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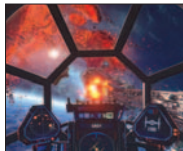
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President Donald Trump and Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden participate in the final presidential debate before the election, moderated by Kristen Welker, center, at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday.

From the bottom up, Army focusing on trust, relationships

By ROSE L. THAYER
Stars and Stripes

FORT HOOD, Texas — The training begins with a bar scene. Two male soldiers act out a night of celebrating a promotion, but one soldier is feeding shots to the other while just sipping a beer. The sober soldier begins getting closer to his drunken friend,

occasionally putting a hand on him, leaning across, touching more than normal.

Sgt. 1st Class Crystal Basham, the lead sexual assault response coordinator for the 1st Cavalry Division, pauses the scene to ask whether anyone would step up and stop this. What if the drunken soldier were a woman?

The scenario is one of five presented to small groups of soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, at the 1st Cavalry Division's SHARP 360 facility—an interactive training center opened in April 2018 as an alternative to the standard training mandated by the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, known as SHARP.

Basham and her team use real-life examples of sexual harassment and assault, and role-play how to intervene.

In the bar scene, “we focus on male-on-male assault, because when we ask males, ‘What do you do on a daily basis to ensure you’re not sexually assaulted?’”

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Huawei sales up, but growth slows under virus

Associated Press

BEIJING — Chinese tech giant Huawei, one of the biggest makers of smartphones and switching equipment, said Friday its revenue rose 9% in the first nine months of this year, but growth decelerated in the face of U.S. sanctions and the coronavirus pandemic.

Huawei Technologies Ltd. gave no sales figure for the most recent quarter ending in September, but growth for the first three quar-

ters was down from the 13.1% reported for the first half of the year.

Huawei is struggling with U.S. sanctions that cut off its access to most American components in a feud with Beijing over technology and security. The White House says Huawei is a threat and might facilitate Chinese spying, which the company denies.

Washington also is tightening curbs on access to U.S. markets or technology for other Chinese tech companies including tele-

com equipment maker ZTE Corp., video service TikTok and messaging app WeChat.

The conflict has fueled fears the global market might be dividing into competing U.S. and Chinese technology spheres with incompatible standards.

Industry analysts warn that would slow down innovation and raise costs.

Executives have warned Huawei's smartphone and network equipment sales would be affected.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Commercial rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 26)	\$1.16	Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3767
Dollar buys (Oct. 26)	€0.82	British pound	\$1.3065
British pound (Oct. 26)	\$1.27	Canada (Dollar)	1.3144
Japanese yen (Oct. 26)	102.00	China (Yuan)	6.6779
South Korean won (Oct. 26)	1,107.00	Denmark (Krone)	6.2857
		Egypt (Pound)	15.7096
		Euro	\$1.1838/0.8448
		Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7505
		Hungary (Forint)	306.59
		Israel (Shekel)	3.3747
		Japan (Yen)	104.78
		Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3056
		Norway (Krone)	9.2489
		Philippines (Peso)	48.42
		Poland (Zloty)	3.88
		Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
		Singapore (Dollar)	1.3588
		South Korea (Won)	1131.22
		Switzerland (Franc)	0.9049
		Thailand (Baht)	31.27
		Turkey (New Lira)	7.9664

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

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Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.09
30-year bond	1.67

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MILITARY

Assault case against top military official OK'd

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge on Thursday allowed to dismiss a lawsuit filed by the vice chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff sexually assaulted a former top aide during a Southern California trip.

Air Force Gen. John Hyten has denied the allegations brought by former Army Col. Kathryn Spletstoser that he attacked her during a December 2017 trip to attend the Reagan National De-

fense Forum at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, northwest of Los Angeles.

At the time, Hyten commanded the United States Strategic Command, known as STRATCOM.

The Associated Press generally does not identify victims of alleged sexual assault. But Spletstoser has allowed her name to be used.

Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald in Los Angeles rejected defense motions to dismiss the case for lack of jurisdiction or to move the case

to Nebraska, where STRATCOM is based.

A phone call and email seeking comment from Hyten or his lawyers were not immediately returned.

However, Hyten, who was confirmed last September as the nation's second-highest-ranking military officer, flatly denied Spletstoser's claims during his confirmation hearing.

Spletstoser served in the Army for 28 years and carried out four combat tours in Iraq and Afghan-

istan. Her assault and sexual battery lawsuit alleged that while staying at a hotel during the Simi Valley trip, Hyten grabbed her, kissed her, fondled her buttocks and rubbed himself against her.

The lawsuit was amended from an original complaint that alleged Hyten sexually assaulted her at least nine times in 2017, including during trips to California, London, South Korea and elsewhere and that he retaliated against her for refusing his advances by harming

her career and eventually forcing her retirement.

Spletstoser reported the allegations after Hyten's nomination. She told the AP last year that she decided she couldn't live with the idea that Hyten might assault someone else if he was confirmed for the job.

The Air Force investigated the woman's allegations and found there was insufficient evidence to charge the general or recommend any administrative punishment.

Army: Fort Hood soldiers given mock scenarios to learn awareness and trust

FROM FRONT PAGE

hear them say they don't really think about it," Basham said. Most male soldiers say they provide the women in their lives a list of ways to protect themselves. "We ask, 'Why don't you do this for yourself?'"

This lesson is reinforced during scenes that play out in a mock barracks room, gym, office and field training. Soldiers who attend the training tell her it beats a PowerPoint presentation.

"They get the same information, but it's the delivery of it," Basham said. "It gives them an opportunity to really see it."

Maj. Gen. Jeff Broadwater, 1st Cavalry Division commander, has observed soldiers training at the 360 facility and brought his commanders to better understand as well.

"You have more interactions and it leads to better discussions and better knowledge of certain situations that we want to be aware of as we go," he said. "We're all getting better and identifying problems, to address those problems and move forward."

The 360 facility, built in an abandoned building on the west side of the base, is just one part of the training made mandatory under the division's Operation Pegasus Strength. The trust-building initiative among soldiers and leaders takes a holistic approach to improving soldiers' well-being. It aims to remove three "corrosives" that destroy trust — sexual assault and harassment; extremism and racism; and suicide, Broadwater said when the training began last month.

Spc. Eynylda Marin, a 22-year-old fire support specialist within the division's 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, said the scenarios were "eye-opening."

"We were told, 'Soldiers look to the left and right. Look front and behind. That's what a predator looks like. Look again, that's what a victim looks like,'" she recalled. "So you don't really know. We're all wearing the same uniform, so

"We do have some significant issues to tackle here at Fort Hood."

Maj. Gen. John Richardson IV
U.S. Army

it's hard to tell."

Her takeaway: It's important to always be aware of what's going on.

"There's no such thing as an innocent bystander. If you feel like something's wrong or see something wrong, it's better to intervene and be wrong rather than not to intervene. It's important to take care of everyone's safety," Marin said. "That hit me. It's something I will definitely take more seriously. It's really unfortunate that some events happened and could have been stopped by something as simple as saying, 'Hey, what are you doing?'"

The facility also has two rooms designed to reinforce what soldiers learn — a quiz game and an escape-room style game where soldiers learn about resources on base in exchange for keys to free Spc. Teddy, a human-size teddy bear dressed in an Army combat uniform.

Before the year's end, each of the 29 battalions in the division will take one week to focus on holistic health and trust, with at least half a day at the SHARP 360 facility. The week includes a mix of physical fitness events and classes. Some attempt to destigmatize the need for behavioral health resources and others promote nutrition and stress management and articulate resources available for everything from financial assistance to discrimination reports.

Pegasus Strength is nested in the same ideas as a weeklong trust-building initiative held last month within the division's higher command, III Corps. Soon, the corps will expand that initiative



PHOTOS BY ROSE L. THAYER/Stars and Stripes

Sgt. 1st Class Crystal Basham, the lead sexual assault response coordinator for the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, stands in a mock bar where soldiers act out scenarios to learn how to identify sexual assault and harassment and then intervene safely.

under the name Operation People First to the other three divisions under its command.

"We do have some significant issues to tackle here at Fort Hood," Maj. Gen. John Richardson IV said during a recent phone interview. A common denominator of these issues was a "trust deficit that has built over time between soldiers and the chain of command."

Initiatives and information from Army Forces Command and the Pentagon show that these issues aren't limited to Fort Hood. Across the formation, rates of suicide have climbed during the coronavirus pandemic, and soldiers and families continue to feel neglected when it comes to safe living conditions in base housing and the barracks.

Army leaders said this month that they have seen about a 30% jump in the number of active-duty suicides this year, and the increased numbers coincide with the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. James McConville described the support system that the Army hopes to build around each soldier as the "golden triangle."

Three points — a leader, family and friends — surround a soldier to provide a greater support system.

"These are difficult times and leaders need to think through how we are taking care of our families during this environment," McConville said last week during the Association of the U.S. Army annual conference. "We have single [and] dual working parents. We need to take a hard look at how we are supporting our soldiers."

The weeklong conference also included the announcement of huge funding infusions for base living quarters.

Army family housing will see \$2.8 billion over the next five years, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy said. It will create "fundamental changes" stateside and overseas.

Nearly \$9 billion will flow into barracks projects over the next 10 years, starting with \$780 million this year, McConville said.

"We want to make sure we have quality barracks, and we are putting billions of dollars into those facilities to make sure that we have that quality," he said. "It is going to take some time, but we are committed to making that

happen."

These positive changes help rebuild trust, Richardson said.

"The chain of command is not responsible for houses, but they are responsible for families," he said. "We are getting the chain of command in contact with the families and beginning that connective tissue" of the golden triangle.

Marin, who oversees three soldiers, said she has taken these lessons to heart. She carries them with others from the strong leadership she said she has had during her time in the Army. When things get difficult, she tells her soldiers they will adapt and overcome. Then it will get easier.

"Throughout the line I've had so many great [noncommissioned officers] and officers. They taught me to exhaust every avenue before giving up on something. I always treat my soldiers like they are real people. If they need help, I'm always right there helping them out. I won't stop until I figure out any way I can help them, because that's the leadership I got," Marin said. "It's only fair that I give that to future leaders."

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Pandemic threatens urban renewal in recovering cities

By TOM KRUISER
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Associated Press

DETROIT — Downtown Detroit was returning to its roots as a vibrant city center, motoring away from its past as the model of urban ruin.

Then the pandemic showed up, emptying once-bustling streets and forcing many office workers to flee to their suburban homes.

Anthony Frank, who manages Dessert Oasis and Coffee Roasters on Griswold Street, said everyone loves Detroit's comeback story, but a 20% drop in business has been difficult to handle.

"We definitely had to do a lot of soul-searching just to try to make sure that we were able to keep this thing going," said Frank, who is hopeful that things will eventually pick up again.

From midtown Manhattan to San Francisco, just about any city built around clusters of office buildings that used to bring in thousands of workers every day is feeling some degree of angst.

But experts say cities such as Detroit and Cleveland, that were shedding years of decay and starting to turn a corner, will have a harder time recovering because they don't have an established base of large office tenants. And even though downtown populations in Cleveland and Detroit are growing, their overall populations are still declining, making their comebacks all the more challenging.

If the virus persists, some businesses will ultimately close, and the damage could ripple through downtowns and hurt the businesses that remain, said Dan Shog, an economics professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

"There's a possibility that this



TOM KRUISER/AP

David Armin-Parcells, co-owner of Motor City Wine poses in Detroit. With the coronavirus forcing many office workers to their homes in the suburbs, those who remain wonder about the impact on cities.

could be really bad in terms of wiping out the base and being really hard to start from scratch," Shog said.

In resurgent cities, restaurants, dry cleaners and other businesses were banking on continued growth to fund investments, said Christopher Mayer, a finance and real estate professor at Columbia University.

"Their (profit) margins weren't that high; they were making a bet on the new neighborhood," he said. "All of that I think has been upended, and I don't know when it's going to recover."

In Cleveland, the downtown was thriving before the pandemic with two new residential towers

opening and paint maker Sherwin Williams announcing a new headquarters with about 3,500 workers. Downtown's population is nearing 20,000, up 25% since 2010, the Downtown Cleveland Alliance says.

But the pandemic sent businesses on a downward spiral. At Maestro Tailor in the Playhouse Square theater district, owner Mark Srour's alteration and clothing business is down 80% from before the virus. He's hoping customers come back when theaters reopen and workers at nearby law firms and office towers stop working remotely.

"Sometimes I don't pay myself," said Srour, who emigrated

from Lebanon a decade ago. "It's OK. As long as I can survive and keep going with my dream."

Detroit's downtown was teeming with people before the virus. Since 2014, when the city emerged from bankruptcy, its downtown population rose nearly 22% to more than 13,000 by 2018. The number of people working downtown rose 12% from 2014 to over 62,000 in 2016, the latest year for census statistics.

People moved to refurbished lofts and new condominiums a short distance from Quicken Loans, General Motors and other employers. They bought coffee or lunch, and suburban commuters stayed for concerts and sports. Long-decaying skyscrapers were scrubbed clean and parks rejuvenated with food trucks and new places to play.

The pandemic struck a hard blow to the city government's revenue, which fell 12% in the fiscal year that ended June 30, said Dave Massaron, chief financial officer.

Motor City Wine, a bar in the Corktown neighborhood just west of downtown where Tiger Stadium once stood, lost half of its business. Local customers are keeping it afloat for now.

"This neighborhood was getting halfway there, and then got stunted," said David Armin-Parcells, who owns the shop with wife Melissa. "That's been Detroit's story for 40 years, 50 years."

The wine bar did well during the summer with its outdoor patio. But because most of its business is alcohol, it can't seat a full house inside under state rules. Armin-Parcells isn't sure what they'll do as the weather turns cold.

The pain has spilled over to Detroit's outskirts, to nearby Dearborn. Before the pandemic,

Ford was planning to revamp its depressing campus there with modern, open-feeling buildings.

"It's clear that we don't need the real estate footprint that we have had," CEO Jim Farley said.

Ford has roughly 18,000 U.S. white-collar employees who can work from home, and the company says they won't return until at least next July. Many will stay home after that, at least part of the time.

Urban planners say a hybrid model is emerging where people would work remotely two or three days per week but still go to the office for meetings and human contact.

"I believe the workplace will change, but it will not go away," said Janet Pogue McLaurin, global workplace research leader for Gensler, an architecture and planning firm.

Case Western's Shog says if the virus can be controlled before businesses go under, then the redeveloping cities will come back.

Bedrock, the real estate arm of Quicken Loans and Detroit's biggest developer, is pressing on with projects despite the virus, said Sam Hamburger, vice president of leasing and acquisitions. The company believes that in the long run, people will want to be in a vibrant downtown, he said.

Kerry McCormack, a Cleveland city councilman whose ward includes downtown, says that's especially true of companies that want to attract young employees who enjoy walking to baseball games or breweries after work.

"The way you cultivate young talent is by having an exciting place to work and live," he said. "From a long-term prognosis, I really believe that our cities and our downtown corridors will bounce back."

US Navy in Japan reports 2 new cases

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — The U.S. Navy in Japan reported a pair of new coronavirus cases Friday.

Two recent arrivals to Yokosuka Naval Base, south of Tokyo, from outside Japan tested positive while in isolation, according to a post on the installation's Facebook page. They tested positive sometime since Monday, according to the post.

The base has five active cases, the post said.

Also Friday, Yokosuka expanded the permitted off-duty travel area to include Nara, Wakayama, Aichi, Gunma, Iiie and Yamagata prefectures, and now permits visits to public beaches, according to the Facebook post.

At Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo, the principal at the base high school in a letter to students and families Friday said the school had been thoroughly cleaned and safe for classes on Monday. Someone at the school tested positive for the coronavirus, Principal Marian Leverette wrote Thursday in a similar letter. Neither the school nor the base specified whether the patient was a student or staff member.

First Lt. Stuart Thrift, a spokesman for the 374th Airlift Wing at Yokota, said the wing would not say how many people have been quarantined as a result of coronavirus safety requirements.

In the wake of an uptick in new coronavirus cases on two islands popular with tourists near Okinawa, two more U.S. commands on Friday restricted travel there.



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A passenger wears a mask while waiting for a train to depart Fussa Station near Yokota Air Base, Japan, Thursday.

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni declared Okinawa and nearby islands, including Miyako and Ishigaki, off-limits, along with several other metro areas in Japan. The III Marine Expeditionary Force also put the two islands off-limits.

"Okinawa is still experiencing the highest per capita rate of new COVID-19 infections in Japan," said a III MEF post on Facebook, referring to the respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus.

The U.S. Navy garrison on Okinawa declared the islands off-limits Thursday following a spike in new cases there.

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VA cases top 70,000

By STEVE BEYNON
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs has topped 70,000 coronavirus cases and 3,780 deaths since the start of the pandemic in March, according to data released this week from the agency.

As of Thursday, the VA is treating 4,749 active cases of the virus, 372 of which are its own employees, an increase from the 2,700 cases that the agency was treating in early September.

The VA numbers come amid a spike in cases across the country. More than 8,378,700 people in the United States have been infected with the coronavirus and at least 222,100 have died, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

The VA, which is the second largest federal agency, oversees the health care of more than 9 million veterans and 5.3% of VA patients who have been sickened by the virus have died, a higher

rate than the 2.7% fatality rate of Americans overall, according to Johns Hopkins.

The cause of a higher fatality rate among veterans could be a mix of factors, including that the bulk of VA patients skew older with an average age of 58, according to the department. However, the majority of deaths were people 85 years old or older.

