT
(6) N.Y. Islanders 4, (3) Washington 1
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 2
 N.Y. Islanders 5, Washington 2
 Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 1, OT
 Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Washington 0
(4) Boston 4, (5) Carolina 1
 Boston 4, Carolina 3, 2OT
 Carolina 3, Boston 2
 Boston 3, Carolina 2
 Boston 9, Carolina 3
 Boston 2, Carolina 1
WESTERN CONFERENCE
At Edmonton, Alberta
(1) Las Vegas 4, (6) Chicago 1
 Vegas 4, Chicago 1
 Vegas 4, Chicago 3, OT
 Vegas 3, Chicago 1
 Chicago 3, Las Vegas 1
 Vegas 4, Chicago 1
(2) Colorado 4, (7) Arizona 1
 Colorado 3, Arizona 2
 Colorado 4, Colorado 2
 Colorado 2, Arizona 1
 Colorado 7, Arizona 1
(3) Dallas 4, (9) Calgary 2
 Calgary 3, Dallas 2
 Dallas 4, Calgary 0
 Dallas 2, Dallas 0, OT
 Dallas 2, Calgary 1
 Dallas 7, Calgary 2
(5) Vancouver 4, (4) St. Louis 2
 Vancouver 5, St. Louis 2
 Vancouver 5, St. Louis 3, OT
 St. Louis 3, Vancouver 2, OT
 Vancouver 4, St. Louis 1
 Vancouver 4, St. Louis 3
 Vancouver 2, St. Louis 2
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
x-if needed
At Toronto
(1) Philadelphia vs. (6) N.Y. Islanders
 Monday: Game 1
 Tuesday: Game 2
 Thursday: Game 3
 Friday: Game 4
x-Monday, Aug. 31: Game 5
x-Tuesday, Sept. 1: Game 6
x-Thursday, Sept. 3: Game 7
(8) Boston 1, (2) Tampa Bay 0
 Monday: Game 3
 Tuesday: Game 2
 Wednesday: Game 3
x-Friday, Aug. 20: Game 5
x-Tuesday, Sept. 1: Game 6
x-Wednesday, Sept. 2: Game 7
(1) Las Vegas 1, (6) Vancouver 0
At Edmonton, Alberta
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Sunday: Las Vegas 5, Vancouver 0
 Tuesday: Game 2
 Thursday: Game 3
 Saturday: Game 4
x-Monday, Aug. 31: Game 5
x-Tuesday, Sept. 1: Game 6
x-Thursday, Sept. 3: Game 7
(3) Dallas 1, (2) Colorado 0
 Saturday: Dallas 3, Colorado 3
Sunday: Game 2
 Wednesday: Game 3
 Friday: Game 4
x-Sunday, Aug. 30: Game 5
x-Monday, Aug. 31: Game 6
x-Tuesday, Sept. 2: Game 7

Sunday
Golden Knights 5, Canucks 0
 Vancouver 0 0 0 0-0
 Vegas 5 1 1 3
Third Period: 1-1, Vegas, Marchessault 3 (Theodore, Smith), 11:37
Shots on Goal: Vegas, 21-13
Goals:—Vegas, Smith 1, Vegas, 11:35; 4, Vegas, Tuch 5 (Ostlund), Bergeron, 16:34.
Third Period:—5, Vegas, Pacioretty 2 (Sturges, Stone), 10:47
Shots on Goal:—Vancouver, 11-7-26.
Power-play opportunities:—Vancouver 0-1, Vegas 1-1
Penalty minutes:—Vancouver 18-46
Goals:—Vancouver, Markstrom 7-3-1 (54 shots-29 saves), Vancouver, Demko 0-0-0 (5-5), Vegas, Leifer 1-0 (26-26).
 T-2:28.

Bruins 3, Lightning 2
 Boston 1 1 1 1-3
 Tampa Bay 2 1 1 2-2
Third Period:—1, Boston, Coyle 3 (Marchand, Carlo), 18:52
Shots on Goal:—Boston, Pastrnak 2 (Krejiel, Krup), 4:34 (pp).
Goals:—Boston, Marchand 4 (Pastrnak, Bergeron), 1:17; 4, Tampa Bay, Hedman 2 (Palat, Point), 8:50; 5, Tampa Bay, Hedman 3 (Shattenkirk, Johnson), 18:46.
Shots on Goal:—Boston 15-7-31, Tampa Bay 10-18-37.
Power-play opportunities:—Boston 1 of 3; Tampa Bay 0 of 3.
Goals:—Boston, Halak 4-1-0 (37 shots-29 saves), Tampa Bay, Vasilevsky 6-3-0 (31-28).
 T-2:34.

Knights' Lehner banks Canucks series opener

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta—Robin Lehner recorded his first career playoff shutout and the Vegas Golden Knights beat the Vancouver Canucks 5-0 Sunday night in the first game of their second round playoff series.

The 29-year-old Lehner, who is playing for his fifth NHL team, turned aside 26 shots.

"I thought we played a helluva game, a real good team game," Lehner said.

"Everyone was working hard, blocking shots, back-checking, all the small things. It was nice to come out strong and start the series strong."

Reilly, Smith, Jonathan Marchessault, Alex Tuch, Mark Stone, and Max Pacioretty scored and chased Vancouver starting goaltender Jacob Markstrom from the net.

Markstrom, making his 11th consecutive playoff start, stopped 29 of 34 shots and was pulled midway through the third period for Thatcher Demko after allowing the fifth goal.

The Canucks had just a handful of dangerous scoring chances. It's

the first time they have been shut out since losing 3-0 to the Minnesota Wild in the first game of their qualifying series.

"We limited chances and we were holding pucks in the O-zone, and honestly we (managed to) grind them out. It was a good 60 minutes," Marchessault said.

Game 2 is set for Tuesday night. Vancouver coach Travis Green graded it their worst game of the playoffs, but said they can learn from it and get better.

"They've got a quick team," Green said.

"That might have been part of it. Maybe their speed caught some of our players by surprise a little bit, where they turned over some pucks. But I definitely think we should have been better with the puck, and we've got to play a lot better if we're going to win this series."

Lehner is 9-1 since being acquired at the trade deadline in a three-team deal including the Toronto Maple Leafs and Chicago Blackhawks, and appears to have displaced Marc-Andre Fleury as the starter.

His win won't do anything to



JASON FRANSON, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Vegas Golden Knights goalie Robin Lehner makes the save on Vancouver Canuck right wing Jake Virtanen (18) during Game 1 of a second-round series Sunday in Edmonton, Alberta. Lehner stopped 26 shots in his team's 5-0 win.

cool down a goaltending controversy that flared up over the weekend when Fleury's agent tweeted a doctored photo suggesting Vegas head coach Peter DeBoer is stabbing Fleury in the back.

The Golden Knights had not played since dispatching the Blackhawks on Tuesday in the first round, but didn't show any rust.

They pushed the Canucks hard on the forecheck, creating a lot of chances and leading to the first goal midway through the first period. Smith, circling behind the net, fired the puck through the crease and it bounced off a skate to Marchessault, who tucked it

behind Markstrom.

The Golden Knights scored three times in the second period to put the game away. Smith scored off a rebound on the power play. Then Stone, standing in the slot, redirected a wrist shot from Nate Schmidt to make it 3-0. Tuch then chased down an arching clearing pass from Nick Cousins, racing past the Canucks' defense and shooting it low to the glove side and in.

In the third period, Stone, behind the net, passed in front to Pacioretty for the one-timer.

Smith, Stone, and Tuch each added an assist.

Halak stops 35 shots as Bruins hold off Lightning

Associated Press

TORONTO — Brad Marchand says it's no coincidence the Boston Bruins are starting to look like the team that led the NHL regular season with 100 points and 44 wins.

After floating through the preliminary seeding round a few weeks ago, the President's Trophy-winning Bruins have flipped the switch now that the real playoffs have begun.

Jaroslav Halak stopped 35 shots to win his fourth straight game since starter Tuukka Rask opted out of the playoffs, and the Bruins beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2 to open their second-round series on Sunday night.

