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VIRUS OUTBREAK

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Medics assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade swab soldiers for the coronavirus during surveillance testing of the brigade in Hohenfels Training Area, Germany, on Aug. 20 at Exercise Saber Junction 20.

PROVING GROUND

No cases found in thousands of US soldiers before or after exercise

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy—Thousands of Italy-based U.S. soldiers who were tested for the coronavirus before, during and after an exercise in Germany six weeks ago came out of the drills the same way they went in — without a single case of the virus.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade command tested every paratrooper shortly before heading out to its first large-scale exercise since the pandemic began and was reasonably sure they could demonstrate

that the brigade could rapidly and safely deploy.

Six weeks later, the command proved it when all 2,500 paratroopers were tested again before returning to Italy from the annual Saber Junction exercise in Hohenfels, Germany, and all the tests came back negative.

"Going into an exercise clean and coming out clean has kept the numbers to zero," said Lt. Col. Chris Forster, brigade surgeon. "It proves that the Army can continue to train and to maintain their

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2 dead in shootings at protests in Kenosha

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KENOSHA, Wis. — Two people were shot to death during another night of Black Lives Matter protests in Kenosha in a possible vigilante attack carried out by a young white man who was caught on cellphone video opening fire in the middle of the street with a semi-automatic rifle.

"I just killed somebody," he could be heard saying at one point Tuesday night.

Sheriff David Beth said that investigators had reviewed footage and that he was confident a suspect would be arrested soon.

The gunfire erupted just before midnight, during the third straight night of unrest in Kenosha over the police shooting of a Black man, Jacob Blake.

One victim was shot in the head and the other in the chest, the sheriff told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. A third person suffered gunshot wounds not believed to be life-threatening.

According to witness accounts and video footage, police apparently let the young man responsible for the shootings walk past them with a rifle over his shoulder as members of the crowd were yelling for him to be arrested because he had shot people.

The sheriff told the Journal Sentinel that armed people had been patrolling the city's streets in recent nights, but he did not know if the gunman was among them.

"They're a militia," Beth said. "They're like a vigilante group."

The FBI said it is assisting in the case.

Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, who is Black, said in an interview with the news program "Democracy Now!" that the shootings were not surprising

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

American Airlines plans to cut more than 40K jobs

By DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

DALLAS—American Airlines said Tuesday it will cut more than 40,000 jobs, including 19,000 through furloughs and layoffs, in October as it struggles with a sharp downturn in travel because of the pandemic.

American executives said the furloughs can only be avoided if the federal government gives airlines another \$25 billion to help them cover labor costs for six

more months.

The airline said 23,500 employees have accepted buyouts, retired early or taken long-term leaves of absence, but that was not enough to avoid involuntary cuts.

The furloughs of union workers and layoffs of management staff announced Tuesday will fall heaviest on flight attendants, with 8,100 being terminated in October. American began the year with about 140,000 employees but expects fewer than 100,000 to re-

main in October.

U.S. air travel plunged 95% by April, a few weeks after the first significant coronavirus outbreaks in the United States. Passenger traffic has recovered slightly since then, but remains down 70% from a year ago, and carriers say they need fewer workers.

American's announcement comes one day after Delta Air Lines said it will furlough 1,941 pilots in October unless it reaches a cost-cutting deal with the pilots' union.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Commercial rates	
Euro costs (Aug. 27)	\$1.15	Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Dollar buys (Aug. 27)	69.8254	British pound	\$1.3184
British pound (Aug. 27)	\$1.28	Canada (Dollar)	1.3176
Japanese yen (Aug. 27)	103.08	China (Yuan)	6.8886
South Korean won (Aug. 27)	1,156.00	Denmark (Krone)	6.3007
		Egypt (Pound)	15.8612
		Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.1814/0.8465
		India (Rupee)	77.593
		Israel (Shekel)	3.400
		Japan (Yen)	106.27
		Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3059
		Norway (Krone)	8.9343
		Philippines (Peso)	48.59
		Poland (Zloty)	3.73
		Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7508
		Singapore (Dollar)	1.3671
		South Korea (Won)	1,186.83

Switzerland (Franc).....0.9095
Thailand (Baht).....31.31
Turkey (Lira).....7.3792
(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	0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.10
30-year bond	1.39

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MILITARY

Americans hurt in collision with Russians

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WASHINGTON — In the most violent skirmish in months between U.S. and Russian forces in Syria, a vehicle collision in the eastern part of the war-torn country left American troops with concussions, two U.S. offi-

cials said Wednesday.