The VA also has said about 78% of veterans are overweight or obese, a difference compared to about 71% of the general U.S. population, according to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Obesity and being overweight are key risk factors of severe illness from the coronavirus, according to the CDC.

The VA also treats thousands of Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange, which causes a number of respiratory issues and illnesses that can compromise an immune system.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

FDA OKs first COVID-19 drug: antiviral remdesivir

Associated Press

U.S. regulators on Thursday approved the first drug to treat COVID-19: remdesivir, an antiviral medicine given to hospitalized patients through an IV.

The drug, which California-based Gilead Sciences Inc. is calling Veklury, cut the time to recovery by five days — from 15 days to 10 on average — in a large study led by the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

It had been authorized for use on an emergency basis since spring, and now becomes the first drug to win full Food and Drug Administration approval for treating COVID-19. President Donald Trump received it when he was sickened earlier this month.

Veklury is approved for people at least 12 years old and weighing at least 18 pounds who are hospitalized for a coronavirus infection. For patients younger than 12, the FDA will still allow the drug's use in certain cases under its previous emergency authorization.

The drug works by inhibiting a substance the virus uses to make copies of itself. Certain kidney and liver tests are required before starting patients on it to ensure it's safe for them and to monitor for any possible side effects. And the label warns against using it with the malaria drug hydroxychloroquine, because that can curb its effectiveness.

"We now have enough knowledge and a growing set of tools to help fight COVID-19," Gilead's chief medical officer, Dr. Merdad Parsey, said in a statement.

The drug is either approved or has temporary authorization in about 50 countries, he noted.

Its price has been controversial, given that no studies have found it improves survival. Last week, a large study led by the World Health Organization found the drug did not help hospitalized COVID-19 patients, but that study did not include a placebo group and was less rigorous than previous ones that found a benefit. The FDA's approval statement noted that, besides the NIH-led one, that patients pay out of pocket depends on insurance, income and other factors.

Gilead charges \$2,340 for a typical treatment course for people covered by government health programs in the United States and other developed countries, and \$3,120 for patients with private insurance. The amount that patients pay out of pocket depends on insurance, income and other factors.

Connecticut

Eight more communities, mainly in southeastern Connecticut, were identified Thursday by state public health authorities as "red alert towns" after their daily rates of new COVID-19 infections surpassed 15 per 100,000 people since last week.

There are now 19 cities and towns on the weekly list that now have the option of rolling back the

state's third phase of reopening. Residents there are also being urged to wear masks, socially distanced, frequently wash their hands, stay home if they're over 65, cancel gatherings and events with nonrelatives, and get tested regularly, even if they're healthy.

While concerned with these localized spikes, Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont said there are signs of improvement since state and local health officials began ramping up testing and contact tracing in the region several weeks ago.

Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Thursday that Illinois State Police will start patrolling bars and restaurants in regions of the state where coronavirus numbers are surging, and establishments that disregard his new restrictions could face sanctions including the loss of their liquor or gambling licenses.

On another record-setting day for new COVID-19 infections, Pritzker announced the police patrols in four areas of the state. The officers will be authorized to disperse crowds and issue citations for violators.

Pritzker previously downplayed enforcement while being tight on compliance, but he said things have changed.

"It is very serious right now, folks, and if we need to close down restaurants or bars or take away their liquor licenses, take away their gaming licenses, we will do that because we are now headed into a peak that is beyond, potentially, where we were in March and April," Pritzker said during a visit to the St. Clair County Health Department in Belleville.

Earlier, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot had a similar message. Starting Friday, she ordered non-essential businesses to close by 10 p.m. and urged residents to limit gatherings to six people because of the troublesome rise in coronavirus cases. Bars that don't serve food also have to stop serving customers indoors, and all restaurants and bars have to stop liquor sales at 9 p.m.

Kentucky

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's Republican state treasurer urged lawmakers on Thursday to put restrictions on the Democratic governor's ability to take executive action in a emergency.

Treasurer Allison Ball's recommendation came at a time when the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths from the coronavirus outbreak continue to surge in the Bluegrass State.

Ball entered a report to legislating Gov. Andy Beshear's use of taxpayer funds to enforce his springtime restrictions on public gatherings such as religious services.

The leader of the GOP-controlled Senate said later that legislators are likely to review those broad gubernatorial powers when



SETH WENIG/AP

Coronavirus-themed Halloween decorations are displayed on a lawn in Tenafly, N.J., on Thursday.

they convene next year.

Beshear's spokeswoman Crystal Staley accused the state treasurer of "playing politics" in the midst of the public health crisis. Beshear reported 1,330 new virus cases Thursday — the state's fourth-highest daily total — and 17 more virus-related deaths across Kentucky.

Montana

HELENA — Montana Gov. Steve Bullock said Thursday that the state health department is pursuing legal action against several businesses in northwestern Montana after they failed to follow restrictions meant to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The announcement came as the state reported 932 new cases of COVID-19, smashing the previous daily case record of 734. The new cases include 173 in Yellowstone county and 112 in Flathead County.

Bullock said the state is pursuing temporary restraining orders against five businesses in Flathead County, after the local health department decided not to take action to limit the spread of the virus, despite a sharp rise in cases this month.

He declined to identify the businesses until the cases are filed.

New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE — One of the oldest Roman Catholic dioceses in the United States will again be foregoing Sunday Mass indefinitely as New Mexico marks its latest surge of COVID-19 cases.

Archbishop John C. Wester is directing churches within the northern New Mexico diocese to cease regular Mass schedules after Sunday. He's encouraging Masses to be streamed online or recorded so that they can be accessed by people at home. He's also calling for funeral services and weddings to be delayed.

The guidance comes as state officials have been pushing people to stay home and adhere to the provisions of the public health order.

"Combined with the perennial influenza season which is fast approaching and persons being in closer quarters during the winter, this portends a 'perfect storm' to form an extremely hazardous situation," Wester said in a message to parishioners.

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania plans to offer \$20 million in relief to the state's beleaguered hospitality industry, the governor announced Thursday, an amount trade groups called woefully inadequate for helping bars and restaurants survive the pandemic.

The state intends to waive liquor license fees in 2021 for more than 16,000 restaurants and bars, clubs, caterers and hotels, said Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf, who recently vetoed Republican legislation that would have loosened pandemic restrictions on the food and beverage sector.

"COVID continues to hurt this industry in a particularly awful way. They need our help now," Wolf said at a news conference at LeMont, a venerated, upscale Pittsburgh restaurant.

The plan requires approval by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

Industry groups reacted coolly to Wolf's proposal, saying it will barely make a dent in their members' staggering financial losses.

John Longstreet, president and CEO of the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association, called Wolf's offer an "olive branch" that won't help much.

"If the restaurant industry is the backbone of Pennsylvania's economy," Longstreet said in a written statement, "then our governor needs to understand our backs are broken."

Texas

AUSTIN — Texas is sending more medical reinforcements to the El Paso area in response to the region's surge of coronavirus cases and the illness the virus causes, Gov. Greg Abbott announced Thursday.

The Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Division of Emergency Management will send more medical personnel and equipment this week to address the surge of COVID-19 cases.

The health department will send more than 460 medical personnel to the region. The agencies will also send a Texas Emergency Medical Task Force ambulance bus, medical incident support team, five ambulances and mobile medical unit to assist first responders. Additionally, the health department plans to send 48 patient monitors, 25 medical beds and 30 oxygen concentrators to support area hospitals.

Wisconsin

MADISON — A new study from the University of Wisconsin-Madison suggests that the state's high school sports have not caused an increase in COVID-19 infections among athletes.

The UW School of Medicine and Public Health released the study Thursday. Researchers led by Dr. Andrew Watson surveyed 207 schools that restarted fall sports in September representing more than 30,000 athletes, more than 16,000 practices and more than 4,000 games.

The survey found 271 athletes contracted the virus overall compared with 2,318 Wisconsin children aged 14-17 over the month of September. No sports were found to have a higher incidence rate of COVID-19 overall than 14-17-year-olds. None of the cases among the athletes resulted in hospitalization or death.

Of the 209 athletes who knew where they contracted the virus, only one case was attributed to participation in sports.

All the schools reported they had a formal plan in place to reduce the risk of transmission, including monitoring for symptoms, temperature checks at home and on site, masks for staff and players off the field, social distancing, increased facility cleaning and staggered arrival and departure times for events.

NATION

Final debate milder, more substantive than first

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden fought over how to tame the raging coronavirus during the campaign's closely debated, largely shoving-the-rancor that overshadowed their previous faceoff in favor of a more substantive exchange that highlighted their vastly different approaches to the major domestic and foreign challenges facing the nation.

The Republican president declared the virus, which killed more than 1,000 Americans on Thursday alone, will "go away." Biden countered that the nation was heading toward "a dark winter."

"Anyone who is responsible for that many deaths should not remain as president of the United States of America," Biden said.

With less than two weeks until the election, Trump portrayed himself as the same outsider he first pitched to voters four years ago, repeatedly saying he wasn't a politician. Biden, meanwhile, argued that Trump was an incompetent leader of a country facing multiple crises and tried to connect what he saw as the president's failures to the everyday lives of Americans, especially when it comes to the pandemic.

The president, who promised a vaccine within weeks, said the worst problems are in states with Democratic governors, a contention at odds with rising cases in states that voted for Trump in 2016. Biden, meanwhile, vowed that his administration would defer to scientists on battling the pandemic and said that Trump's divisive approach on suffering states hindered the nation's response.

"I don't look at this in terms of the way he does — blue states and red states," Biden said. "They're all the United States. And look at all the states that are having such a spike in the coronavirus — they're the red states."

After a first debate defined by



First lady Melania Trump, left, and President Donald Trump, center, remain on stage as former Vice President Joe Biden, right, walks away at the conclusion of the final presidential debate Thursday at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

angry interruptions, the Thursday event featured a mostly milder tone. And in a campaign defined by ugly personal attacks, the night featured a surprising amount of substantive policy debate as the two broke sharply on the environment, foreign policy, immigration and racial justice.

When Trump repeatedly asked Biden if he would "close down the oil industry," the Democratic standard-bearer said he "would transition from the oil industry, yes," and that he would replace it by renewable energy "over time." Trump, making a direct appeal to voters in energy-producing states like Texas and the vital battleground of Pennsylvania, seized upon the remark as "a big statement."

Perhaps sensing that the comment could soon appear in Trump campaign ads, Biden did a little cleanup boarding his plane after

the debate, declaring, "We're not going to ban fossil fuels. We'll get rid of the subsidies of fossil fuels but not going to get rid of fossil fuels for a long time."

As the debate swept to climate change, Trump explained his decision to pull the U.S. out of the Paris climate accord negotiated in 2015, declaring it was an unfair pact that would have cost the country trillions of dollars and hurt businesses.

Trump repeatedly claimed Biden's plan to tackle climate change and invest in green industries was developed by "AOC plus three," referring to New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Biden chuckled during much of Trump's answer and said, "I don't know where he comes from."

On race, Biden called out Trump's previous refusals to condemn white supremacists and his attacks on the Black Lives Mat-

ter movement, declaring that the president "pours fuel on every single racist fire."

"You know who I am. You know who he is. You know his character. You know my character," Biden said. The rival's reputations for "honor and for telling to truth" are clear, he said.

Trump countered by pointing out his efforts on criminal justice reform and blasting Biden's support of a 1990s Crime Bill that many feel disproportionately incarcerated Black men. Staring into the crowd, he declared himself "the least racist person in this room."

Biden said that America has learned from a New York Times report that Trump paid only \$750 a year in federal taxes while holding "a secret bank account" in China. The former vice president then noted he's released all of his tax returns going back 22 years and challenged the president to release his returns, saying, "What are you hiding?"

Trump said he closed his former account in China and claimed his accountants told him he "pre-paid tens of millions of dollars" in taxes. However, as he has for the past four years after promising to release his taxes, he declined to say when he might do so.

Trump said that when it comes to health care, he would like "to terminate" the Obama-era Affordable Care Act, even amid a pandemic, and come up "with a brand new, beautiful health care," that protects coverage for pre-existing conditions. Biden said the president has been talking about making such a move for years but "he's never come up with a plan."

He also denounced Trump's claim that he wanted to socialize medicine, creating daylight between himself and the more liberal members of his party whom he defeated in the Democratic primaries.

"He thinks he's running against somebody else," the former vice president said. "He's running against Joe Biden. I beat all those

other people because I disagreed with them."

The debate, moderated by NBC's Kristen Welker, was a final chance for each man to make his case to a television audience of tens of millions. And questions swirled beforehand as to how Trump, whose hectoring performance at the first debate was viewed by aides as a mistake that turned off viewers, would perform amid a stretch of the campaign in which he has taken angry aim at the news media and unleashed deeply personal attacks on Biden as his adult son.

When he feels cornered, Trump has often lashed out, going as negative as possible. In one stunning moment during the 2016 campaign, in an effort to deflect from the release of the "Access Hollywood" tape in which he is heard boasting about groping women, Trump held a press conference just before a debate with Hillary Clinton during which he appeared with women who had accused Bill Clinton of sexual assault. He then invited them to watch as audience members.

In a similar move, Trump's campaign held another surprise pre-debate news conference, this time featuring Tony Bobulinski, a man who said he was Hunter Biden's former business partner and made unproven allegations that the vice president's son consulted with his father on China-related business dealings.

Trump made similar, if vague, accusations from the debate stage, but exchanges about Hunter Biden did not dominate the night as aides on both campaigns thought might happen. Biden declared the discussion about family entanglements "malarkey" and accused Trump of not wanting to talk about the substantive issues.

Turning to the camera and the millions of people watching at home, Biden said, "It's not about his family and my family. It's about your family, and your family is hurting badly."

Nuclearization of N. Korea topic of testy debate exchange

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — During the final debate before the election, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden called North Korea's leader a "thug" but said he would meet with Kim Jong Un if the communist state agrees to denuclearize.

The comment came during a testy exchange Thursday evening between Biden and President Donald Trump over how to deal with North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

The former vice president accused his Republican rival of cozying up to Kim, whose regime is ranked as one of the worst human rights abusers, with a policy that has allowed the North to continue improving its arsenal.

The North showed off a huge new intercontinental ballistic missile during an Oct. 10 military parade, although it has not con-

ducted a long-range missile or nuclear test in nearly three years.

Trump became the first sitting U.S. president to meet with a North Korean leader during a June 2018 summit in Singapore during which they agreed to a vague promise to "work toward the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

The leaders met twice more in Vietnam and on the Korean border, although nuclear talks between the two nations deadlocked after they failed to agree on details about sanctions relief and disarmament steps.

The president reiterated his usual talking points that his engagement with Kim prevented a new war from breaking out on the divided peninsula, which is home to some 28,500 U.S. troops.

"We have a very good relationship, and there's no war," he said.

Biden criticized Trump's top-down approach.

"What has he done? He's legitimized North Korea. He's talked about his good buddy who's a thug, a thug," Biden said. "And he talks about how we're better off and they have much more capable missiles able to reach U.S. territory much more easily than it ever did before."

Biden said he would maintain pressure on China to help rein in its communist ally if he wins the Nov. 3 vote.

In response to a question about whether he would meet with Kim, Biden said only "on the condition that he would agree that he would be drawing down his nuclear capability."

However, Biden offered few details about how his policy would be different after decades of initiatives by administrations from both parties have failed to prevent the North from developing nuclear weapons.

Trump said Biden and then-President

Barack Obama had left him "a mess" and claimed that Obama had tried to meet with Kim but was rejected because Kim "didn't like him."

Former Obama administration officials have vehemently denied that claim, saying the Democratic leader never considered meeting with Kim as U.S. policy at the time was to rely on economic sanctions to pressure the regime to give up nuclear weapons.

"We had a good relationship with Hitler before he, in fact, invaded Europe," Biden said. "Come on. The reason [Kim] would not meet with President Obama is because President Obama said, 'We're going to talk about denuclearization. We're not going to legitimize you, and we're going to continue to push stronger and stronger sanctions on you.'"

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NATION

US: Hackers in Russia hit state, local networks

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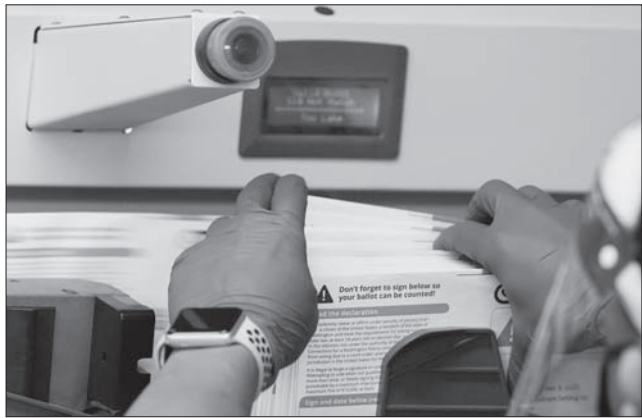
WASHINGTON — U.S. officials said that Russian hackers have targeted the networks of dozens of state and local governments in the United States in recent days, stealing data from at least two servers. The warning, less than two weeks before the election, amplified fears of the potential for tampering with the vote and undermining confidence in the results.

The advisory from the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security's cybersecurity agency describes an onslaught of recent activity by a Russian state-sponsored hacking group against a broad range of networks, some of which were successfully compromised. The alert released Thursday functions as a reminder of Russia's potent capabilities and ongoing interference in the election even as U.S. officials publicly called out Iran on Wednesday night.

The advisory does not identify by name or location those who were targeted, but officials say they have no information that any election or government operations have been affected or that the integrity of elections data has been compromised.

"However, the actor may be seeking access to obtain future disruption options, to influence U.S. policies and actions, or to delegitimize (state and local) government entities," the advisory said.