Marchand and regular-season leading scorer David Pastrnak had a goal and an assist each, and Charlie Coyle also scored for a Bruins team that has won five of six since opening the playoffs by losing all three round-robin seeding games.

"I think maybe there was a little bit of concern from some people after the first four games, but for the teams that weren't fighting for a playoff position and playing for standings, those games really didn't mean a whole lot," Marchand said. "We obviously buckled down once the playoffs started and this game was matter. That's kind of how this group is when it's time to play."

The Bruins got off to a fast start, weathered a second period in which they were outshot 18-7, and wound up hanging in a game Tampa Bay's Victor Hedman scored twice in the final 11:10.

The remainder of the credit when to Halak.



FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Boston Bruins goaltender Jaroslav Halak makes a save on Tampa Bay Lightning center Barclay Goodrow in Boston's 3-2 win Sunday in the opener of their second-round playoff series in Toronto.

The 35-year-old held the Bruins fourth goal 35 or older to win four or more straight postseason games — and first since Tim Thomas won five in a row in 2009.

"They had their chances, and Jar's there to shut the door on a number of good chances to keep us ahead," Coyle said.

Both goals Halak allowed — the last coming with 1:14 left and the Lightning net empty for an extra attacker — came off shots Hedman floated from just inside the blue line and deflected in off Boston defenseman Charlie McAvoy.

Hedman blamed the Lightning's sluggish

first period on the loss.

"We were obviously disappointed with the way we came out in the first. It's been a couple of days since we played, but at the same time, we expect more out of ourselves," Hedman said. "It's on us in that room to be better come next game."

Tampa Bay goalie Andrei Vasilevsky stopped 28 shots in a game that was supposed to feature a match up of two of the three Vezina Trophy finalists before Rask abruptly opted out to be with his family on Aug. 15. Vasilevsky set a franchise record in making his 37th career playoff start, one more than Ben Bishop.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series being played in Toronto is Tuesday.

The roles were reversed in a meeting of Atlantic Division rivals and the NHL's top offensive and defensive teams. With 243 goals scored, Tampa Bay led the league in scoring for a third straight year, while the Bruins allowed a league-low 167.

Coyle opened the scoring with 68 seconds left in the first period, when he was parked in the right circle and deflected in Brandon Carlo's shot from the point over Vasilevsky's right shoulder. Carlo's shot otherwise appeared to be sailing wide of the net.

The Bruins went up 2-0 at the 4:34 mark of the second period, and with Hedman off for tripping, David Krejiel patiently skated the puck up the right boards before threading a pass through the middle to Pastrnak, who one-timed it in under Vasilevsky's blocker.

Marchand then sealed the win, scoring 1:17 into the third period.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

Playoffs
At Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
FIRST ROUND
Best-of-seven, x=if necessary
EASTERN CONFERENCE
x-Friday, Aug. 14
 Orlando 122, Milwaukee 110
 Milwaukee 111, Orlando 96
 Milwaukee 121, Orlando 107
Monday, Game 4
Wednesday, Game 5
x-Sunday, Aug. 23: Game 7
Toronto 4, Brooklyn 0
 Toronto 134, Brooklyn 110
 Toronto 104, Brooklyn 99
 Toronto 117, Brooklyn 92
Sunday, August 23: Brooklyn 122, Toronto 117
Western Conference
Boston 4, Philadelphia 0
 Boston 109, Philadelphia 101
 Boston 128, Philadelphia 101
 Boston 102, Philadelphia 94
Sunday, Boston 110, Philadelphia 106
Miami 3, Indiana 0
 Miami 113, Indiana 101
 Miami 109, Indiana 100
 Miami 124, Indiana 115
Monday, Game 4
Wednesday, Game 5
x-Friday, Aug. 14
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. Lakers 2, Portland 1
 Portland 100, L.A. Lakers 111
 L.A. Lakers 111, Portland 88
 L.A. Lakers 116, Portland 108
Monday, Game 4
Wednesday, Game 5
x-Sunday, Aug. 30: Game 7
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. Lakers 2, Portland 1
 Portland 100, L.A. Lakers 111
 L.A. Lakers 111, Portland 88
 L.A. Lakers 116, Portland 108
Monday, Game 4
Wednesday, Game 5
x-Sunday, Aug. 30: Game 7
L.A. Clippers 2, Dallas 2
 L.A. Clippers 118, Dallas 110
 Dallas 127, L.A. Clippers 114
 Clippers 130, Dallas 122
Sunday, Dallas 135, L.A. Clippers 133.

Tuesday, Game 5
Thursday, Game 6
x-Saturday, Game 7
Utah 3, Denver 1
 Denver 135, Utah 125, OT
 Utah 124, Denver 105
 Utah 124, Denver 87
Sunday, Utah 129, Denver 127
Tuesday, Game 5
x-Thursday, Game 6
x-Saturday, Game 7
Houston 2, Oklahoma City 1
 Houston 123, Oklahoma City 108
 Houston 112, Oklahoma City 98
 Oklahoma City 119, Houston 107, OT
Monday, Game 4
x-Wednesday, Game 5
x-Friday, Game 6
x-Sunday, Aug. 30: Game 7
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x=if necessary)
Eastern Conference
Toronto vs. Boston
Thursday, Game 1
Thursday, Game 2
Monday, Aug. 31: Game 3
Wednesday, Sept. 2: Game 4
x-Friday, Sept. 4: Game 5
x-Saturday, Sept. 5: Game 6
x-Tuesday, Sept. 8: Game 7
Sunday
Mavs 135, Clippers 133 (OT)
L.A. CLIPPERS — Leonard 20-22 9-10
 3-10, Zubac 5-9 5-15, George 3-14 2-9, Shamet 3-8 0-6, Mann 0-0 0-0, Green 2-4 3-4, Harrell 1-2 0-2, Clarkson 5-9 0-0, Williams 13-20 8-9, 36. Total pts 99-79-32-133.
BOSTON — Smith 3-9 0-0, 8, Hardaway Jr. 8-18 2-3, 1, Kleber 2-8 3-4, 7, Burke 1-2 0-0, Williams 18-31 3-5-43, Jackson 0-2 0-0, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-3 2-4, Marjanovic 5-9 0-10, Bares 0-1 3-3, Curry 6-9 3-15, 16. Total pts 104-18-24-135.
L.A. CLIPPERS 34 32 39 16 123-133
Dallas 24 34 35 28 14-135

Boston guard Kemba Walker (8) defends a shot by Philadelphia guard Alec Burks (20) during the Celtics' first-round playoff-clinching 110-106 win Sunday in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Three-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 14-38, Jackson 4-7, Leonard 3-9, Williams 2-5, Shamet 2-6, Morris Sr. 1-4, George 1-7), Dallas 13-36 (Burke 4-8, Donic 4-10, Hardaway Jr. 3-8, Finney-Smith 2-0, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-2, Kleber 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 41 (Leonard 9), Dallas 54 (Donic 17). Assists—Clippers 19 (Williams 5), Dallas 20 (Donic 13). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 23, Dallas 24.

Jazz 129, Nuggets 127
DENVER — Grant 4-2 2-12, Millsap 6-13 2-16, Jokić 12-24 9-29, Morris 5-10 1-7, Murray 18-31 5-50, Craig 1-4 0-2, Morgan 0-0 0-0, Niang 2-4 0-5, Clarkson 0-0 0-0. Totals 49-100-12-137.
UTAH — Ingles 0-4 0-0-0, O'Neale 1-3-1-2, Gobert 7-8 3-17, Conley 8-13 6-26, Mitchell 15-27 17-18 51, Bradley 0-1 2-4, Morgan 0-0 0-0, Niang 2-4 0-5, Clarkson 9-13 2-24. Totals 42-73 31-36-129.
Denver 36 29 24 38-127
Utah 33 31 33 33-129

Three-Point Goals—Denver 17-44 (Murray 9-15, Jokić 3-10, Grant 2-4, Millsap 2-6, Porter Jr. 1-3, Craig 0-2, Morris 0-8), Utah 14-29 (Clarkson 4-7, Mitchell 4-7, Conley 4-8, Niang 1-2, O'Neale 1-2, Ingles 0-3). Fouled Out—Denver 1 (Grant), Utah None. Rebounds—Denver 40 (Murray 13), Utah 37 (Gobert 11). Assists—Denver 25 (Murray 7), Utah 14 (Gibichelli 7). Total Fouls—Denver 24, Utah 19.