One official said Russian vehicles sideswiped a light-armored U.S. military vehicle, injuring four Americans. The official said two Russian helicopters flew above the Americans, and one of the aircraft was within about 70 feet of the vehicle.

While there have been several other recent incidents between

the American and Russian troops who all patrol in eastern Syria, officials described this one as the most serious. U.S. troops are usually accompanied by members of the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces.

Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity to provide details of the incident that were not yet made public. One official said

the incident happened deep inside the eastern Syria deconfliction zone, where Russian troops generally should not be present.

The officials said the incident is being discussed by senior officials from both countries who routinely work to prevent conflicts between troops in that area. U.S. and Russian commanders have frequent conversations to

try and avoid contact between their troops there.

About 500 U.S. service members are in northeastern Syria fighting alongside Syrian Democratic Forces against the remnants of Islamic State in the country to prevent the reemergence of the terrorist organization, according to news reports.

Air Force offers \$100K for improved piddle pack for female pilots

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

The Air Force is offering at least \$100,000 to whomever comes up with a way for female pilots to answer the call of nature while strapped into the cockpit of a jet.

“Let’s develop an improved, reliable and effective system to enable female air crew to relieve themselves while flying sky high,” said a document announcing the “Sky High Relief Challenge” earlier this month.

The Air Force “needs an improved bladder relief system that allows female aviators to hydrate adequately and relieve themselves during flight without interfering with operations or compromising flight safety,” the document said.

Solving the problem has become urgent, with flight times running up to 16 hours, it said.

Female air crew often deprive themselves of liquid to avoid having to urinate in flight, a practice called tactical dehydration, that can reduce physical and cognitive performance and impair a pilot’s ability to withstand G-forces, the

document said.

Bladder relief during flight has long been a challenge for the services. Male pilots have also run into problems when they’ve really had to go.

For example, in 1992 an F-16 crashed in Turkey after the pilot undid his lap belt so that he could relieve himself in a “piddle pack” — which at the time consisted of a dehydrated sponge in a plastic container — only to send the aircraft into a spin when he wedged the belt’s buckle between the seat and the stick that controls the plane.

The pilot ejected safely and no one was hurt on the ground, but the \$18 million jet was a write-off.

Piddle packs evolved over time, but never with female pilots in mind. Some women have reported stripping off clothes in the cockpit just to use one, Wired magazine reported in 2000.

Many pilots use the “old proven standby” of adult diapers to avoid having to resort to in-flight relief systems, the Wired article said.

Piddle packs are being replaced by the ominously named



Lt. Col. Christine Mau, 33rd Operations Group deputy commander, puts on her helmet before taking her first flight in the F-35A in 2015. The Air Force is offering at least \$100,000 in prize money to inventors who develop systems that allow female pilots to relieve themselves in flight.

Advanced Mission Extender Device, a battery-operated device worn underneath the uniform and designed to collect urine.

For men, the urine is collected in a cup, and for women in a pad, before it’s pumped into a collection bag strapped to the leg.

The maker of the device, Vermont-based Omni Medical Systems, reassuringly notes that it’s made from fire-retardant materials. The female version “fits like a sanitary pad,” Omni said.

The competition to find a so-

lution for female pilots seeking in-flight relief is being run by AFWERX, an Air Force program that promotes and invests in new technology and ideas to solve problems.