U.S. officials have repeatedly said it would be extremely difficult for hackers to alter vote tallies in a meaningful way, but they have warned about other methods of interference that could disrupt the election, including cyberattacks on networks meant to impede the voting process. The interference could continue during or after the tallying of ballots if Russians produce spoofed websites or fake content meant to confuse voters about election results and lead them to doubt the legitimacy of the outcome.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

An election worker pulls a stack of returned ballots from a sorting machine at the King County Elections office Tuesday, in Renton, Wash.

A broad concern, particularly at the local government level, has been that hackers could infiltrate a county network and then work their way over to election-related systems unless certain defenses, such as firewalls, are in place. This is especially true for smaller counties that don't have as much money and IT support as their bigger counterparts to fund security upgrades.

Officials have nonetheless

sought to stress the integrity of the vote, with FBI Director Christopher Wray saying Wednesday, "You should be confident that your vote counts. Early, unverified claims to the contrary should be viewed with a healthy dose of skepticism."

On Thursday, Chris Krebs, the head of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, said officials don't have reason to believe that

hackers were looking for election infrastructure or election-related information, and aren't aware of any activity "that would allow them to come anywhere near a vote." He said the alert was issued in regard to the scanning of county networks for vulnerabilities, not specifically to the targeting of elections.

"The election-related risk is the fact that they were in or touching an election system," he said.

Facebook and Twitter CEOs ordered to testify before Republican senators

By MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The GOP push against Facebook and Twitter accelerated Thursday after Republican senators threatened the CEOs of the social media companies with subpoenas to force them to address accusations of censorship in the closing weeks of the presidential campaign.

With Democrats boycotting the hearing, the Republican-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee voted to authorize the legal orders if Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and Twitter's Jack Dorsey did not agree to testify voluntarily.

The committee wants to hear from them about "the suppression and/or censorship of two news articles from the New York Post," according to the subpoena document. Senators also want information from the executives about their companies' policies for moderating content "that may interfere" with federal elections.

Representatives of Facebook and Twitter declined comment. The urgency ratcheted higher Thursday as U.S. officials said the networks of dozens of state

and local governments in recent days, stealing data from at least two servers. The revelation was certain to stoke fears that Americans' confidence in the Nov. 3 election results could be undermined.

Russia backed President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign through hacking of Democratic emails and a covert social media campaign Facebook became an unwitting conduit for misinformation and election disruption.

Facebook and Twitter acted last week to limit the online dissemination and sharing of an unverified political story from the conservative-leaning New York Post that targeted Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden. The story, which other publications have not confirmed, cited unverified emails from Biden's son Hunter that were reportedly disclosed by Trump's allies.

One email purported to show a top adviser for Burisma, the Ukraine gas company where Hunter Biden held a board seat, thanking Biden for giving him an opportunity to meet the elder Biden, who was vice president at the time.

Trump's campaign seized on the report, though the account



Zuckerberg

raised more questions than answers, including whether emails at the center of the story were hacked or fabricated. The FBI is investigating whether the emails are part of a foreign influence operation.

It was the first time in recent memory that the two social media platforms enforced rules against misinformation on a story from a mainstream media publication.

With the election looming, Facebook and Twitter have scrambled to stem the tide of material seen as potentially inciting violence and spreading disinformation and baseless conspiracy theories. Facebook has expanded its restrictions on political advertising, including new bans on messages claiming widespread voter fraud. Trump has raised the prospect of mass fraud in the vote-by-mail process.

The companies also have wrestled with how strongly they should intervene in speech on their platforms.

Trump posts unedited interview before it airs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump took on the country's most influential news program in unprecedented fashion, posting an unedited video of interviews that he and Vice President Mike Pence gave to "60 Minutes" before its broadcast this weekend.

The video released Thursday shows an increasingly agitated president prying with interviewer Lesley Stahl on issues like the coronavirus, health care and his demeanor on social media before abruptly ending the session.

With Pence, Stahl said the men had insulted "60 Minutes" by giving "campaign speeches and not answering questions."

"I feel aggrieved," she said. The president, in following through on a threat to make the full interviews public, tweaked that the public should compare Stahl's "constant interruptions and anger" with his "full, flowing and 'magnificently brilliant' answers."

"60 Minutes" will have the last word. CBS News said Trump's actions won't change its plans for Sunday's broadcast, when the presidential interview will air, along with a separate one with Democrat Joe Biden.

When Stahl asked him about priorities for a second term and

Trump talked about having created "the greatest economy in the history of the country," Stahl immediately broke in.

"You know that's not true," she said.

Trump objected and said she wouldn't address Biden in the same manner.

Stahl — who, like Trump, was hospitalized with COVID-19 but recovered — said she could not believe that after a Rose Garden event that led to several people coming down with the virus that the president was not strongly encouraging people to wear masks at his campaign rallies.

"We tell people to wear masks," Trump said.

"No, you don't," Stahl answered.

When she sat down with Pence, Stahl wondered what just happened.

"Lesley, uh, President Trump is a man who speaks his mind," the vice president said. "I think it's one of the great strengths he's had as president of the United States. The American public always knows where they stand."

CBS News called the White House's decision to release the tapes unprecedented and said it broke an agreement the network had with the administration.

NATION

1 charge against ex-cop in Floyd death dismissed

By AMY FORLITI
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS—A Minnesota judge has dismissed a third-degree murder charge filed against the former Minneapolis police officer who pressed his knee against George Floyd's neck, saying there was not enough probable cause for that count to proceed to trial.

The more serious second-degree murder charge against Derek Chauvin remains. Hennepin County District Judge Peter Cahill's ruling, dated Wednesday and made public Thursday, found probable cause for Chauvin to be tried on one count of unintentional second-degree murder and one count of second-degree manslaughter. Cahill also found probable cause to move forward with the aiding and abetting counts against three other former officers, Thomas Lane, J. Kueng and Tou Thao.

"In this court's view, with one exception, the State has met its burden of showing probable cause that warrants proceeding to trial against each of these Defendants on each of the criminal charges the State has filed against them," Cahill wrote. He said a jury will decide whether they are guilty.

Floyd, a Black man in handcuffs, died May 25 after Chauvin, who is white, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck as he said he couldn't breathe. Floyd's death sparked protests in Minneapolis and beyond, and led to a nationwide reckoning on race. All four officers were fired. They are scheduled to stand trial in March.

Cahill's ruling, Gov. Tim Walz activated the Minnesota National Guard in anticipation of protests. Protesters demonstrated

in the streets after Chauvin was released on bail earlier this month, resulting in dozens of arrests. A truck driver who drove into a large crowd of protesters on a bridge in Minneapolis following the killing of Floyd was charged Thursday with two criminal counts.

On the second-degree murder charge, prosecutors presented



Chauvin

probable cause to show Chauvin's actions were a "substantial causal factor" in Floyd's death, and that he was committing or attempting to commit another felony at the time, in this case, assault, Cahill wrote.

He said prosecutors do not need to show Chauvin's actions were the sole cause of Floyd's death. He also said Chauvin's decision to continue kneeling on Floyd's neck after he went silent and motionless "is strong evidence of Chauvin's intent to inflict bodily harm."

But to prove a third-degree murder charge, prosecutors must show that Chauvin's intentional conduct was "eminently dangerous to others" and not specifically directed at Floyd, Cahill said.

"This is not an appropriate case for a third-degree murder charge," he said.

Attorney Ben Crump said in a statement that Floyd's family is grateful most of the counts were preserved, including the more serious second-degree murder count.



Audrey Strauss, acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, points to a photo of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell during a news conference, in New York on July 2.

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Epstein ex Maxwell denied getting Prince Andrew underage partners

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jeffrey Epstein's ex-girlfriend denied introducing Britain's Prince Andrew to underage sex partners in a deposition and combative deposition made public Thursday, calling the prince's accuser an "awful fantasist."

"Are we tallying all the lies?" Ghislaine Maxwell asked during the 2016 deposition, saying she could not recall taking Epstein accuser Virginia Giuffre out for a night of clubbing with Andrew in London. "Her tissue of lies is extremely hard to pick apart what is true and what isn't."

The exchange was contained in over 400 pages of transcript ordered released by U.S. District Judge Loretta A. Preska in a lawsuit. Many names and several pages in the deposition were blacked out, though information around some names, including the prince's, made it obvious who was being referenced.

Also, Slate first reported that it

could decipher some names, including some redactions involving Andrew and ex-President Bill Clinton, a Democrat, by analyzing the alphabetized listings in a deposition transcript index and matching them with already public information.

In the deposition, Maxwell said she had flown on Epstein's private planes with Clinton but refused to label Epstein and Clinton as friends. There appeared to be no mention of President Donald Trump, who told a news conference this summer after Maxwell's arrest: "I just wish her well, frankly."

Clinton and Trump both have said they hadn't seen Epstein in years and knew nothing of his alleged misconduct.

Maxwell, 58, has been charged with recruiting three underage girls in the 1990s for Epstein, a wealthy financier who killed himself in jail in 2019, to sexually abuse and committing perjury in the depositions, though the charges don't relate to the prince.

She has pleaded not guilty. A message seeking comment was left with lawyers for Maxwell.

Maxwell parried a long list of inquiries about Epstein's sexual proclivities and her interactions with Giuffre and other young women, insisting she never saw him have sex with anybody.

"She is an absolute total liar and you all know she lied on multiple things and that is just one other disgusting thing she added," Maxwell said, denying having three-way sex with Epstein and Giuffre.

"I never saw any inappropriate underage activities with Jeffrey ever," Maxwell said. The implication that she recruited girls or women to be sexually abused by Epstein was "repulsive," she said.

Giuffre has accused Epstein of arranging for her to have sexual encounters with numerous wealthy and influential men, including Andrew. He and the other men have denied her allegations.

Judge urges US to help find parents deported without kids

By JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A federal judge on Thursday urged the Trump administration to do more to help court-appointed researchers find hundreds of parents who were separated from their children after they crossed the U.S.-Mexico border beginning in 2017.

A court filing revealed this week that researchers have been unable to track down the parents of 545 children — a number much larger than previously known and that drew outcry. Most of the parents were deported to their Central American homelands, and their children were placed with sponsors in the U.S., often relatives. U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw refrained from issuing an order during a

hearing in San Diego and instead asked Justice Department attorneys to explore ways the administration can make it easier to find the parents.

Attempts to find families separated from their children have been underway since Sabraw ordered the government in 2018 to end the much-criticized practice under its "zero tolerance" policy for people who cross the border illegally.

Sabraw initially ordered the government to reunite more than 2,700 children with their families, believing that to be the total number who were separated. But it was later discovered an additional 1,556 children were taken from their parents going back to summer 2017, including the 545 kids who are still separated.

Attorney Lee Gelemt of the American

Civil Liberties Union, which sued over the practice, said the government could provide funding for the search, which now is being conducted by a handful of human rights defenders in Central America.

When the issue was originally brought to their attention, U.S. officials were not interested in looking for the parents, he said, but that changed when outcry spread about the number of parents deported without their children.

"In light of the backlash, the government is now claiming it wants to assist us in finding these families," Gelemt said.

The administration's foot-dragging has made it even tougher to find the parents because of how much time has passed, he said.

Coronavirus restrictions prevented re-

searchers from going into many areas from March until August, but as those measures ease up, researchers hope to make more progress in coming weeks.

U.S. authorities have provided telephone numbers for 1,030 children to a court-appointed steering committee, which tracked down the parents of 485 of those children.

The committee has advertised toll-free phone numbers in Spanish on billboards and other places in Central America to reach families.

Volunteers have searched for their parents by going door to door in Guatemala and Honduras and combing public records, the ACLU said in a court filing.

The judge called for an update on Dec. 2 and set another hearing for Dec. 4 to discuss the progress.

NATION

Tesla ‘full self-driving’ vehicles not autonomous

Associated Press

DETROIT — Earlier this week, Tesla sent out its “full self-driving” software to a small group of owners who will test it on public roads. But buried on its website is a disclaimer that the \$8,000 system doesn’t make the vehicles autonomous and drivers still have to supervise it.

The conflicting messages have experts in the field accusing Tesla of deceptive, irresponsible marketing that could make the roads more dangerous as the system is rolled out to as many as 1 million electric vehicle drivers by the end of the year.

“This is actively misleading people about the capabilities of the system, based on the information I’ve seen about it,” said Steven Shalover, a research engineer at the University of California, Berkeley, who has studied autonomous driving for 40 years.

“It is a very limited functionality that still requires constant driver supervision.”

On a conference call Wednesday, Musk told industry analysts that the company is starting full self-driving slowly and cautiously “because the world is a complex and messy place.” It plans to add drivers this weekend and hopes to have a wider release by the end of the year. He referred to having a million vehicles “providing feedback” on situations that can’t be anticipated.

The company hasn’t identified the drivers or said where they are located. Messages were left Thursday seeking comment from Tesla.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which regulates automakers, says it will monitor the Teslas closely “and will not hesitate to take action to protect the public against unreasonable risks

to safety.”

The agency says in a statement that it has been briefed on Tesla’s system, which it considers to be an expansion of driver assistance software, which requires human supervision.

“No vehicle available for purchase today is capable of driving itself,” the statement said.

On its website, Tesla touts in large font its full self-driving capability. In smaller font, it warns: “The currently enabled features require active driver supervision and do not make the vehicle autonomous. The activation and use of these features are dependent on achieving reliability far in excess of human drivers as demonstrated by billions of miles of experience, as well as regulatory approval, which may take longer in some jurisdictions.”

Even before using the term “full self-driving,” Tesla named its driver-assist system “Autopilot.” Many drivers relied on it too much and checked out, resulting in at least three U.S. deaths. The National Transportation Safety Board faulted Tesla in those fatal crashes for letting drivers avoid paying attention and failing to limit where Autopilot can be used.

Board members, who have no regulatory powers, have said they are frustrated that safety recommendations have been ignored by Tesla and NHTSA.

Bryant Walker Smith, a University of South Carolina law professor who studies autonomous vehicles, said it was bad enough that Tesla was using the term “Autopilot” to describe its system but elevating it to “full self-driving” is even worse.

Voters could remove racist phrases from Alabama Constitution

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Alabama voters once again have the chance to remove the racist language of Jim Crow from the state’s constitution, which was approved in 1901 to enshrine white supremacy as state law.

Courts have long since struck down legalized segregation, but past attempts to strip the offensive phrases have failed. Even though no organized opposition to the measure has emerged this time, some worry that conservative backlash to the Black Lives Matter movement could quash the proposal, which qualified for the ballot months before the nationwide demonstrations that occurred in the wake of the police killing of George Floyd.

A measure on the Nov. 3 ballot would allow the state to repeal its 119-year-old constitution in a process supporters say would remove a lingering stain from the state’s era of racial segregation and the legalized oppression of Black people.

“What we are trying to do with this small measure is to bring the

Alabama Constitution into the 21st century and be more reflective of who we are as a state now,” said Rep. Merika Coleman, one of the sponsors of the bipartisan legislation.

An amendment would clear the way for excising language from the constitution that bans mixed-race marriages, allows poll taxes, and mandates school segregation. It would also remove duplicate sections from the heavily amended document and put related items all in one section.

While eradicating overt racism might seem like a logical move in 2020, approval isn’t a given: Voters in the majority white, conservative state have rejected similar proposals twice since 2000.

In 2004, conservatives helped kill a move to clean up the constitution by arguing the move could lead to increases in school taxes. Eight years later, education groups and others opposed a similar measure because it retained segregation-era language that denied the constitutional right to education in Alabama.

Supporters of the measure arc



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Mourners gather at the Alabama Capitol following the death of civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis in July.

being careful with how they present the issue this year.

Called Amendment 4, the proposal as written on statewide ballots does not even mention race. It just says the amendment would let the Legislature “recompile the Alabama Constitution and submit it during the 2022 Regular Session, and provide a process for its ratification by the voters ...”

Supporters are encouraged

because no organized opposition has emerged just days ahead of the vote. But they are also wary that conservatives who dominate the state electorate could oppose the amendment if they perceive it as being tied to anti-racism protests.

“It’s possible that the backlash will rear its head and people will vote against it,” said Nancy Ekberg, a director of Alabama Citi-

zens for Constitutional Reform, a nonprofit that has been pushing for a rewrite for 20 years.

Coleman said there was no connection between the amendment and nationwide protests against racial injustice.

“I don’t understand how anyone would conflate the two issues when we passed the measure in 2019 and it was completely bipartisan,” she said.

Census takers come up short of goal in some areas of US

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — From tribal lands in Arizona and New Mexico to storm-battered Louisiana, census workers who go door to door were unable to reach all the households they needed for a complete tally of the U.S. population, a count that ended abruptly last week after a Supreme Court ruling.

Community activists, statisticians and civil rights groups say racial and ethnic minorities are historically undercounted, and shortcomings in the 2020 census could set the course of life in their communities for years to come.

The count determines the number of

congressional seats each state gets, where roads and bridges are built, how schools and health care facilities are funded, and how \$1.5 trillion in federal resources are allocated annually.

“An undercount in our community means schools are overcrowded, hospitals are overcrowded, roads are congested,” said John Yang, president and executive director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice.

The census ended last week after the Supreme Court sided with President Donald Trump’s administration and suspended a lower court order allowing the head count to continue through Oct. 31.

The U.S. Census Bureau says that overall,

it reached more than 99.9% of the nation’s households, but in a nation of 330 million people, the remaining 1% represents hundreds of thousands of uncounted residents. And in small cities, even handfuls of undercounted residents can make a big difference in the resources the communities receive and the power they wield.

