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Blaze aboard Bonhomme Richard

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Firefighters battle a blaze aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard on Sunday evening at Naval Base San Diego. The cause of the fire is still under investigation and the origin of an explosion that also occurred on the ship Sunday is still unknown, The Associated Press reported.

Dozens treated for minor injuries from ship fire

BY CAITLIN M. KENNEY
Stars and Stripes

More than 30 sailors have suffered minor injuries from the fire that broke out Sunday and firefighters continue battle aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard at Naval Base San Diego, Calif.

As of Monday morning, 34 sailors and 23 civilians have been treated for minor injuries, said Lt. Cmdr. Nicole Schwegman, a spokeswoman with Naval Surface

Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Of the 17 sailors who were hospitalized Sunday, five have remained in the medical facility for observation and are in stable condition.

So far, minor injuries include heat exhaustion and smoke inhalation, according to Schwegman.

A fire was reported aboard the amphibious assault ship at about 8:30 a.m. Sunday while it was moored at the pier, said Mike Raney, a spokesman for Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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A Navy firefighter is assisted with her gear.

COVID-19 reinvades states that had beaten it back

BY DAVID R. BAKER, GABRIELLE COPPOLA AND MICHAEL TOBIN
Bloomberg

The first states to endure the coronavirus this spring hoped the worst would be behind them. Instead, the virus is coming back.

Many places that suffered most in the first wave of infections, including California, Louisiana, Michigan and Washington state, are seeing case counts climb again after months of declines. It's not just a matter of more testing. Hospitalizations and, in some places, deaths are rising, too.

Florida reported 15,300 cases Sunday,

the biggest single-day increase of the U.S. pandemic — and experts say the resurgence in the first battlegrounds has common causes. They include a population no longer willing to stay inside, Republicans who refuse face masks as a political statement, street protests over police violence and young people convinced the virus

won't seriously hurt them.

Even though some of the states led by Democratic governors delayed restarting their economies until weeks after more eager peers like Georgia, they still jumped too soon, critics say.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Hedge fund plans to buy McClatchy newspapers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hedge fund Chatham Asset Management plans to buy newspaper publisher McClatchy out of bankruptcy, ending 163 years of family control. The companies did not put a price on the deal in an announcement Sunday. The agreement still needs the approval of a bankruptcy judge; a hearing is scheduled for July 24.

McClatchy is one of the largest newspaper companies in the U.S.

It owns 30 papers including the Miami Herald, the Charlotte Observer and the Sacramento Bee. It filed for bankruptcy protection because of a heavy debt load stemming from its \$4.5 billion purchase of the Knight-Ridder newspaper chain in 2006, just as the newspaper industry went into steep decline.

Chatham was McClatchy's largest shareholder and debt holder. It share out a bid from Alden Global Capital, another hedge fund that has taken a leading role in the

U.S. newspaper business.

Chatham's other media holdings include Canadian newspaper chain Postmedia and National Enquirer publisher American Media Inc. But industry expert Ken Doctor has noted it doesn't make financial sense to combine those with McClatchy in order to cut costs. And the emergence of Alden Global Capital as a bidder has given rise to speculation that Chatham will try to combine McClatchy with Alden's holdings or with another big newspaper company.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Commercial rates	
Euro costs (July 14)	\$1.11	Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Dollar buys (July 14)	€0.8604	British pound	\$1.2649
British pound (July 14)	\$1.23	Canada (Dollar)	1.3547
Japanese yen (July 14)	104.00	China (Yuan)	6.9995
South Korean won (July 14)	1,169.00	Denmark (Krone)	6.5570
		Egypt (Pound)	15.9566
		Euro	\$1.1354/0.8808
		Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7509
		British pound	1.2649
		Hungary (Forint)	31.177
		Israel (Shekel)	3.4411
		Japan (Yen)	107.27
		Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3077
		Norway (Krone)	9.3909
		Philippines (Peso)	49.42
		Poland (Zloty)	3.95
		Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
		Singapore (Dollar)	1.3883
		South Korea (Won)	1,201.68
		Switzerland (Franc)	0.9411
		Thailand (Baht)	4.37
		Turkey (Lira)	6.8668

(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.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.03
3-month bond	0.13
30-year bond	1.32

WEATHER OUTLOOK

TUESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



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MILITARY

2 plead guilty to robbing Okinawa exchange

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NAHA, Okinawa — Two men from Kadena Air Base, a soldier and a civilian cook, during their first appearance in Naha District Court pleaded guilty Monday to robbing a currency exchange on Okinawa of nearly \$65,000 on May 12.

Pvt. Demetrius Moton Jr., 21, and Hassan Smith, 34, a cook for Kadena's Child Development Center, were charged with robbery and invasion of a building. The pair, wearing masks, robbed a currency exchange near the Camp Foster front gate at knife-point and made off with \$64,700 in Japanese and U.S. currency.

Moton told a three-judge panel that he brandished the knife and demanded the money.

"First, I asked to exchange the money, then I jumped over the counter," he said. "Inside, I told the victims to step back, but the man pushed me, so I grabbed the knife with my right hand to scare him. He stepped back so I grabbed the money."

No one was injured in the robbery.

Moton told the panel he was getting kicked out of the Army and needed the money for his wife and children.

"I was worried that I won't be able to provide for my family in the States, as COVID-19 pandemic and all, there are no jobs in the States and the government locked

down the economy," he said. COVID-19 is the respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus.

As a reminder of the ongoing pandemic, everyone in the courtroom was required to wear masks.

The two, both in custody, will be back in court at 10 a.m. Monday for the hearing's conclusion. Smith's wife is scheduled to testify and both defendants are slated to read letters to the victims. The same panel is expected to sentence the pair following the conclusion of testimony.

Smith, in his testimony, said the robbery was Moton's idea. He said Moton asked for his help; the original plan didn't call for him to be inside the exchange.

"I was stupid, I just wanted to

help him out," Smith said, adding he didn't need the money.

"I didn't threaten nobody," he said. "I didn't see Moton's knife. I was outside of the counter when it happened."

Moton said they divided the money evenly. He exchanged the yen for dollars, sent some to his family and gave some to a local girlfriend identified only as "Ms. Bennet."

Police recovered \$19,900 in the trunk of Moton's car.

Smith, who has five children under age 7, said he hid his share from his wife and then sent it to a friend in Germany. He choked up and sobbed when asked about his family.

"I regretted it the moment I came home," he said.

Smith said he confessed immediately when Japanese police and Air Force investigators arrived at his house three days after the crime.

"I am truly sorry for the victims," he said. "I had never done anything like this my entire life."

Moton also apologized.

"I am sorry to the victims for what I did, and I will pay back what I had sent to my family in the States and the money I gave to Ms. Bennet if I have a chance," he said.

"I hope the victims will forgive me and the judges will give us the mercy," he said. "I just want to go home for my wife and children."

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Navy aviators on Guam log their 15th rescue this year



JOAN JENNINGS/U.S. Navy

An MH-60S Seahawk assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 flies off the coast of Guam in December 2015.

Stars and Stripes

The Island Knights lived up to their nickname once again, pulling a stranded hiker from a popular hiking trail on Guam for the second time in just over a month.

Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 sent an MH-60 Knighthawk to lift the hiker from Pagat Caves on July 8, according to a news release from Andersen Air Force Base. It was the 15th save for the squadron this year.

Around noon that day, Guam Fire and Rescue found the hiker, who was reported missing that morning, according to the release. U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam contacted the sea combat squadron, which dispatched the chopper less than an hour later.

Once overhead, two aircrewmembers, one corpsman, were lowered about 70 feet

through the trees; they retrieved the hiker, who was taken to U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, the release states.

Andersen provided no details on the hiker's condition.

Launching the aircraft good to go and launched within an hour of the call says something about the way we do business," Lt. Cmdr. Wagler, the helicopter pilot, said in the release. "Our maintenance department had that bird ready to go with no delays. Our fast response time allowed us to arrive to the hiker's location, get him out of the jungle and to the hospital. This couldn't have been done without the team we have."

The Navy's squadron alone has the search-and-rescue mission on Guam, said Lt. j.g. William Zell in an email Monday to Stars and Stripes. The Coast Guard has no heli-

copters on Guam and the Guam Army National Guard UH-72 Lakota helicopters are not on alert for search-and-rescue duty, he said. Guam Fire and Rescue and the Coast Guard will respond with small boats to stranded boats and swimmers in distress, he said.

On June 14, a crew lifted three hikers suffering dehydration and heat stroke from the same area. The squadron, based at Andersen, this year alone has rescued 19 people, according to the release.

The trail to Pagat Caves is just 1.7 miles roundtrip on Guam's eastern coast, but according to the AllTrails.com website. But it can be a challenging hike thanks to a steep climb, sharp rocks and sometimes hot, humid weather, according to reviews on TripAdvisor.com.

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US Forces Japan commander orders ban on Confederate battle flag

By JOSEPH DITZLER
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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Confederate battle flag is no longer welcome anywhere on U.S. military installations in Japan, according to an order released Monday by the commander of U.S. Forces Japan.

"The Confederate Battle Flag does not represent the values of U.S. Forces assigned to serve in Japan," says the order signed by Air Force Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider on July 2. "While I acknowledge some might view it as a symbol of regional pride, many others in our force see it as a painful reminder of the history of hate, bigotry, treason, and devaluation of humanity that it represents."

The order was posted Monday on the official Yokota Air Base Facebook page. The installation in western Tokyo serves as USFJ's headquarters. Individual commanders in Japan were given the order prior to it becoming public, said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Richard Winegardner, the USFJ senior enlisted leader,

on Monday.

He said the time was right to lower the Confederate flag in Japan.

"To us, it's a no-brainer, doing the right thing for all the right reasons," Winegardner said by phone. He said Schneider issued the order without direction from above.

"We knew it's going to create some concerns in what is this going to mean, especially when we talk about free speech," Winegardner said. But USFJ aims to foster inclusiveness, he said; "it's a small thing we can do to include the entire team, so nobody is left on the side."

USFJ is the latest command to ban the flag carried by rebel forces from the South during the 1861-65 conflict that ended Black slavery in the United States.

In June, U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Robert Abrams banned the flag from U.S. installations in South Korea. The Marine Corps and Navy also recently banned it from all installations, ships and aircraft.

The Army has not banned the

flag outright, but base commanders have the power to remove the flags themselves.

Winegardner said he's unaware of any guidance on the flag question from the Air Force secretary or chief of staff. However, outgoing Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright were among the first U.S. military leaders to speak out against racism following the death of a Black man at the hands of Minneapolis police in May.

The Pentagon in early July was working on an overall ban of the Confederate battle flag, PBS NewsHour reported on July 6.

A House committee on July 1 included a measure in the annual defense funding bill that would ban the display of Confederate flags on all Defense Department property. Similar moves are underway in Congress to remove the names of Confederate generals from U.S. military bases.

Schneider's order directs "all commanders to identify and ensure the removal of all displays of the flag or its depiction" at work-

places, common areas and public areas on USFJ installations.

The order makes exceptions, including state flags that incorporate the flag or artistic or educational displays depicting the Civil War or where the flag is "not the main focus of display."

However, the order covers just about anywhere or anything on a U.S. base in Japan, from office buildings to aircraft hangars, barracks, family quarters, break rooms and individual office cubicles, among others. Vehicles, porches and clothing are included.

The order, which took effect immediately, covers Defense Department civilian employees, contractors and family members as well as service members. Winegardner said penalties for disobeying the order are left to individual commanders to impose.

Schneider has authority over bases that belong to all service branches and his order covers Yokota, also headquarters of the 5th Air Force and the 374th Airlift Wing, Yokosuka Naval Base, home of the Navy's 7th Fleet;

Camp Zama, headquarters of U.S. Army Japan near metro Tokyo; and bases on Okinawa, including Kadena Air Base and a host of Marine Corps bases and an air field. Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Misawa Air Base, Naval Air Facility Atsugi and Sasebo Naval Base on the main islands of Japan are also included.

The enduring debate over status of Confederate leaders, military bases named for Confederate leaders and the Confederate battle flag arose again in May after George Floyd, 46, of Minneapolis died under the knee of a police officer, Derek Chauvin, 44, who now faces a second-degree murder charge. For some, the flag symbolizes regional pride or valor in combat; for others, it represents institutionalized oppression.

"Regardless of perspective, one thing is clear," Schneider wrote in his order, "it has the power to inflame feelings of racial division.

We cannot and will not tolerate a symbol that incites this sort of division among us."

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WAR/MILITARY



TIMOTHY CONDERO/Tennessee National Guard

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee presents Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Shields with the Soldier's Medal on Friday in Brownsville, Tenn.

Tennessee guardsman awarded Soldier's Medal for stopping shooter

By CHAD GARLAND
Stars and Stripes

A 24-year veteran of the Tennessee Army National Guard who disarmed and restrained a gunman at a high school homecoming game nearly two years ago has been presented the Army's highest award for noncombat bravery.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee awarded the Soldier's Medal to Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Shields on Friday at the Wyatt Duke Armory in Brownsville, the state's National Guard said in a statement.

Shields responded when he heard gunfire in a parking lot after a game on Oct. 5, 2018, the statement said.

Two people were wounded in the incident at Haywood High School in Brownsville, including a 19-year-old man who was shot twice in the back and airlifted to a hospital about 65 miles away in Memphis, WBBJ television reported at the time.

The teen and a 32-year-old woman shot in the foot were both treated and released, local media reported.

Shields had attended the game to watch his son play when he heard several gunshots, he told WBBJ. "I could actually see the flames from the barrel," before tackling the 16-year-old suspect as he ran by, he said.

"I just grabbed his hand and fell to the ground with him," Shields said in the statement. "I didn't want anybody to take the gun, so I held him there until police arrived."

Shields' brother also helped by stepping on the handgun.

Police Chief Barry Diebold credited Shields' quick thinking with saving lives, local media outlets reported. The suspected shooter was arrested and charged with criminal attempt to commit first-degree murder, the police said at the time.

The Soldier's Medal is awarded

to service members who distinguish themselves by heroism not involving conflict with the enemy, while serving in any capacity with the Army. The action must involve personal hazard or danger "and the voluntary risk of life," not just a lifesaving act.

"Sgt. 1st Class Shields' actions are a validation not only of his training, but a validation of his character," said Maj. Gen. Jeff Holmes, Tennessee's adjutant general. "He exhibited the courage that every soldier is trained to exhibit and aspires to achieve."

A member of Detachment 1, 1175th Transportation Company, Shields said he just did what he thought anyone else would have done in the same situation.

"But for the governor and the adjutant general and everyone to be here, it's truly humbling," he said. "I'm thankful for everyone here today."

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Search for airman missing from Osan goes on in S. Korea

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Investigators have received several leads in the search for a U.S. airman who went missing last week on Osan Air Base, officials said Monday, asking the community for help to "bring him back home safely."

Staff Sgt. Tristin Blake Jarvis, 26, of the 51st Force Support Squadron, was last seen in the vicinity of the Osan Fitness Center at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday and was reported absent from his unit the next day, according to the Air Force.

Security forces also searched his room and determined he had been there before changing and leaving, said 1st Lt. Daniel de la Fe, a spokesman for the 51st Fighter Wing.

The wing posted a new photo of Jarvis over the weekend and asked the community to remain on the lookout for the missing airman.

"He's still out there and we need your help to bring him back home safely to his Mustang family," the fighter wing said Monday on its Facebook page.

The spokesman said Jarvis is believed to still be in South Korea but declined to provide more details to avoid compromising the investigation.

"We have had a whole bunch of

leads come in, and our investigators are taking all of them quickly and seriously," he told Stars and Stripes on Monday.

The Air Force said previously that search crews were combing Osan Air Base and drones were deployed over the base as part of the search.

The force support squadron, Air Force Office of Special Investigations and South Korean police were working together in the search, according to a press release.

"It is our duty to protect and support our airman, and we are putting all of our resources behind the search," said Col. John Gonzales, the wing commander. "We urge anyone with information on his whereabouts to contact law enforcement as soon as possible."

Anybody with relevant information should contact the Osan law enforcement desk at 0505-784-5515 or South Korean police at 112.

The sprawling base, which is about 35 miles south of Seoul, is home to the 51st Fighter Wing, the 7th Air Force and the South Korean air force's operations command. It also is the arrival and departure point for the government-chartered troop transport flight known as the Patriot Express.

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Blaze: Naval chief calls ship fire 'terrible tragedy'; cause of explosion is still unknown

FROM FRONT PAGE

The cause of the fire is under investigation, and the origin of an explosion that also occurred onboard the ship Sunday is still unknown, The Associated Press reported.

Firefighting operations continued aboard the ship throughout the evening and two helicopters with water buckets were also brought in to help, according to the Navy.