Raptors 150, Nets 122
TORONTO — Anunoby 3-7 3-4 10, Siakam 9-22 1-2 20, Gasol 3-4 2-9, Lowry 9-22 0-0 0-0, VanVleet 12-13 3-22, Clarkson 2-5 0-2 4, Watson 1-1 0-0 2, Boucher 1-3 0-3, Ibaka 12-14 0-0 27, Johnson 3-7 1-1 9, Davis 5-10 0-14, Thomas 5-10 6-0 12, Powell 9-14 6-6 29. Totals 56-101-62-210.

BROOKLYN — Luwabu-Cabarrut 2-12 5-11, Tompkins 4-9 0-10, Allen 9-5 2-18, LeVert 11-23 7-10 35, T.Johnson 5-13 0-0 13, Anderson 3-8 0-9, Hall 1-1 0-0 2, Nurke 4-7 0-2 8, Thomas 1-2 2-2 4, Musa 2-7 8-10 12, Chiozza 2-9 0-6, Martin 1-1 4-14. Totals 39-98 25-122.

Toronto 39 38 39 34-150
Brooklyn 32 36 18 35-122
Three-Point Goals—Toronto 22-47 (Powell 5-9, Davis 4-8, Ibaka 3-3, M.Thomas 2-3, VanVleet 2-3, S.Johnson 2-4, Boucher 1-2, Gasol 1-2, Anunoby 1-3, Siakam 1-7, Lowry 0-2), Brooklyn 15-50 (LeVert 6-9, Anderson 3-5, Johnson 3-8, Temple 2-5, Chiozza 2-7, Luwabu-Cabarrut 2-9, Nurke 0-2, Musa 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 57 (Ibaka 15), Brooklyn 44 (Allen 15). Assists—Toronto 39 (Siakam 10), Brooklyn 21 (Chiozza, LeVert 6). Total Fouls—Toronto 26, Brooklyn 17.

Celtics 110, 76ers 106
BOSTON — Brown 6-15 2-3 16, Tatum 10-18 10-28, Theis 6-12-11 1-5, Smart 3-6 1-8, Walker 8-15 12-32, Landolf 0-0 0-0, O'Leary 0-3 0-0, Williams 1-1 0-2 3, Williams III 0-0 0-0, Kanter 3-5 0-0 0-0, namaker 1-6 0-0 2. Totals 38-82 22-29 110.
PHILADELPHIA — Harris 7-12 4-4 20, Horford 6-10 0-12, Embiid 18-31 11-30, Milton 5-11 2-14, Richardson 2-10 8-9 14, Foyun 0-0 0-0 0-0, Scott 0-0 0-0 0-0, bubble 1-0 0-0, Burks 6-16 0-10, Neto 1-4 0-2 2. Totals 35-82 25-106.

Boston 27 30 32 21-110
Philadelphia 32 26 19 29-106
Three-Point Goals—Boston 12-35 (Walker 4-9, Tatum 2-5, Theis 2-5, Brown 2-3, O'Leary 0-0), Philadelphia 11-30 (9-34, Harris 2-5, Richardson 2-5, Milton 2-6, Neto 1-3, Embiid 1-5, Burks 1-8). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 43 (Tatum 15), Philadelphia 39 (Embiid, Horford 10). Assists—Boston 19 (Smart, Tatum, Walker 4), Philadelphia 12 (Richardson 5). Total Fouls—Boston 25, Philadelphia 25.



Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Donic, center, is surrounded by teammates after his game-winning three-pointer in overtime of the Mavericks' 135-133 defeat of the Los Angeles Clippers Sunday.

Roundup

Donic's 3 lifts Mavs in OT

Dallas All-Star has triple-double as team evens series with Clippers

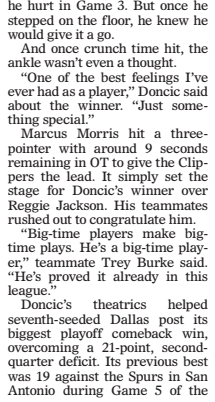
Associated Press
LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Luka Donic stepped back for a winning three-pointer — on a tender ankle, no less.
 Another installment in the ever-growing legend of Donic. Donic's deep shot at the buzzer capped a triple-double and the short-handed Dallas Mavericks beat the Los Angeles Clippers 135-133 in overtime Sunday to end the playoff series at two games apiece.
 Donic finished with 43 points, 17 rebounds and 13 assists for his second straight triple-double. "We know this kid has got a flair for the dramatic," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "He's a guy that lives for these moments."
 To think, Donic was a game-time decision due to the left ankle he hurt in Game 3. But once he stepped on the floor, he knew he would give it a go.
 And once crunch time hit, the ankle wasn't even a thought. "One of the best feelings I've ever had as a player," Donic said about the winner. "Just something special!"
 Marcus Morris hit a three-pointer with around 9 seconds remaining in OT to give the Clippers the lead. It simply set the stage for Donic's winner over Reggie Jackson. His teammates rushed out to congratulate him.
 "Big-time players make big-time plays. He's a big-time player," teammate Trey Burke said. "He's proved it already in this league."
 Donic's theatrics helped seventh-seeded Dallas post its biggest playoff comeback win, overcoming a 21-point, second-quarter deficit. Its previous best was 19 against the Spurs in San Antonio during Game 5 of the

2003 Western Conference Finals. The Mavericks used a 16-0 run in the third to take the lead — and led by 12 points in the fourth before Los Angeles rallied.
 Lou Williams tied it at 121 by hitting two of three free throws with 50.6 seconds remaining in regulation. After Dallas failed to score on the next possession, the Clippers called a timeout to set up a play with 24.7 seconds left.
 Kawhi Leonard's three-point shot with 0.2 seconds remaining was off the mark. The Mavericks failed on a low toward big man Boban Marjanovic to send it to overtime.
 "Bottom line is the last play didn't lose the game for us," Los Angeles coach Doc Rivers said. "It was our entire play from the second quarter on."
 Donic didn't have center Kristaps Porzingis, who sat out with right knee soreness.
 The 21-year-old Donic hurt his left ankle in the last game. He hardly looked hampered, going 18-for-31 from the floor. He tested the ankle often, too, with jump stops, pivots and an impressive Euro-step to gain separation.
 Donic got a breather to start the fourth quarter. He sat on the bench as trainers worked on his ankle. He then hopped up and down in the hallway and rode an exercise bike before returning with 8:33 remaining and the Mavericks leading 106-96.
Jazz 129, Nuggets 127: Donovan Mitchell scored 18 of his 51 points in the fourth quarter and Utah withstood a 50-point night from Jamal Murray to beat Denver and take a 3-1 series lead.
 Mitchell was 15-for-27 from the floor and went 17-for-18 from the free-throw line. He had 57 points in Game 1 and is averaging 39.5 points in the series. The

Jazz can close it out in Game 5 of Tuesday.
 Murray, who hit a long three-pointer near the buzzer, had the most-ever by a Denver player in a postseason game, surpassing Spencer Haywood's mark of 45 in an ABA playoff contest on April 19, 1970. Murray also had 11 rebounds. Nikola Jokic added 29 points for the Nuggets.
 Mike Conley had 26 points for Utah in his second game since returning to the NBA bubble after leaving for the birth of his son. Rudy Gobert had 17 points and 11 rebounds.
Celtics 110, 76ers 106: Kemba Walker scored 32 points and Boston pulled away in fourth quarter to complete a first-round series sweep of Philadelphia.
 Jayson Tatum added 28 points and had a playoff career-high 15 rebounds for the Celtics, who advanced to Eastern Conference semifinals against defending champion Toronto.
 Joel Embiid led the 76ers with 30 points and 10 rebounds. Tobias Harris added 20 points and five rebounds.
Raptors 150, Nets 122: Norman Powell scored 29 points, fellow reserve Serge Ibaka added 27 points and 15 rebounds and Toronto steamrolled into the Eastern Conference semifinals by routing Brooklyn to complete a four-game sweep.
 The Raptors lost Kyle Lowry to an ankle injury in the first quarter but the defending NBA champions had more than enough depth and power left to wrap up the first sweep in franchise history.
 Pascal Siakam had 20 points and 10 assists for Toronto, which added its record to 11-1 in the bubble. Caris LeVert scored 35 points for the Nets.