Also, a high percentage of households reached does not necessarily translate to an accurate count: The data’s quality depends on how it was obtained. The most accurate information comes from people who “self-respond” to the census questionnaire online, by phone or mail. Census officials say 67% of the people counted in the 2020 census responded that way.

In any case, census takers, who go door to door, fell short of the 99.9% benchmark in many pockets of the country.

In large parts of Louisiana, which was battered by two hurricanes, census takers didn’t even hit 94% of the households they needed to reach. In Window Rock, the capital of the Navajo Nation on the Arizona-New Mexico border that was ravaged by COVID-19, census takers only reached 98.9%.

Other parts of the U.S. where the count fell short of 99.9% include Quincy, Mass.; New Haven, Conn.; Asheville, N.C.; Jackson, Miss.; Providence, R.I., and Manhattan, where neighborhoods emptied out in the spring because of the coronavirus.

WORLD

UN says Libyan sides sign cease-fire deal

Associated Press

GENEVA — The United Nations said Friday that the two sides in Libyan military talks had reached a “historic achievement” with a permanent cease-fire agreement across the war-torn North African country.

After mediation this week led by U.N. envoy for Libya Stephanie Turco Williams, the 5+5 Joint Military Commission reached what the U.N. called an “important turning point towards peace and stability in Libya.”

Details were not immediately available, but the two sides took part in a signing ceremony in Geneva on Friday morning.

Libya is split between a U.N.-supported government in the capital, Tripoli, and rival authorities based in the east. The two sides are backed by an array of local militias as well as regional and foreign powers. The country was plunged into chaos after the 2011 NATO-backed uprising that toppled and killed longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

“The road to a permanent cease-fire deal was often long and difficult,” Williams, a former U.S. State Department official, said in Arabic at the signing ceremony.

“Before us is a lot of work in the coming days and weeks in order to implement the commitments of the agreement,” she said. “It is essential to continue work as quickly as possible in order to alleviate the many problems due to this conflict facing the Libyan people.”

“We have to give people hope of

a better future,” Williams added.

She expressed hope the agreement will succeed “in ending the suffering of Libyans and allowing those displaced by the conflict to return to their homes.”

Ali Abushahma, the head of the delegation and a field commander for the U.N.-supported administration in Tripoli, said: “We have had enough suffering, enough bloodshed ... We hope we will change the suffering on all the territories of Libya, especially in the south.”

“I appeal to all Libya: Be one hand,” he said, warning about polarization by factions.

The meetings this week mark the fourth round of talks involving the Joint Military Commission under Williams’ watch. The Geneva-based military talks come ahead of a political forum in Tunisia in November. That forum aims to “generate consensus on a unified governance framework and arrangements that will lead to the holding of national elections,” the U.N. mission said.

Bloated public salaries at heart of Iraq’s economic woes

By SAMYA KULLAB

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Longtime Iraqi civil servant Qusay Abdul-Amma panicked when his monthly salary was delayed. Days of waiting turned to weeks. He defaulted on rent and other bills.

A graphic designer for the Health Ministry, he uses about half his salary to pay his rent of nearly 450,000 Iraqi dinars a month, roughly \$400. If he fails to pay twice in a row his landlord will evict him and his family, he fears.

“These delays affect my ability to survive,” Abdul-Amma said.

Iraq’s government is struggling to pay the salaries of the ever-swelling ranks of public sector employees amid an unprecedented liquidity crisis caused by low oil prices. September’s salaries were delayed for weeks, and October’s still haven’t been paid as the government tries to borrow once again from Iraq’s currency reserves. The crisis has fueled fears of instability ahead of mass demonstrations this week.

The government has outlined a vision for a drastic overhaul of Iraq’s economy in a “white paper” presented last week to lawmakers and political factions. But with early elections on the horizon, the prime minister’s advisers fear there is little political will to execute it fully.

“We are asking the same people we are protesting against and criticizing to reform the system,” said Sajad Jiyad, an Iraq researcher.

The white paper’s calls for cutting public sector payrolls and reforming state finances would undermine the patronage systems that the political elite have used to entrench their power.

A major part of that patronage is handing out state jobs in return for support. The result has been a threefold increase in public workers since 2004. The government pays 400% more in salaries than it did 15 years ago. Around three quarters of the state’s expenditures in 2020 go to paying for the public sector — a massive drain on dwindling finances.

“Now the situation is very dangerous,” said Mohammed al-Daraji, a lawmaker on parliament’s Finance Committee.

One government official said political factions are in denial that change is needed, believing oil prices will rise and “we will be fine.”

“We won’t be fine. The system is unsustainable and sooner or later it will implode,” the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal politics.

Iraq’s activists have called for a march on Oct. 25, expected to draw large crowds, a wave of massive anti-government protests first brought tens of thousands to the



Above: People shop at old Basra market in Iraq on Wednesday. Left: A man searches for recycled items in a landfill in Baghdad on Tuesday. The country is in the throes of an unprecedented liquidity crisis.

AP photos

streets demanded reforms and an end to the corrupt political class.

“As far as meeting our demands, there have been no changes,” said Kamal Jabbar, member of the Tishreen Democratic Movement, founded during the protests last year. “To us, the white paper is a joke.”

Abu Ali, a merchant in Baghdad’s commercial district of Shorjah, fears what the following months have in store. The state is the primary source of employment for Iraqis, and civil servants are the lifeblood of his business.

“The delays in salary payments have affected the market directly,” he said. “If these delays continue our business and the economy will collapse.”

Abdul-Amma’s September pay was 45

days late, and he still hasn’t received the October pay that was supposed to come on the first of the month. He worries about the coming months as well.

“I have a history of chronic heart disease, and one of my daughters is also sick,” said the father of four. He pays \$100 in medical fees per month.

But to the architects of the reform paper, he is part of the problem: Public sector bloat is first in line for reform.

“We hope the civil service and bureaucracy will recognize a need for change,” Finance Minister Ali Allawi told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

Iraq relies on oil exports to fund 90% of state revenues. Those revenues have plunged to an average \$3.5 billion a month

since oil prices crashed earlier this year.

That’s half the \$7 billion a month needed to pay urgent expenses. Of that, \$5 billion is for public sector salaries and pensions, according to Finance Ministry figures. Iraq also imports nearly all of its food and medicine; with foreign currency reserves at \$53 billion, the World Bank estimates the country can sustain these imports for another nine months. Foreign debts account for another \$316 million.

Poor productivity of public workers is the heart of the issue, Allawi said.

“We’ve ended up with a low productivity, high-cost public sector that doesn’t really earn its keep,” he said. “In one way or another this issue has to be tackled by either reducing numbers, which is politically difficult, reducing salaries ... or increasing productivity.”

The white paper calls for public sector payments to be reduced from 25% of GDP to 12% but doesn’t detail how. Officials said one step may be to restore taxes on civil servants’ benefits that previous administrations had lifted.

To meet month-to-month commitments now, the government has had to borrow internally from its foreign currency reserves. A request of a second loan of \$35 billion was sent to parliament, drawing criticism from lawmakers.

Haitham al-Jibouri, head of parliament’s Finance Committee, said in televised remarks that if borrowing was the government’s only plan he would fetch a shopkeeper from Bab al-Sharqi, a commercial area in the capital, to do the finance minister’s job.

Parliament’s endorsement of the loan and the reform paper is crucial for the government to avoid a full-scale economic crisis.

But this will prove difficult with elections slated for next June, since factions want to hand out jobs to maintain their constituencies.

“Whoever decides to push ahead and support reforms first will lose out, but they will also need to convince other political players who will also lose out,” said Jiyad. “That is a tough sell.”

Al-Kadhimi’s advisers privately acknowledge challenges of having the system that produced such mismanagement and corruption be its own savior.

One official recalled a remark made by the finance minister at a meeting of a high-level committee tasked with managing the crisis.

He looked at the room of officials charged with halting the country’s fast spiral toward insolvency and said, “I can’t believe this was done for 10 years and none of you did anything to stop it.” There was silence.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Obit: In lieu of flowers 'do not vote for Trump'

MN ST. PAUL — An obituary for a Minneapolis-area woman who died at age 93 included one specific request for her mourners: Do not vote for Donald Trump.

Georgia May Adkins, of Inver Grove Heights, died of a stroke on Sept. 28 at United Hospital in St. Paul.

A pair of obituaries published in the St. Paul Pioneer Press included details of how she wanted to be cremated and then honored with an Oct. 16 church service under COVID-19 protocols. And she preferred that her friends and family not patronize a florist.

"In lieu of flowers, Georgia preferred that you do not vote for Trump," her Oct. 11 obituary read.

The request made the rounds on social media, attracting admiration from some and condemnation from others, the Pioneer Press reported.

Infants in stolen car OK after car is abandoned

MO FLORISSANT — Two infants are back with their family after a carjacker stole their father's SUV with the children in the back seat.

The incident happened early Wednesday in the St. Louis County town of Florissant. Police say the father went into a 7-Eleven and left the SUV running. When he came out, the vehicle with both infants was gone.

Police issued an Amber Alert for the children, a 10-month-old girl and a 16-day-old boy.

Authorities believe the thief was working with another motorist because after the SUV sped off, it was followed by another vehicle.

Hours later, police found the SUV about five miles from the 7-Eleven.

Police spokesman Steve Michael said the children were safe and unharmed and were reunited with their parents.

Nurse pleads guilty to stealing vets' morphine

MA BOSTON — A former nurse at a Massachusetts hospital in Massachusetts has pleaded guilty to stealing liquid morphine intended for her dying patients and using it herself, federal prosecutors say.

Kathleen Nofle, 55, of Tewksbury, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to tampering with a consumer product and obtaining a controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud, deception and subterfuge, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Boston.

Nofle worked in the hospice unit at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Bedford.

Nofle in January 2017 mixed tap water from the sink with a portion of the liquid morphine doses, and then administered the diluted medication to her patients orally, prosecutors said. Nofle then took some of the remaining diluted solution herself, authorities said.

In one case, prosecutors said,



ALAN WARREN, THE MESSENGER-INQUIRER/AP

On board for the holidays

Terry Robertson, left, and Steve Wilkerson of the Daviess County Fiscal Court put up a Christmas train decoration on Wednesday at Panther Creek Park in Owensboro, Ky. Work has and will be going on for the whole month of October and part of November to set up the Christmas at Panther Creek displays that include over 400,000 lights and miles of electrical cords.

a veteran who received a diluted dose of morphine experienced increased difficulty breathing and increased suffering in his final days.

Meat processing plant is destroyed by fire

GA WRIGHTSVILLE — A fire has destroyed a middle Georgia meat processing plant, and its workers may be without jobs.

WMAZ-TV reported that at least 60 firefighters responded to the blaze on Wednesday at McAfee Packing Co., which makes sausage and other meat products in Wrightsville.

Firefighters were unable to get to the fire as it spread along the roofline, said Johnson County Emergency Management Agency Director Shawn Wombles.

Ashlyn McAfee Williamson, a member of the family that owns the company, said the owners will start determining the future of the business. She said she feared the 30 to 40 employees of McAfee, in business since 1953, will be unemployed for now. Williamson thanked customers and others for "the outpouring of love and support" they received.

One firefighter was taken to Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin, Wombles said, and five or six other firefighters were treated on the scene for heat exhaustion.

No one hurt as jet slides off airport runway

IL WHEELING — No one was hurt when a Lear jet carrying nine people slid off a runway and crashed into a fence at a Chicago-area airport, author-

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sewer line and a failed floor drain on Oct. 7, the Bangor Daily News reported.

The amount (in gallons) of pulping chemicals the ND Paper mill in Old Town, Maine, spilled into the Penobscot River earlier this month, officials said. The mill suspended production after discovering that chemicals were spilling into the river through a ruptured underground

ities said.

The jet slid off a runway at Chicago Executive Airport in northwest suburban Wheeling late Wednesday.

The jet skidded on the runway, hit a chain-link fence and knocked down a pole, causing some aviation fuel to leak, the Prospect Heights Fire Protection District said.

"When the plane went through the fence, the wing actually struck one of the poles, cracking it, and that's where the aviation fuel starting leaking out," Scott Olsen of the fire protection district said.

School board votes to retire name, mascot

VT RUTLAND — The Rutland city school board has voted to retire the high school's Rutland Raider nickname and arrowhead mascot and have the school administration and student body come up with a mascot "that would be more inclusive and welcoming."

The vote was 6-4 on Tuesday night during a special online meeting of the Rutland City Board of School Commissioners viewed by more than 40 people, the Rutland Herald reported.

Commissioner Ann Dages expressed sympathy for those

opposed to the change, saying she saw how passionate people remain about their high school years, but voted in favor of the motion, noting the damaging effect such images have had on the Indigenous community, according to the newspaper. White people do not get to decide what is and isn't harmful to those groups, she said.

Prosecutors: Man stole 22 firearms from store

KS OVERLAND PARK — A homeless man is accused of making holes in the drywall between two Overland Park businesses in order to steal 22 firearms from a pawn shop.

Darrin Taylor, 54, was indicted Wednesday on one count of theft from a federally licensed firearms dealer, federal prosecutors said in a news release.

Taylor was homeless and living in Overland Park when the weapons were stolen in September from Penguin Pawn and Gun, prosecutors said.

Police: Gunfire kills innocent bystander

KY LEXINGTON — An 82-year-old Kentucky woman who got caught in the crossfire as multiple people in separate vehicles exchanged "dozens of gunshots" has died, authorities said.

Alice Carter was an innocent bystander when the shots rang out Wednesday afternoon on Fifth Street in Lexington, police spokeswoman Brenna Angel said.

"She and a family member were getting out of their car at the time of the incident and were completely uninvolved with the shots being fired," Angel said.

Carter was hit and taken to University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Woman sentenced for illegal pill distribution

TN KNOXVILLE — A woman convicted of running clinics in east Tennessee that illegally distributed more than 11 million prescription opioid pills has been sentenced to more than 33 years in prison, federal officials said.

U.S. District Judge Tom Varlan ordered the sentence Wednesday for Sylvia Hofstetter, 56, after a jury convicted her earlier this year of racketeering conspiracy, drug conspiracy, money laundering, and maintaining a building where drugs are involved, the U.S. Justice Department said in a statement. Varlan also ordered Hofstetter to forfeit \$3.6 million.

From wire reports

VIDEO GAMES

By TODD MARTENS
Los Angeles Times

Walking out of “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker” when I saw it last December, I had one, immediate reaction: what a disappointment — if only it had been built for video game consoles instead of movie theaters. I didn’t want to play it.

That’s not to say that video games’ stories rank below their cinematic peers — far from it — but it is an acknowledgment that “The Rise of Skywalker” was laid out like an old-fashioned video game, where one action set piece builds to a larger, slightly more difficult action set piece. Acrobatic fights while floating across desert landscapes, intense lightsaber duels and blaster battles on a starship — all of them revealing new heroic powers — really only make sense if your understanding of storytelling is to “level up.”

There are better ways to do that for all feet, but the mention “The Mandalorian” series on Disney+ has received, the just-released game Star Wars: Squadrons reminds us that some of the best Star Wars stories in recent years have been in the video game space. Maybe the multiple generations have grown up playing with Star Wars toys and games and now have the ability to walk around a Star Wars planet at Walt Disney World and Disneyland, when or if it reopens, and we’ve grown accustomed to viewing Star Wars as a work of play. Or maybe games have impacted media so much, it’s better to simply play a game rather than view content inspired by one.

Star Wars: Squadrons is an argument for the latter. This is a work, in fact, that doesn’t suffer from an action-focused, little-narrative approach — every second I’ve spent with this game has fulfilled the sort of personal Star Wars fantasy that’s enhanced by giving the audience a bit of autonomy. It’s a game for those privileged enough to own a virtual reality headset, the VR experience I’ve had at home that most represents what it’s like to be in a theme park.

Rather than throwing spectators to the side, it lets me partake in them, to scratch the itch of being in the center of intergalactic, aerial dogfights. But less than emphasizing awe, Squadrons centers on the feel of controlling a ship, making me feel a part of the action. Sure, that’s just digital, fictional warfare, but Squadrons understands that the appeal of Star Wars is that it’s open to everyone, and any of us can be ace pilots if given the chance. We don’t admire, we act.

It’s a bit of nostalgia at play. The game recalls some of the LucasArts spacecraft simulators of yore that I obsessed with in my suburban Chicago basement, but there’s a sense of swiftness and polish that makes this game as good as any modern arcade machine. And yet it’s also in possession of confidence, a depth that I’ll need to master if I really want to go hard in multiplayer battles.

As a solo player without many friends who play multiplayer games, OK, fine, not a bad idea. I’m not so sure I’ll take the time to



FLYING HIGH

Squadrons makes the case that the best Star War stories are now in video games



EA photos

In Star Wars: Squadrons, pilots will triumph as a team across known and never-before-seen battlefields.

learn each individual ship and its advantages or disadvantages. But I’m not sure I need that, because Squadrons has me smiling throughout, even if I accidentally turn my X-wing into an asteroid. While throwing me into larger-than-life moments — disable a giant, Imperial starship and help lead a capture of it — Squadrons succeeds in making them feel livable and conquerable.

In other words, by focusing so intently on the act of spaceflight, I don’t feel like a tourist in the Star Wars universe, thrown a litany of

“greatest hits” moments. Instead, Squadrons’ single-focus obsession allows my imagination to run free rather than have to wonder where I am, who I am or what I’m supposed to do now. I can just fly. And shoot. And it feels great.