At the time of the fire, approximately 160 sailors were on the ship, which was undergoing maintenance, according to Raney. The ship typically has a crew of about 1,000.

Adm. Mike Gilday, chief of naval operations, called the fire "a terrible tragedy."

"We are grateful for the quick and immediate response of local,

base and shipboard firefighters aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard. Our thoughts and prayers are with our [Bonhomme Richard] sailors, their families and our emergency responders who continue to fight the fire. God-speed," Gilday said in an official statement.

Two nearby ships, the USS Fitzgerald and the USS Russell, had to move away from the pier Sunday afternoon because of the fire. The USS Fitzgerald had just arrived in San Diego on July 2, according to U.S. Naval Institute News, after undergoing more than two years of restoration and modernization following the deadly 2017 collision that killed seven sailors.

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Taliban kill at least 11 in assault on Afghanistan intelligence compound

By RAHIM FAIEZ
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Taliban insurgents launched a complex attack on an intelligence compound in northern Afghanistan on Monday that began with a suicide bombing and killed at least 11 intelligence agency personnel, officials said.

The attack took place in Aybak, the capital of the Samangan province. Sediq Azizi, a spokesman for the provincial governor, said another 63 people were wounded in the attack and the ensuing clashes.

A suicide bomber struck the

compound, followed by two insurgents who opened fire. Both were killed in the gunbattle, Azizi said. The blast from the initial bombing could be heard miles away and damaged several nearby buildings.

Abdul Khalil Musadiq, a provincial hospital chief, said many of those wounded were civilians, including children.

On Sunday, the Taliban attacked checkpoints in the northern Kunduz province, killing at least 14 Afghan security forces, according to Esmatullah Muradi, a spokesman for the provincial governor.

The Taliban said they were behind the attacks but claimed that government forces fired mortar shells in response, hitting civilian homes — a claim dismissed by the Defense Ministry.

President Ashraf Ghani condemned the attack in Samangan and accused the Taliban of trying to strengthen their hand ahead of any negotiations.

The Taliban accuse government forces of targeting them in their homes, with their families bearing the brunt of those operations. The government says the insurgents continue to attack security forces and civilians.

MILITARY

Friedel now leads 'Wild Weasels' at Misawa AB

By **SETH ROBSON**
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — An Air Force Academy graduate who helped enforce a no-fly zone in Libya and supported combat squadrons in Afghanistan is the new commander of Misawa Air Base in Japan.

Col. Jesse Friedel assumed command of Misawa's 35th Fighter Wing, the "Wild Weasels," from Col. Christopher Struve during a hangar ceremony Monday. Attendees wore masks and seating was spread out in efforts to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Friedel, whose last job was vice commander of the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base, South Korea, will lead a joint force team at the northernmost U.S. military base in Japan.

The 35th Fighter Wing's F-16

Fighting Falcons train to destroy enemy radar and surface-to-air missiles — something known as the "Wild Weasel" mission since the Vietnam War.

Friedel now oversees an 11,400-person installation that supports associate units from the Air Force, Army and Navy as well as the Japan Air Self-Defense Force.

He told those gathered for Monday's ceremony — a video of which was posted on the base's official Facebook page — that he was looking forward to leading the "Weasel Nation," before his name was affixed to the wing's flagship F-16.

"The flagship looks awesome," he said. "Just look at that combat power."

Struve, who is headed to a new job in Colorado Springs, Colo.,

that has yet to be announced, said that he had been blessed to spend nearly half of his career at Misawa.

U.S. Forces Japan commander Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider, who presided over the ceremony, told those gathered that a 31-aircraft "elephant walk" at Misawa last month would "silence those who might question our collective readiness."

The show of force took place a week after the installation reported its first coronavirus cases and ordered personnel to shelter in place. Restrictions were relaxed ahead of the July 4 holiday.

Schneider also noted \$17 million of recent upgrades to Misawa's Draughton Range, where pilots can practice attacking beachside targets.

Misawa airmen are already



MELANIE BULOW-GORTERMAN/U.S. Air Force

Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider, commander of U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force, left, passes a guidon to new 35th Fighter Wing commander Col. Jesse Friedel during a ceremony at Misawa Air Base, Japan, on Monday.

running on all cylinders and doing amazing things, Friedel added.

"Just because there is a new

wing commander doesn't mean things need to change," he said.

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US Army uses French port as new launch point for Europe mission

By **JOHN VANDIVER**
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Dozens of U.S. Army helicopters began flights Monday from La Rochelle, a port in western France used during the Cold War that is now playing a key role in deploying soldiers to NATO's eastern flank.

About 60 Chinook, Black Hawks and Apaches from the Fort Campbell, Ky.-based 101st Combat Aviation Brigade are headed to Latvia, Poland and Germany.

The operation is part of a nine-month rotation connected to the Atlantic Resolve mission, which is focused on deterring potential Russian aggression.

"The port is vital to the reception, staging, and onward movement of the 101st CAB from the U.S. to the European continent," U.S. Army Europe said in a statement Monday. "Using La Rochelle Port strengthens the France/U.S. bilateral relationship by providing increased military mobility for the collective defense of Europe."

USAREUR said this is the first time it has used La Rochelle's port for the Atlantic Resolve effort, which began in 2014 following Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula.

U.S. European Command has emphasized the need to expand logistical options so that commanders have more choices in a crisis. La Rochelle, once a hub for U.S. forces in the 1940s and later in the Cold War, now joins a location in Bremerhaven, Germany, as a significant port in the Army's modern network.

The 101st CAB helicopters will travel this week to forward locations in Hiesheim, Germany, where about 40 will be stationed. Approximately 20 others will continue on to Powidz, Poland. Ten will remain in Warsaw.

The remaining 10 aircraft will fly to Lielvarde, Latvia. Soldiers with the 101st CAB are expected to conduct training missions all along NATO's eastern borders.

USAREUR said flights departing La Rochelle were scheduled to occur between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. and that no weekend flights are planned. Ahead of the flights, USAREUR issued advisories that communities in the flight path could see large helicopter formations.

"These flights will adhere to standard noise abatement procedures," USAREUR said.

It was expected to take about a week for all the aircraft to reach their destinations.

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THONER GODBOLO/Stars and Stripes

A pair of 374th Airlift Wing firefighters compete in a Mario Kart tournament organized as part of the Adopt The USO program at Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Saturday.

Airmen shift smoothly as they host gaming event for Yokota USO

By **THONER GODBOLO**
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — USO volunteers at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo on Saturday looked a lot like the folks the organization is meant to serve.

Turns out, they were. Twelve members of the 374th Security Forces Squadron took over the USO at Yokota's Yujo Community Center as part of a new outreach program, Adopt The USO, that puts the clientele in charge.

For the inaugural event, the security squadron organized a Mario Kart tournament, the first of its kind at a USO in Asia, according to Staff Sgt. Seth Shannon, an event organizer.

More than 30 volunteers and participants attended the contest. USO staples like coffee, snacks and doughnuts were handed out, and tournament winners col-

lected prizes, including personal electronics and a security forces challenge coin.

The coronavirus pandemic delayed the program's advent, but the delay provided a lift to airmen used to long months of restricted movements and activities, said Yokota USO manager Mardie Velazquez.

"With everything that's going on, [morale] is low everywhere," Velazquez said. "We want to make sure that we are doing our part as the USO to connect them back to their home, their mission, and we want to make sure that we have good programs for them."

Velazquez said the program aims to get service members familiar with the USO while also helping units on base some ownership of the center by organizing events like the weekend tournament.

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BENJAMIN NORTHCUTT/U.S. Army

Helicopters from the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Campbell, Ky., began arriving in La Rochelle, France, on July 7 for the sixth rotation of Atlantic Resolve. They began to depart Monday.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

COVID: We're basically at the same place we were at the start of March,' professor says

FROM FRONT PAGE

"I don't think there's any question about that anymore. Even in California, we opened up too fast," said John Swartzberg, a doctor who is a clinical professor emeritus at the University of California at Berkeley.

So far, the rebound hasn't reached the states hardest hit by the first wave: New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Friday that he believes it's on its way.

"We're going to go through an increase, and I can feel it coming," he told WAMC radio. "The only question is how far up our rate goes. But you can't have it all across the country and then have it not come back."

While public attention last week focused on an explosion of cases in Sun Belt states that largely missed the first wave — Arizona, Florida and Texas — California's hospitalizations and daily death toll hit new highs. The state, first to shut down its economy, reported a record 149 dead Wednesday and more than 300 since then.

"We're seeing community spread and hospitalizations like we saw in late April — and what we hoped would be the height of infection," said Barbara Ferrer, public health director for Los Angeles County, which on Sunday reported 3,322 new cases and 18 new deaths.

California's daily case count is nearing its previous peak, reached back in April, according to Johns Hopkins University, Washington, the first state to detect an outbreak, is seeing record numbers of infections, although deaths remain well below their March peak of 34 in a day.

As traumatic as the initial wave might have been, the number of people infected didn't come close to providing so-called herd immunity, experts say. The vast majority still has no natural protection.

"We're basically at the same place we were at the start of April, in terms of how much of the population is vulnerable," said Carl Bergstrom, a biology professor at the University of Washington in Seattle.

And people's willingness to stay home most of the time — and wear masks when they don't — has frayed. For many Republicans, rejecting masks has even become an act of defiance, with President Donald Trump refusing to wear one in public until Saturday, when he visited Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Maryland.

"It's absolute exhaustion," said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who threatened to reimpose a stay-home order if the outbreak now gripping his city worsens. "Quarantines are the most frustrating things to human beings. Nobody likes being told what to do."

The states, and their people, might have let their guard down. The states' tumultuous shut-down brought infection rates low



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A hostess waits to seat customers at a restaurant in Santa Monica, Calif., on Sunday, California's coronavirus hospitalizations and daily death toll hit new highs last week, even though it was the first state to shut down its economy amid the pandemic.

enough to lift stay-at-home orders by June. Within a few weeks, they started creeping up again. One of the biggest new outbreaks was at Harper's Restaurant & Brew Pub, an East Lansing bar near Michigan State University. More than 180 cases have been traced there, according to health officials.

"Bars and restaurants opened, and that caused a big shift, as well as whatever percentage of people who don't want to social distance or wear a mask because they think it's all a hoax," said Linda Vail, health officer for Ingham County, which encompasses most of East Lansing.

In response, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer banned indoor bar service July 1 and on July 10 made mask-wearing mandatory.

Even though hospitals in southeast Michigan are better equipped than in March, doctors and nurses are on edge, said Teena Chopra, a doctor who is a professor of infectious disease at Wayne State University in Detroit.

"Given what we've seen before, and the shock and trauma we've been through, even one or two cases if they go up, it makes us nervous," Chopra said.

California officials are trying to assure residents that they're better prepared this time around. Gov. Gavin Newsom said last week that COVID victims occupied just 8% of available hospital beds. The state also has 46 million N95 masks, he said, compared with 1 million in March.

"We've never been better positioned," Newsom said.

Los Angeles County, on the other hand, could use up its beds in weeks, officials there warn. And Imperial County along the Mexican border has been so badly hit that some patients have been flown to San Francisco, more than 400 miles away.

Newsom alternately scolds residents for not taking the virus seriously and reminding them of the state's resolve they showed this spring, when a San Francisco

Bay Area outbreak threatened to rage out of control.

"We did an incredible job, collectively, as a state, 40 million of you," he said last week. "We have the capacity to do that again."

Officials in the Seattle area also have tried to reassure residents, and they pin some of the increase on the young. More than 130 recent cases have been linked to fraternity houses at the University of Washington.

In Louisiana, Gov. John Bel Edwards made masks mandatory Saturday and limited the size of gatherings. Confirmed COVID-19 cases hit a one-day high of just over 2,700 in April, but more than 2,600 cases were reported Friday.

Joseph Kanter, the assistant state health officer, said the deadly spring is still vivid for residents of Louisiana's larger cities.

"People in New Orleans have a real visceral memory of the spike in March and April and have a real understanding of what this virus can do," he said. "Memory drives behavior here. People are more conscientious, because they know how bad this virus can get."

Now, smaller towns and parishes in western Louisiana are also seeing an increase. Calcasieu, a parish of about 200,000 near the Texas border, has more than 3,000 cases and has seen a spike in recent days.

Swartzberg, the Berkeley professor, said ignorance and crisis fatigue aren't adequate reasons for America's failure to tame the virus.

"That doesn't explain why Europeans aren't exhausted. That doesn't explain why Taiwanese aren't exhausted," he said. "Everybody's been through this."

Instead, he blames a lack of national leadership, or worse, leadership that has been detrimental to fighting the virus. "I feel very frustrated about how poorly we've done," Swartzberg said.

USFK: 11 more troops from US test positive

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Eleven more American service members tested positive for the coronavirus after arriving in South Korea from the United States, the military said Monday.

The new cases raised to 74 the number of people affiliated with U.S. Forces Korea who have contracted the respiratory virus since the first outbreak began in late February.

Two of the service members arrived July 7 at Osan Air Base on a U.S. government-chartered flight known as the Patriot Express, USFK said in a press release.

The nine others landed at Incheon International Airport on four separate commercial flights since July 8, it added.

USFK said all 11 troops tested positive before entering a mandatory two-week quarantine as part of an arrivals process aimed at containing the spread of the virus.

The patients "have since been transferred to an isolation facility designated for confirmed COVID-19 cases on either Camp Humphreys or Osan Air Base," it said.

While the number of cases coming from the United States continues to mount, the military has expressed confidence in its anti-coronavirus measures.

"Travelers must test negative before being allowed to exit quarantine."

Those who are placed in isolation must meet four conditions before release — being asymptomatic for seven days, free of fever without medication, receiving negative results on two consecutive tests no less than 24 hours apart and being cleared by a medical professional.

USFK health professionals also determined there was a limited need for contact tracing because all passengers traveling in South Korea must be tested and quarantined upon arrival.

"Thorough cleaning of all quarantine rooms has been completed," it said.

Two of the service members arrived July 7 at Osan Air Base on the Patriot Express, USFK said.

The command said Friday that it had 21 active-duty troops in isolation. It didn't provide an updated figure on Monday, saying only that the number was "less than 1%" of the force.

The move to include only a percentage was "in order to better align with Defense Department guidance to not release aggregate numbers," spokesman Col. Lee Peters said in an email.

More than 28,500 U.S. service members are stationed in South Korea, which technically remains at war with the North after their 1950-53 conflict ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

In all, USFK has reported 74 coronavirus cases among troops, military dependents, contractors and other U.S. and South Korean civilian employees. Only 24 of those were contracted locally, with the most recent on April 14.

"USFK continues to maintain a robust combined defense posture ... while maintaining prudent preventive measures to protect the force," it said.

South Korea was once an epicenter of the pandemic with the highest number of cases outside of China, where the virus first appeared late last year.

The South has largely flattened its daily count from a peak of 909 on Feb. 29 with an aggressive policy of testing and contact tracing, although health authorities continue to battle cluster infections and imported cases.

On Monday, the Korean Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 62 new cases, with 19 local infections and 43 from abroad.

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MCAS Iwakuni says Japan officials reported 'presence of COVID-19' on base

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has informed Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni about the "presence of COVID-19" at the base in southern Japan.

"The positive individuals were tested for [the coronavirus] upon arrival at Haneda Airport and arrived to Kintaiyoko Airport" on Monday morning, according to a Marine statement issued that evening. Kintaiyoko shares a run-

way with the air station.

The infected individuals, who were not further identified, "immediately went into restriction of movement and have not left their residence since going inside," the statement said.

"Follow-on tracing and cleaning measure for areas on the base that the individuals have come in contact with is presently ongoing in order to preserve the health and safety of the Iwakuni community and Yamaguchi prefecture," the Marines added.

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Okinawa official: US Marine base cases reached 94

By MATTHEW M. BURKE AND AYA ICHIHASHI
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Dozens more people have tested positive for the coronavirus at a Marine base where a cluster outbreak surfaced last week, bringing the number of cases associated with that surge to 94, an Okinawa health department spokeswoman said Monday.

An additional 32 individuals from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma were reported to have the virus Monday, she told Stars and Stripes. Earlier in the day, a spokesman for Okinawa prefecture confirmed a case had surfaced at Camp Kinser, another Marine base approximately four miles north of Okinawa's capital, Naha.

It's customary in Japan for some government officials to speak to the media on condition of anonymity.

The latest infections came after two clusters were discovered last week at MCAS Futenma and nearby Camp Hansen. MCAS Futenma had reported 39 cases and Camp Hansen reported 22, the prefecture spokesman said.

The Marines, citing operational security, have declined to publicly announce case numbers, but they have reported them to the prefectural government, the spokesman said.