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Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Donic (77) is surrounded by teammates after his game-winning three-pointer in overtime of the Mavericks' 135-133 defeat of the Los Angeles Clippers Sunday.

MLB SCOREBOARD

American League

Team	East Division	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	19	.655	-
New York Yankees	14	.500	4.5
Baltimore	14	.500	4.5
Toronto	13	.500	4.5
Chicago White Sox	12	.423	6.0
Minnesota	11	.655	-
Cleveland	17	.607	1.5
Chicago	12	.586	2.0
Detroit	10	.310	10.0
Kansas City	11	.397	7.5

Team	West Division	Pct	GB
Oakland	20	.690	-
Houston	15	.529	3.0
Texas	10	.370	9.0
Seattle	11	.367	9.5
Los Angeles	9	.200	11.0

Team	Central Division	Pct	GB
Atlanta	16	.571	-
Cincinnati	15	.543	1.0
New York	12	.462	3.0
Washington	11	.423	4.0
Philadelphia	10	.417	4.0

Team	East Division	Pct	GB
Chicago	10	.630	-
St. Louis	9	.529	3.0
San Diego	11	.423	5.5
Milwaukee	11	.423	5.5
Pittsburgh	12	.292	8.5

Team	West Division	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	.733	-
San Diego	18	.643	2.0
San Francisco	16	.467	8.0
Arizona	13	.448	8.5

Team	Central Division	Pct	GB
Baltimore	5	.800	-
Tampa Bay	5	.800	-
Detroit	4	.800	-
Chicago White Sox	1	.800	-
Minnesota	1	.800	-

Team	East Division	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	15	.423	5.5
San Francisco	14	.467	8.0
Arizona	13	.448	8.5

Team	West Division	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	22	.733	-
San Diego	18	.643	2.0
San Francisco	16	.467	8.0
Arizona	13	.448	8.5

Team	Central Division	Pct	GB
Baltimore	5	.800	-
Tampa Bay	5	.800	-
Detroit	4	.800	-
Chicago White Sox	1	.800	-
Minnesota	1	.800	-

Padres 5, Astros 3

Team	Houston	St. Diego
Springer	3	1
Altuve	4	0
Gonzalez	1	0
Tucker	4	1
Correa	1	0
Brantley	3	0
Redburn	1	0
Torj	3	0
Midonick	3	0

Team	Houston	St. Diego
Griffin	6	4
Raley	1	0
Parsons	1	0
Flora	0	0
Ernie	0	0
Griffin	1	0
Flora	1	0
Ernie	1	0
Flora	1	0
Ernie	1	0

Team	Houston	St. Diego
Griffin	6	4
Raley	1	0
Parsons	1	0
Flora	0	0
Ernie	0	0
Griffin	1	0
Flora	1	0
Ernie	1	0
Flora	1	0
Ernie	1	0

Team	Houston	St. Diego
Griffin	6	4
Raley	1	0
Parsons	1	0
Flora	0	0
Ernie	0	0
Griffin	1	0
Flora	1	0
Ernie	1	0
Flora	1	0
Ernie	1	0

Team	Houston	St. Diego
Griffin	6	4
Raley	1	0
Parsons	1	0
Flora	0	0
Ernie	0	0
Griffin	1	0
Flora	1	0
Ernie	1	0
Flora	1	0
Ernie	1	0

Team	Houston	St. Diego
Griffin	6	4
Raley	1	0
Parsons	1	0
Flora	0	0
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Phillies 5, Braves 4

Team	Atlanta	Phillies
Swanson	5	1
Freeman	2	2
Arnaud	4	0
Ozuna	1	0
Adams	0	0
Duval	1	0
Riley	3	0
Carroll	0	0
Camargo	0	0
Hehrlich	0	0

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Tigers 7, Indians 4

Team	Cleveland	Tigers
Hrnnz	2	1
Linsler	3	0
Reyes	4	2
Goodrum	3	1
Luplow	1	0
Ernie	0	0
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Team	Cleveland	Tigers
Hrnnz	2	1
Linsler	3	0
Reyes	4	2
Goodrum	3	1
Luplow	1	0
Ernie	0	0
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Hrnnz	2	1
Linsler	3	0
Reyes	4	2
Goodrum	3	1
Luplow	1	0
Ernie	0	0
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Hrnnz	2	1
Linsler	3	0
Reyes	4	2
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Twins 5, Royals 4

Team	Minnesota	Kansas City
Polanco	5	0
Kepler	4	2
Cray	3	1
Sano	4	2
Adams	1	0
E.Rosario	5	0
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Veras	5	0
Cave	4	0
Jeffers	4	0

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MLB

Darvish fans 10 as Cubs stop streaking White Sox

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Cubs ace Yu Darvish is rolling.

Not even the slugging White Sox could take him down.

Darvish struck out 10 in his career-high fifth consecutive victory, and the Cubs beat the White Sox 2-1 on Sunday to stop the South Siders' seven-game win streak.

"Seeing what he did out there was spectacular," teammate Kyle Schwarber said.

Schwarber hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning as the Cubs won for just the fourth time in their last 11 games. The NL Central leaders were outscored 17-5 in the first two games of the series.

"What I was trying to do, when I tried to throw a chase pitch — slider, cutter mixed in — that works," Darvish said. "But when I tried to go fastball in or sinker in, they hit real well."

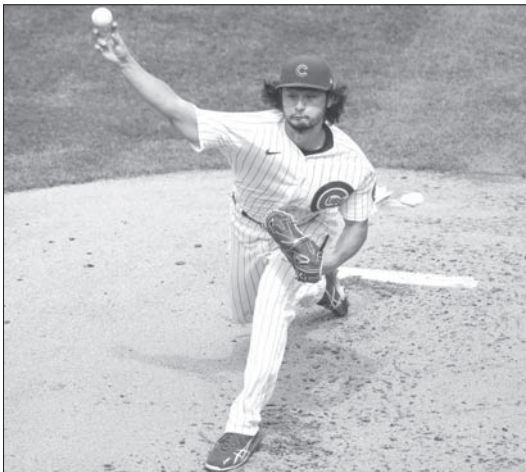
Jose Abreu went deep for the White Sox in the second, matching a major league record with a home run in four consecutive at-bats. Abreu connected five times in the first two games against the Cubs, including three homers and four RBIs in Saturday night's 7-4 win.

"I'm never satisfied with what I do," Abreu said through a translator. "I always think I can do better. I can do more. That's why I work so hard."

The White Sox have hit 28 homers over their last eight games. They blasted 12 in the weekend set at Wrigley Field.

Darvish (5-1) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings. He is 5-0 with a 1.09 ERA since he struggled in his first start of the year against Milwaukee on July 25.

"I don't want to think about that. I don't care, just focusing next pitch," Darvish



KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/AP

Cubs starting pitcher Yu Darvish struck out 10 in his career-high fifth consecutive victory on Sunday against the White Sox in Chicago.

said about potentially being in the NL Cy Young Award discussion.

Jeremy Jeffress got four outs for his third save, escaping jams in each of the last

two innings.

Jeffress replaced Craig Kimbrel with runners on first and second in the eighth and retired Eloy Jimenez on a liner to cen-

ter. He got Yoan Moncada to ground out with the bases loaded in the ninth.

Schwarber had two of the Cubs' five hits. Javier Baez doubled and scored on Schwarber's fifth homer.