“If you go back to the very first pitch we had for Squadrons, before if it was even a prototype, we had a controller map and it was color-coded,” says Ian Frazier, the creative director of the Motive Montreal-developed game for Electronic Arts. “If you just needed to fly the ship and

shoot stuff, and this was all you needed, that was one color. Then there was a different color for an intermediate level of control and another color if you wanted to master some of the fancy stuff. We built the game with that in mind.”

That layering approach has meant, in the week that I’ve had the game, I’ve had as much fun taking on practice missions as I have completing the single-player narrative — somewhere around 10 hours — and even getting my butt kicked in a few multiplayer matches. Simply flying one of the ships in the game — Squadrons allows us to be either good (New Republic) or evil (Imperial) forces — results in a sense of curiosity. I’m often left wondering what ships can or can’t do, and whether I can repeat a trick I seemed to have locked into.

And to think, I approached the game with skepticism.

When I first booted it up, I was rubbed slightly the wrong way in knowing the single-player campaign shifts perspectives from good to evil. Roll your eyes all you want, but in Star Wars, I like to be the good team since modern Star Wars narratives have leaned too heavily into authoritarian imagery. The last

time I was at Galaxy’s Edge at Disneyland last March, I noticed that I tended to completely avoid the area surrounding the bad guys of the First Order. The fascist imagery there is laid on too thick for me.

But the story, set shortly after the events of “Return of the Jedi,” meaning, thankfully, Emperor Palpatine is “dead,” doesn’t glorify the Imperial Army and is an opportunity for players to get familiar with different ships for multiplayer battles. Frazier says the original plan was to do two short stories, one from the perspective of each side, but during development the team decided it worked best to shift back and forth, which allows the New Republic to still be the team we’re rooting for while emphasizing the various characters on the differing sides.

“We knew from the beginning that you aren’t going to be so-and-so, this name character that we created and crafted,” says Frazier. “We wanted you to tell the various parts of the story. We do that by putting you in the boots-on-the-ground soldier, not the main character who has the Force and they make whole movies about, but the people who are making the war happen.”

And this particular space conflict has a mesmerizing look, especially in virtual reality. Squadrons feels built for VR, and Frazier confirms it was from Day One conceived as a VR game. This makes sense as we play. The scenes between battles, when we’re stagnant and just bumping the camera around our base, are staged primarily to manage motion sickness in the VR space. We as a character are stationary, simply clicking a spot in the environment if we need to change perspective.

When using my PlayStation VR headset, I was taken back to when I was 10 or 11 and playing the early 1980s Star Wars arcade game. Its vector graphics were already outdated by the time I was 10, but the old box allowed me pretend that some day I could fly in my own Star Wars ship.

The magic of theme parks has made that somewhat a reality, as Disney’s Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run is essentially a giant video game. Yet as impressive as that ride is, it’s still built to the constraints of having to support theme park capacity and multiple guests per vehicle. It doesn’t, in short, let me live out the dream of blasting TIE fighters in the same way Squadrons does. But that’s also the danger of building in-person experiences with screens. Eventually, you’ll be competing with what we can do at home.

And make no mistake, Squadrons’ VR has a “wow” factor. I had a brief panic when, in the midst of flying my X-wing, I had to pause the game and remove the headset. I tossed it aside and returned an hour later, but when I put it on I saw cracked glass. I rubbed slightly the wrong way. I break my VR headset? I hadn’t. It was the glass on the X-wing that was cracked, but the effect worked well enough to fool me.

Platforms: Playstation 4, Xbox One, PC
Online: ea.com/games/star-wars/squadrons

BOOKS



Lenny Kravitz, shown in 2004, has written a new memoir. "Let Love Rule" explores Kravitz's childhood and ends with him on the verge of stardom.

BALANCING EXTREMES

Kravitz's new memoir tells of journey in accepting himself, how he grew up

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

Lenny Kravitz is a man of extremes — as he readily admits. "I am deeply two-sided: black and white, Jewish and Christian, Manhattan and Brooklynite," he writes about his first 25 years alive in his new memoir "Let Love Rule," released this month and named after his 1989 debut album.

"The book is about me finding my voice and finding my path and walking into my destiny, whatever that is," he tells The Associated Press.

The 270-page book written with David Ritz explores his childhood and ends with Kravitz on the verge of stardom and deeply in love with actress Lisa Bonet.

"I had such a childhood and experience growing up. That's what I want to spend my time on," he says. "So let's stop there. And then we'll see if there'll be a second book in the future."

The young Kravitz alternated between the then-tough Brooklyn neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant and a swanky building with carved cherubs on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. He ate chopped liver on matzo as well as fried fish coated with cornmeal.

The extremes continued during his life. For his sixth birthday, he was serenaded by Duke Ellington and his band at the famed Rainbow Room. Years later, his home was a Ford Pinto, which he rented for \$4.99 a day.

"The extremes really work for me. I felt them. I'm comfortable living in a car or a box or a tent or a trailer, and I'm comfortable living in a mansion," he says. "The middle — obviously, that's fine, too. But what I'm saying is I don't feel it the same way. It doesn't feed me the same way. I like balancing extremes."

Kravitz, 56, dedicated the book to his mother, actress Roxie Roker, who was best known for her role in "The Jeffersons" as Helen Willis, half of one of TV's first interracial couples.

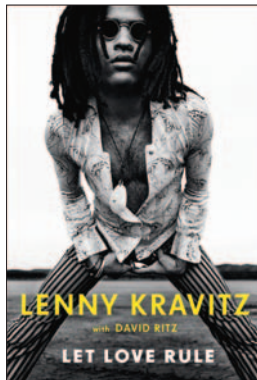
TV producer Sy Kravitz, his father and a former military man, was strict with the younger Kravitz. Dad and son would frequently clash.

The younger Kravitz says writing about his father was healing.

"Any judgment that I had began to dissolve as I was looking at him with these fresh eyes and open heart," he says. "Any of those harsh feelings that I had went away and I began to actually love my father in a different way that I didn't get to love him when he was alive."

Kravitz has the look and sound of a rock god, with a stripped-down style of straight-ahead rock 'n' roll that earned him Grammy Awards four years in a row, from 1999 to 2002.

But he's not afraid to show a sillier side in the book, like the first — and last — time he got drunk, which was with a bottle of Manischewitz, or getting busted once for shoplifting five KISS cassettes.



Ritz, the co-writer, complimented Kravitz for being so hands-on throughout the years it took to finish the book. He says his co-writer was open and ready to explore anything.

"He's got a lot of courage. The thing about Lenny, artistically and personally, he's just a man of great courage," Ritz says. Writing it together was "like being in a studio where you're jamming."

Kravitz's musical influences emerge as Prince, Michael Jackson, Earth Wind & Fire and David Bowie, who inspired Kravitz to get color-changing contact lenses. The book also explores Kravitz's spirituality and his experience of being born again.

His first band was Wave — "the Gap Band meets the Jacksons meets Rick James meets Shalamar meets Time." They had fog machines and sound effects, an elaborate light show and a staggering 15 members.

On the romance front, he dated Tisha Campbell of "Martin" and met his now-ex-wife, Bonet, at a New Edition concert.

"I like your hair," he told her. In the book he admitted, "It was a lame line." Their blossoming relationship ends the book.

"It was like she was the female version of me, and in seeing her, I was able to see myself," he writes.

Kravitz writes that his first 25 years was a mission to find his true, authentic self. He turned down record deals that put him in a box and he even created an alter ego — named Romeo Blue — because he didn't think he was cool enough at the time.

"Part of this book is about me accepting myself as Lenny Kravitz, as this half-black, half-Jewish kid that had this experience," he says. "One of the wonderful gifts that one could give themselves in this life is to accept yourself."

ENTERTAINMENT

BY GEOFF EDGERS
The Washington Post

Sarah Cooper got the message from someone named Robin late in September. By now, the news was out: Cooper, who had gone from playing a pizza place in January to chatting with Democratic vice-presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris by July, was getting her own Netflix special. And a series at CBS. She had already guest-hosted "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and been declared Oscar-worthy by Cher.

But Robin was annoyed. The breakneck pace of this amazing rise had cut out Cooper's TikTok production. In fact, it had been two months since she had posted one of her lip-synced takedowns of President Donald Trump.

"I understand you are working on your Netflix thing, and I get that it will bring you more money," Robin wrote on Facebook. "But it is really all that's important? We need you to stay in his face during this critical time. Netflix will wait for you — trust me."

Most anybody in Cooper's position would click delete. What did she owe a stranger direct-messaging her on social media? But Cooper kept the note.

All summer, a collection of nagging Robins has filled her inbox. The requests inspire guilt, anxiety and a sense of duty to deliver.

"She takes it very literally, as if she was working at a restaurant and someone ordered soup," says Jeff Palm, her husband.

That is the curse of being a viral phenomenon and just about the only good thing in a year mired in isolation, racial unrest and political conflict. That curse is also about being Sarah Cooper, whose biting wit is matched only by her genuine desire to not let anyone down.

A day after Robin's cranky note, a new Cooper video debuted.

Filmed in their apartment, "How to Drugs" is a 64-second lip-sync masterpiece set to a recent Trump interview with Fox News host Laura Ingraham. The president speculates that Democratic nominee Joe Biden used performance enhancers to boost his debating chops.

As she performs, Cooper — a 42-year-old Black woman playing a 74-year-old white president — opens a baggie containing a white substance and proceeds to messily half-smort, half-bathe herself in the powder.

Three million people watched the clip within hours of its release.

"There's no mimicry," says Cher, who has been a fan since catching a Cooper clip in April. "And yet you believe this young girl with long black hair and whatever she's wearing and no makeup and kind of sitting around her house. She's a Lee Strasberg kind of girl," a reference to the founder of the legendary acting school.

Harris has also been mesmerized by the performances. They led her to read Cooper's pre-TikTok satirical management books, including "How to be Successful Without Hurting Men's Feelings" and "100 Tricks to Appear Smart in Meetings."

"She has figured out the significance of packaging," Biden's running mate says by phone. "Because packaging is an exterior. A package can look any way, but it literally has nothing to do with what's inside the box."

Harris pauses. "What she does really is profound," she said. "What if it was a Black woman, Trump's age, who parted the protesters aside by the way she stands in front of a boarded-up church to hold up a Bible and speak the words that were spoken? Would the response have been different than when Donald Trump did it? That's the brilliance of what she's done. There are so many layers."

In a room where teenage gamers become instant multimillionaires, Cooper

Making others take notice

Comedian Sarah Cooper says her talents stretch beyond TikTok's 60-second videos



CELESTE SLOMAN/For the Washington Post

is the strangest kind of overnight star: She has earned a master's degree, written three books and developed more than a casual understanding of John Maynard Keynes. She was in her 30s before she did her first stand-up set, and spent the bulk of her adult life working at tech companies, most recently Google, where she led the team that redesigned the company's popular word-processing program, Google Docs.

Before April, Cooper's frustration

with her comedy career found her even considering a return to Google. Her books had been moderately successful, and there was another, on Zoom culture, being discussed. But she couldn't get on the festival program of Just For Laughs, the annual comedy showcase in Montreal, never mind score a late-night television appearance.

"People were returning phone calls," says Chris Burns, her manager. "It's just that they didn't have a fire lit under their

a — that we have to make something with this person."

At Google, Cooper had been making roughly \$150,000 by the time she quit in 2014. Palm, whom she met at the company, had been the breadwinner ever since.

"And my mom, who is very traditional, was making me feel guilty," Cooper says. "Like, 'Wait, so you don't cook. You don't have a job. He works all day, and he comes home, and there's no food because you don't shop, either?' And so I was thinking, you know what, if nothing else happens this year, I'll go back to Google."

Then, while listening to an April 14 news conference, Cooper heard something in the way the president talked about organizing a group to deal with the spread of the novel coronavirus.

"I'm going to call it a committee," Cooper recalls him saying. "You know, that whole thing."

"This is a guy in a meeting who has no idea what he's saying. And (despite) I want to be that guy. And that was it."

She posted a very simple, 11-second clip, "How to Leadership," on TikTok. Cooper estimates it got about 50,000 views when she first shared it.

The breakthrough came two weeks later, after Trump's infamous news conference about the potential benefit of injecting COVID-19 patients with disinfectant. This time, Cooper added multiple camera angles, props — a lamp, a spray bottle of Mrs. Meyer's — and played a second character.

On April 23, she published the 49-second "How to Medical."

That night, Katie Morrissey, a comedian friend, opened Twitter and saw the clip exploding. It would eventually be downloaded by 25 million people. Jerry Seinfeld retweeted it.

Comedian and former "Saturday Night Live" star Maya Rudolph also saw the video. She hadn't heard of Cooper before. She was hooked.

"It's weird how things hit at exactly the right time sometimes," Rudolph says. "It's the thing we all needed and the thing we all wanted to digest. And it just happened to take this brilliant, talented person, who does something else, to do it."

After that first TikTok video went viral last spring, Cooper had a conversation with Burns.

"Is this Trump stuff, like, a one-off?" she remembers asking him. "How does this fit in with what I've been doing?"

"And then it was this lightning bolt moment. Wait, I've been making fun of BS from sleazy business guys my entire life. This is what I should have been doing the entire four years."

There is a tinge of regret in her voice, as if all of this success could have started in the days of Sean Spicer. But there is also the flip side, that she's become popular for a very specific, viral bit when her actual ambitions stretch well beyond the less than a minute allowed on TikTok.

"You know, I have this image in my head," says Cooper, who despite her childhood ambition to become an actress and her performances in high school plays, listened to the advice of her father and did not pursue theater in college. Instead she studied economics and later earned a master's in digital media but did take the occasional theater class while focusing on her regular job. "I'm getting onstage after this is over and starting to do my act, and then somebody in the back is yelling out, 'We want to hear Trump!' Part of this is you get famous for one thing, but then you're like, 'oh well, there's other things I can do.'"

Rudolph and Natasha Lyonne, the "Russian Doll" star, are giving her a chance to show the other side of the coin, when Netflix premieres Cooper's first special, which they produced and Lyonne directed.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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It is not your standard Netflix comedy show. For one thing, “Sarah Cooper: Everything’s Fine” is not stand-up. The special is a darkly hilarious and political sketch show filmed on the COVID-claustrophobic set of a fictitious morning program hosted by a needy and desperately cheery character named Sarah Cooper.

Cooper, Lyonne and Rudolph recruited a slate of A-listers — the full cast is being kept under wraps by Netflix, but it includes Marisa Tomei as the Devil, Jon Hamm as MyPillow’s CEO and Fred Armisen as her socially distanced producer — to capture the year that broke us.

“Obviously Sarah is such a revelation,” Lyonne says. “What she was able to transmit through those videos was something that we were all feeling so keenly — that sort of soul sickness.

Jokes are really the closest thing we’ve got to a life preserver for sanity, because how else do you make sense of a riddle like the one we find ourselves in?”

It took a pandemic and some TikTok tutelage from her young nephews to spark Cooper’s breakthrough. But her take on Trump was not dumb luck. It’s easily trackable to her three years at Google as a smiling, agreeable, productive participant of boardroom America.

As she dutifully did her job, Cooper was also taking detailed notes on how the fake-it-till-you-make-it rise to the top. Targeting Trump, whom she considers the king of the bluffer-buffoons, made perfect sense.

“There is almost a social justice aspect to this,” says comedian friend Morrissey. “She’s been seeing people like Trump do this for years, all these guys who have built —ed their ways into positions of power.”

Cooper knows what Trump has meant to her career. That doesn’t mean she’s OK with him staying in the White House to provide her with more material.

At the Democratic National Convention in August, Cooper delivered a lip-synch of Trump raging about mail-in voting before speaking directly to the audience, in her own voice, to urge people to cast their ballots.

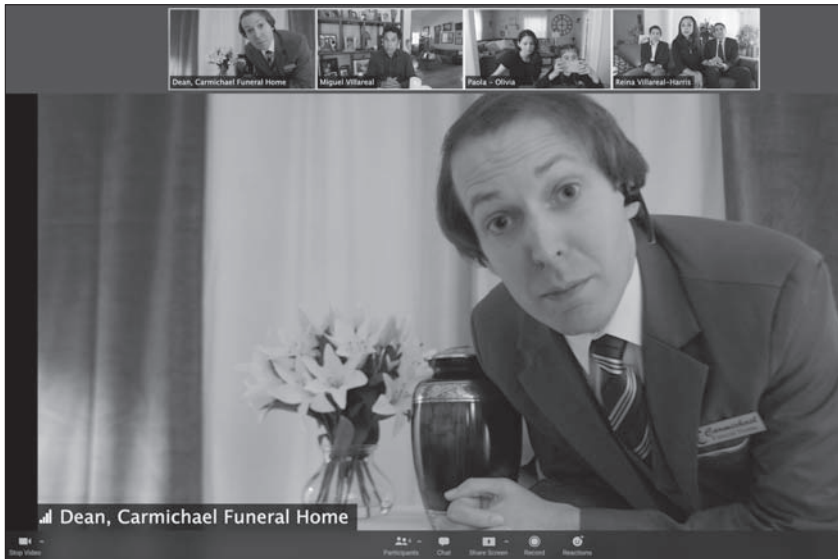
“It’s your vote. It’s your right,” she said. “Don’t let Donald Trump take that away from you.”

And Cooper is well-positioned for a post-Trump universe.

In August, CBS signed on to adapt “How to Be Successful Without Hurting Men’s Feelings” into a sitcom. Cooper will work with Cindy Chupack, a writer and executive producer on “Sex and the City” and “Modern Family.”

As Election Day approaches, Cooper doesn’t pass when asked if she will miss doing her TrumpToks.