During a teleconference with Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki on Saturday evening, III Marine Expeditionary Force commander Lt. Gen. H. Stacy Clardy III said the U.S. military would not "hinder" the prefecture from releasing those numbers to the public, the spokesman said.

"Lt. Gen. Clardy promised Gov. Tamaki to keep sharing the numbers even if the Okinawa prefectural government decides to release the number to the public," he said.

The spokesman said Okinawa officials were concerned about jeopardizing their relationship with officials at U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa but decided to release the numbers after receiving assurances from Clardy.

Word of the clusters emerged July 7 when MCAS Futenma announced "several" positive tests and ordered personnel to shelter in place for several hours. Camp Hansen went into overnight lockdown the following day.

A Marine spokesman said Monday that speculating on the origins of the clusters would be "inappropriate" while their investigation is ongoing.

They are looking into reports posted to social media of large gatherings over the July Fourth weekend, where social distancing

and other prevention procedures were not followed.

"Medical staff and other officials are investigating the origin of these clusters to effectively trace and contain the spread," Marine Corps Installations Pacific spokesman Maj. Ken Kunze wrote Monday in an email to Stars and Stripes.

"We are also looking into reports of gatherings and directing individuals to quarantine per guidelines from medical staff," he said. "Leadership in Okinawa is working nonstop to curtail the spread and protect families and the local community."

The Marine Corps and Air Force on Okinawa re-imposed strict limits on personnel movements and activities Thursday, three weeks after restrictions were eased. On Friday, Marine Forces Japan heightened its health protection condition from a moderate to a substantial risk of the virus' spread. In military terms, the level moved from Bravo to Charlie.

Meanwhile, U.S. Forces Japan extended a public health emergency through Aug. 13 that had been slated to expire Monday. Late Saturday, Marine Forces Japan imposed further restrictions. Most off-base activities, including doctor visits, now require approval from a lieutenant colonel in the Marines, a commander in the Navy or higher, according to the guidance. Only travel to and from an off-base residence and an installation is allowed. The rules apply to all Marine service members, civilians, family members and contractors on the island.

Kadena Air Base, home to the 18th Wing, has restricted travel to MCAS Futenma and Camps Hansen and Kinser to official business only, according to a post Sunday on the base's Facebook page. Trips to other Marine bases on Okinawa should be minimized to the greatest extent possible, the post said.

Kunze said the Marines will continue to process personnel arriving from the United States for a permanent change of duty station, or PCS, per Defense Department guidelines.

Okinawa began testing locals who work in bars and nightclubs in Chatan for the virus Sunday because "many" customers who look like U.S. military visited these establishments over the July 4th weekend, a prefectural health official told Stars and Stripes on Monday. Bars and nightclubs have been off-limits to Marine personnel in Okinawa since March 27.

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A gate guard checks a driver's temperature outside Camp Foster, Okinawa, in this image posted to the base Facebook page May 17.



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VIRUS OUTBREAK ROUNDUP

NYC reaches milestone with no reported deaths

From wire reports

NEW YORK — New York City, once the epicenter of the nation's coronavirus outbreak, has just reported its first day with zero confirmed or probable virus deaths since the pandemic hit New York State.

The milestone came Sunday in initial data from the York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

It marked the end of a four-month stretch since the city reported its first COVID-19 fatality on March 11. The confirmed daily death count hit its height on April 7 at 597. Another 216 people were reported likely to have died from the virus despite no positive laboratory tests that day.

"New Yorkers have been the hero of this story, going above and beyond to keep each other safe," City Hall spokesman Avery Cohen said in an emailed statement.

New York State reported five deaths statewide Sunday but didn't specify where those fatalities occurred. The highest number of deaths statewide was reported on April 9 at 799.

New York City has reported a total of 18,670 confirmed COVID-19 deaths and 4,613 probable ones.

On Saturday, an additional 341 people tested positive for COVID-19 in New York City, a rate of 1.36 according to state data. The city kicked off its Phase 3 of reopening Monday, allowing nail salons, tanning studios and dog runs to open.

Indoor dining in the city has been postponed indefinitely as other states, including Texas and Florida, have seen spikes in new cases after reopening bars and restaurants.

"In the absence of national leadership, our city has stepped up to show what it means to reopen safely," Cohen said. "With cases surging around the country, we know we can't let our guard down just yet and will continue to do everything we can to fight the virus together."

Alaska

ANCHORAGE — There were 116 new COVID-19 cases reported across Alaska on Sunday, the highest daily increase so far in the state.

There was one new hospitalization and no new deaths reported in Alaska, The Anchorage Daily News reported.

The state Department of Health and Social Services said 13 of the new cases involved Alaska residents and 23 involved non-residents.

The new cases reported Sunday break a previous record set the day before when the state reported 77 cases.

The reason for Sunday's increase was not immediately clear. It was not known if patients were showing symptoms or how sick

they were at the time of testing. Alaska has reported 1,774 cases of COVID-19 statewide, with 847 active cases.

Arizona

WINDOW ROCK — Navajo Nation officials are reporting five additional coronavirus-related deaths as well as 45 more confirmed cases on the tribe's sprawling reservation.

That pushes the death toll to 401 with the total confirmed COVID-19 cases to 8,187 as of Sunday night.

Tribal officials say 64,128 people on the reservation have been tested for the coronavirus and 5,856 people had COVID-19 but recovered.

The number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected with the virus without feeling sick.

The reservation includes parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

A weekend lockdown that began Friday night ended at 5 a.m. Monday. All businesses in the Navajo Nation were also required to close during the lockdown.

Florida

ORLANDO — Officials shut down two Florida strip clubs as part of a statewide crackdown on violators of an emergency order that forced bars to close in the face of rising coronavirus cases.

The Tallahassee Democrat reports that the Department of Business and Professional Regulation suspended the licenses of Le Palace Otown in Orlando and Show N Tail The Legend in Panama City Beach, saying that patrons didn't observe social distancing guidelines.

In both cases, the orders said DBPR had the authority to suspend a license if there is an "immediate health to the public health, safety or welfare."

In the case of Le Palace Otown, state regulators said, the bar was in violation of the terms of both the governor's executive order for Phase 2 as well as the DBPR emergency order two weeks ago shutting bars back down. The business failed to observe social distancing guidelines, and customers were in "close proximity" to each other and to performers, the order said.

Show N Tail required customers to pay a cover charge, which entitled them to a "free" alcoholic beverage and to "observe any adult entertainment," according to its suspension order.

Illinois

CHICAGO — Health officials have put a mobile COVID-19 testing station outside a suburban Chicago high school as the area sees an uptick in cases among younger residents, a trend that



DENISE CATHEY, THE BROWNSVILLE (TEXAS) HERALD/AP

Lab technicians work with COVID-19 testing samples Friday at the UT Health RGV Clinical Lab on the UTRGV campus in Edinburg, Texas.

has happened elsewhere in the country.

The site, outside Lake Zurich High School's Performing Arts Center, will be open Sunday and next weekend, according to the Chicago Tribune.

The Lake County Health Department said there's been a spike in coronavirus cases of people under age 30 while cases among the general population remained steady. Multiple cases were reported among participants attending the first day of a sports camp at Lake Zurich High School and other recent social gatherings.

On Sunday, Illinois public health officials announced 954 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 20 deaths across the state. Since the start of the pandemic, there have been 153,916 cases and 7,187 deaths.

The state reported 38,894 tests Sunday with an average seven-day positive rate of 3%.

Kentucky

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky plans to cap tuition and mandatory fees in the fall for all full-time students.

The move was announced last week by UK President Eli Capilouto as a way to ensure fairness and consistency for students during the coronavirus pandemic. Officials said it should result in reduced payments for many.

Tuition and mandatory fees will be capped at \$6,242 for full-time undergraduate resident students and \$15,647 for nonresident students, Capilouto said.

With more classes offered online due to the pandemic, many undergraduate students would pay higher tuition and mandatory fees than they would with more in-class options. The cap is an effort to ensure fairness and affordability, he said.

The university estimates the change will cost about \$5 million in lost tuition revenue. Students are scheduled to re-

turn to classes on Aug. 17.

Massachusetts

BOSTON — Gyms in Boston are welcoming back members and the iconic duck boat tours are rolling out again as the city enters the third phase of its coronavirus economic restart.

Boston begins Phase 3 on Monday, a week after most of the rest of Massachusetts, allowing museums, movie theaters, historical sites and gyms to reopen with certain restrictions.

The New England Aquarium and Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum are among those expected to reopen this week.

Boston Duck Tours are also beginning on Monday. The company says it's limiting the number of people on the duck boats so guests can socially distance and is requiring face masks for staff and guests.

Pat Smith, co-founder of a South Boston gym that reopens Monday, told The Boston Globe that most of its members have said they feel safe to return to working out in person.

"People are ready to roll, and get back to a little bit of normalcy," said Smith of Lifted Fitness. "But only if they know the place they are going is taking the right precautions and being safe about it."

But some residents are concerned that the reopenings could set Boston back in its coronavirus recovery.

"I feel like once the stuff starts to reopen, just like everywhere else in the country, there will be a surge in Boston and they'll have to pull it back," Marc D'Amico told WHDH-TV.

Michigan

DETROIT — Protesters who said they're concerned about the coronavirus blocked a driveway used by buses Monday on the first day of summer classes in the Detroit district.

Protesters held signs and placed

tree branches on the ground to try to prevent buses from picking up children. WWJ-AM quoted two bus drivers as saying they quit on the spot.

"I'm not going back until this pandemic is defeated. There is no safe way to return to school while this virus is spreading uncontained," said teacher Benjamin Royal.

It wasn't immediately clear how many students, if any, couldn't get to school because of the protest. Detroit Public Schools Community District said it's offering in-person or online morning classes in 26 schools, through Aug. 6.

Students and staff are required to wear masks. The district said classrooms would be limited to 10 to 15 students per teacher.

Texas

HOUSTON — The Texas Supreme Court on Monday upheld Houston's refusal to allow the state Republican convention to hold in-person events in the city due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The court dismissed an appeal of a state district judge's denial of a temporary restraining order sought by the state Republican Party.

The state GOP convention had been scheduled to begin Thursday at Houston's downtown convention center and was expected to draw thousands of participants.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, a Democrat, said last week that he had directed city lawyers to terminate the contract because he believed the event could not be held safely. He denied that the convention was canceled due to political differences and cited the potential risk to service workers and first responders if the virus spread through the convention.

The state party sued a day later, alleging the city illegally breached the contract and accusing Turner of shedding "crocodile tears."

State District Judge Larry Weisman sided with Turner, citing Houston statistics that show major

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Florida records 12K new cases

By **TERRY SPENCER**
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Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Florida recorded more than 12,000 new confirmed coronavirus cases Monday after a record-setting weekend, a spike that partly reflects the large number of tests being performed.

The state reported 12,624 new cases out of more than 112,000 tests reported since Sunday when the state reported 15,300 new cases, a national record.

The state has seen a positivity rate for tests of just over 11% the last two days. That is still four times the 2.3% rate the state had in late May, but a drop from the near 20% rate seen last week. Officials have said they want to get the rate below 5%.

The state added another 35 deaths Monday, with the one-week average remaining at 71 per day. The daily rate had been 30 deaths three weeks ago and crept up to 44 the week before skyrocketing with a state record

120 deaths reported Thursday. The increase in coronavirus cases has filled some Florida hospitals or brought them close to their capacity.

At Cleveland Clinic in Broward County, less than 10% of its 230 beds are available, according to the state, and nine of its 48 intensive care beds were available Monday morning.

Dr. Rodolfo Blandon, its president, said he expects the number of ICU patients will increase through the end of the month, a result of the recent spike in cases.

"We know that these patients will likely seek medical care two to four weeks after they test positive," he said.

His biggest concern is having enough nurses as coronavirus patients require extensive care — 20 are being brought in from other states to help.

On the positive side, Blandon said the virus seems to become less aggressive as it mutates — many patients aren't getting as sick as others were in March



LYNNE SLADNY/AP

People wearing protective face masks ride a scooter down Ocean Drive during the coronavirus pandemic, Sunday, in Miami Beach, Fla.

and April, and he said the drug Remdesivir has been a promising treatment.

He said if the numbers keep spiking, he thinks the government will have to roll back some of the economy. After reopening its economy with restrictions throughout May, Florida recently re-closed bars because customers

weren't wearing masks or practicing social distancing. Miami-Dade County again recently prohibited restaurants from having indoor seating.

Still, Walt Disney World reopened over the weekend with limited crowds, making it the last of the state's four major theme parks to do so.

US grapples with surge in cases as virus origin is traced in China city

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The United States was grappling with the worst coronavirus outbreak in the world on Monday, as Florida shattered the national record for a state's largest single-day increase in new confirmed cases and the World Health Organization warned that the pandemic is worsening globally and that "there will be no return to the old normal for the foreseeable future."

The WHO director-general said that while numerous countries have now brought their previously explosive outbreaks under control, namely those in Europe and Asia, "too many countries are headed in the wrong direction."

Without naming specific politicians, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus also chastised political leaders for their "mixed messages" amid the coronavirus outbreaks, saying that they are "undermining the most critical ingredient of any response: trust."

"If the basics aren't followed, there is only one way this pandemic is going to go," Tedros said. "It's going to get worse and worse and worse."

Meanwhile, two WHO experts went to China for a mission to trace the origin of the pandemic.

The virus was first detected in central China's city of Wuhan late last year. Beijing had been reluctant to allow a probe but relented after scores of countries called on the WHO to conduct a thorough investigation.

Deaths from the virus have been rising in the U.S., especially in the South and West, though they are still well below the numbers reached in April, according to a recent Associated Press analysis of data from Johns Hopkins University. "I really do think we could control this, and it's the human element that is so critical. It should be an effort of our country. We should be pulling together when we're in a crisis, and we're definitely not doing it," said University of Florida epidemiologist Cindy Prins.

Regarding the WHO experts in China, the country's Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Hua Chunying, said they would work with Chinese scientists and medical experts on "scientific cooperation on the new coronavirus tracing issue."

China has argued that the virus might have originated outside of China and has angrily denied allegations that it covered up the scale of the outbreak as infections first began to spread. India, which has the most con-



ACHMAD IBRAHIM/AP

A security guard checks the body temperature of a student before entering a school amid coronavirus outbreak during the first day of school reopening at a state high school in Bekasi on the outskirts of Jakarta, Indonesia, on Monday.

firmed virus cases after the United States and Brazil, on Monday reported a record daily surge of 28,701 new cases reported in the past 24 hours. Authorities in several cities are reinstating strict lockdowns after attempting to loosen things up to revive an ailing economy.

In South Africa, which accounts for over 40% of all the reported coronavirus cases in Africa, President Cyril Ramaphosa said Sunday that the country would reimpose a ban on alcohol sales to reduce the volume of people needing emergency so hospitals have more beds to treat COVID-19 patients.

South Africa is also reinstating a nighttime curfew to reduce traffic accidents and has made it mandatory for all residents to wear face masks in public. In France, the government was

US schools back lawsuit over foreign student rule

By **COLLIN BINKLEY**
Associated Press

BOSTON — More than 200 universities are backing a legal challenge to the Trump administration's new restrictions on international students, arguing that the policy jeopardizes students' safety and forces schools to reconsider fall plans they have spent months preparing.

The schools have signed court briefs supporting Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as they sue U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in federal court in Boston. The lawsuit challenges a recently announced directive saying international students cannot stay in the U.S. if they take all their classes online this fall.

A judge is scheduled to hear arguments in the case on Tuesday. If the judge does not suspend the rule, colleges across the U.S. will have until Wednesday to notify ICE if they plan to be fully online this fall.

A brief filed Monday by 59 universities says the rule thwarts their plans into disarray with less than a month before some schools start the fall term. They challenged the policy's legal grounds and say it forces schools across the nation to "choose between opening their campuses regardless of the public health risks, or forcing their international students to leave the country."

The group includes all of Harvard's companions in the Ivy League and other prestigious schools including Stanford and Duke universities. They collectively enroll more than 213,000 international students, according to the brief.

"These students are core members of our institutions," the schools wrote. "They make valuable contributions to our classrooms, campuses and communities — contributions that have helped make American higher education the envy of the world."

The colleges are asking the court to block the rule as quickly as possible, saying it's already being used to turn students away. Last Wednesday, two days after the policy was announced, a DePaul University student was prevented from entering the country after arriving in San Francisco, according to the brief.

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3 countries set to launch spacecraft to Mars

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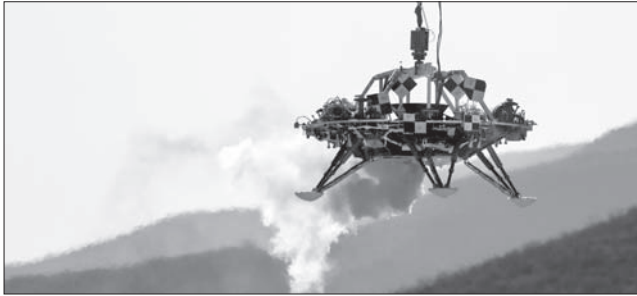
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Mars is about to be invaded by planet Earth — a big time.