Abreu led off the second with a 449-foot drive to left-center. His home run streak ended with a groundout in the fourth.

Abreu became the first player in White Sox history to hit five home runs in two games when he smacked two Friday and a career-high three Saturday.

White Sox right-hander Dylan Cease (4-2) allowed two runs and four hits in six innings in his first game against his former team. He had won his last four starts.

The Cubs drafted Cease in 2014 before trading the pitcher and Jimenez to the White Sox for pitcher Jose Quintana in 2017.

"I think we're a team that needs to be taken serious and I think they're a great team too," Cease said. "It's one of those series where we had two big teams clash with each other and it was a lot of fun to watch."

Checking In: Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant said he remains optimistic but didn't provide a timeline for his return after landing on the 10-day IL Saturday with a sprained left finger. He injured the finger and his left wrist while trying to make a diving catch at Cleveland on Aug. 12.

The 2016 NL MVP is batting .177 in 16 games.

"The hardest part is to balance that mental side of getting through pain or an injury, especially with games running out," Bryant said. "You've just got to accept it for what it is and take the time to get better."

Roundup

Dodgers pound 7 homers, beat Rockies to finish sweep

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kike Hernandez hit a three-run drive, crossed the plate and motioned taking a three-point jumper in a tribute to Kobe Bryant on what would have been the late NBA superstar's 42nd birthday.

"It's probably one of those that I'll always remember," Hernandez said. "We lost Kobe a little too soon."

Mookie Betts went deep twice in the Dodgers' seven-homer attack, powering Los Angeles past the Colorado Rockies 13-3 on Sunday for a three-game sweep.

"We like when it's warm in here," Hernandez said, referring to the game-time temperature of 91 degrees. "When it's a little cooler, the ball tends to die. The last four games at home has been pretty warm and we've enjoyed that."

The Dodgers are the only team in the majors yet to lose a series, unbeaten in 11. They have won 11 of 12 games overall and own the best record in baseball at 22-8 at the halfway point of this abbreviated season.

"The simple truth of this series is they outpitched us and they outhit us," Rockies manager Bud Black said. "They came in with a lot of momentum, they were playing well, and they continued."



ALEX GALLARDO/AP

The Dodgers' Enrique Hernandez, right, motions taking a three-point jumper with Joc Pederson, left, after hitting a three-run home run against the Colorado Rockies Sunday in Los Angeles.

Padres 5, Astros 3: Fernando Tatis Jr. made two spectacular plays at shortstop, Manny Machado hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning, and host San Diego completed a three-game series sweep.

The Padres have won seven straight, all against the two Texas teams. The Astros have lost three

straight. They came in on an eight-game winning streak.

Athletics 5, Angels 4: Mark Canha hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning, and host Oakland improved to 5-0 in extra innings.

The game was played despite poor air quality from several fires in Northern California that have raged on for most of the

week. The A's said the situation was being monitored throughout the day.

Cardinals 6, Reds 2: Yadier Molina had four hits and top prospect Dylan Carlson hit his first career homer, helping host St. Louis to the victory.

Harrison Bader also connected for the Cardinals, who won three of four in the series. Molina, Carlson and Bader each finished with two RBIs.

Rays 5, Blue Jays 4: Josh Fleming pitched five innings of two-run ball for host Tampa Bay, winning his major league debut.

Fleming (1-0) is the 11th different starter in 29 games this season for the injury-filled Rays pitching staff.

Twins 5, Royals 4: Nelson Cruz hit his 10th homer for visiting Minnesota, and closer Taylor Rogers dodged trouble in the ninth inning.

Cruz connected on Trevor Rosenthal's 99-mph fastball for a solo shot that went an estimated 441 feet to center field in the ninth. The drive gave the Twins a two-run lead and helped the team win its eighth series in nine tries this season.

Giants 6, Diamondbacks 1: Mike Yastrzemski celebrated his 30th birthday with a go-ahead home run, and host San Francisco earned its sixth consecutive

victory. Trevor Cahill and four relievers held Arizona to five hits, and the Giants completed their first three-game series sweep of the season.

Mariners 4, Rangers 1: Kyle Lewis and Sam Haggerty homered and Justin Dunn pitched one-hit ball over six innings, leading host Seattle to the win.

Pirates 5, Brewers 4: Gregory Polanco hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning, helping host Pittsburgh complete a three-game series sweep.

Orioles 5, Red Sox 4: Rio Ruiz drove in four runs, Thomas Eshelman provided exceptional relief for injured starter Wade LeBlanc, and host Baltimore beat Boston to earn a split of the four-game series.

Tigers 7, Indians 4: Tarik Skubal and Daniel Norris combined to pitch six innings of one-run ball, leading visiting Detroit to the victory.

Nationals 9, Marlins 3: Anibal Sanchez pitched seven effective innings for host Washington, and Trea Turner drove in three runs.

Phillies 5, Braves 4: Rhys Hoskins, Didi Gregorius and Alec Bohm homered, visiting Philadelphia's bullpen turned in a rare sparkling performance and the Phillies snapped a five-game skid with a win over Atlanta.

NFL/GOLF

Virus scare a reminder that nothing is certain

By TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

Up until this weekend, the biggest news out of NFL training camps was that there hadn't been any big news.

No wave of star players testing positive for COVID-19. No mass outbreaks of the virus discovered despite tens of thousands of tests.

That changed for a few hours with a flurry of positive tests that forced NFL teams into scramble mode. It seemed, if only briefly, that even the best laid plans to get an NFL season underway were going to be sunk by a virus that refuses to be tamed.

That could still happen. There are those who think it's likely that eventually it will happen.

But for now, the NFL seems to have escaped largely unscathed. Nothing is ever certain in the COVID-19 era, but the evidence points to lab issues for 77 positive tests Saturday spread among 11 teams that apparently were false.

If nothing else, the tests that caused teams to postpone and cancel practices are a wake-up call for anyone lured into complacency by the relative quiet of training camps around the country. They're a reminder that the virus can create havoc at any time, even if this turned out to be one of those times.

"It's better that this happened on a weekend less than three weeks before the start of the season shouldn't be lost on anyone. It was relatively easy for teams to reschedule practices, but it doesn't take much to imagine what might happen had there been a rash of positive tests around the league on a Saturday in the regular season."

"It's better that this happened now than three weeks from now," said Buffalo general manager Brandon Beane. "Who knows what the next curvball will be."

The answer, of course, is nobody. Even as the Sept. 10 opener between Kansas City and Houston Texans edges closer, there is no way of knowing whether the league will be able to play all of its scheduled games, some of its scheduled games or none of its scheduled games.

There are simply too many things that might — or might not — happen. Too many possibilities that things might go south in a league trying to play outside a bubble environment.

Before the wave of suspect tests, the NFL was doing surprisingly well dealing with the virus in training camp. There were no known large outbreaks on any team, and the early testing results showed a positive rate of less than 1% for players.

Indeed, the news has largely been good on the virus front, even if the first practices by the Las Vegas Raiders and Los Angeles Rams inside their sparkling new stadiums in the last few days were a stark reminder that if the season is played, it will be played largely before empty seats.

"It starts to feel kind of normal and then something like this pops up and puts it in reality that any second, any time, something like this can happen to a player, coach, whoever," Raiders safety Erik Harris said.