“No,” she says. “I think if I’m doing it, it’s not because I feel like we need to get rid of him, maybe without all that pressure, maybe it will be fun. But this has given me the career that I have. I just feel like now I get to say all this other stuff and I tell all these other stories and do all these other things. That’s what I’m excited about.”



One of the episodes of Netflix’s quarantine-era show, “Social Distance,” explores the concept of a Zoom funeral.

Netflix

Roller coaster reality

Netflix show a ‘time capsule’ for realities of quarantine life

BY KATE FELDMAN
New York Daily News

Netflix’s new anthology series, “Social Distance,” unfolds chronologically, but aims to be a “time capsule” for the roller coaster reality of quarantine and unrest, its creator says.

“It’s not about the pandemic, per se,” Hilary Weisman Graham said of the coronavirus-era show, which premiered Oct. 15. “It’s about people experiencing life during social distancing ... just capturing human stories.”

“It’s a time capsule for when this crazy period of time is someday over, something right now (in which) people could see a piece of themselves,” adds the “Orange Is the New Black” writer and producer. “We all are experiencing so many emotions and so much intensity, the roller coaster that’s happening on a daily basis.”

“Social Distance” begins as the coronavirus shutdowns take effect, with a barber (Mike Colter) attending virtual Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. It progresses as the calendar flips: to a Zoom funeral; to a home nurse (Danielle Brooks) who keeps an eye on her 6-year-old daughter through a video security system; to a group of teens livestreaming and FaceTiming, their lives barely upheld by being stuck at home.

The eight-episode show ends with “When They See Us” alum Asante Blackk, 18, and his real-life dad fighting about how to protest.

Each episode is supposed to represent a different stage of quarantine. “Social Distance” isn’t the first such coronavirus-themed show, however.

‘I really just hope that people watch this show and see their lives and experiences reflected and have some catharsis in these crazy times. At the end of the day, these stories are important to humanity. They help us process our own emotions and our own reality.’

Hilary Weisman Graham
creator of “Social Distance” on Netflix

Preform’s “Love in the Time of Corona,” HBO’s “Coastal Cities” and NBC’s “Connecting” all preceded it. Each has called itself a time capsule, but each looks a little different and tells a different story.

Blackk’s episode, the season finale, is perhaps the angriest, written after George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer May 25.

Playing a teenager trying to skip out of work to join his girlfriend at an anti-police brutality protest, Blackk’s character, Corey, finds himself at odds with his boss (played by the young actor’s real-life dad, Ayize Ma’at) about how to fight systemic racism.

For Corey, it’s rallies and signs and hashtags. For his boss, it’s about succeeding as a self-made Black man.

It’s two sides of the same coin, Blackk said.

“You can’t get out of the matrix if you don’t realize you’re in the matrix,” Blackk said. “You can’t step outside of this horror movie you’re living inside of unless you

realize it. This is one of the biggest social movements that has ever taken place in this country. We have a responsibility to make sure this never happens again.”

It’s a commentary Blackk also voiced two years ago in an interview with *The News*, when he played Kevin Richardson in “When They See Us,” Ava DuVernay’s story of the now-exonerated Central Park Five.

“We’ve made mistakes in the past; the biggest mistake was electing the man who’s in office right now,” Blackk said of President Trump. “If we would have shovelled out more, we wouldn’t be in this. If the presidency went the other way, where would we be? I don’t think the pandemic would be as severe, don’t think racial tensions would have been as tight. We see where we made those mistakes and now we have to continue reminding people not to do it again.”

“Social Distance” also explores adjusting to the new reality, like in “A Celebration of the Human Life Cycle” about a Zoom funeral. “Zero Feet Away” immerses itself in the story of a couple trying to avoid their marital issues with a threesome. “Humane Animal Trap” finds a man (Dylan Baker) trying to enjoy retirement until his wife (real-life wife Becky Ann Baker) is drafted back to work as a nurse on the medical frontline of the pandemic.

“We wanted to find stories about the specific of the universality. They’re stories that are so unique to this time,” Weisman Graham said. “I really just hope that people watch this show and see their lives and experiences reflected and have some catharsis in these crazy times. At the end of the day, these stories are important to humanity. They help us process our own emotions and our own reality.”

HEALTH AND FITNESS

JAW BREAKER

Pandemic stress is causing an increase in teeth grinding, clenching

By BETHANY AO

The Philadelphia Inquirer

When Kate Faith was laid off in March at the start of the coronavirus pandemic, her stress levels skyrocketed. She worried about making ends meet as a single parent to her 1-year-old daughter and about her family and friends catching the virus. The 37-year-old's sleep worsened, and the additional stress caused Faith's longtime habit of grinding her teeth and clenching her jaw to intensify.

"I've been dealing with clenching my jaw and grinding my teeth on and off since college, but because I have a night guard, I usually just work through it," said Faith, who lives in South Philadelphia, Pa. "But in March, things just got so much worse. I never thought I would do so much damage to my teeth."

Dentists around the country say they've seen a surge in excessive teeth grinding or clenching, known as bruxism, since the pandemic began. Chronic teeth grinding wears down enamel, the outermost protective layer of the tooth, resulting in teeth fractures, or even loss of teeth in serious cases. It can also cause muscles around the jaw to ache.

Many dentists attribute the recent surge in bruxism to increased stress, which has been linked to bruxism in a number of studies, though not as a direct cause.

The increase did not come as a surprise to Thomas Sollecito, chair of oral medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in Philadelphia.

"I would be surprised if there wasn't an increase," he said. "The stress and distress of the world's events will affect things like sleep and someone's clenching and grinding. If we're constantly under that duress, the frequency and intensity of clenching and grinding is just going to continue."

The most common thing people might notice if they're grinding or clenching their teeth excessively



is a tension headache, which can feel like dull pain or pressure across the forehead or in the back of the head, Sollecito said. Specifically, the overuse of muscles that close the jaw can cause temporal headaches, which are felt in the temples on the side of the head.

"People may also notice more discomfort with normal activity," Sollecito said. "They might feel pain even if with routine chewing because their muscles have undergone more 'exercise' by clenching and grinding."

Although Jennie Spotila had been struggling with the effects of bruxism over the last few years due to increased stress from personal issues, she said the pandemic made the issue significantly worse. Right before COVID-19 closed dental offices, Spotila, a 52-year-old disability activist living in Montgomery County, Pa., got a temporary crown because she broke a tooth from grinding.

"I was afraid to go to the dentist again, so I didn't go back until June to get the impression taken for the permanent crown," Spotila said. "And in the meantime, I had cracked another tooth, within the first few months of the pandemic. My dentist jokingly asked, 'Have you been under a lot of stress?' and I thought, 'Um, yes.'"

She got a night guard, based on her dentist's recommendation, and started wearing it while she slept to

reduce the grinding. But Spotila said she now also catches her grinding or clenching her teeth during the day.

"I just try to stop and consciously relax the jaw," she said. "I know that this issue is stress-related. I never ground my teeth before, ever, until the last couple of years."

Hai Qing, a dentist who practices in Bucks County, Pa., said he's seen a handful of patients come in recently with joint issues, a sign of excessive teeth grinding or clenching. Qing recalled one patient who, after being asked to take on more responsibilities at work during COVID-19, broke her night guard from excessive grinding.

Qing said it's important to test a patient's saliva for acidity as it can exacerbate bruxism.

"Bruxism causes more severe damage when the saliva is acidic in a short amount of time," he said. "We try to control that by looking at their dietary habits and making adjustments. We also want to make sure the patients don't have any fragile or weak teeth, so we can protect those as well."

When Faith saw her dentist in April, she mentioned that her grinding had gotten worse. Her teeth were starting to develop sharp edges on the side because she had ground down the centers. She was given a prescription for an anti-inflammatory, which was supposed to alleviate the pain. But things didn't improve.

"When I saw my jaw and migraine doctor in June, I told him I couldn't take it any longer," Faith said. "I would wake up in the morning and my jaw would be throbbing from grinding all night long, even though I wear my night guard to protect my teeth."

She eventually scheduled a temporomandibular joint (TMJ) arthroscopy, a surgery that relieves pain and restores the jaw's full range of motion, at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia at the end of September. Faith said that she's also hoping to get acupuncture for her jaw, a treatment that has relieved her pain in the past, once she finds a new job.

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OPINION

Finally, a substantive, informative debate

By GARY ABERNATHY
 Special to The Washington Post

The debate Thursday night between President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden was so substantive and informative it sometimes bordered on boring, reflecting a level of gravitas we need more of in politics today.

Trump, of course, can be counted on to bring at least a minimum level of bombast. He has a knack for enlivening things even when it seems safe to not do. He was determined to inject into this nationwide broadcast claims about the business dealings of Hunter Biden, including allegations that the elder Biden was aware of — and involved in — his son's business dealings (something Joe Biden has denied).

Whether Trump laid a glove on Biden isn't yet clear, but it was to moderator Kristen Welker's credit that, even if she didn't invoke Hunter Biden herself, she also didn't try to stop Trump from doing so. Biden responded mostly by trying to change the subject to Trump's foreign dealings. Eventually, Biden withdrew to answer in more detail questions about his son's foreign business arrangements, and his attempt to blame Russia for these allegations is all but certain to seem obviously nonsensical.

Over an hour and a half, the debate also covered the pandemic, health care in general, foreign business dealings, the economy, immigration, race relations, climate change, energy and leadership. Viewers were able to hear the stark and substantial differences between the candidates.

On the more than 500 children separated from their parents at the border, Biden did a good job of pointing out the horror for the tragedy of such circumstances. But Trump was effective in explaining efforts

being made to reunite children and parents and the care that children are receiving in the meantime. And when Trump charged that the Obama administration initially supplied the "cages" that housed children, Biden never answered Trump's repeated question: "Who built the cages, Joe?"

On how governors have handled COVID-19, Biden scored with his comment that he doesn't look at states "in the way [Trump] does, blue states, red states," saying that to him, "they're all the United States." Trump's upbeat outlook on COVID-19 may strike some as too rosy, but it stood in contrast to Biden's "dark winter" and suggestion that Americans are learning not to live with the virus but "to die with it." Voters tend to prefer optimism to defeatism. And Biden's late-in-the-game admission, under pressure from Trump, that he would transport the country away from the oil industry might haunt him.

Trump was good Thursday, and probably not just because of the debate sponsors' decision to make the debate as accessible as possible to allow for uninterrupted answers. The president took a different approach to this debate than he did to the first one, which was a disaster for him. Trump's performance Thursday encapsulated what makes him frustrating for those who want him to succeed. This is the version of Trump many of us have seen in the past — smart, informed and even presidential. Sadly, he doesn't show up often enough.

As moderator, NBC's Welker offered a master class in handling the two candidates. It stood in sharp contrast to last week's examples of what not to do at the competing town halls that replaced the canceled debate.

Last week, Trump was aggressively — some might say rudely — grilled by NBC's

World leaders' rooting interests differ in US elections

By CARL BILD
 Special to The Washington Post

The world has a clear stake in the upcoming U.S. presidential election, and even in the midst of a devastating pandemic, the possibility of dealing with a reelected, emboldened President Donald Trump is already generating a lot of fear and uncertainty.

In Europe, the prospect of four more years with Trump has many political and business leaders in a horror. The links across the Atlantic on issues such as trade, security and environmental policy have barely survived these four years. Sure, a serious trade war across the Atlantic has so far been averted, but a victorious Trump might want to double down on his repeated threat to cut down on the number of German cars on the streets of New York. He might want to open new trade conflicts with the European Union, which he at times seems to see as an even more hostile trade partner than China. Any prospect of the United States and Europe working together to stem the World Trade Organization to balance China will fade away very fast.

Then there's NATO. In a recent interview, Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton said there was a "very real risk" of the U.S. withdrawing from the alliance if Trump wins a second term.

To be sure, some of the most challenges in a Trump reelection, Paris will want to continue its push for "strategic autonomy" for Europe, while Downing Street will be comfortable with keeping around an influential supporter of Brexit. Some in Warsaw and Budapest are surely not looking forward to having the United States as "rule of law" come back to the White House vo-

cabulary in regards to other nations.

But overall, we can be sure a Joe Biden presidency would certainly be greeted with deep relief.

There is little doubt that Russian President Vladimir Putin would cast his vote for Trump. But despite the American president's soft spot for Putin, the U.S.-Russia relationship has been going distinctly downhill these past four years. A Biden presidency that strengthens alliances, supports Ukraine and talks loudly about human rights in Moscow, something that Vladimir Putin would do without, though a more constructive approach to strategic arms control would be welcome.

China might be expecting a fairly adversarial relationship under either Trump or Biden. There has been a clear strategic split between the two sides since the day Xi Jinping might be more comfortable with Trump, whom he can outmaneuver in private on some key issues and who lacks the leadership to muster a united front against Beijing. On trade, Trump has shown that he ultimately can be bought off with some soybeans. And while Congress specifically made it more vocal on human rights abuses, Trump probably will not complain.

Many nationalists will certainly feel lonely if Trump went away. Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro and Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan, despite his run-ins with Trump, specifically made it more vocal on human rights abuses. Biden probably will not muster the same level of personal admiration.

The same can be said for Saudi Arabia, which is deeply thankful to Trump for protecting it from the consequences of both the miserable war in Yemen and the world's most volatile oil market. Washington Post contributing columnist Jamal

Savannah Guthrie, who turned what was intended to be an audience-driven event into a one-on-one debate. Bizarrely, Guthrie spent an inordinate amount of time pressing Trump on QAnon, a fringe conspiracy movement most Americans aren't focused on as an election issue. In the event's opening minutes, she also demanded that Trump denounce white-supremacy groups, a favorite media topic no matter how many times Trump repudiates them.

On ABC, meanwhile, Biden was treated like an old friend dropping by for drinks. Moderator George Stephanopoulos never broached reporting in the New York Post and other outlets on emails purportedly obtained from a laptop belonging to Hunter Biden. Stephanopoulos only mildly pressed Biden on whether he would pack the Supreme Court.

These set the stage for how Welker would moderate Thursday's face-off. She was respectful and tough in equal measure and she gave the audience-driven event its points but always returning to the topics she wanted addressed. Focusing on the agenda, she put both candidates on the spot. For instance, she hit Trump hard on the allegations of racism frequently leveled against him, but she also pressed Biden on negative consequences of the 1994 crime bill he sponsored as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. And so it went throughout the night, fair and balanced.

As always, the "winner" of Thursday's debate will be largely a matter of partisan opinion. The undisputed winner was journalism. After too many missteps in the Trump era, the news media did a better job of past standards, Welker did a good job of returning some respect to the profession.

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Khashoggi. Trump's departure is the last thing the despotic Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman needs.

In Tehran, views are likely to be divided.

There is a reformist wing that would like to go back to negotiations with the U.S. and the Europeans to avoid a further escalation of tensions. But there are also the more conservative forces that have been in ascendancy recently. For them, Trump is solid proof that they have been right all along about the U.S. and the U.S. and the U.S. Trump's reelection will solidify their position within the power structure.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also has a clear favorer. Trump's backing for Israel's embattled leader and his positions has made support for Israel a much more popular position in the United States, so much so it is personally a stake for Netanyahu, even at the expense of the bilateral relationship in the long term.

In New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi obviously feels comfortable with Trump and his nationalist style, but his support for Trump is more of a tactical move to strengthen the ties between the countries.

North Korea's Kim Jong Un has a personal affinity for Trump even as he has continued to defy the United States and the world by continuing to develop his nuclear arsenal. He knows Trump can't do much to force through on his recent musings that he would "leave the country" if he loses, and perhaps go develop resorts in North Korea, his main pitch for peace to the North Korean dictator.

Alas, strength, prime ministers, presidents and the rest of the world are just forced to watch. It's not up to any of us, even if it will affect us directly or indirectly.

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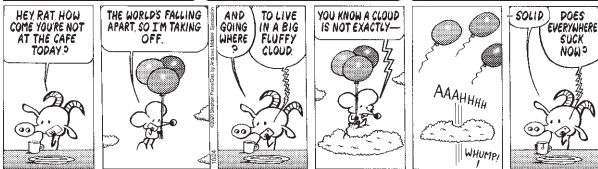
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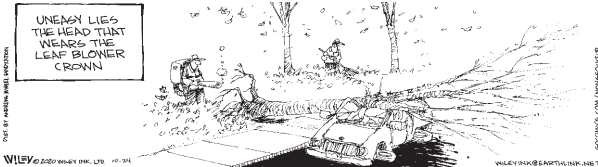
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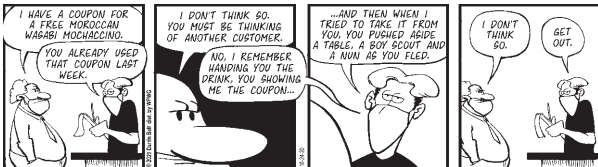
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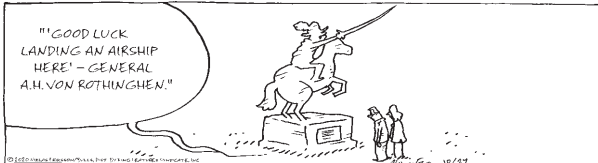
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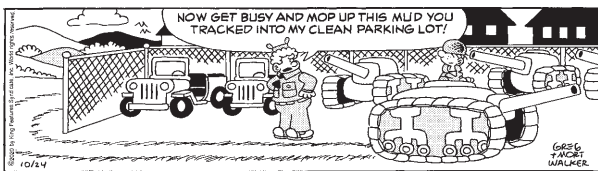
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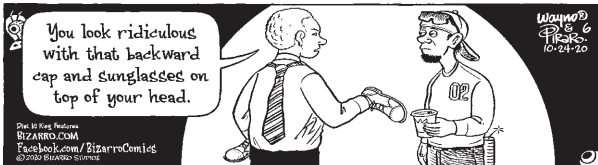
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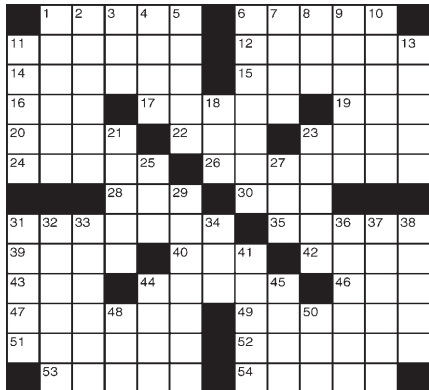
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JOLIET SAMMERS — Signed OF Kevin Watson, Released C Hunter Hudson, RHP Ryan Kozio and C Tommy LaCongo.
SUSSEX WARRIORS — Signed RHP Tyler Kovalchick, RHP Tyler Lunek and LF Jason Rivers.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed CF Trevor Cassanova and OF Derek Reedly.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with IF/OF Josh Harrison on a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Activated DT Branden Albert from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Placed CB Anthony Averett on one-year contract.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed LB Ahmad Gholston to the practice squad.