Three countries — the United States, China and the United Arab Emirates — are sending unmanned spacecraft to the red planet in quick succession beginning this week, in the most sweeping effort yet to seek signs of ancient microscopic life while scouting out the place for future astronauts.

The U.S., for its part, is dispatching a six-wheeled rover the size of a car, named Perseverance, to collect rock samples that will be brought back to Earth for analysis in about a decade.

"Right now, more than ever, that name is so important," NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said as preparations went on amid the coronavirus outbreak, which will keep the launch guest list to a minimum.

Each spacecraft will travel more than 300 million miles before reaching Mars next February. It takes six to seven months, at the minimum, for a spacecraft to loop out beyond Earth's orbit and sync up with Mars' more dis-



Andy Wong/AP

This month, three countries are sending unmanned spacecraft to Mars. China tested its lander's hovering, obstacle avoidance and deceleration capabilities in Hualai, China, in November.

tant orbit around the sun.

Scientists want to know what Mars was like billions of years ago when it had rivers, lakes and oceans that may have allowed simple, tiny organisms to flourish before the planet morphed into the barren, wintry desert world it is today.

"Trying to confirm that life ex-

isted on another planet, it's a tall order. It has a very high burden of proof," said Perseverance's project scientist, Ken Farley of Caltech in Pasadena, Calif.

The three nearly simultaneous launches are no coincidence: The timing is dictated by the opening of a one-month window in which Mars and Earth are in ideal align-

ment on the same side of the sun, which minimizes travel time and fuel use. Such a window opens only once every 26 months.

The UAE spacecraft, named Amal, which is Arabic for Hope, is an orbiter scheduled to rocket away from Japan on Wednesday, local time, on what will be the Arab world's first interplanetary

mission. The spacecraft, built with the University of Colorado Boulder, will arrive at Mars in the year the UAE marks the 50th anniversary of its founding.

"The UAE wanted to send a very strong message to the Arab world," project manager Omran Sharaf said. "The message here is that if the UAE can reach Mars in less than 50 years, then you can do much more."

China will be up next, with the flight of a rover and an orbiter sometime around July 23. Chinese officials aren't divulging much. The mission is named Tianwen, or Questions for Heaven.

NASA, meanwhile, is shooting for a launch on July 30 from Cape Canaveral.

Perseverance's mission is seen by NASA as a comparatively low-risk way of testing out some of the technology that will be needed to send humans to the red planet and bring them home safely.

"Sort of crazy for me to call it low risk because there's a lot of hard work in it and there are billions of dollars in it," Farley said. "But compared to humans, if something goes wrong, you will be very glad you tested it out on a half-kilogram of rock instead of on the astronauts."

It's Trump's call on what the GOP convention will look like

By ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After months of insisting that the Republican National Convention go off as scheduled despite the pandemic, President Donald Trump is slowly coming to accept that the late August event will not be the four-night infomercial for his reelection that he had anticipated.

After a venue change, spiking coronavirus cases and a sharp recession, Trump aides and allies are increasingly questioning whether it's worth the trouble, and some are advocating that the convention be scrapped altogether. Conventions are meant to lay out a candidate's vision for the coming four years, not spark

months of intrigue over the health and safety of attendees, they have argued.

Ultimately, the decision on whether to move forward will be Trump's alone.

Already the 2020 event has seen a venue change — to more Trump-friendly territory in Jacksonville, Fla., from Charlotte, N.C. — and it has been drastically reduced in scope. For technical reasons, the convention will be unable to formally adopt a new party platform. And what is normally a highlight of the convention — the roll call of the states to renominate the president — is set to be conducted through proxy votes in the original host city.

Still, Trump and his aides had pinned their hopes on creating

the pageantry of a formal acceptance speech in Jacksonville, envisioning an arena of packed with supporters without face masks. Outwardly, the White House and the RNC have said they're full-steam ahead with the revised plan.

"We're still moving forward with Jacksonville," White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said last week. "It'll be a safe event. It will be a good event."

But privately, plans are being drawn up to further scale back the event or even shift it to entirely virtual. Officials who weeks ago had looked for the convention to be a celebration of the nation's vanquishing of the virus now see it as a potent symbol of the pan-

demetic persistence.

"There's a lot of people that want to do it. They want to be enthusiastic. But we can do that and we can do it safely," Donald Trump Jr. said. He told Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures" that "it's going to be an awesome event."

Jacksonville, whose mayor is a former Florida Republican Party chairman, issued a public mask order two weeks ago as virus cases in the area surged. That mandate is unlikely to be lifted before the convention. Also, Florida has limited facilities statewide to operating at 50% of capacity.

Organizers now plan to provide COVID-19 testing to all attendees daily, conduct frequent temperature checks and offer face cover-

ings. Even so, Trump aides and allies fear that the entire spectacle will be overshadowed by heightened concerns and already heightened media scrutiny on the potential for the convention to be a "super-spreading" event.

Key decisions about the event, including precisely where or if Trump will appear, need to be made in the coming days to allow sufficient time for the build-out of the space.

Increasingly, aides are pushing Trump to move his acceptance speech outdoors in order to minimize the risk of virus transmission. But Trump has expressed reservations about an outdoor venue, believing it would lack the same atmosphere as a charged arena.

From car ramblings to verbal tirades, videos capture spike in racist attacks

By MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE
Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — Bystander and victim videos of racist attacks have gone viral this month, particularly after President Donald Trump's Fourth of July address at Mount Rushmore.

Some of the perpetrators — including a Silicon Valley CEO — cited Trump, while others appeared emboldened by the president's rhetoric and tweets, which included his retweet of a supporter chanting "white power" and his own condemnation of Black Lives Matter as "a symbol of hate."

Several of the videos showed at-

tackers driving cars into crowds of protesters, resulting in memes that circulated online among opponents of the protests. They were an eerie reminder of a fatal attack by a driver on counterprotesters at a 2017 white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va.

One of the recent incidents followed the attempted lynching of a Black man near Bloomington, Ind., which is being investigated by the FBI as a hate crime.

According to Alexis Hoag, an inaugural practitioner-in-residence at the Eric H. Holder Jr. Initiative for Civil and Political Rights at Columbia University in New York,

we're in the midst of a historical moment akin to the backlash by white supremacists following desegregation and emancipation.

"It's being filmed; it's happening more often. Given the outspoken protests across the country and around the world in support of Black Lives Matter, what we're witnessing is this very violent backlash by people who harbor white supremacist views," said Hoag, a lecturer at Columbia Law School who has spent more than a decade as a civil rights and criminal defense lawyer.

Hoag said it was "no coincidence that these incidents are

clustered around July Fourth." She also said it's not a coincidence that the incidents followed Trump's appearance at Mount Rushmore, noting he also chose to stage his first campaign rally the day after Juneteenth in Tulsa, Okla., the site of a 1921 racist massacre in the once thriving "Black Wall Street."

Josh Lipowsky, a senior researcher at the New York-based nonprofit Counter Extremism Project, has focused on vehicular attacks on protesters recently.

"These vehicle ramblings have become a more common tactic being used against protesters in

general," he said. Lipowsky said the motives for some of the incidents have been unclear: Perhaps a driver accelerated at protesters accidentally, or was confronted by protesters.

But he said the message is clear in memes of such ramblings that he's collected, dating back to anti-police brutality protests in Ferguson, Mo., following the police killing of Michael Brown in 2014.

"The message being put forward with a lot of these memes is that the protesters are inconveniencing your lives," he said, and that "you have the right then to remove that impediment."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Mayor sues airline over dog bite on flight

CT BRIDGEPORT — Bridgeport's mayor is suing Delta Airlines over a dog bite he said he suffered on a flight.

A suit filed in state Superior Court alleges Mayor Joe Ganim was sitting in his seat on a Delta flight when he was bitten by a dog that was accompanying a boarding passenger.

The New Haven Register reported the suit alleges Ganim suffered "serious, severe, painful and permanent injuries" to his lower left leg and that he was forced to undergo a series of rabies shots because the airline didn't provide details on the dog's medical history or contact information for the animal's owner.

Deceased cat gets voter registration application

GA ATLANTA — In a presidential election year, there's always a push to get people registered to vote.

For one Atlanta family, that push got a little interesting.

Ron Tims said he checked his mail and found a voter registration application addressed to Cody Tims — his cat, who died 12 years ago.

"A great cat, indoor and outdoor, loved his family, loved his neighborhood. He was 18 and a half when he passed away," Carol Tims told WAGA-TV.

The Times were surprised, and a bit amused, when they saw what Cody received in the mail. The Secretary of State's Office said the application did not come from its office and that third-party groups often use mailing lists to get names and addresses.

If you're wondering how Cody would have voted if he could go to the polls, His owner said he was a Demo/CAT.

7-Eleven forgoes free Surpees amid pandemic

TX DALLAS — The coronavirus pandemic has taken away another summertime tradition in the U.S.: There were no free Surpees at 7-Elevens on July 11 to hail a date that doubles as an abbreviation of the convenience store chain's name.

"Eleven had been giving away its slushy beverage to all customers for nearly 20 years on July 11, but it scrapped the promotion this summer to reduce the risk of people flocking to its stores and risking contracting the coronavirus.

"Gathering nine million of our closest friends in stores on our day didn't feel right," said Marissa Jarratt, 7-Eleven's chief marketing officer.

The Dallas-based chain instead decided to donate 1 million meals to Feeding America, a hunger relief group.

Ex-town manager facing felony theft charges

MD SALISBURY — Law enforcement authorities are accusing the former manager of a town on Mary-



ANDREE KENN, (LEWISTON, MAINE) SUN JOURNAL/AP

Aiming for the win

Sabin Oliver searches for the last remaining human targets during a pickup game of airsoft in Auburn, Maine, on Sunday. Oliver is one of three friends who have been coordinating airsoft games in Auburn. Scenarios are created with participants drawing cards to learn their secret role in the game.

land's Eastern Shore of stealing more than \$100,000 from the community.

Deborah Hrusko is facing felony theft and misdemeanor embezzlement counts, the Daily Times of Salisbury reported. The Somerset County State's Attorney's Office accused Hrusko of stealing money earmarked for the Princess Anne town for about two years.

The newspaper reported authorities began investigating Hrusko in January when town staff became suspicious and alerted the Princess Anne Police Department. Court records show authorities have identified nearly 290 suspicious transactions connected to Hrusko.

DNA of foot found in a boot to be tested

MS NATCHEZ — A coroner said the Mississippi Crime Lab will test DNA from the remains of a human foot that was found inside a boot on the banks of the Mississippi River.

The boot with a bone in it was found near Natchez by workers from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

Adams County Coroner James Lee told the Natchez Democrat that he believes the remains could be from a person who has been missing from a boat accident that happened more than a year and a half ago. DNA from the foot will be compared to DNA from the missing person's parents.

THE CENSUS

\$114K

The amount an unopened copy of a vintage Super Mario Bros. video game was sold for in a Dallas auction. A bidder who wished to remain anonymous snapped up an early version of the pioneering Super Mario Bros. game released in 1985 for Nintendo's NES console during an auction conducted by Dallas-based Heritage Auctions' previous record amount for a video game, which was a \$100,150 bid made early last year for an unopened copy of the same game.

Officials find hundreds of counterfeit watches

IL CHICAGO — Nearly 200 counterfeit watches were found in late June and early July at a mail facility at O'Hare International Airport, federal authorities said.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the facility inspected the 175 parcels containing 193 watches due to incorrect manifests or X-ray anomalies, officials said.

An appraiser found the watches were counterfeit. Most of the copies claimed to have been made by Rolex. Suggested retail prices for authentic watches would total \$3.1 million.

167-year-old former textile mill up for sale

NH LACONIA — A 167-year-old mill building in New Hampshire that's on the National Register of Historic Places is going to be put up for sale.

The four-story, 13,000-square-

foot Busied Mill, former home to textile manufacturing and later electronic organs and clocks, will be offered for sale at nearly \$1.29 million, a real estate broker told The Laconia Daily Sun.

The mill and the nearby Belknap Mill were once part of a textile industry that employed 100,000 people throughout New England. Both were powered by the Winnepesaukee River and were saved when many historic structures were demolished in downtown Laconia in the 1960s.

Railroad museum opens for summer rides

SC WINNSBORO — The South Carolina Railroad Museum is reopening train rides for the summer.

Passengers will be able to book tickets online for rides, the museum said in a news release.

Passengers in the open-air coach cars or privately booked caboose trains will travel 10 miles through Fairfield County.

The trains will run at 50% capacity, the museum said. Added

safety precautions will include increased sanitation cleanings, and all of the volunteer staff will wear face masks. Passengers are not required to wear masks but are highly encouraged to do so, according to the news release.

The museum closed to the public due to the coronavirus pandemic in March.

2 arrested after fleeing police, crashing into cow

KS JEFFERSON COUNTY — Two people were arrested after fleeing from officers in northeast Kansas and crashing into a cow and a fence, authorities said.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said Skye Joe Covers Up, 18, of Mayetta and Santana Kay Noriega, 21, of Holton were arrested after the chase.

Morse said the cow that they hit with their car suffered two broken legs and was expected to be euthanized.

The chase began after a Jackson County Sheriff's deputy pulled over the Chevrolet Malibu that Covers Up was driving. Covers Up fled southeast into neighboring Jefferson County until the car struck spikes that officers deployed and crashed into a farm fence and struck the cow.

Covers Up and Noriega fled on foot after the crash. Noriega was arrested quickly, and Covers Up was arrested a couple hours later after a search of the area.

From wire reports

WORLD

UK launches new Brexit campaign

By DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — Brexit moved back to the front burner of British politics Monday, months after COVID-19 knocked it out of the headlines, with the government launching a new public information campaign to prepare the nation for departure.

Advertisements under “The U.K.’s new start: let’s get going” campaign will warn British tourists to get health insurance before traveling to the continent and offer advice on how to take pets abroad. Britons will also be warned to check the roaming policy of their

telephone provider.

Britain has technically left the European Union, but the U.K. and the EU gave themselves an 11-month “transition period” — in which the U.K. will continue to follow the bloc’s rules. That ends Dec. 31, when the country will leave the 27-nation bloc’s vast single market.

But much remains unclear. Talks with the EU on a new trade deal have bogged down amid wide differences on major issues including fishing rights and competition. With a deal, the U.K. faces tariffs and other barriers to business with the EU, its biggest trading partner.

The government is trying to prepare people for the moment when agreements on trade, security and a host of other areas will change. One notable change will be the end of the freedom to live and work anywhere across the EU, which is now comprised of 27 countries.

Home Secretary Priti Patel is set to announce details on how the U.K.’s new points-based immigration system will operate when it goes into effect.

The system is designed to cut the number of low-skilled migrants entering Britain from the beginning of next year but also aims to make it easier for higher-skilled workers to get U.K. visas.

Thousands in Russia protest governor’s jailing

MOSCOW — Thousands of protesters gathered Monday for a third straight day of massive protests in Russia’s far east against the jailing of a provincial governor accused of involvement in multiple murders.

Demonstrators in Khabarovsk on the border with China have rejected the charges against Gov. Sergei Furgal as a sham and denounced the federal authorities.

The protests reflected widespread anger over the arrest of the popular governor and a simmering discontent with the Kremlin’s policies.

The Investigative Committee, the nation’s main criminal investigation agency, said Furgal is accused of involvement in the murders of several businessmen in the region and nearby territories in 2004 and 2005.

Allegation details emerge as Seoul mayor mourned

SEOUL, South Korea — Mourners wept and deeply bowed before the coffin of Seoul’s mayor during his funeral Monday, while a lawyer came forward with details about sexual harassment allegations against the late politician.

The allegations have split many in South Korea over how to remember Park Won-soon, who was found dead Friday in a wooded area in northern Seoul.

Lawyer Kim Jae-ryon said one of Park’s former secretaries said that Park sent her messages and photos that involved “sexual harassment” and that she showed those to some of her friends, colleagues and a local journalist.

German police seek man who disarmed 4 officers

BERLIN — German authorities have deployed hundreds of police in the hunt for a 31-year-old man who disarmed four officers at gunpoint, officials said Monday.

Police in the southwestern city of Offenburg said that officers are combing through rough forested terrain with the support of sniffer dogs and helicopters.

Authorities took the unusual step of naming the suspect as Yves Etienne Rausch, warning that he is carrying several firearms and known to be violent.