Scoreboard

Northern Trust PGA Tour FedEx Cup playoffs Sunday At TPC Boston Norton, Mass. Purse: \$9.1 million Yardage: 7,308; Par: 71

Final Round	
D. Johnson, \$1,710,000	67-69-64-63=254 -30
H. English, \$1,035,500	64-66-69-69=265 -19
D. Berger, \$655,200	65-66-67-66=267 -17
Kevin Kisner, \$427,500	65-66-70-66=267 -17
S. Scheffler, \$427,500	70-66-67-61=267 -17
Jon Rahm, \$332,500	69-67-67-65=268 -16
W. Simpson, \$327,500	70-64-68-68=268 -16
J. Masahiro, \$277,975	64-67-70-68=269 -15
Alex Noren, \$277,875	69-68-64-68=269 -15
Ryan Palmer, \$277,875	67-67-68-67=269 -15
Brian Harman, \$230,375	67-66-73-64=270 -14
H. Hsu, \$227,875	67-66-66-71=270 -14
C. Hoffman, \$175,275	65-68-68-70=271 -13
M. Hughes, \$175,275	68-68-66-69=271 -13
J. Masahiro, \$175,275	68-68-66-69=271 -13
L. Oosthuizen, \$175,275	65-65-68-73=271 -13
R. Shelton, \$175,275	67-71-69-71=271 -13
Talor Gooch, \$117,189	66-72-65-69=272 -12
A. Davis, \$117,189	67-66-66-73=272 -12
Matt Kuchar, \$117,189	69-69-66-68=272 -12
S. Munoz, \$117,189	65-71-69-67=272 -12
Danny Lee, \$117,189	66-64-69-73=272 -12
C. Smith, \$117,189	69-68-66-69=272 -12
B. Watson, \$117,189	65-68-67-73=272 -12
Corey Conners, \$76,238	72-65-69-67=273 -11
T. Hatton, \$76,238	67-71-63-73=273 -11
Justin Rose, \$76,238	69-70-67-67=273 -11
X. Schauffele, \$76,238	68-71-67-67=273 -11
K. Bradley, \$55,860	68-67-69-70=274 -10
W. Clark, \$55,860	68-71-67-68=274 -10
A. Davis, \$55,860	64-65-71-73=274 -10
Tyler Duncan, \$55,860	69-69-69-67=274 -10
Mark Hubbard, \$55,860	67-71-68-69=274 -10
K-Hoon Lee, \$55,860	67-68-69-70=274 -10
H. Matsuyama, \$55,860	70-69-65-70=274 -10
Troy Merritt, \$55,860	72-67-70-65=274 -10
Scott Piercy, \$55,860	65-70-70-69=274 -10
T. Trillium, \$55,860	67-67-68-70=274 -10
Si Woo Kim, \$39,425	68-64-70-73=275 -9
Kevin Na, \$32,425	71-69-73-66=275 -9
T. Post, \$32,425	71-67-68-61=275 -9
I. Poulter, \$39,425	66-67-73-69=275 -9
Adam Scott, \$39,425	66-69-71-72=275 -9
T. Fleetwood, \$30,001	66-69-71-70=276 -8
R. Grillo, \$30,001	66-69-71-70=276 -8
C. Howell III, \$30,001	66-70-68-72=276 -8
B. Steele, \$30,001	68-67-69-72=276 -8
Matthew Wolff, \$30,001	67-70-71-69=277 -7
Adrian Panigrahi, \$23,169	68-70-69-70=277 -7
Patrick Reed, \$23,169	68-71-70-70=277 -7
Justin Thomas, \$23,169	68-71-71-71=277 -7
Paul Casey, \$23,169	70-69-67-71=277 -7
Beau Hossler, \$23,169	73-66-69-72=277 -7
Jack Johnson, \$23,169	69-69-67-72=277 -7
D. McCarty, \$23,169	69-68-69-71=277 -7
Chaz Reavie, \$23,169	68-69-70-72=277 -7
Landon Griffin, \$21,565	68-68-70-72=278 -6
Adam Scott, \$21,565	68-70-75-67=278 -6
Tiger Woods, \$21,565	68-70-75-67=278 -6
M. McNealy, \$20,995	67-71-70-71=279 -5
K. Mitchell, \$20,995	69-68-71-70=279 -5
K.J. Streifelman, \$20,995	64-73-71-71=281 -3
S. Harrington, \$20,330	68-67-76-71=282 -2
Rory McIlroy, \$20,330	69-70-74-69=282 -2
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P. Worenski, \$19,855	69-69-75-74=285 +1
W. Hoge, \$19,855	71-67-76-71=285 +1
P. Rodgers, \$19,475	71-67-76-71=285 +1

AIG Women's Open LPGA Tour At Royal Troon Golf Club Royal Troon, Scotland Purse: \$4.5 million Yardage: 6,672; Par: 71

Final Round	
Sophia Popov	67-68-67-77=277 -7
Jasmine Sawannaporn	71-72-69-67=281 -3
Y. Kim	69-70-72-76=282 -2
Inbee Park	77-69-71-66=284 -1
Audie Harrison	69-72-72-73=285
Momoko Ueda	75-75-68-67=285 +1
Andrea Lee	74-73-70-69=286 +2
In Gee Chun	73-75-72-70=286 +2
Jennifer Song	74-74-68-70=286 +2
Christine Kim	73-75-72-70=286 +2
Ashleigh Buhai	74-73-72-68=287 +3
Y. Kim	73-75-72-70=287 +3
E. Kristine Pedersen	71-72-72-87=288 +4
Marina Alex	70-79-72-67=288 +4
Lydia Ko	72-72-73-71=288 +4
Cydney Anderson	72-72-73-71=288 +4
Nelly Korda	72-72-73-73=288 +4
Lizette Salas	72-72-73-73=288 +4
Brittany Lincicome	77-72-69-71=289 +5
Lindsey Weaver	71-72-71-75=289 +5
Molly Niland	73-75-72-70=290 +6
Haru Nomura	74-70-76-70=290 +6
Y. Kim	73-75-72-70=290 +6
Alena Sharp	71-74-73-72=290 +6
Ariya Jutanugarn	75-70-72-73=290 +6
Megan Sharp	75-70-72-73=290 +6
Katherine Kung	72-77-74-70=290 +6
Mikaela Han	73-75-72-73=290 +6
Hannah Green	75-72-73-71=291 +7
Dani Holmquist	71-70-74=291 +7
Danielle Kang	76-74-75-67=292 +8
Min Hyang Lee	76-71-77-68=292 +8
Y. Kim	73-75-72-70=292 +8
Elizabeth Szokol	72-74-74-72=292 +8
Jeon Hee-eun	72-74-74-72=292 +8
Lee-Anne Pace	74-71-73-74=292 +8
Y. Kim	73-75-72-70=292 +8
Stephanie Meadow	75-75-72-71=293 +9
Jerrid Dewart	75-74-73-71=293 +9
Dana Finkbeiner	73-75-72-73=293 +9
Peggy Elcort	73-75-72-73=293 +9
Mel Reid	75-75-72-73=293 +9
Azahara Munoz	74-75-70-74=293 +9
Peninah Lwin	75-74-73-71=293 +9
Laura Funfstucken	73-78-72-71=294 +10
Georgia Hall	73-76-74-71=294 +10
Miyu Kuroki	75-74-73-72=294 +10
Cheyenne Knight	76-75-71-72=294 +10
Anne van Dam	77-72-73-72=294 +10



Dustin Johnson tees off on the 13th hole during the final round of the Northern Trust golf tournament at TPC Boston, Sunday, in Norton, Mass. Johnson's 11-shot victory was the widest margin on the PGA Tour since Phil Mickelson won by 13 at the TPC Sugarloaf in 2006.

Johnson No. 1 again following dominant win at TPC Boston

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Dustin Johnson is back to No. 1 in the world and wants to stay there as long as he can.

The manner in which he obliterated one of the strongest fields of the year at The Northern Trust is to wonder how he ever left in the first place.

At his best, no one makes golf look easier. "He can absolutely dismantle a golf course," said Kevin Kisner, who used to ride to junior golf tournaments with Johnson when they were kids in South Carolina. "I've been watching it for 25 years. I'm pretty accustomed to it. When he's on, I just step to the side and try to add on to my bank account."

The numbers that defined Johnson's dominance go well beyond the \$1.71 million he earned for his 22nd career victory on the PGA Tour, his second this season since golf returned from the pandemic or his fifth title in the FedEx Cup playoffs, tying him with Rory McIlroy for most in the postseason.

He started with a five-shot lead Sunday and matched the low score of the final round with an 8-under 63. Harris English, playing with Johnson in the last group, shot 32 on the front nine and lost ground.

"Kind of had my own tournament that I was playing," English said.