Detroit Lions — Designated CB Justin Coleman to return to injured reserve. Signed RB Davin Dawkins to the practice squad. Released G Beau Benschaw.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Activated RB Nathan Cottrell, TE Ben Elfelson, LS Evans and Joes Giles-Harris, WR Terry Godwin, Tre Ivory and Josh Hammond, OL Jared Hillbers and Austen Pinnell from the reserve/COVID list.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Traded DE Yannik Nyakoue to Baltimore for undisclosed draft choices. Placed S George Iyobu on the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Activated WR Calvin Johnson from the reserve/COVID list to the active roster. Elevated LT Trent Harris to the practice squad.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Placed TE Zach Ertz on injured reserve. Promoted RB James Montgomery to the active roster.

PITTSBURGH PATRIOTS — Signed WR John Hurst to the practice squad.

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Signed WR Robert Taylor to the active roster. Placed WR Robert Taylor on the practice squad. Waived TE Marcus Cannon. Promoted TE Marcus Cannon to the active roster.

College

NCAA — Announced G Bahmir Bishop has been granted a legislative relief order to return to play for the University of men's basketball starting in the fall of 2020.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Signed D Casey Nelson to a one-year contract.

DALLAS STARS — Signed RW Denis Gauran to a two-year contract.

OTTAWA SENATORS — Signed D Dmitry Kulikov to a one-year contract.

SOCCER

COLUMBIUS CREW SC — Signed D Jonathan Rodriguez to a one-year contract.

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE — Traded F/D Crystal Dunn to FC Reign in exchange for a second round pick.

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Tennis

European Open

Thursday
At Cottbus, Germany
Antwerp, Belgium
Men's Singles
Surface: Hardcourt indoor
Round of 16
 Milos Raonic (5), 7-5, 7-6 (4), def. Cameron Norrie (Brit), 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
 Lloyd Harris (South Africa), def. Taylor Fritz (United States), 7-6 (3), 6-4.
 Karen Khachanov (3), Russia, def. Taylor Fritz (United States), 7-6 (4), 6-4.
 Marcos Giron (United States), vs. David Goffin (1), Belgium, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Men's Doubles
Round of 16
 Matt Reid and Aljo Mijunar, Australia, def. Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil, and Nicolas Pietrangeli, Italy.
Quarterfinals
 Pablo Andujar, Spain, and Sanjar Amirbekov, Netherlands, def. Andrej Gerasimov and Michael Geerts, Belgium, 6-4, 6-1.
 Gael Monfils (5), France, def. Gilles Muller (5), Belgium, def. Daniel Evans and Cameron Norrie, Britain, 7-5, 6-3.

Men's Singles

1. Cameron Norrie (Brit), 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
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Pro football

NFL injury report

NEW YORK — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league on Oct. 23, includes the following limited participation; FULL: Full participation; DNP: Did not play; I: Injured reserve; P: Practice squad.

SUNDAY
BUFFALO BILLS AT NEW YORK JETS — LB J. Daniels (hamstring), T Cody Ford (knee), E Dawson Knox (calf), LIMITED: RB Obi Ayojobi (not injury related), CB Cameron Lewis (wrist), LB Matt Milano (knee), FULL: CB Josh Allen (turf toe), JETS: DNP: G Alex Lewis (turf toe), WR James Cook (groin), QB Sam Darnold (right shoulder), T Chuma Edoga (left ankle), WR John Brown (groin), WR Breshad Perriman (ankle, knee), FULL: CB Garcon Brennis (quadiceps), LB Jordan Jenkins (shoulder).
CAROLINA PANTHERS AT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS PANTHERS: Practice Not Complete. SAINTS: Practice Not Complete.
CLEVELAND BROWNS AT CINCINNATI REDSKINS — Browns: LB Ja'cob Phillips (knee), S Andrew Sendejo (knee), DNP: WR Jeffery Heuvel (turf toe). PANTHERS: RB Kareem Hunt (rib), S Karl Joseph (hamstring), WR Jarvis Landry (concussion), RB Joe Mixon (foot), TE David Njoku (shoulder), WR Kevin White (groin), QB Baker Mayfield (elbow), S Ronnie Harrison (concussion), LB Stone Taylor (hand), DNP: DT Spencer Adams (not injury related), CB Carlos Dunlap (not injury related), CB Sean Jackson (concussion), RB Joe Mixon (foot), CB Darius Phillips (knee), WR Jarvis Landry (concussion), A.J. Green (not injury related), WR Auden Tate (shoulder), S Shawn Williams (hamstring).

DALLAS COWBOYS AT WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Cowboys: Practice Not Complete. WASHINGTON: DNP: T Greg Little (WR, ankle), P Andy Golden (hamstring), DE James Smith (ankle), WR Diontae Johnson (concussion), WR Isaiah Wright (shoulder), LIMITED: WR Kevin White (groin), DE Chase Young (groin).

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SPORTS BRIEFS/WORLD SERIES

Briefly

Army-Navy game shifts to West Point

Associated Press

The Army-Navy football game in December has been moved from Philadelphia to West Point because of attendance limits placed on outdoor events in Pennsylvania.

By playing the game on Army's home field in New York, the entire Brigade of Midshipmen and Corps of Cadets will be able to attend.

The game is scheduled for Dec. 12. This will be the first time the Army-Navy game will be played at a home site since Army hosted the event in 1943 during World War II.

Navy athletic director Chet Gladchuk called West Point a "safe haven" for the Brigade and the Corps of Cadets at a time when medical conditions and protocols dictate the environment in which we live."

"History will repeat itself as we stage this cherished tradition on Academy grounds as was the case dating back to World War II," Gladchuk said Friday.

Philadelphia has long been home for the event, with few exceptions.

Army athletic director Mike Buddie thanked the city of Philadelphia, the Eagles and all those involved in the planning.

"Of utmost importance to us throughout this entire process was the health, safety and welfare of the Corps of Cadets and the Brigade of Midshipmen," he said. "We are excited about this historic opportunity."

■ **The Lott IMPACT Trophy**, given to the nation's top defensive player for both his performance and character, will have six finalists instead of the usual four and will be presented in February.

The finalists will include one each from the Power 5 conferences and one at-large finalist from the other Division I conferences. Three semifinalists from each league will be chosen on Nov. 18 and one finalist from each conference will be named on Jan. 7.

■ **The Holiday Bowl** has become the fourth bowl game to be called off due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Holiday Bowl officials announced Thursday that the board of directors voted unanimously to cancel what would have been the 43rd straight edition of the game. It would have been the first year of a six-year deal to match teams from the Pac-12 and Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Redbox Bowl in Santa Clara and the Hawaii and Bahamas bowls have also been called off.

Source: Raiders latest COVID tests all negative

The Las Vegas Raiders' latest batch of COVID-19 tests all came back negative and their game scheduled for Sunday against Tampa Bay is on for now.

The Raiders placed two players on the COVID-19 list following positive tests earlier in the week and put five more players on the list because of "high risk" close contacts.

A person familiar with the tests said on condition of anonymity that all the players tested negative in results gotten back Friday morning. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the league doesn't release test results.

The NFL moved the Raiders' game against the Buccaneers from prime time to an afternoon slot on Sunday just in case the game couldn't be played.

In other NFL news: ■ **Matt Blair**, one of the great linebackers in Minnesota Vikings history and a six-time Pro Bowler who played in two Super Bowls, has died. He was 70 years old.

His death was announced by the team. Blair, who had been suffering from dementia, died Thursday after an extended period in hospice care, according to the Star Tribune.

Drafted in the second round out of Iowa State in 1974, Blair played all 12 of his NFL seasons for the Vikings, from 1974 to 1985. He started 130 of the 160 regular-season games he played, racking up 1,452 tackles, the second most in team history.

He finished his career with 16 interceptions, 20 fumble recoveries and 20 blocked punts, extra points and field goals.

■ **Sarn Darnold** is set to return as the New York Jets' starting quarterback Sunday against the Buffalo Bills as long as he has no further complications with his injured shoulder.

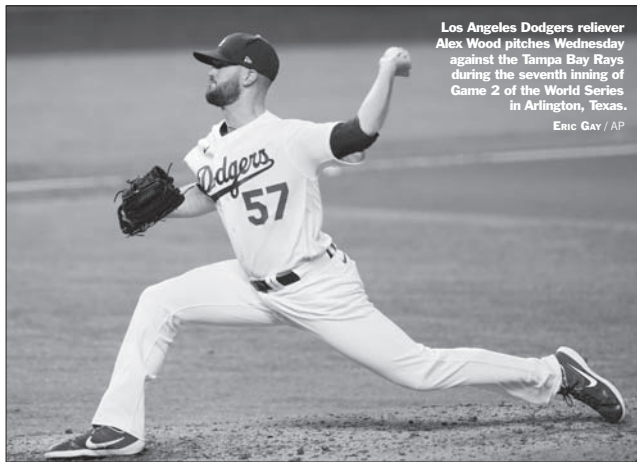
Darnold has missed the last two games with a sprained AC joint in his right shoulder suffered in New York's loss to Denver on Oct. 1. He returned to finish that game, but has sat out since while Joe Flacco has started in his place.

NHL cancels Winter Classic, All-Star Game

The NHL won't take it outside and open 2021 with the Winter Classic in Minnesota but still hopes to get the hockey season going around the start of the new year.

The league on Thursday canceled the Winter Classic scheduled for Jan. 1 at Target Field in Minneapolis and All-Star Weekend that was set for late January in Sunrise, Fla. It said those moves don't change the league and players' target date to begin on or around Jan. 1 in the hopes of each team playing a full 82-game season.

No guarantee of being able to host fans led to the cancellation of the two signature events. The league hopes to bring them back to those cities in future years.



Los Angeles Dodgers reliever Alex Wood pitches Wednesday against the Tampa Bay Rays during the seventh inning of Game 2 of the World Series in Arlington, Texas.

ERIC GAY / AP

World Series notebook

Wood's role may change if Dodgers need starter

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alex Wood has experience starting in the World Series for the Dodgers. While in a different role now, the left-hander could be an intriguing option if Los Angeles needs another starter in this Fall Classic.

"When you get to this point in the year, all bets are off. When you get your opportunity to go in, throw up a zero or get your team to the next inning to have a chance to win, I'm just trying to contribute," Wood said Thursday, a day off at the World Series. "I think my role is increasing as we've gone forward. And I feel pretty good. So hopefully I'll continue to have some more opportunities."

Wood returned to LA as a free agent last winter after being traded to Cincinnati the previous offseason, but missed a month of this pandemic-shortened regular season because of a shoulder injury in his first start, and went to the bullpen after returning in September. He was added to the playoff roster for the NL Championship Series, threw 1½ innings against Atlanta, and added two scoreless innings against Tampa Bay in Game 2 of the World Series.

The lefty was the sixth of seven Dodgers pitchers in a planned bullpen game, a 6-4 loss Wednesday night that evened the World Series at a game each. Every pitcher got at least three outs, with Wood's the longest outing.

After going 16-3 as a starter during the 2017 regular season,

MLB scoreboard

World Series

(Best-of-seven)

x-if necessary

At Arlington, Texas
Los Angeles Dodgers 1, Tampa Bay 1
 L.A. Dodgers 8, Tampa Bay 3
 Tampa Bay 6, L.A. Dodgers 4
Friday: Game 3
Saturday: Game 4 (AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. Sunday CET-9 a.m. Sunday JKT)
Sunday, Oct. 26: Game 5 (AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. Monday CET-9 a.m. Monday JKT)
x-Tuesday, Oct. 27: Game 6 (AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. Wednesday CET-9 a.m. Wednesday JKT)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 28: Game 7 (AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. Thursday CET-9 a.m. Thursday JKT)

Wood allowed one run over 5½ innings in his Game 4 start of the World Series for the Dodgers. He threw the final two innings of Game 7 won by Houston, then made three relief appearances in the 2018 World Series soon before getting traded. He made only seven starts for the Reds while dealing with back issues in 2019.

Walker Buehler starts Game 3 for the Dodgers on Friday night, and could go on regular rest in a Game 7, if the Series goes the full distance. Julio Urias, 4-0 over a start and three relief appearances this postseason, is scheduled for Game 4, a night before Game 1 winner Clayton Kershaw on regular rest Sunday night. That could leave Game 6 open, unless Buehler was brought back on short rest.

"I'm not thinking about that at all," Wood said. "I came here for one reason and one reason only, and that was to win a World Se-

ries. And we're right here on the cusp of doing something special, something that hasn't been done in a long time. And I'm just really grateful to be a part of it and be contributing."

Meeting Mookie

Tampa Bay shortstop Willy Adames and Dodgers right fielder Mookie Betts hugged when they met at second base during the World Series opener.

Adames said he first met Betts after getting called up by the Rays in 2018, when Betts was still playing for the Boston Red Sox and the year he was the AL MVP.

"Since then, every time I get to second he says hi to me, he talks to me and he treats me like he knew me his whole life," Adames said Thursday. "And for me that means a lot to me. That's a player that you look up to and you enjoy watching him play, the energy he brings to the game. Everything he brings to the game is special."

There are even text exchanges off the field between the two, who now in different leagues on different coasts don't play against each other as often as they did when both were in the AL East. When Betts got to second base in Game 1 on Tuesday night, he asked Adames for the hug.

"He was like, 'Hey, come here little brother. I haven't seen you in a while.' And that means a lot. That means the world to me," Adames said. "That tells you how special he is and such a great person, such a great heart."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Army returns to relevance after going 5-8 in 2019

By JOHN KERIS
Associated Press

Say this about Army coach Jeff Monken — he's a master of improvisation.

Faced with the loss of his top three quarterbacks to injuries as he prepared the Black Knights to face UTSA on the road last Saturday, he decided to rotate two quarterbacks who had just one snap under center combined.

Final score: Army 28-16. Monken said he had no doubt beforehand that his team would win — even though the road hasn't been kind, even though the Roadrunners had the nation's leading rusher in Sincere McCormick and had given No. 12 BYU a scare the previous week on the road while the Black Knights had barely held off The Citadel at home.

"Everybody on our offensive staff and I were completely confident that we were going to win the game because the game plan essentially took it out of the quarterback's hands," Monken said. "It just put all the responsibility on the other 10 guys to knock people around and knock 'em off the ball and create seams, and that's what they did."

"It made the job of those two young guys a lot easier. They didn't have to go ad-lib and make things happen. They just were

able to do their job and settle in," Monken said. "What was so impressive was that neither one was rattled at all. I thought they performed about as well as we could've expected in their first action, that's for sure."

Army freshman starter Cade Ballard — he had that one snap in the first game of the season — only rushed three times for 5 yards, but after UTSA pulled within 21-16 early in the fourth quarter Ballard responded like a veteran on the ensuing possession, guiding the Black Knights to a touchdown that put the Roadrunners back on their heels. The drive featured Ballard's first college completion and the only one for Army in the game — a 53-yarder to senior wide receiver Cam Harrison that put the ball at the UTSA 5 — and his first career touchdown run on the next play. Ballard's partner, sophomore Tyhier Tyler, gained 95 yards on 19 carries, did not attempt a pass, and scored the lone touchdown of the third quarter on a 37-yard run, the only blemish on his performance a lost fumble in the fourth quarter that gave the Roadrunners a chance.

Nate Woody's defense took care of that. Ranked seventh nationally in scoring defense (13.2 points per game) and eighth in total defense (284 yards per game), Army stopped UTSA twice on fourth



DARREN ABATE/AP

Army running back Jakobi Buchanan, center, works for extra yardage against UTSA in Army's 28-16 win Saturday in San Antonio, Texas. The Black Knights are averaging 310 yards a game on the ground.

‘What was so impressive was that neither one was rattled at all.’

Jeff Monken

Army coach, on his two inexperienced quarterbacks last week

down deep in Black Knights territory in the closing minutes. The defense also has forced 10 turnovers (six interceptions and four fumble recoveries), while the triple option under offensive coordinator Brent Davis is averaging 310 yards rushing, third nationally, and special teams have blocked three kicks, tied for first nationally.

"When the offense works well and the defense works well, we win the football game," said Army linebacker Jon Rhtattigan,

who leads the team with 47 tackles, six behind the line.