Police conducted an ID check on Rausch near the Black Forest town of Oppenau early Sunday during which he initially cooperated but then suddenly pulled a gun on officers, threatening them and forcing them to hand over their service weapons.

From The Associated Press

China sanctions US officials in retaliation for Xinjiang measures

Associated Press

BEIJING — China said Monday it will impose sanctions on three U.S. lawmakers and one ambassador in response to similar actions taken by the U.S. last week against Chinese officials over alleged human rights abuses against Muslims in the Xinjiang region.

U.S. Sens. Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz, Rep. Chris Smith and Ambassador for Religious Freedom Sam Brownback were targeted, as was the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. The four have been critical of the ruling Communist Party’s policies toward minority groups and people of faith.

Foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said the U.S. move had “seriously damaged China-U.S. relations” and that China was determined to uphold its national sovereignty against what it sees as interference in its internal affairs.

“China will respond further according to the development of the situation,” Hua said.

She did not spell out the sanctions beyond saying they would correspond to the American ones. The U.S. prohibited any property transactions by Americans with four senior Chinese officials and barred three of them from entering the U.S.

There was no indication that any of the sanctioned Americans had plans to travel to China.

The sanctioned Chinese officials include Chen Quanguo, who

heads the northwestern region of Xinjiang, where more than 1 million members of Muslim minority groups have been incarcerated in what China terms de-radicalization and retraining centers.

Critics have likened the camps to prisons to which inmates are sentenced with little due process and where they are compelled to denounce their religion, language and culture and pledge allegiance to the Communist Party and its leader, Xi Jinping. An Associated Press investigation has also discovered allegations that women in Xinjiang’s predominantly native Uighur ethnic group were forced to use birth control or undergo involuntary sterilizations.

Ties between China and the U.S. have deteriorated steadily over the coronavirus pandemic, human rights, Beijing policy toward Hong Kong and trade. The Trump administration has also slapped visa bans on Chinese officials deemed responsible for barring foreigners’ access to Tibet, along with those seen as enforcing a clampdown on civil rights in Hong Kong.

Despite such moves, former national security adviser John Bolton has alleged in a new book that Trump told Xi he was right to build detention camps in Xinjiang.

Additional visa restrictions are being placed on other Communist Party officials believed to be responsible for, or complicit in, the detention or abuse of Uighurs, Kazakhs and members of other minority groups.



TVNZ Pool/AP

Brenton Harrison Tarrant appears via video link March 26 in Christchurch, New Zealand. Tarrant will represent himself at his sentencing next month.

New Zealand mosque gunman to represent self at sentencing

Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The Australian white supremacist who admitted killing 51 worshippers in a mass shooting at two New Zealand mosques has also dismissed his lawyers and will represent himself when he is sentenced next month.

Brenton Harrison Tarrant had pleaded guilty in March to 51 charges of murder, 40 of attempted murder and one charge of engaging in a terrorist act for the shootings targeting people praying at the two mosques in the city of Christchurch in 2019.

His sentencing hearing, delayed by the coronavirus pandemic, is scheduled to begin in Christchurch on Aug. 24 and could last more than three days. The date was confirmed at a High Court session in Christchurch on Monday that was attended by


some shooting survivors.

Tarrant’s defense team, lawyers Shane Tait and Jonathan Hudson, applied during Monday’s hearing for permission to withdraw as his counsel. They told the court they had been instructed by Tarrant to withdraw as he wishes to exercise his right to represent himself.

Tarrant participated in Monday’s proceedings by video link from the Auckland jail. Justice Cameron Mander approved Tarrant’s request to dismiss his lawyers, saying he was satisfied he understood his right to legal representation and wished to waive that right.

A lawyer will still be appointed by the court to provide advice if Tarrant requests it.

Tarrant faces life imprisonment, with the judge having some discretion in deciding how many years Tarrant must serve before becoming eligible for parole.

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WORLD

Conservative Polish president wins 2nd term in close race

By VANESSA GERA
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Polish President Andrzej Duda, a conservative who ran a campaign with homophobic and anti-Semitic overtones, narrowly won a second five-year term in a bitterly fought weekend election, defeating the liberal Warsaw mayor, according to a near-complete count of votes.

Duda's supporters celebrated what they saw as a clear mandate from voters for him and the right-wing ruling party that backs him, Law and Justice, to continue on a path that has reduced poverty but raised concerns that democracy is under threat.

Critics and human rights groups expressed concerns that Duda's victory would boost illiberal tendencies not only at home but also within the European

Union, which has struggled to halt an erosion of rule of law in Hungary under Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

Zselyke Csaky, an expert on central Europe with the human rights group Freedom House, said Duda's victory gives the party "essentially free rein" until parliamentary elections in 2023 "to do away with limits on its power and work toward destroying Poland's independent institutions, such as the judiciary or the media."

The state electoral commission said Duda had 51.21% of the vote based on a count of votes from 99.97% districts. His opponent, Rafal Trzaskowski, trailed with 48.79% of the vote.

Final results, expected later Monday, could vary slightly, but Duda's lead appeared unassailable.



CLAUDIO FURLAN, LA/PRESSE/AP

Moveable flood gates rise from the sea in the Venice lagoon, Italy, on Friday.

Venice puts flood barriers to the test

Associated Press

ROME — Venice has conducted a trial run of an ambitious anti-flood system of 78 inflatable barriers in the hopes of protecting the lagoon city from devastating high tides.

Premier Giuseppe Conte on Friday at a ceremony in Venice pressed a button that activated compressors to begin pumping air into the bright yellow bars-

riers, which then started rising from the sea to act as a kind of a dike-on-demand.

The project, riddled by corruption, was supposed to be working in 2011. Now the latest date is 2021, but Conte expressed hope it could be ready by this autumn. In November 2019, Venice suffered its worst flooding in more than 50 years.

The project's name, Moses, recalls the Biblical figure who,

Old Testament recounts, parted the waters of the Red Sea. But it also is the Italian acronym for Experimental Electromechanical Modules.

The moveable flood gates are attached by hinges to cement blocks on the seabed along three openings from the sea into the lagoon. After high-tide danger ceases, sea water is pumped into the gates to make them heavy so they can be lowered.

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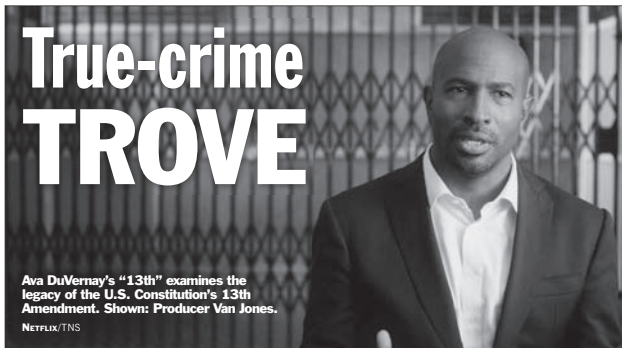
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Ava DuVernay's "13th" examines the legacy of the U.S. Constitution's 13th Amendment. Shown: Producer Van Jones.

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Finished 'Tiger King'? Try these nonfiction films

By Chris Hewitt
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

To save repetition, let's just stipulate that "shocking" describes every true-crime movie on this list. Lots of excellent documentaries examine crimes, but, in my mind, a true-crime doc only pops if the crime is front and center.

The Holocaust was criminal, for instance, but the many fine nonfiction films about it belong to a different category.

As shown in HBO's current true-crime series, "I'll Be Gone in the Dark," these are the kinds of stories that lead to obsessively tweeting about "Tiger King" (I have not seen it, but, in any case, I'm only including feature films) or, in pre-social media days, jamming message boards with theories.

Given our fascination with crime, there's no surprise it features in so many nonfiction films, but it is surprising it took Hollywood so long to take notice. Academy Awards have been handed out for documentary features since 1942, but no true-crime doc won until six decades later ("Murder on a Sunday Morning"). Trophies almost always went to World War II-themed documentaries before Oscar shifted its attention to nature films and then biographies, including 1957 winner "Albert Schweitzer," by St. Paul native Jerome Hill.

In keeping with an organization that has usually favored safer over risk, Oscar does avoided controversy until the anti-Vietnam film "Hearts and Minds" won in 1974. An inspiring portrait continues to be the clearest path to awards — think of Muhammad Ali in "When We Were Kings" or last year's daredevil mountain climber in "Free Solo" — but Oscar has begun to reward compelling filmmaking, not just compelling topics.

Recently, documentaries have become more open to experiments that get at deeper truths. It's exhilarating to see documentarians explore the possibilities of animation ("Waltz with Bashir"), re-enactments of events that weren't captured on film ("Man on Wire"), surreal storytelling ("The Act of Killing"), autobiography ("Faces Places") and personal essay ("Minding the Gap").

Those experiments demonstrate that there's no limit to what a documentary can do. These true-crime titles demonstrate there's also no limit to the peculiarity of the human experience.

'Dear Zachary' (2008)

Warning: It's a gut punch. Director Kurt Kuenne originally intended the film, now on YouTube, for an audience of one: a baby named Zachary who never knew his dad. He was murdered by Zachary's mother, who fled to Canada, launching a jaw-dropping sequence of events that ended in tragedy and, ultimately, near Canadian laws.

'Paradise Lost' trilogy (1996-2011)

The story of the West Memphis Three has been told in numerous films and books, but these movies, which follow the quest of three high schoolers for supposedly satanic murders in Arkansas,

were there from the beginning. Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky went deep, following multiple bad leads and false witnesses until the trail led to the truth.

'Murder on a Sunday Morning' (2001)

The only true-crime documentary Oscar winner is surprisingly obscure, given the phenomenon that was director Jean-Xavier Lestrade's next project, twisty true-crime series "The Staircase." Equally gripping, "Sunday Morning" is tidier — when it's over, you know what happened when a Jacksonville, Fla., tourist was murdered — but also turns on issues of truth and subjectivity.

'Leap of Faith' (2004)

Its startling intimacy comes from the fact that much of the footage was shot by the participants, who were hesitant to share their story. Ultimately, all is revealed in a conflict that comes to a head when a man, abused by a Roman Catholic priest when he was a teenager, realizes that not only has the priest escaped justice, but he's his neighbor.

'13th' (2016)

Ava DuVernay's best film, currently free on YouTube, is this disturbing look at the legacy of the U.S. Constitution's 13th Amendment. Unlike others on this list, it doesn't concern one specific crime, but "13th" convincingly argues that, in a way, slavery never ended, continuing to the present with mass incarceration and an unfair justice system. Historian Kevin Gannon is one of many who argue that racism in America is a crime: "If we are Black, we are the products of history that our ancestors did not choose." The subjects include the Central Park Five, later the protagonists of DuVernay's "When They See Us."

'The Thin Blue Line' (1988)

Often pointed to as an example of the power of movies, Errol Morris' classic led to the release of Randall Adams, who had been wrongly convicted of the murder of a police officer. Weaving interviews and re-enactments while accelerating the pace of the story, Morris' film is a tense, provocative thriller — and it wasn't even the movie he planned to make. Morris stumbled on the case while researching what would eventually become his "Dr. Death."

'Tower' (2016)

My favorite of a very narrow subgenre of nonfiction films, animated documentaries, is this hypnotic one about shootings at the University of Texas in 1966. A gunman positioned himself in an observation deck and took aim at students and faculty, which this poetic film captures, with a special emphasis on the heroes who helped some people survive and others avoid danger. The animation is simple, beautiful and a unique solution for depicting events that left little video evidence.

Great White apologizes for mask-less show in ND

Associated Press

Metal band Great White has apologized for performing at an outdoor North Dakota concert where the crowd didn't wear masks despite the ongoing threat of the coronavirus.

The band drew criticism on social media after the performance July 6 in Dickinson, in the southwest of the state. Spin magazine posted video showing the crowd packed in and not wearing face masks.

"We have had the luxury of hindsight and we would like to apologize to those who disagreed with our decision to fulfill our contractual agreement. The promoter and staff were nothing but professional and assured us of the safety precautions," Great White said in a statement July 8. The band is best known for its version of "Once Bitten, Twice Shy."

Actress Kelly Preston dies at 57

Kelly Preston, who played dramatic and comic foil to actors ranging from Tom Cruise in "Jerry Maguire" to Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Twins," died Sunday, husband John Travolta said. She was 57.

Travolta said in an Instagram post that his wife of 28 years died after a two-year battle with breast cancer.

"It is with a very heavy heart that I inform you that my beautiful wife Kelly has lost her two-year battle with breast cancer," Travolta said. "She fought a courageous fight with the love and support of so many."

The couple had three children together.

Preston had a lengthy acting career in movies and television, starting opposite Kevin Costner in the 1999 film "For the Love of the Game." In 2003, she starred in "What a Girl Wants" and as the mom in the live-action adaptation of "The Cat in the Hat."

She also occasionally appeared in films with her husband, as they did in the box-office bomb "Battered Earth" in 2000.

Tucker Carlson writer resigns from Fox news

Tucker Carlson's top writer has resigned from Fox News after secretly posting racist and sexist remarks online.

CNN reported July 7 that writer Blake Neff used a pseudonym to write bigoted comments about Black and Asian people, as well as women, on the online forum AutoAdmit.

Neff began working on "Tucker Carlson Tonight" in 2016 and was known as Carlson's top writer. Neff previously worked as a reporter for the right-wing news outlet The Daily Caller, which Carlson co-founded.

Fox News executives on July 8 said they condemned Neff's "horrendous and deeply offensive" comments.

They want to make abundantly clear that Fox News Media

strongly condemns this horrific racist, misogynistic and homophobic behavior," Fox News Media CEO Suzanne Scott and President Jay Wallace said in a memo to staffers.

Brooklyn Beckham is engaged to actress

Brooklyn Beckham, son of retired soccer superstar David Beckham and fashion designer Victoria Beckham, and American actress Nicola Peltz have announced they're engaged. Beckham and Peltz both posted the news on their Instagram accounts July 8.

Brooklyn Beckham is the eldest of David and Victoria Beckham's four children. Peltz's film credits include "The Last Airborne" and "Transformers: Age of Extinction."

Actor Armie Hammer, wife separate

Actor Armie Hammer and wife Elizabeth Chambers are splitting up after 10 years of marriage and 15 years together. Both parties posted the same message on their respective Instagram accounts July 7, writing that they have decided to "turn the page and move on" from the marriage.

The couple share a 5-year-old daughter, Harper, and a 3-year-old son, Ford.

Hammer, 33, is known for his work in "The Social Network" and "Call Me By Your Name." Chambers, 37, is a television personality and journalist.

Elvis Presley grandson dies at age 27

The son of Lisa Marie Presley has died. He was 27. TMZ reports that Benjamin Keough died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound Sunday in Calabasas, Calif. He is the grandson of the late Elvis Presley.

Lisa Marie Presley had Keough and actress Riley Keough, 31, with her former husband Danny Keough. She also had twins from another marriage.

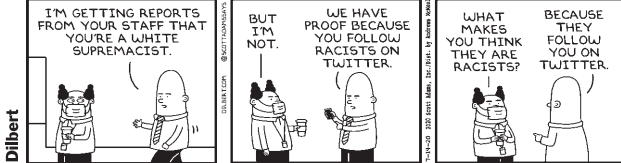
Record label announces rapper Lil Marlo's death

The rap artist known as Lil Marlo has died, his record label said Sunday.

Quality Control Music announced the death of Rudolph "Marlo" Johnson in a social media post, saying he will be remembered as "a man of great talent who feared nothing."

A statement from the Atlanta Police Department says a man named Rudolph Johnson was killed in what investigators believe was a targeted shooting.

Officers responded to a single-car wreck on Interstate 285 in Atlanta at about 11:30 p.m. July 8 and found the driver, later identified as Johnson, dead inside his vehicle, the statement said. Investigators believe Johnson was shot while driving.



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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 - 8 Fine spray
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 - 15 Sax range
 - 16 President after Hayes
 - 18 Reformist Amela
 - 20 Concepts
 - 21 — de deux
 - 22 Away from NNW
 - 23 Top invitees
 - 26 President after Kennedy
 - 30 Meadow
 - 31 "You've got mail" co.
 - 32 Half of CXII
 - 33 President after Buchanan
 - 36 "Cuts Like a Knife" singer
 - 38 Texter's "Wow!"
 - 39 Sticky stuff
 - 40 Impish
 - 43 Difficulty
 - 47 President after Harding
 - 49 Lacking slack
 - 50 Monster
 - 51 Long of "Soul Food"
 - 52 Witty Bombeck
- DOWN**
- 13 Luau souvenir
 - 14 Astern
 - 15 Agents, for short
 - 16 "Coming Home"
 - 17 Devious
 - 18 Eggs
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 - 21 Wound, as a spring
 - 22 Gangster's honey
 - 23 Suffice — say ...
 - 24 Ice cream servings
 - 25 Bating prac-tice areas
 - 26 Tale teller
 - 27 Goo up
 - 28 Lass
 - 29 "Got it"
 - 30 Actress Ward
 - 31 Tiny amounts
 - 32 Go angling
 - 33 Wrestling surface
 - 34 Fa follower
 - 35 The whole enchilada
 - 36 Scary cry
 - 37 Wi-Fi supplier
 - 38 Like Gatsby
 - 39 Nobel Prize subj.
 - 40 Theater box
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 - 42 End-of-wk. cry
 - 43 Naked
 - 44 Sugar unit
 - 45 Greek vowels
 - 46 "CSI" find

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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OPINION

Trump puts on a mask, and it's a good look

By KAREN TUMULTY
 The Washington Post

President Donald Trump finally wore a face mask! In public! This development came more than three months after his own administration recommended that all Americans wear masks in situations where social distancing is not possible.