His 11-shot victory was the widest margin on the PGA Tour since Phil Mickelson won by 13 at the TPC Sugarloaf outside Atlanta in 2006, a week before the Masters.

When he tapped in for birdie on the final hole at TPC Boston, he was at 30-under 254, both personal bests.

Johnson became the third player to finish at 30-under par or better on the PGA Tour. He was one shot from the record Ernie Els set in 2003 at Kapalua. Jordan Spieth was two at the BMW Championship. It still comes down to four days at East Lake. That much he knows.

— when he won the Sony Open in 2017.

Johnson wasn't aware of either record. "What is it?" he said when it was over, and then added, "That's all right. Next time."

What led to those numbers was missing only three greens over his last 54 holes — one on Sunday — while posting rounds of 60-64-63 the final three rounds, the lowest closing 54-hole total in tour history.

The 60 in the second round was noteworthy for Johnson being 11 under through 11 holes. It might have been the first time golf was buzzing about the prospect of a 57. Not many could have guessed he would finish with seven pars.

But then, Johnson is a mystery even at his best.

He shot 61 on his way to winning the Travelers Championship, but when he returned after a two-week break, he had a pair of 80s to miss the cut at Memorial, and a 78 before he withdrew from the 3M Open in Minnesota.

Since then, he has an average score of 66.25 in 12 rounds.

He came off the disappointment of another major that was in his grasp — the PGA Championship was his fifth runner-up finish in the majors, including the career Grand Slam of silver medals — by steamrolling the top 125 players outside of Boston.

He moved to No. 1 in the FedEx Cup, the fifth time in the postseason he has been at the top. The trick is being No. 1 when it ends at East Lake in two weeks, and that has proven difficult.

His closest call was in 2016 when he was the No. 1 seed at the PGA Championship. He was tied for the lead going into the final round, shot 73 and still would have won the FedEx Cup if either Kevin Chappell or Ryan Moore had won a three-man playoff. McIlroy wound up the winner of the tournament and the FedEx Cup.

As good as Johnson looked at The Northern Trust, no matter what happens this week at the BMW Championship, it still comes down to four days at East Lake. That much he knows.

AUTO RACING

Second: Sato hounds off Dixon

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Dixon, the five-time IndyCar champion who had dominated the race, asked on his radio if IndyCar was going to give the drivers a final shootout.

"Are they going red?" Dixon asked. "They've got to go red. There's no way they can clean that up."

The answer was no, turning the end of the race into a game of what-ifs.

"It is a little silly to predict what might have happened. The reality is Takuma was, said winning car owner Bobby Rahal. "This isn't the first 500 to be flagged under yellow and there was a hell of a mess out there."

IndyCar said in a statement after the finish "there were too few laps remaining to gather the field behind the pace car, issue a red flag and then restart for a green-flag finish."

Dixon was visibly disappointed after leading 111 of the 200 laps in pursuit of his own second Indy win.

"We definitely a hard one to swallow for sure. We had such a great day," Dixon said. "First time I've seen them let it run out like that. I thought they'd go red."

Dixon had figured he would ultimately run down Sato as Sato worked through lapped traffic, and he believed Sato's team was cutting it close on fuel. Rahal said his driver had enough gas to get to the end.

None of it mattered in the end as Sato was able to coast around the speedway then ride the lift new track owner Roger Penske installed to take the winner to an elevated victory circle. Along for the ride were Rahal, the 1986 Indy 500 winner, and David Letterman, his mask buried in an unruly gray beard as



Curse: Marco fails to lead lap

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Then on the most unique race day in event history, the old struggles came roaring back, leaving the Andretti empty-handed one more time.

While Mario Andretti held onto the champion's ring he was awarded in 1981, the official victory went back to Bobby Unser after a 4½-month appeals process. Michael Andretti still holds the distinction of leading more laps than any other non-winner: His cousins, John and Jeff, made 15 combined starts with neither finishing higher than fifth.

But even with five Indy wins and four series titles under the Andretti Autosport banner, this appeared to be Marco's best shot since he finished second to Sam Hornish Jr. in 2006.

Those hopes didn't last long. Scott Dixon, who started second and finished second, passed Marco on the race's first turn and he never made it back to the front. He's the first pole-winner since Scott Sharp to not lead a lap and Andretti's team was cited for a pit safety infraction on his second stop before finishing 13th.

"We lost five positions in the pits and nothing we did worked," he said. "The restarts could have been better. It's frustrating, but I think you've got to look at it like started out pretty good."

Takuma Sato celebrates after winning the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Sunday, in Indianapolis. It was Sato's second Indy 500 victory after becoming the first Japanese driver to win in 2017.

the longtime comedian and TV host greeted Sato.

"Let me just say, if someone said to me this morning at the end of the Indianapolis 500 that Takuma Sato and Scott Dixon and Graham Rahal would be racing for the lead, I would say that's a dream, that's a dream come true," Letterman said. "And I woke up and it turned out we won the Indianapolis 500."

Sato became the first Japanese winner of the Indy 500 in 2017. Graham Rahal, Sato's teammate at Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing, was third behind Dixon.

Sato knew Dixon was going to be tough to beat under green.

"I know Scott was coming right through, out of turn four, he was screaming coming," Sato said. "I had to hold him off."

The celebration was somewhat muted as the RLL team had a socially distanced winner's circle. Penske was forced to host his first 500 as owner of the iconic speedway without fans. The speedway typically draws more than 300,000 spectators on race day; Penske said there would be only 2,500 in attendance Sunday.

Scoreboard

- Indianapolis 500**
IndyCar
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Sunday, in Indianapolis
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
- (3) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 200 laps, 1:58.000
 - (2) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running
 - (6) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running
 - (15) Santino Ferrucci, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running
 - (14) Felix Newgard, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, Running
 - (14) Felix Rosenqvist, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, Running
 - (6) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda, 199, Running
 - (10) Colton Herta, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running
 - (20) Jack Harvey, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running
 - (5) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running
 - (10) Sergio Castromares, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, Running
 - (14) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running
 - (22) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, Running
 - (17) Zach Veach, Dallara-Honda, 200, Running
 - (32) J.R. Hildebrand, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, Running
 - (30) Max Chilton, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, Running
 - (12) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 200, Running
 - (10) Ryan Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, Running
 - (10) Tony Veckay, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, Running
 - (26) Fernando Alonso, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, Running
 - (25) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 199, Running
 - (31) Spencer, Dallara-Chevrolet, 198, Running
 - (33) Sage Karam, Dallara-Chevrolet, 198, Running
 - (14) Spencer Pigot, Dallara-Honda, 198, Did not finish
 - (11) Carpenter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 187, Running
 - (31) Alexander Rossi, Dallara-Honda, 143, Did not finish
 - (7) Alex Palou, Dallara-Honda, 121, Did not finish
 - (19) Oscar Daru, Dallara-Chevrolet, 91, Did not finish.