It marked the second consecutive game that a Black Knights quarterback made his first career start. The previous week it was sophomore Jemel Jones, and he led the team to a 14-9 victory over The Citadel, one of three Championship Subdivision foes on a schedule that was almost entirely changed because of the pandemic. Jones suffered a leg injury in the game, providing the opening for the two newcomers.

"We were 100 percent confident," senior tri-captain Sandon McCoy said. "You go into every game confident, but two quarterbacks that hadn't played a snap yet, everyone else around them has to be confident to make them feel strong, make them feel confident in themselves."

Army (5-1) has won three straight since a 24-10 loss at then-No. 14 Cincinnati and for only the fourth time since 1970, has won at least five of its first six games, a nice turnaround from last season's 5-8 mark. The 1996 squad under Bob Sutton started 9-0 and the Black Knights opened the 1985 and 1988 seasons with a 5-1 record under Jim Young.

The victory also ended Army's six-game skid in away or neutral games.

Chanticleers crack Top 25, poised to move up

By PETE IACOBELLI
Associated Press

A few things have changed for Coastal Carolina coach Jamey Chadwell since his team's first national ranking.

There have been many well-wishers and increased media obligations this week, so "I went and got a haircut," he joked Wednesday. "So that's a benefit as well."

The Chanticleers (4-0) entered the Top 25 for the first time in program history. They were a Football Championship Subdivision power that routinely made the playoffs before moving to the Sun Belt three seasons ago. The milestone came after defeating their first nationally ranked opponent in then-No. 21 Louisiana-Lafayette, 30-27, on Oct. 14.

Chadwell told his players before kickoff that if they took care of business, they would get ranked.

The only way to stay, he counseled them after the victory, "is to keep winning."

Steady success has long been a trait of the school with an enrollment of about 11,000 students during its relatively short football history. The program began in 2003 and made the FCS playoffs three years later. It received national exposure when it hired former TD Ameritrade CEO Joe Moglia as its head coach in 2012 — and continued winning.

Moglia led the Chants to three Big South Conference titles and four FCS playoff trips, spending much of 2015 at No. 1 in the FCS rankings as they prepared for competition in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Moglia, who became executive director of football and special adviser to the university president after retiring from coaching in 2018, brought in Chadwell from Big South rival Charleston Southern to inherit the head coach position.

Chadwell said Moglia's principles are still very much a part of Coastal's program and the two chat or text after most games.

The Chanticleers (the nickname comes from Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales) appreciate the increased attention and seemed poised for more in a season that began with a 38-23 defeat of Power Five school Kansas.

The goal entering the season, said receiver Javon Heiligh, was to win the Sun Belt, despite going a combined 6-18 in the first three seasons as a league member. He said players felt they were close to a breakthrough in years past and are determined not to let this opportunity slip away.

"It's great to be ranked," he said. "But our end goal is to win a championship and that's what we're focused on."

That quest continues Saturday when Coastal Carolina (4-0, 2-0 Sun Belt) plays host to Georgia Southern (3-1, 1-1). Chadwell hadn't seen any ranking hangover at practice after a few days of anticipation before the polls came out.



PAUL KREJCI/AP

Coastal Carolina running back CJ Marable, left, and quarterback Grayson McCall celebrate after Marable scored a touchdown during the first half of their 30-27 defeat of Louisiana-Lafayette in Lafayette, La., on Oct. 14.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



PHOTOS BY NATHAN HARNIK, ABOVE, AND DAVID ZALUBOWSKI, BELOW/AP

Ohio State quarterback and preseason Heisman front-runner Justin Fields will make his season debut when the No. 5 Buckeyes host Nebraska on Saturday.

Week 8 preview

Mountain West begins season; Fields gets Heisman showcase

Associated Press

College football Saturdays this season have mostly been over by around midnight Eastern. Maybe 12:30 a.m.

West of Texas, the only FBS program that has been up and running is BYU in Provo, Utah.

That comes to an end this weekend with the kickoff of the Mountain West season. The conference postponed fall football Aug. 10, the day before the Big Ten and Pac-12 made similar decisions.

The Mountain West reversed course and decided not long after those Power Five conferences to play an abbreviated season. The Big Ten starting has drawn the headlines, but the Mountain West will extend the football-watching day into Sunday for fans East of the Mississippi.

The marquee matchups on opening weekend include Mountain West favorite and defending champion Boise State hosting Utah State. Wyoming visits Nevada in a

matchup of teams picked to finish second in their respective divisions. Both of those games kick off at 7 p.m. ET.

The late show includes UNLV at West Division favorites San Diego State, and Air Force at San Jose State, both kicking off at 10:30 p.m. ET.



Boise State RB George Holani

Best game

No. 17 Iowa State at No. 6 Oklahoma State:

Huge game in the Big 12. The Cowboys (3-0) are the only team in the conference with an overall unbeaten record, but they haven't played in a while because of a COVID-19 postponement by Baylor last week.

The Cyclones (3-1) have gotten off to the most impressive start in the Big 12, beating TCU, Oklahoma and Texas Tech

— after losing a nonconference game to Louisiana-Lafayette.

The game matches two of the best running backs in the conference in Iowa State's Breece Hall, who leads the Big 12 in rushing, and Oklahoma State All-American Chuba Hubbard.

Heisman watch

Justin Fields, QB, Ohio State: The fifth-ranked Buckeyes open their season at home against Nebraska. Fields was one of the pre-season Heisman front-runners before the season went sideways.

Fields will try to make up for lost time as Clemson's Trevor Lawrence, BYU's Zach Wilson and Alabama's Mac Jones have had a month's head start in the Heisman race.

This has a chance to be a grand opening for Fields and the Buckeyes. They are 26-point favorites against the Cornhuskers. Ohio State has won five straight in the series and four of them have been huge blowouts.

Numbers to know

12.3 — Points allowed per game by No. 9 Cincinnati, tops in the American Athletic Conference. The Bearcats play at No. 16 SMU, which is averaging 42.6 points per game, second in the conference.

13 — No. 2 Alabama's winning streak against Tennessee. The Tide have won the last four by an average of 34 points.

Relief: 90-day, no-test window after recovery

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they don't catch it again and hopefully they are not out for games." The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that infected individuals not be tested for COVID-19 for 90 days after recovery unless they show symptoms. Researchers have found reinfection is unlikely for about three months and there have been few documented cases of re-infection for COVID-19 worldwide.

Those who have been infected are also exempt for 90 days from being contact traced into a 14-day quarantine for being exposed to an infected individual.

All the major college conferences are following those recommendations for previously infected individuals in their COVID-19 protocols.

That's a big deal.

Florida, which had to postpone its last two games, has more than two dozen players and coaches who have tested positive for the virus and had to isolate for at least 10 days. Florida has not said how many players were forced to quarantine as close contacts, but coach Dan Mullen did acknowledge he would have had fewer than 50 players available last week.

When Florida gets past this, all those who tested positive will be in the clear for the rest of the season.

The Gators are hardly celebrating. Mullen, who also tested positive, said the team won't practice again until Monday and even then won't have all its players available to prepare for Missouri on Oct. 31. Florida's other postponed game, against LSU, has been moved to Dec. 12.

The timing of Notre Dame's outbreak was a little better. The Fighting Irish postponed their game at Wake Forest on Sept. 24 and had an open date the following week. Notre Dame had 25 players test positive.

That's 25 fewer players to worry about the rest of the season, though coach Brian Kelly was concerned about not having much flexibility left on the schedule if Notre Dame has another outbreak.

"There's no wiggle room for the kind of setback that we've had," Kelly said.

Arkansas State had two games postponed in September because of COVID-19 issues. Athletic director Terry Mohajir said at no point was he thinking it was good to have gotten an outbreak out of the way.

"In theory, if you go through it and you can weather the storm on the back end of it you're obviously not having to test as many people," he said. "I think you would much rather not have a bunch of positives that could be symptomatic or asymptomatic and weather the storm that way and test negative. That's better in my mind."

DIY YOU KNOW?

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SOURCE: Associated Press

Dr. Greg Stewart, head physician for Tulane athletics, said athletes who have tested positive could be used strategically to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Want to make sure your quarterback doesn't get infected? Maybe have him sit closest to your previously infected players on the team bus or plane. Making room assignments on the road? Put the players who have recovered from COVID-19 with those who haven't been infected.

"It's almost like a fire break," Stewart said.

The CDC this week changed its definition of a close contact in a way that could make it tougher for teammates who spend a lot of time with one another to avoid quarantine in future outbreaks.

Any immunity built up within a group decreases the likelihood of an outbreak within the group, but epidemiologist Zachary Binney at Emory University said the way football teams tend to operate could present opportunities for multiple outbreaks within a big roster.

"Who interacts with whom?" Binney said. "If you have an outbreak that takes out your entire defense, then that doesn't necessarily protect your offense later on, especially if it's going to be the offense that's spending time with each and the defense spending time with each other."

In the Big Ten and other conferences that will be starting their seasons over the next few weeks, there is no room to get any of the residual benefits that come with getting through an outbreak.

The Big Ten is set to play a nine-week schedule with no breaks. If a game can't be played, there is no way to make it up. Plus, the Big Ten has the strictest return to play protocol of any conference: Athletes who test positive will be out of competition for at least 21 days.

Dr. Jim Borchers, team physician at Ohio State, said the 21-day rule was not put in place as a way to get coaches and players to take the COVID-19 protocols more seriously. It might be a byproduct, though.

"I think in the Big Ten's protocol, the need for an extensive evaluation in return to activity ... I hope that that is certainly going to promote that the best thing to do is to prevent the infection," he said.

NFL

Scoreboard

American Conference

	East			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
Buffalo	4	2	0	.666	156	188
Miami	3	3	0	.500	160	113
New England	3	3	0	.500	109	110
N.Y. Jets	0	6	0	.000	75	185
South						
Tennessee	5	0	0	1.000	164	126
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.666	157	115
Houston	1	5	0	.166	146	182
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.166	125	181
North						
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	1.000	156	94
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	179	104
Cleveland	4	2	0	.666	163	187
Cincinnati	1	4	1	.250	129	157
West						
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	175	127
Las Vegas	3	2	0	.600	151	152
Denver	1	5	0	.166	100	110
L.A. Chargers	1	4	0	.200	110	125

National Conference

	East			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T			
Philadelphia	2	4	1	.357	163	186
Dallas	2	4	0	.333	173	218
Washington	1	5	0	.166	108	162
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.142	122	174
South						
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.666	177	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	153	150
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	148	141
Atlanta	1	5	0	.166	162	184
North						
Chicago	5	0	0	.833	128	116
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	162	139
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	133	143
Minnesota	1	5	0	.166	155	192
West						
Seattle	5	0	0	1.000	169	135
Arizona	4	2	0	.666	166	112
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.666	152	114
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	140	138

Thursday's game
Philadelphia 22, N.Y. Giants 21

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

Open: Baltimore, Indianapolis, Miami, Minnesota

Monday's game
Chicago at L.A. Rams

Thursday, Oct. 29
Atlanta at Carolina

Sunday, Nov. 1
Tennessee at Cincinnati
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City
L.A. Rams at Miami
Indianapolis at Detroit
New England at Buffalo
Las Vegas at Cleveland
Pittsburgh at Baltimore
Minnesota at Green Bay
L.A. Chargers at Denver
New Orleans at Chicago
San Francisco at Seattle
Dallas at Philadelphia

Open: Houston, Jacksonville, Arizona, Washington

Monday, Nov. 2
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants

Thursday
Eagles 22, Giants 21

N.Y. Giants 7 0 7 7-21
Philadelphia 3 3 0 12-22

First quarter
Phi—Wentz 1 run (Elliott kick), 8:45.
NYG—Tate 39 pass from Jones (Gano kick), 4:13.

Second quarter
Phi—FG Elliott 21, 1:20.

Third quarter
NYG—Gallman 1 run (Gano kick), 6:45.

Fourth quarter
NYG—Shepard 2 pass from Jones (Gano kick), 6:17.
Phi—Ward 3 pass from Wentz (run failed), 4:35.
Phi—Scott 18 pass from Wentz (pass failed), 4:40.
A—0.

	NYG	Phi
First downs	17	27
Total Net Yards	325	442
Rushes-yards	22-160	26-96
Passing	16-246	36-246
Punt Returns	2-19	2-13
Kickoff Returns	3-66	2-38
Interceptions Ret.	0	1-5
Comp-Att-Int	20-30-1	25-43-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-22	3-13
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-62	7-75
Time of Possession	27:22	32:38

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—N.Y. Giants: James 4-92, Gallman 10-34, DeVries 3-23, Freeman 3-19.
PHI: Phillips 1-39, Phillips 2-39, Shepard 6-59, Engram 6-46, Gallman 5-20, Slayton 1-12, Arns 1-12.
PASSING—N.Y. Giants: Jones 20-30-1-187, Philadelphia: Wentz 25-43-1-359.
DEFENSE—N.Y. Giants: Shepard 6-59, Engram 6-46, Gallman 5-20, Slayton 1-12, Arns 1-12.
PHI: Phillips 1-39, Phillips 2-39, Shepard 6-59, Fulgham 5-73, Ward 5-42, Scott 3-46, D.Jackson 3-34, Hightower 1-59, Clement 1-12, White 1-12.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Philadelphia: Elliott 2/3.



The Eagles' Boston Scott, left, catches the game-winning touchdown pass over the New York Giants' Jabrill Peppers with 40 seconds remaining Thursday in Philadelphia.

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Eagles pull one out of the fire

Philadelphia rallies from 11 down, scores winning TD in final minute

By ROB MAADDI
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Hurried, harassed and hit repeatedly, Carson Wentz completed the comeback this time.

Wentz threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Boston Scott with 40 seconds remaining and the Philadelphia Eagles overcame an 11-point deficit in the final seven minutes to beat the New York Giants' Eagles 22-21 on Thursday night.

Wentz led a depleted offense to 22 fourth-quarter points only to miss a two-point conversion at the end in a 30-28 loss to Baltimore on Sunday.

He wouldn't be denied against the Giants.

"He battled, faced adversity and hung in there," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said. "He's taking a step in the right direction to be one of the top quarterbacks in the league."

Daniel Jones shook off a stumble that prevented him from an 88-yard touchdown run and had the Giants leading 21-10 following a 2-yard pass to Sterling Shepard with 6:17 left.

But Wentz rallied an offense missing eight starters. His 3-yard pass to Greg Ward cut it to 21-16. After the two-point conversion failed, the Eagles got the ball at their 29 with 2:02 to go.

Wentz completed passes of 11 and 30 yards to Richard Rodgers.

On third down from the 5, a defensive holding penalty gave the Eagles a first down at the 3. But three-time All-Pro center Jason Kelce was called for a facemask penalty that pushed it back to the 18.

No big deal. Wentz threw a perfect strike to Scott and the backup running back made an excellent catch to give Philadelphia the lead. The two-point conversion failed, but Jones was sacked by Brandon Graham and fumbled on the ensuing possession.

"We never faltered. We never panicked. We knew we were gonna win," Scott said. "Carson led us and it was a great team effort."

The Eagles (2-4-1) and Giants (1-6) are right in the mix in the NFC East, led by Dallas (2-4-1). "This was huge for us," Wentz said. "The NFC East is wide open."

Wentz threw for 359 yards and two TDs and ran for a score. He was sacked three times and absorbed several hits.

Jones had only the end zone ahead of him away when he took off running from the Giants 12 in the third quarter. He was well ahead of everyone chasing him until he stumbled and got tackled at the 8.

A pass interference penalty against Nickell Robey-Coleman



Giants tight end Evan Engram, top, tries to leap over Eagles cornerback Cre'Von LeBlanc during the second half.

on third down gave the Giants another try, and Wayne Gallman ran in from the 1 to give them a 14-10 lead.

Jones' 80 yard run was the longest by a Giants quarterback and tied for the fourth-longest in team history. Patrick Mahomes, the 2018 NFL MVP, couldn't resist poking some fun at Jones. He tweeted: "I mean I can't even say anything cause I would never be able to run that far either."

The Giants ended up losing a game they led by 11-plus points in the fourth quarter for the first time since they blew a 31-10 lead and lost 38-31 to the Eagles on DecSan Jackson's punt return TD on Dec. 19, 2010.

"The focus is not frustration. The focus is on correcting mistakes and moving forward and that's where we have to steer it and team's," Giants coach Joe Judge said.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

In the clear?

On other side of an outbreak, teams may find some relief

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A few days before the long-awaited start of the Big Ten football season, Ohio State coach Ryan Day was not about to celebrate a win over COVID-19.

"To look at it like it's been a success right now would be premature because we have two more months," Day said. "This is not a week-to-week thing. It's all the way until January. We might be good for two weeks, three weeks, four weeks, five weeks. We stub our toe and have an outbreak and lose games. We can't afford to do that."

This goes for all college football teams as they try to play through the pandemic. Coronavirus outbreaks at Baylor, Memphis, Arkansas State, Notre Dame, Florida and elsewhere have forced programs to shut down for as much as two weeks. As of Thursday, 34 games involving Bowl Subdivision teams have been postponed or canceled.

On the other side of an outbreak, though, things can be less stressful for teams and their coaches. Before the Southeastern Conference opened its season last month, LSU coach Ed Orgeron awkwardly gave voice to the unexpected upside of having had a large number of players infected.

"Not all of our players, but most of our players have caught it," Orgeron said. "So I think that hopefully

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While outbreaks have forced some programs to shut down temporarily, coaches like LSU's Ed Orgeron, left, and Ohio State's Ryan Day, top right, have found an unexpected upside of having players infected early on — those players aren't required to be tested again for 90 days.

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