Granted, wearing one should have been a no-brainer, given that Trump was visiting Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, a facility full of vulnerable patients and front-line health care workers. Also, that it is Defense Department workplace policy to "mandate use of cloth face coverings in situations where social distancing is difficult to maintain."

But as recently as late April, Vice President Mike Pence ignored similar policies when he visited the Mayo Clinic and refused to put on a mask.

Trump's decision to wear one came as the number of COVID-19 cases is spiking in many states. On Saturday, there were nearly 63,000 new ones. The death toll since February has topped 131,000. Public opinion of the president's handling of the crisis continues to decline, with only one-third approving of it in the latest ABC News-Ipsos poll, further endangering his reelection chances.

Meanwhile, governors — including in red states — are urging their citizens to wear masks as a means of bringing the spread under control. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, on July 2 issued an executive order that residents of nearby areas in the state cover their noses and mouths when they are out in public, or face a fine of up to \$250.

But Trump has reportedly told aides that

he feared following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines would make him look weak and "unpresidential." He mocked his poll-leading rival, presumptive Democratic nominee and former Vice President Joe Biden, for wearing a mask that was nearly identical (minus the presidential seal) to the one that Trump finally put on Saturday.

The praise that Trump got from his campaign staff for belatedly covering his face is the kind of positive reinforcement that any parent who has ever tried to toilet train a stubborn toddler knows well.

His campaign manager Brad Parscale tweeted a photo of Trump in his mask and added a hashtag: #AmericaFirst. Erin Perrine, a spokesperson, blasted out another message on Twitter feed and added: "Rocking a mask like a boss." From Jason Miller, a senior adviser to the campaign, came yet another with the prediction: "Joe Biden is finished."

If such fatuousness is what it takes to get the president of the United States to behave as a role model during a deadly crisis, go for it.

Maybe some of his supporters will begin to understand that the virus has no ideology. Our smartest scientists are still learning about this disease, and their recommendations have evolved over the past months. Eventually — and let's hope it is soon — there will be a vaccine. But for now, sensible policies such as social distancing, frequent hand-washing and, yes, covering our faces are the best means we have for protecting ourselves and others and for stemming the spread of the new coronavirus to the point where the economy can reopen and stay that way.

Perhaps now that Trump has put on a

mask, we may see fewer of those videos that are popping up all over social media in which customers are having temper tantrums in Costco and Target, claiming their freedoms are under assault by store policies that mandate masks. Maybe more people might even start wearing them to the superspreader campaign rallies that Trump remains determined to hold.

Trump has a bit of a history when it comes to being a fashion style-setter. When I interviewed him shortly before the inauguration in 2017, he recalled with pride how the red "Make America Great Again" hats that he personally designed became the emblem of his first presidential campaign. "I didn't know it was going to catch on like it did. It's been amazing," he said. "The blue I guess is the biggest symbol, wouldn't you say?"

He was thrilled when even The New York Times Style section did a feature on them — during Fashion Week, no less. "In the Style section, it was the ornament — what do you call that? — an accessory. They said the accessory of the year. You know the hat. You'd see people going to the fanciest balls at the Waldorf Astoria wearing red hats," he said.

That wasn't exactly true. The Times had called them "the ironic must-have fashion accessory of the summer." Ashley Parker, now my colleague at The Washington Post, wrote that they were favored by hipsters for their "uncanny ability to capture the current absurdist political moment."

By whatever I'm hoping that, this summer, Trump will once again ignite a trend. Truth be told, he looked pretty good in that mask.

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Reminder for Dems: Politics won't stop after November

By STUART ROTHENBERG
 CQ Roll Call

Democrats' near-term opportunities shouldn't obscure the longer-term problems the party faces.

First, from the time of his likely election in November and his inauguration in January, President Joe Biden will find himself under attack not only from the GOP but also from elements within his own party.

It isn't that the Democrats "AOC wing," under the leadership of Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts will dictate the party's positions to Biden. That's just ridiculous. Biden isn't an amateur who just fell off a rutabaga truck.

But progressives are sure to complain (no matter what Biden does) that he hasn't done enough, almost guaranteeing a fissure in the Democratic Party.

After eight years of Barack Obama and four years of Donald Trump, progressives are impatient and want dramatic change sooner rather than later. Recent events obviously have played into their hands, which will be stronger in 2021.

Second, a Biden victory will almost immediately draw attention to the 2022 midterms.

Reapportionment and redistricting could help House Democrats, as could initiatives to make voting easier nationally. But even with that, the House could well be in play in 2022. That's what tends to happen to the president's party. The angry, disappointed and frustrated turn out during midterm balloting to express their displeasure.

With Trump out of the picture, swing voters, college-educated whites and suburbanites could easily move back to the GOP if the economy is weak or if Biden appears ineffective. Minority voters could lose enthusiasm. That would create a noticeably different national political dynamic from the one we see now.

Third, while the Senate class of 2022 looks like a juicy target for Democrats, that could also change with their party controlling the White House.

Three Democratic senators might well see their seats in play: Michael Bennet in Colorado, Catherine Cortez Masto in Nevada and quite possibly Mark Kelly in Arizona (assuming he wins a special election this year).

At least seven GOP Senate seats would start off as vulnerable, but Democratic control of the White House, and normal midterm trends, might undermine that party's takeover prospects in all or most of those states: Florida (Marco Rubio), Georgia (whoever wins the 2020 special), Iowa (Chuck Grassley), North Carolina (Richard Burr), Ohio (Rob Portman), Pennsylvania (Pat Toomey) and Wisconsin (Ron Johnson).

Retirements could improve Democratic chances, of course, depending on how strong the political current will be for one party or the other.

Most or all of those GOP Senate seats would be at risk if Donald Trump were still in the White House and Republican incumbents were on the ballot during a second Trump midterm election. But with Biden as the sitting president, the dynamics would be much more favorable for the GOP.

That isn't to say that Democrats couldn't win some (or even many) of those seats. But the challenge for them would be much greater with a Democrat in the White House, particularly if they control the presidency and both chambers of Congress.

Obviously, Democrats could benefit during the midterms from a changing electorate. The country is becoming less white and more diverse, and younger voters seem to have new priorities. At the same time, the GOP has shown little ability to broaden its coalition or appeal to voters of color.

Changing demographics in a handful of key states, including Texas and Georgia, could also change the arithmetic of the House and Senate, once again helping Democrats.

Finally, it is difficult to see Trump, or other members of the Trump family, simply slinking away after a 2020 defeat. His continued presence — and inevitably controversial tweets — could give Democrats a target and a way to make the midterm election more about Trump and Republican allegiance to him than about Biden.

Obviously, Democrats can't be too concerned about 2022 at this point. Biden leads Trump comfortably right now, but it is almost four months until November.

Still, it's worth noting that in the rash of articles about the GOP's fundamental problems, the 2022 dynamic could be dramatically different. Democrats can't assume that winning this November would mean much, if at all.

Indeed, a stinging defeat in November might well convince Republicans that a change in course is in order.

Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons



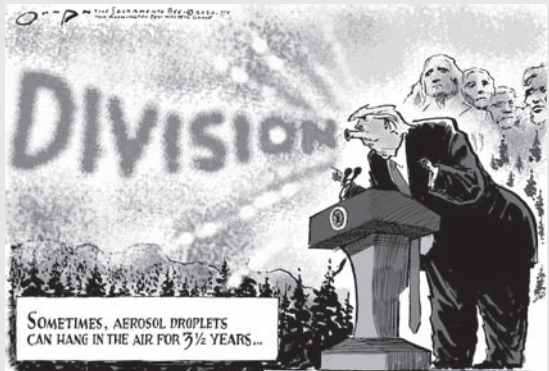
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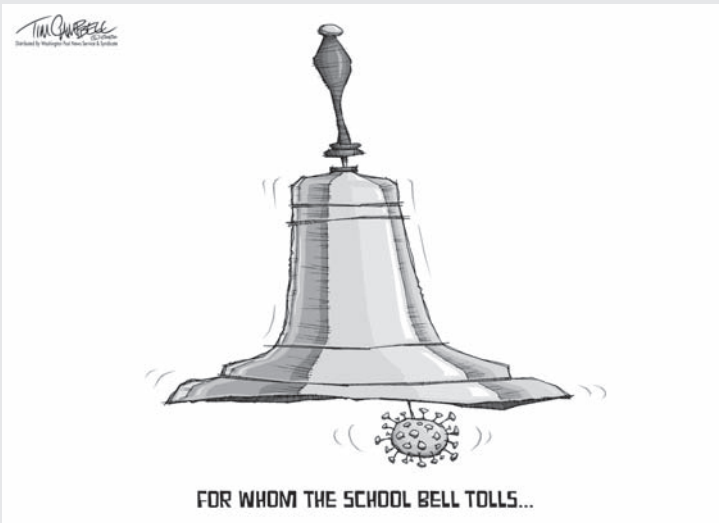
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Auto racing

Quaker State 400 NASCAR Cup Series Sunday

- At Kentucky Speedway Sparta, Ky.**
Lead length: 130 miles (Start position in parentheses)
20. (1) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 267, 42.
 19. (10) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 267, 43.
 - (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 267, 38.
 18. (2) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 267, 35.
 - (6) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 267, 46.
 - (24) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 267, 30.
 - (4) Aric Almirola, Ford, 267, 39.
 17. (8) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267, 37.
 - (20) Taylor Tidwell, Chevrolet, 267, 21.
 - (11) William Byron, Chevrolet, 267, 27.
 - (12) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 267, 25.
 - (19) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 24.
 16. (13) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 267, 25.
 - (17) Joey Logano, Ford, 267, 33.
 - (15) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 21.
 - (19) Ryan Newman, Ford, 267, 20.
 - (20) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 267, 22.
 - (6) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 267, 27.
 - (13) Chris Buescher, Ford, 267, 17.
 - (11) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 267, 16.
 - (22) Erik Jones, Toyota, 267, 16.
 - (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 267, 23.
 - (30) Michael McDowell, Ford, 267, 13.
 - (5) Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 267, 11.
 - (7) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 267, 11.
 - (18) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 265, 10.
 - (28) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 264, 9.
 - (29) Jeffrey Strouse, Jr., Chevrolet, 264, 8.
 - (16) J.J. Yeley, Ford, 260, 0.
 - (31) Brennan Noak, Chevrolet, 259, 6.
 - (26) Josh Billetz, Chevrolet, 257, 0.
 - (25) G. Michael Bell, Chevrolet, 257, 0.
 - (34) Joey Goossens, Chevrolet, 257, 0.
 - (32) John H. Nemechek, Ford, accident, 248, 0.
 - (38) Timmy Hill, Toyota, electrical, 170, 0.
 - (32) Ryan Prece, Chevrolet, electrical, 159, 1.

Time of Race: 2 hours, 59 minutes, 49 seconds
Margin of Victory: 271 seconds.
Caution Flags: 0 for 42 laps.
Lead Changes: 13 among 9 drivers.

Lead Leaders: Kyle Busch 0-9; A. Almirola 10-17; R. Blaney 136-149; M. DiBenedetto 150; B. Keselowski 151-150; M. Truex 181-182; J. Logano 183-184; W. Byron 221-222; W. Byron 228-231; M. Truex 232-248; R. Blaney 249-254; K. Harvick 255-265.

Riders Summary (Times, Drivers, Laps):
 M. Truex, 3 times for 57 laps; B. Keselowski, 2 times for 55 laps; R. Blaney, 2 times for 54 laps; K. Harvick, 1 time for 1 lap; Kyle Busch, 1 time for 9 laps; C. Buescher, 2 times for 10 laps; M. DiBenedetto, 1 time for 1 lap.

Golf

Workday Charity Open PGA Tour Sunday

- At Muirfield Village Golf Club Dublin, Ohio**
Purses: \$5.5 million
Yardage: 7,456; Par: 72
- Final Round**
Collin Morikawa won in a playoff with Justin Thomas
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|---------------------|-------------|-----|----|
| C. Morikawa, 115 | 66-66-66-66 | 269 | 19 |
| J. Thomas, 67 | 66-66-69-69 | 269 | 19 |
| A. Sorenstam, 68 | 66-69-69-69 | 269 | 19 |
| C. Seifert, 300 | 88-69-70-67 | 274 | 14 |
| J. Ohnuki, 297 | 68-69-69-70 | 276 | 12 |
| T. Woodbridge, 69 | 70-69-69-69 | 279 | 9 |
| P. Cantlay, 316 | 70-72-70-65 | 277 | 11 |
| M. Homa, 69 | 71-70-67-67 | 277 | 11 |
| R. Henrich, 316 | 70-70-67-67 | 277 | 11 |
| S. Burdick, 308 | 74-68-69-67 | 278 | 10 |
| M. Horschel, 316 | 70-70-67-67 | 277 | 11 |
| Matt Jonyh, 316 | 70-70-67-67 | 277 | 11 |
| S. Kim, 316 | 70-70-67-67 | 277 | 11 |
| S. Sandys, 311 | 70-70-67-67 | 277 | 11 |
| S. Sepp Straka, 311 | 70-70-67-67 | 277 | 11 |
| S. Burdick, 308 | 74-68-69-67 | 278 | 10 |
| Stewart Cink, 388 | 72-69-68-70 | 279 | 9 |
| Talor Gooch, 388 | 71-68-71-69 | 279 | 9 |
| Adam Scott, 388 | 70-70-69-69 | 279 | 9 |
| R. Sabbatini, 388 | 69-68-69-73 | 279 | 9 |
| M. Durr, 393 | 73-69-65-73 | 280 | 8 |

Deals

Sunday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball American League
NEW YORK YANKEES - Placed LHP Arlos Chapman on the 10-day IL.
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS - Placed 2B Luis Uribe and LHP Eric Lauger on the 10-day IL.

Wins: K. Harvick, 4; D. Hamlin, 4; B. Keselowski, 2; J. Logano, 2; R. Blaney, 1; C. Elliott, 1; M. Truex, 1; A. Bowman, 1; C. Buescher, 1.

Top 16 in Points: 1. K. Harvick, 675; 2. B. Keselowski, 587; 3. R. Blaney, 580; 4. Elliott, 575; 5. J. Logano, 564; 6. D. Hamlin, 553; 7. M. Truex, 543; 8. A. Almirola, 504; 9. A. Bowman, 486; 10. Kyle Busch, 492; 11. Kyle Busch, 477; 12. M. DiBenedetto, 456; 13. C. Buescher, 452; 14. W. Byron, 418; 15. J. Johnson, 412; 16. A. Dillon, 388.

REV Group Grand Prix at Road America

IndyCar Sunday
At Road America, Plymouth, WI
Lead length: 401.4 miles (Start position in parentheses)

- (1) Felix Rosenqvist, Dallara-Honda, 55, 19.
- (1) Pat O'Ward, Dallara-Honda, 55, 19.
- (2) Alex Palou, Dallara-Honda, 55, 19.
- (2) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 55, 19.
- (12) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 55, 19.
- (10) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, 19.
- (13) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, 19.
- (11) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, 19.
- (12) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, 19.
- (12) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, 19.
- (15) Matt Chilton, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, 19.
- (16) Jack Harvey, Dallara-Honda, 55, 19.
- (9) Jack Harvey, Dallara-Honda, 55, 19.
- (20) Conor Daly, Dallara-Chevrolet, 55, 19.
- (20) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 54, 19.
- (20) Matt Kilett, Dallara-Chevrolet, 54, 19.
- (20) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 53, 19.
- (22) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 53, 19.
- (23) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 53, 19.

Time of Race: 1 hour, 51:22.0391.
Margin of Victory: 2:8699 seconds.
Cautions: 2 for 14 laps.