- (21) Oliver Askew, Dallara-Chevrolet, 91, Did not finish.
 - (24) Dalton Keltner, Dallara-Chevrolet, 82, Did not finish.
 - (11) Marcus Ericsson, Dallara-Honda, 24, Did not finish.
 - (12) James Davison, Dallara-Honda, 24, Did not finish.
- Race Statistics**
Driver's Average Speed: 157.824 mph.
Time of Race: 03:10:05.0880.
Margin of Victory: 0.0577 seconds.
Cautions: 7 for 52 laps.
Lead Changes: 21 during 117 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Dixon 1-26, Askew 27-30, Pagenaud 31-44, Power 45-46, Dixon 47-63, Herta 64, Dixon 65-101, Rossi 102-105, Dixon 106, Rossi 107-114, Dixon 115-117, Rossi 118-120, Dixon 121, Rossi 122-123, Rosenqvist 124-131, Dixon 132-156, Sato 157-167, Dixon 168, Ferrucci 169, Hinchcliffe 170, Veach 171-184, Sato 185-186.
- Drydene 311 (2)**
NASCAR Cup Series
At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1.06 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
- (17) K. Harvick, Ford, 311 laps, 60 points.
 - (19) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 311, 42.
 - (14) J. Johnson, Chevrolet, 311, 39.
 - (23) W. Byron, Chevrolet, 311, 46.
 - (11) B. Bowman, Chevrolet, 311, 36.
 - (13) J. Brad Keselowski, Ford, 311, 45.
 - (16) A. Mirra, Ford, 311, 37.
 - (12) D. Chase, Chevrolet, 311, 36.
 - (6) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 311, 29.
 - (12) Cole Custer, Ford, 311, 30.
 - (11) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 311, 26.
 - (20) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 311, 40.
 - (28) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 311, 26.
 - (15) S. Buescher, Ford, 311, 23.
 - (12) M. Menard, Chevrolet, 311, 22.
 - (15) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 311, 27.
 - (12) M. Dibenedetto, Ford, 311, 27.
 - (8) T. Redick, Chevrolet, 311, 19.
 - (20) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 311, 26.
 - (20) J. H. Nemechek, Ford, 311, 17.
 - (16) B. Wallace, Chevrolet, 311, 16.
 - (9) E. Jones, Toyota, 310, 15.
 - (30) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 310, 14.
 - (2) Ryan Newman, Ford, 310, 13.
 - (25) M. McDowell, Ford, 310, 12.
 - (40) B. McLeod, Chevrolet, 302, 0.
 - (27) C. Bell, Toyota, 310, 10.
 - (31) D. Suarez, Ford, 300, 309, 9.
 - (3) T. Dillon, Chevrolet, 309, 8.
 - (30) B. Poole, Chevrolet, 305, 7.
 - (32) J. McQuinn, Chevrolet, 302, 0.
 - (33) J. Josh Bilz, Chevrolet, 302, 0.
 - (37) R. Sorenson, Chevrolet, 302, 4.

- (35) Q. H. Houff, Chevrolet, 302, 3.
 - (36) S. J. Smithley, Chevrolet, 296, 0.
 - (26) T. Hill, Toyota, engine, 252, 0.
 - (11) R. Stenhouse Jr., Chevy, 215, 1.
 - (32) J. Yelvey, Ford, handling, 110, 0.
 - (16) C. Elliott, Chev, accident, 6, 1.
 - (40) J. Goate, Ford, accident, 4, 0.
- Drydene 200**
NASCAR Xfinity Series
At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1.06 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
- (6) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 200 laps, 55 points.
 - (13) R. Chastain, Chevrolet, 200, 53.
 - (14) Austin Gindric, Ford, 200, 45.
 - (16) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 200, 37.
 - (9) D. H. Hendrix, Chevrolet, 200, 39.
 - (12) N. Gragson, Chevrolet, 200, 43.
 - (15) J. Gray Jr., Chevrolet, 197, 16.
 - (7) M. Annett, Chevrolet, 199, 29.
 - (10) Riley Herbst, Toyota, 199, 25.
 - (11) Brett Moffitt, Chevrolet, 199, 0.
 - (11) H. Burton, Toyota, 199, 28.
 - (9) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 199, 29.
 - (5) A. Alfredo, Chevrolet, 199, 24.
 - (14) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 199, 23.
 - (24) T.J. Martins, Chevrolet, 198, 22.
 - (16) B. Brown, Chevrolet, 198, 22.
 - (17) A. Labbe, Chevrolet, 198, 20.
 - (17) M. Snider, Chevrolet, 197, 19.
 - (23) C. Clements, Chevrolet, 197, 18.
 - (20) Matt Starr, Chevrolet, 197, 17.
 - (26) Stefan Parsons, Toyota, 196, 9.
 - (22) C. J. Williams, Chevrolet, 197, 15.
 - (23) Jesse Little, Chevrolet, 197, 14.
 - (24) S. C. Finchum, Toyota, 196, 13.
 - (26) J. McLeod, Chevrolet, 196, 12.
 - (21) C. Howard, Chevrolet, 196, 10.
 - (8) T. Vanderwal, Chevy, 196, 10.
 - (23) C. Curry, Chevy, engine, 106, 0.
 - (29) I. A. Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 196, 8.
 - (30) M. M. Smith, Chevrolet, 194, 7.
 - (21) S. Lehto, Chevrolet, 194, 7.
 - (23) Stephen Leicht, Toyota, 192, 6.
 - (30) K. Forstner, Chevy, brakes, 167, 0.
 - (33) C. Curry, Chevy, engine, 106, 0.
 - (36) T. Hill, Toyota, overheating, 105, 0.
 - (5) D. K. Weatherman, Chevrolet, suspension, 23, 2.
 - (29) V. Miller, Chevrolet, accident, 11, 1.

- Race Statistics**
Time of Race: 1 hour, 47 minutes, 21 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 2.463 seconds.
Cautions: Flags: 5 for 24 laps.
Lead Changes: 12 among 8 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Briscoe 1-24; R. Chastain 25-47; B. Miloff 48; B. Jones 49-51; J. Allgaier 52-70; Briscoe 71-92.

Roundup

Harvick dominates at Dover for 7th Cup win

Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Kevin Harvick views his NASCAR championship chase as him against the field. His budding rivalry with Denny Hamlin, however, has turned into a can-you-top-this showdown that promises to last until the finale.

"You don't want to be so narrow-minded to think it's going to be you against one other team," Harvick said.

A day after Hamlin's victory, Harvick regained the Cup Series lead with his seventh, dominating Sunday at Dover International Speedway.

Harvick and Hamlin have emerged as the clear contenders to win it all — and again they proved their mettle in doubleheaders. At Pocono in late June, Harvick won the Saturday race and Hamlin followed with the checkered flag 24 hours later.

Harvick won the finale of the final scheduled twinned of the season required by the pandemic hiatus. Harvick and Hamlin long ago clinched their spots in NASCAR's postseason, and can rest easy — though they won't — headed into the regular-season finale Saturday night at Daytona International Speedway. Under the lights, the final three playoff

spots are up for grabs, with seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson should need a win to make a run at a record eighth title in his farewell season.

Harvick secured his title as well in the regular season, and has built up all the way to the Phoenix finale.

Briscoe calls shot at Dover, wins Xfinity race

DOVER, Del. — Chase Briscoe called his shot at Dover International Speedway on Sunday and won his sixth Xfinity Series race of the season.

Briscoe won five of the first 13 races this season but was winless in the last seven. That streak ended at Dover, not long after Briscoe called his wife, Marissa, and said he would win the race. He went out and delivered in what he called his best Ford of the season.

"I've always wanted to win at Dover. This is one of those driver's ractracks," Briscoe said.

Briscoe won for the eighth time in his career and has positioned himself as a serious contender to win the second-tier NASCAR championship.

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AUTO RACING

Sato's second

Japanese driver snatches victory under caution at Indianapolis 500

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Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

At an eerily empty Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Takuma Sato snatched a second Indianapolis 500 victory in an odd and unsatisfying finish to "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

Sato held off Scott Dixon and won under caution after teammate Spencer Pigot crashed with five laps remaining in Sunday's race, held in front of empty grandstands for the first time in 104 runnings because of the pandemic.

Pigot needed medical attention on the track, the crash scene was a massive debris field and the clean-up time would have been lengthy. There were also just four laps left in the race, not enough time to allow for a proper restart.

If it had been a NASCAR race, a stoppage would have been immediate to set up a final shootout. IndyCar tends to avoid gimmicks and a late red-flag in the 2014 Indy 500 incensed purists.

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'I know Scott was coming. ... I had to hold him off.'

Takuma Sato
on beating Scott Dixon to win the Indy 500 under caution



Takuma Sato leads Marco Andretti into Turn 1 during the Indianapolis 500.

'Andretti Curse' lives on

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Andretti had the perfect setup heading into Sunday's Indianapolis 500.

His cars were fast from the moment they hit the historic 2.5-mile oval, his drivers took half of the top 10 starting spots including the pole and with two former winners and pole-winner in Andretti's six-car stable, the team was the clear favorite.

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Takuma Sato celebrates his second career Indy 500 win on Sunday in Indianapolis.

AP photos