Lead Leaders: O'Ward 1-14; Rosenqvist 15-19; W. Byron 20-23; M. Truex 24-28; Rosenqvist 29-29; O'Ward 30-40; Rosenqvist 41-42; W. Byron 43-53; Rosenqvist 54-55.
Points: Dixon, 53; O'Ward 110, Pagenaud 110, Newgarden 106, Ericsson 85, Power 82, Rosenqvist 85, Rahal 88, Ferrucci 87.

Speed of Race Winner: 118.942 mph.
Margin of Victory: 01:51:22.0391.
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Pro soccer

MLS is Back tournament

At Orlando, Fla.
Group A - Eastern Conference

Group Stage	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Orlando City	1	0	0	1	0	3
Philadelphia	0	1	0	1	1	1
Inter Miami	0	1	0	1	2	0
New York Red Bulls	0	0	1	0	0	0

Group B - Western Conference

Group Stage	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
San Jose	0	0	1	0	0	0
Chicago	0	0	1	0	0	0
Vancouver	0	0	1	0	0	0

Group C - Eastern Conference

Group Stage	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
New England	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.C. United	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group D - Western Conference

Group Stage	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Real Salt Lake	1	0	0	2	0	3
Minnesota United	1	0	0	2	0	3
LA Galaxy	0	1	0	1	1	1
Colorado	0	0	1	0	2	0

Group E - Eastern Conference

Group Stage	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Columbus	1	0	0	1	0	3
New York Red Bulls	1	0	0	1	0	3
Atlanta United	0	1	0	1	1	1
LA Galaxy	0	0	1	0	0	0

Group F - Western Conference

Group Stage	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland	0	0	0	0	0	0

Wednesday, July 8
 Orlando City 2, Inter Miami CF 1
Thursday, July 9
 Philadelphia 1, New York City FC 0
 New England 1, Toronto FC 0
Friday, July 10
 Seattle 0, San Jose 0
Saturday, July 11
 New York 1, Atlanta 0
 Cincinnati 0, Cincinnati 0
Sunday, July 12
 Minnesota 2, Sporting Kansas City 1
 Real Salt Lake 2, Colorado 0
 Toronto vs D.C. United, p.d.
Monday, July 13
 Los Angeles FC vs. Houston
 LA Galaxy vs. Portland
Tuesday, July 14
 Chicago vs. Seattle
 Orlando City vs. New York City FC
Wednesday, July 15
 Montreal vs. Toronto
 Vancouver vs. San Jose
Thursday, July 16
 Atlanta United vs. Cincinnati
 LA Galaxy vs. Portland
 Columbus vs. New York Red Bulls
Friday, July 17
 Sporting KC vs. Minnesota United
 Real Salt Lake vs. Minnesota United
Saturday, July 18
 Portland vs. Houston
 Los Angeles FC vs. LA Galaxy
Sunday, July 19
 Seattle vs. San Jose
 Philadelphia vs. Inter Miami
 Chicago vs. Vancouver
Monday, July 20
 New York City FC vs. Inter Miami
 Atlanta United vs. Columbus
 Montreal vs. D.C. United
Tuesday, July 21
 Real Salt Lake vs. Sporting KC
 Cincinnati vs. New York Red Bulls
 Columbus vs. Minnesota United
Wednesday, July 22
 LA Galaxy vs. Vancouver
 Los Angeles FC vs. Portland

NWSL Challenge Cup

At Herman Utah

Group Stage	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
North Carolina	1	1	0	4	1	5
Washington	2	1	1	4	4	5
Sky Blue FC	1	1	1	1	1	4
Portland Thorns	1	1	1	1	1	4
Houston	1	1	2	5	5	4
Utah Royals	1	1	2	2	5	4
Chicago	1	1	2	2	3	4
Portland	1	1	2	2	3	4

Saturday, June 27
 North Carolina 2, Portland 1
 Chicago 1, Washington 1
Tuesday, June 30
 Utah 3, Houston 3
 OL Reign 0, Sky Blue 0
 Portland 0, Chicago 0
 Washington 0, North Carolina 2
Saturday, July 4
 Utah 1, Sky Blue 0
 Houston 2, OL Reign 1
Sunday, July 5
 North Carolina 1, Chicago 0
 Portland 1, Washington 1
Wednesday, July 8
 Utah 0, Reign 1
 Sky Blue 2, Houston 0
 Houston 2, OL Reign 1
Sunday, July 12
 Washington 1, Houston 0
 Chicago 1, Utah 1
Monday, July 13
 OL Reign vs. Portland
 Sky Blue vs. North Carolina
Quarterfinals
Friday, July 17
 Teams TBD, Saturday, July 18
Teams TBD
Semifinals
Wednesday, July 22
 Quarterfinal winners
Championship
Sunday, July 26
 Semifinal winners

Morikawa clutch in finish, pinch

Thomas lets three-shot lead slip away

By DOUG FERGUSON
 Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Justin Morikawa figured his collision was over if he didn't make a 5-foot par putt on the 15th hole at Muirfield Village.

It was a wild ride for Thomas, too. He started with a two-shot lead, trailed by three after just five holes, made four straight birdies and was ahead by three shots 10 holes later, and ultimately tied in a playoff.

"It's completely unacceptable to give up a three-shot lead with three to go," Thomas said. "I'm upset, I'm disappointed in myself. But at the end of the day it's over with now, and I just need to take some time this afternoon and to tonight to build it out and figure out what I can do better going into next week."

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The other time, Morikawa had to make a 25-foot putt to keep playing.

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"Amazing," Morikawa said when asked how he would sum up the day to someone who only saw the result.

"That covered a lot of territory. Morikawa never looked like the winner until it was over.

Thomas had 10 straight one-foot greens, the last a 25-foot eagle putt on the par-5 15th for the three-shot lead with three holes to play. And while he made two bogeys for a 69 that allowed for a playoff, he had reason to think it was over when he made a 50-foot birdie putt from the back of the 18th green.

"I never assumed it was over," Thomas said. "Percentages would say that it heavily is close to being that way... I just tried to keep my head down and think he's going to make it, but he didn't."

Thomas missed a 10-footer for par in regulation, and a putt close to that same line for birdie on the second extra hole. He was done in

by a tee shot on No. 10 that wound up in the rough behind a tree, forcing him to pitch out 102 yards south of the green. He missed his 15-foot par putt, leading to Morikawa's two-putt par and the win.

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Collin Morikawa, right, is congratulated by Justin Thomas after winning the Workday Charity Open on the third playoff hole on Sunday.

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AUTO RACING

Rookie Custer surges to victory at Kentucky

By GARY B. GRAVES
Associated Press

SPARTA, Ky. — Cole Custer saw an opening and, with help from a friend, squeezed through for the most fulfilling moment of his young racing career.

Custer became the first rookie regular to win in the NASCAR Cup Series in nearly four years, surging to the lead in a four-wide, final-lap scramble Sunday at Kentucky Speedway.

Kevin Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. were dueling side by side for the lead on the Lap 266 final restart when Custer — with a push from Matt DiBenedetto on the outside — made his move from sixth in the No. 41 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford. As the leaders bunched in Turn 1, Custer slid ahead and outlasted Truex's Toyota.

"I knew I just had to get to the top," said Custer, who led twice for five laps — the first of his young career. "The top rolled pretty good and once I got past and I was like in third I was like, 'I've just got to take a shot and do whatever I can here.'

"And it ended up the 4 (Harvick) and the 19 (Truex) got together a little bit and I was able to take advantage of it."

Making his 20th series start, the 22-year-old Custer celebrated with a front-stretch burnout as his crew happily ran to greet him.

He's the first rookie to win a non-rain-shortened race since Juan Pablo Montoya in 2007. Brad Keselowski won a race in 2009, Trevor Bayne in 2011 and Justin Haley in 2019 while not racing full seasons. All three would have been classified as rookies had they been competing a full year. Chris Buescher won a rain-shortened race in August 2016 while competing for rookie of the year.

Custer also won at Kentucky last July in the Xfinity Series.

Matt Kenneth's Turn 4 spin forced the final caution and created the opportunity



Mark Humphrey/AP

Cole Custer, top, celebrates with his crew after winning Sunday's race in Sparta, Ky., to become the first rookie to win a non-rain-shortened race since Juan Pablo Montoya in 2007. Custer, with a push from Matt DiBenedetto on the outside, made his move from sixth, surging to the lead in a four-wide, final-lap scramble.

for Custer's victory. DiBenedetto was third, and Harvick fourth — both in Fords. Kurt Busch, the winner last year, was fifth.

"I got a good restart and was curious what he was going to do," DiBenedetto said

about helping Custer. "When he pulled to the top, I was like, 'Yeah, that was a good move right there.' And I just decided to shove him since I couldn't go around to the outside."

"It helped him to get to the win and I

liked with him that he owes me \$100. But he did a great job."

The final hundred laps created plenty of lead changes but nothing like the final 20 where Harvick, Truex, Blaney all had their shots.



GARY C. KLEIN, THE SHEBOYGAN PRESS/AP

IndyCar driver Felix Rosenqvist celebrates winning race two of the REV Group Grand Prix, Sunday, in Elkhart Lake, Wis.

Rosenqvist outduels O'Ward at Road America for 1st career win

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Associated Press

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. — Scott Dixon's win streak finally ended. Chip Ganassi Racing just kept rolling along.

Felix Rosenqvist overtook Pato O'Ward on the next-to-last lap and earned his first career win Sunday in the second half of an IndyCar doubleheader at Road America. Rosenqvist became only the second driver to win an IndyCar event this year after Dixon posted three straight victories to start the season.

Rosenqvist and Dixon, who finished 12th, are Chip Ganassi Racing teammates.

The race turned into a duel between Rosenqvist and O'Ward, who were both chasing their first career victories. O'Ward pulled ahead on the 43rd of 55 laps, but his margin steadily decreased before Rosenqvist finally passed him.

"You're never really too confident," Rosenqvist said. "But when I saw the gap with Pato decrease the last four or five laps, I only had one thing on my mind and my crew also had only one thing on

my mind, and that was winning the race."

This weekend's doubleheader marked the first time spectators were allowed during this pandemic-delayed season. IndyCar organizers are allowing fans on a case-by-case basis, relying on local and state health guidelines wherever the races are held.

Those fans got to see quite a finish.

Rosenqvist went to O'Ward's left and passed him on Turn 7 of the 14-turn road course that is just over 4 miles long. Rosenqvist took over from there and won by 2.8699 seconds.

O'Ward, who had the pole position for the first time in his career, said he was struggling with his rear tires down the stretch. O'Ward also was affected by traffic involving lapped drivers, including Conor Daly. Those two drivers had made contact Saturday in a move that wrecked Daly's Chevy and knocked him out of that race.

"We were just unlucky at the end," said the 21-year-old O'Ward, who had his first career podium finish. "We couldn't make it happen. But I'm proud of myself. I

gave it absolutely everything I had."

Rosenqvist became the first Swede to win an IndyCar race since Kenny Brack's 2002 victory at Mexico City. Rosenqvist had two second-place finishes last year.

Alexander Rossi, who won at Road America last year, finished third for the best result of what has been a disappointing season for the Andretti Autosport driver. Rossi ranked second in the point standings in 2018 and was third last year, but he hadn't finished higher than 15th in any of the first three races this season.

Rosenqvist's victory at least temporarily ended Dixon's season-long dominance. Dixon was the first driver to win three straight IndyCar events since Simon Pagenaud in 2016.

Dixon started the year with victories at Texas and Indianapolis before winning Saturday at Road America.

But he was never much of a factor Sunday.

"I guess you can't win them all, but we sure tried to with the start to the season we've had," Dixon said.

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Scoreboard

Playoff qualifiers glance

Saturday, Aug. 1
 Toronto
 Carolina vs. N.Y. Rangers
 N.Y. Islanders vs. Florida
 Pittsburgh vs. Montreal
Edmonton
 Edmonton vs. Chicago
 Calgary vs. Winnipeg

Sunday, Aug. 2
 Toronto
 Boston vs. Philadelphia
 Toronto vs. Columbus
Edmonton
 Colorado vs. St. Louis
 Nashville vs. Arizona
 Vancouver vs. Minnesota

Monday, Aug. 3
 Tampa Bay
 Carolina vs. N.Y. Rangers
 Pittsburgh vs. Montreal
Edmonton
 Las Vegas vs. Dallas
 Edmonton vs. Chicago
 Calgary vs. Winnipeg

Tuesday, Aug. 4
 Toronto
 Toronto vs. Columbus
 N.Y. Rangers vs. Carolina
 N.Y. Islanders vs. Florida
Edmonton
 Nashville vs. Arizona
 Vancouver vs. Minnesota
 Winnipeg vs. Calgary

Wednesday, Aug. 5
 Toronto
 Boston vs. Tampa Bay
 Florida vs. N.Y. Islanders
 Montreal vs. Pittsburgh
Edmonton
 Dallas vs. Colorado
 Arizona vs. Nashville
 Chicago vs. Edmonton

Thursday, Aug. 6
 Toronto
 Philadelphia vs. Washington
 Toronto vs. Carolina
 N.Y. Rangers vs. Carolina
Edmonton
 St. Louis vs. Las Vegas
 Minnesota vs. Vancouver
 x-Winnipeg vs. Calgary

Friday, Aug. 7
 x-Columbus vs. Toronto
 x-Florida vs. N.Y. Islanders
 x-Montreal vs. Pittsburgh
Edmonton
 x-Arizona vs. Nashville
 x-Chicago vs. Edmonton
 x-Arizona vs. Nashville

Saturday, Aug. 8
 Toronto
 Washington vs. Boston
 x-Carolina vs. N.Y. Rangers
 x-Pittsburgh vs. Montreal
Edmonton
 Colorado vs. Las Vegas
 x-Edmonton vs. Chicago
 x-Calgary vs. Winnipeg

Sunday, Aug. 9
 Toronto
 Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia
 x-Toronto vs. Columbus
 x-N.Y. Islanders vs. Florida
Edmonton
 St. Louis vs. Dallas
 x-Nashville vs. Arizona
 x-Vancouver vs. Minnesota
 (x-if necessary)

Illness, injury uncertainty abound

Teams returned to ice Monday for the first time since March

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
 Associated Press

Andrew Copp got a chance to skate in Michigan but isn't sure how many of his Winnipeg teammates have been on the ice.

Voluntary player workouts have been going on for more than a month, but full NHL teams were to be together Monday for the first time since March. Mixed with the excitement of hockey being back is the uncertainty of which and how many players might opt out and how the long layoff could contribute to injuries.

"(It's about) trying to make sure that when you come back your hips and groins are all right," Copp said. "For some guys, it's going to be ease in and make sure you make it through the first four or five games healthy and making sure you don't hurt yourself. At the same time, we are getting ready for the playoffs."

It's a training camp unlike any in history, with expanded rosters on 24 teams coming back from a four-month absence to compete for the Stanley Cup. It's a two-week sprint from home cities to Toronto for Eastern teams and Edmonton, Alberta, for their Western counterparts.

Already, a handful of players have opted out of participating and more could make the same decision before a Monday afternoon deadline. More than half the eligible players have already been skating at team facilities trying to get their legs under them, and ramping up for the resumption of the season takes another step with the start of organized workouts.

"It will be different for everybody," Pittsburgh general manager Jim Rutherford said. "It will be interesting to see how certain guys have prepared."

Islanders coach Barry Trotz figures this will be a chance to gauge how mentally and physically prepared players are for this grind. There was no mandatory ice time or workout regimen before this point, though some players skated overseas when rinks were closed in



New York Islanders left wing Michael Dal Colle, left, shoots on goaltender Semyon Varlamov as a coach looks on during practice on Monday, in East Meadow, N.Y.

North America for the COVID-19 pandemic and others have since made sure to lace up their skates.

"Now that it's real, we'll find out exactly where everybody is," Trotz said. "The discipline and structure are paramount to having success."

Some of that discipline is players and their loved ones staying home as much as possible before teams fly to the quarantined "hub cities" of Toronto and Edmonton.

Carolina forward Justin Williams said his teammates have been told to tighten up the circles of people they're around for the next couple of weeks to keep the Hurricanes from having an outbreak.

Players and staff will be tested every other day during camp, with daily testing once games start.

The injury question could linger: The NHL is prohibiting teams from revealing injury or

illness information as a way to protect player privacy with the novel coronavirus. The league reported 35 players testing positive since June 8.

"It was a high priority for guys, no question," NHLPA special assistant to the executive director Mathieu Schneider said. "(Privacy) was very important to the players."

Already, Tampa Bay captain Steven Stamkos won't be 100% for the start of camp because of a new lower-body injury, and Minnesota defenseman Greg Paterny is out indefinitely with an upper-body injury. It'll be a mystery from this point forward if a player is injured, ill or otherwise.

But players are ready for a brave new world of summer camp.

"It's a little bizarre," Copp said. "Even when you are at the rink, the protocols definitely make it a different feel... But I think everyone is just kind of amped and ready to go."

Retire: Washington yet to announce new name

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chosen and approved.

Native American advocates and experts have long criticized the name they call a "dictionary-defined racial slur." Over a dozen Native leaders and organizations wrote to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell last week demanding an immediate end to Washington's use of the name. Goodell, who has fielded questions on the topic for years, said he supported the review.

Protests against the name predate Snyder buying the team in 1999, and, until now, he had shown no willingness to consider a change. Strong words from sponsors — including a company run by a minority stakeholder of the team — changed the equation.

FedEx earlier this month became the first sponsor to announce it had asked the organization to change the name, particularly important because CEO Frederick Smith owns part of the team. FedEx paid \$205 million for the long-term naming rights to the team's stadium in Land-

over, Md.

The lease at FedEx Field expires in 2027, and dropping the name keeps open various possibilities in Maryland, Virginia and Washington for the team's new stadium and headquarters. District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser has said the name was an "obstacle" to Snyder building on the old RFK Stadium site, which is believed to be his preference.

The team recently started cutting ties with racist founder George Preston Marshall, removing his name from the Ring of Fame and renaming the lower bowl at FedEx Field for the team's first Black player, late Hall of Famer Bobby Mitchell. Marshall, who renamed the Boston Braves the Redskins in 1933 and moved the team to D.C. four years later, was a segregationist and the last NFL owner to integrate his team. The current logo shows the profile of a red-faced Native American with feathers in his hair.

Major League Baseball's Atlanta Braves and the National Hockey League's Chicago Black-

hawks have said they have no in-clination to change their names. Some advocates would like to see all Native American names, mascots and imagery out of sports.

Long removed from the glory days of winning Super Bowl titles in the 1982, 1987 and 1991 seasons under coach Joe Gibbs, Washington's NFL team has just five playoff appearances in 21 years and no postseason victories since 2005. The team has lacked a nationally marketable player since Robert Griffin III's short-lived stadium, and the 2020 schedule features zero prime-time games for a franchise that used to be a draw.

Re-branding with a new name and logo — and perhaps the same burgundy and gold colors — coupled with turning football operations over to Rivera could be a boon for Snyder on and off the field. Even if a segment of the fan base opposes the change in the name of tradition, winning would more than make up for those losses.



MATT ROUBICE/AP

Washington owner Daniel Snyder has yet to select a new name for the Redskins, one of the oldest and most storied teams in the National Football League, and it was unclear how soon that will happen. But for now, arguably the most polarizing name in North American professional sports is gone.

NBA



PHOTO COURTESY JACOB DIAMOND/AP

The second bedroom inside Magic equipment manager Jacob Diamond's suite at the team hotel on the Disney complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Thursday. All 22 teams in the NBA restart had to pack more than ever, each assured of spending at least five weeks at Disney, with some potentially there for three months.

Team equipment a challenge to manage

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Rob Pimental spent a good amount of time thinking about everything the Miami Heat would need for what could be a three-month trip to Walt Disney World.

He is the Heat equipment manager. Every jersey, sock, sneaker, whatever the team needs, it's his responsibility to have it ready. So, when it came time to figure out what was getting packed for Disney, Pimental came to a realization.

"Pretty much everything," said Pimental, who confessed to having a few sleepless nights of worrying. "I'm the type of guy who wants everything on hand, so I literally packed up my entire equipment room and brought it with me."

He's not alone. All 22 teams in the NBA restart had to pack more than ever, for a road trip like none other. Every team is assured of spending at least five weeks at Disney, and some could be there for three months. The challenges for players and coaches are obvious, but the challenge for equipment managers — among the unsung heroes of this restart plan — aren't anywhere near as visible to those watching games from afar.

"This is what equipment managers were built for, honestly," Orlando Magic equipment manager Jacob Diamond said. "We have some of the smartest guys around the league that do what I do and at the end of the day, for us, it's really no job too big, no job too small. Our coaches are relying on us, our players, and this is history right here. So, it's kind of cool to be a part of it — even though it's extra work."

For this trip, Diamond has a two-room suite in the hotel that the Magic are calling home.

It's not a perk. He needed the space. Luggage is lined up around all four

walls, with more bags in the middle of the room, along with a clothes rack, a large trunk and a bunch of bright blue bags with the Magic logo stacked over by the sliding door that leads to the balcony. He knows the contents of each, where every item is, so if Nikola Vucevic needs a certain pair of socks or Aaron Gordon needs a certain type of compression gear, Diamond finds it in a flash.

"I made sure I overpacked for this rather than underpacked," Diamond said. "It's not so easy to have things sent here. I'd rather have things here, ready to go, so here we are."

Toronto Raptors equipment manager Paul Elliott prides himself on typically taking only what he needs. He tends to take 45 bags on a standard road trip; by NBA standards, that is packing light.

Not this time. For this trip, Elliott's count was 176 bags. And while most teams only had to move their operation one — from their home facility to Disney — Elliott had to pack the Raptors up twice, first from Toronto to their pre-camp workouts at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, and then again to get the stuff up to Disney.

"I looked at it as what they were going to take for a two-week Western road trip, took what I would usually pack for that, and kind of quadrupled it," Elliott said. "I just had to make sure I had enough options for these guys to accommodate them when they need. I just want to be prepared."

More gear is on the way. By the time games start, the 22 teams

will have more than 4,000 jerseys between them. Every team brought three sets of uniforms — typically, two jerseys each for each player. Then the decision was made to give players at Disney the opportunity to wear jerseys with a message raising awareness about social injustice and racial inequality, and those huge shipments are expected to arrive in the next few days.

When Elliott started unloading the Raptors' 176 bags, several staff members who aren't usually tasked with helping with equipment ran to his aid. More bags will be going back to Toronto when the season ends; Elliott had his assistant send him empty ones to accommodate the new jerseys.

"We've got the greatest staff for that sort of thing," Elliott said. "Nobody's above anything. They just want to make sure it's done properly."

Washington coach Scott Brooks said the Wizards are using a similar everybody-must-help approach, and Heat coach Erik Spoelstra insisted his team do the same.

"There's an absolute understanding that this is an all-hands-on-deck situation," Spoelstra said. "And that means bags, laundry, cleanup, everything — not just for equipment managers, but everybody. ... We're all going to be involved in every aspect of it."

Days will be long for equipment managers. Each team only sent one; it's not unusual for two equipment personnel to travel, but that wasn't possible on this trip because of the restrictions on the amount of people who can be in the NBA bubble.

Briefs

Westbrook quarantined following positive test

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Russell Westbrook of the Houston Rockets said Monday that he has tested positive for coronavirus, and that he plans to eventually join his team at the restart of the NBA season.

Westbrook made the revelation on social media. As recently as Sunday, the Rockets believed that Westbrook and James Harden — neither of whom traveled with the team to Walt Disney World near Orlando last week — would be with the team in the next few days.

In Westbrook's case, that now seems most unlikely.

"I tested positive for covid-19 prior to my teams departure to Orlando," Westbrook wrote on his Instagram page. "I'm currently feeling well, quarantined, and looking forward to rejoining my teammates when I am cleared."

Westbrook is averaging 27.5 points, eight rebounds and seven assists per game for the Rockets this season. Houston has clinched a playoff spot and resumes its season with the first of eight seeding games on July 31 against Dallas.

Westbrook also offered a word of caution in his post.

"Thank you for all the well wishes and continued support," he wrote. "Please take this virus seriously. Be safe. Mask up!"

Lakers G Rondo breaks thumb

LOS ANGELES — Rajon Rondo broke his right thumb in practice with the Los Angeles Lakers in Florida.

The veteran point guard will be out for six to eight weeks, the Lakers said Sunday night. Rondo will have surgery this week.

Rondo has been a key backup during his second season with the Lakers, who signed him shortly after adding LeBron James to the roster in July 2018. James typically functions as the Lakers' point guard with the starting unit, but Rondo frequently took on the role while James rested or while both veterans were on the floor together.

Rondo is averaging 7.1 points, 5.0 assists and 3.0 rebounds in 48 appearances this season, including three starts. He has been a regular presence on the floor late in close games, with coach Frank Vogel trusting his veteran leadership and playmaking.

Rondo is seeking his second NBA championship after winning with Boston in 2008, but he has a lengthy history of hand injuries.

He broke his right thumb during the playoffs with the Chicago Bulls in 2017, and was sidelined for a month with a broken bone in his right hand last season. He also broke his left hand in 2014.

Rondo should be able to return if the Lakers advance deep into the NBA playoffs in Orlando, but his injury adds to the Western Conference leaders' depth concerns. Los Angeles already is without starting guard Avery Bradley, who declined to participate in the league's restart after a long hiatus due to the coronavirus.

Alex Caruso and Quinn Cook are likely to get more playing time at point guard in Rondo's absence.

MLB

Dodgers' Jansen encourages using masks

Some players, coaches will cover faces on the field during games

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

Play ball — and mask up, too. Protective face coverings won't be out of sight when Major League Baseball resumes in less than two weeks. Some players and coaches are planning to wear them on the field.

MLB's safety protocols require masks in clubhouses to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and coaches and managers are required to wear them in dugouts, but they're optional on the field. Some are going to wear them during games as well.

Among those encouraging masks: Los Angeles Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen.

Jansen said he recently tested positive for COVID-19, causing him to report late to summer camp. He took part Sunday and said he's "doing great and better now."

Jansen expects to be ready for the season opener on July 23, when San Francisco visits Dodger Stadium.

New York Yankees outfielder Clint Frazier has been experimenting with various masks during intrasquad scrimmages. He says it's not only a matter of safety but setting an example during televised games.

"We have a big platform," Frazier said.

Yankees teammates Aroldis Chapman, DJ LeMahieu and Luis Cessa already are all sidelined due to the virus.

Frazier won't be alone with a face covering.

"I'm masking up, too," Atlanta third base coach Ron Washington said.

At 68, Washington has seen fellow Braves coach Eric Young Sr. opt out this season. Mets hitting coach Chili Davis is working remotely.

"I know, I'm one of the high-risk guys," he said. "I trust the protocol that MLB has in place and I also trust Ron Washington

even more."

"This is very safe," he said Sunday, adding, "Sixty games? I can hide out for 60 games."

Wearing a mask, that is. Most players have gone maskless during on-field workouts.

"I won't be wearing a mask during a game," Cincinnati pitcher Trevor Bauer said recently. "If I have a mask on, it will be hard for me to breathe."

On Sunday, another major leaguer was out of commission because of COVID-19: Brewers pitcher Eric Lauer said he's on the injured list because he was in close contact with someone who tested positive for the virus. His test result was negative.

Brewers shortstop Luis Urias and pitcher Angel Perdomo are sidelined because of the virus. Both have tested positive but don't have symptoms, manager Craig Counsell said.

While players scramble to get ready for games, umpires also are starting to return.

The Yankees brought in professional umpires Sean Barber, Roberto Ortiz and Junior Valentine to oversee an intrasquad game



The Yankees' Clint Frazier wears a face mask while batting during an intrasquad game on Sunday at Yankee Stadium in New York.



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Dodgers manager Dave Roberts, seated left, and Justin Turner, seated right, watch with other members of the team during an intrasquad game Thursday in Los Angeles.

Sunday after using bullpen catcher Radley Haddad to call balls and strikes during scrimmages. More umpires are expected to start working intrasquad games this week.

"That's not an easy job," said outfielder Brett Gardner, who was displeased with a called third strike by Haddad a day earlier.

Still no Judge or Tanaka

Yankees slugger Aaron Judge was held out of action for a second straight day Sunday due to a stiff neck. The 2017 AL Rookie of the Year was scratched from a simulated game Saturday after waking up with a sore neck.

Also, right-hander Masahiro Tanaka played catch but remains in concussion protocol. The Japanese starter was hit in the head by Giancarlo Stanton's 112 mph line drive eight days ago. Manager Aaron Boone is still uncertain when Tanaka will return to the mound.

What's the buzz?

Managers are embracing crowd noise played over public address systems during games in empty stadiums, which would provide cover for conversations between players and coaches that might otherwise be overheard.

"What we've heard (as a possibility) is more of a background noise where it's simulating crowd noise, so when the catcher slides you don't hear the cleats in the dirt," Marlins manager Don Mattingly said. "It would be more comfortable if there was some

kind of noise."

The Reds have experimented with different types of crowd simulations during their intrasquad scrimmages at Great American Ball Park. They're waiting for guidance from MLB.

"I know a lot of teams and sports have used artificial noise and it's been a success, but if it feels too forced or fake it might get on your nerves and feel more of a negative than a positive," manager David Bell said.

Duval is willing

Braves outfielder Nick Markakis and pitcher Felix Hernandez have said they will sit out this season. Outfielder Adam Duval, who has Type 1 diabetes, has elected to play after talking to doctors.

"I felt that I was in a good position as long as I did what I needed to do as far as staying safe, trying to keep my distance, washing my hands, everything they've talked about," he said. "I was anxious to play. As far as right now, I don't feel like I'm in any type of danger."

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Delayed start should help Brewers' Knebel play all season

By Steve Megargee
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MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee Brewers reliever Corey Knebel believes the pandemic-imposed hiatus will enable him to be ready for the start of the season as he returns from Tommy John surgery.

"I'm feeling very confident that I'll be ready to go," Knebel said after throwing an inning of scoreless relief in a Friday afternoon scrimmage.

Knebel didn't pitch at all last year after tearing the ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow during spring training, an injury that required him to undergo surgery in April 2019. Knebel said that if the 2020 season had started on time, he probably wouldn't have been able to join the active

roster until June.

The delay to the start of the season now means the 28-year-old right-hander shouldn't miss any more time.

"I want to say all of April was going to be rehab outings, and the plan was to join the team around June 4 or June 5," Knebel said.

The Brewers are now scheduled to open on July 24. Knebel said the delayed start to the season gave him "a lot of time to get ready to go and do what I've had to do."

Brewers manager Craig Counsell agreed that Knebel should be on the season-opening active roster while noting that the team will remain cautious with him.

"We just need to build a base underneath him that allows him to recover as best as

he can as we go into the season," Counsell said.

The return of Knebel should provide a major boost for the Brewers, particularly with this year's compressed schedule magnifying the importance of bullpens.

Knebel made the NL All-Star team and posted a 1.78 ERA with 39 saves in 76 appearances in 2017. He pitched 57 games and had a 3.58 ERA in 2018 while teaming up with Josh Hader to form a fearsome relief tandem as the Brewers reached the National League Championship Series.

Knebel struck out 214 in 131 1/3 innings during that two-year stretch. Milwaukee's bullpen wasn't quite as effective without him last year.

Having both Hader and Knebel as part

of a deep bullpen could make it tough for anyone to come from behind against the Brewers in the late innings this season.

"Those two guys, they're different animals," pitching coach Chris Hook said. "I've said this before. It's an uncomfortable at-bat (against them). Those guys give you a different look that you don't normally see. Of course, the stuff piled on top of that makes it very difficult for a hitter."

Knebel said he was throwing pretty much 92-94 mph Friday after hitting the upper 90s before his injury, but he believes the velocity will come around as he continues his comeback.

"I'm right where I need to be right now, just trying to throw and get comfortable with it all," Knebel said.

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Sign of change

Washington football team will retire Redskins name

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The Washington NFL franchise announced Monday it is dropping the Redskins name and Indian head logo, bowing to recent pressure from sponsors and decades of criticism that they are offensive to Native Americans.

A new name must still be selected for one of the oldest and most storied teams in the National Football League, and it was unclear how soon that will happen. But for now, arguably the most polarizing name in North American professional sports is gone at a time of reckoning over racial injustice, iconography and racism in the U.S.

The move came less than two weeks after owner Dan Snyder, a boyhood fan of the team who once declared he would never get rid of the name, launched a "thorough review" amid pressure from sponsors. FedEx, Nike, Pepsi and Bank of America all lined up against the name, which was given to the franchise in 1933 when the team was still based in Boston.

The team said it is "retiring" the name and logo and that Snyder and coach Ron Rivera are working closely to develop a new moniker and design. The announcement came on the old letterhead with the Redskins name because the team technically retains it until a new one is

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Native American leaders protest prior to a Redskins game in Minneapolis on Oct. 24, 2019.
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STATEMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS FOOTBALL TEAM:

On July 3rd, we announced the commencement of a thorough review of the team's name. That review has begun in earnest. As part of this process, we want to keep our sponsors, fans and community apprised of our thinking as we go forward.

Today, we are announcing we will be retiring the Redskins name and logo upon completion of this review.

Dan Snyder and Coach Rivera are working closely to develop a new name and design approach that will enhance the standing of our proud, tradition rich franchise and inspire our sponsors, fans and community for the next 100 years.

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