“Providing them with female-specific equipment that functions safely and reliably will lead to vast improvements in their physical and mental health and enable them to focus on their missions with minimal distraction,” AFWERX said in its webpage.

An evaluation team will review

submissions beginning Sept. 21. Prizes range from a minimum of \$100,000 for categories such as urine transfer and storage technology to at least \$250,000 for a complete pumpleless bladder relief system.

“Your solution could potentially provide female aviators the relief needed to navigate the skies with the ease and comfort they deserve!” AFWERX said.

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Updated Army policy changes focus on extremist activity

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Soldiers can now face punishment for social media posts supporting extremist groups under a major revision to the Army’s policy guidance to its commanders.

The first overhaul of Army Regulation 600-20 since 2014 includes more than 60 changes, from minor updates to a host of measures meant to ensure soldiers and civilians are treated with dignity and respect.

Updates now bar online fundraising, promotion and advocacy of extremist causes or criminal gangs on social media. They follow several recent high-profile incidents of troops espousing support for such groups or taking part in their rallies.

Last month, more than two dozen members of Congress asked

Defense Secretary Mark Esper to review Pentagon policy on troops’ involvement in white supremacist groups after Air Force Staff Sgt. Steven Carrillo, who had ties to far-right extremists, was charged with gunning down a federal officer in Oakland, Calif., in June.

The new Army regulation requires commanders to take early preventive action when they witness behavior that, while not prohibited, may be a sign of extremist sympathies. For example, while membership in a racist group alone may not be prohibited, it could be grounds for a commander to counsel a soldier or investigate further, the new regulation states.

It also gives commanders options for punishing online activity that crosses the line into misconduct. It could include charges under the Uniform Code of Mil-

itary Justice, administrative discharge, blocked reenlistment and other administrative or disciplinary action.

“Social media was not addressed in the previous regulation,” Lt. Col. Melissa Comiskey, chief of command policy for the service, said in a statement last week.

The policy now includes notifying the staff judge advocate or Criminal Investigation Command when there are “any type of reports of extremist activities in their organization,” the statement said.

The regulation was also updated to address a gap that a domestic violence working group identified, Comiskey said. It now requires company and battery-level commanders to brief in-processing members on the Lautenberg Amendment to the

Gun Control Act of 1968, which prohibits anyone with a misdemeanor domestic violence conviction from possessing firearms or ammunition.

The military came under scrutiny for failures to report service members’ criminal histories to the FBI, which maintains the databases used to vet gun buyers, after the November 2017 mass shooting at First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs in Texas.

Devin Kelly, the gunman who had been discharged from the Air Force in 2014 after being convicted of beating his first wife and assaulting his stepson, was one of 7,000 airmen whose backgrounds the Air Force failed to report. Three dozen families are suing the government for negligence in the matter.

Other updates to the over 220-page document incorporate

policies related to combating discrimination and promoting greater racial, gender or religious inclusivity. They include directives related to breastfeeding and religious accommodations for uniforms or grooming standards.

The regulation, which is typically updated every five years, also now clarifies that commanders may use on-the-spot corrective actions for minor disciplinary infractions, such as requiring a soldier to do 10 pushups for arriving late to a formation.

“The changes empower [non-commissioned officers] to lean on nonpunitive training as a form of corrective training,” Sgt. Maj. Jasmine Johnson, the command policy sergeant major, said in the statement.

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The Coast Guard cutter Healy, an icebreaker, operates off the coast of Nome, Alaska, in 2012. An electrical fire broke out in one of the cutter's main propulsion motors on Aug. 18, putting it temporarily out of service.

Coast Guard cancels Arctic patrols after fire on icebreaker

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ
Stars and Stripes

A blaze aboard the Coast Guard cutter Healy, one of only two U.S. icebreakers, has put a temporary end to U.S. patrols in the Arctic Ocean.

An electrical fire broke out in one of the Healy's main propulsion motors while en route to the Arctic on Aug. 18 and left the cutter unable to operate in ice, according to a Coast Guard statement.

The blaze was reported at 9:30 p.m. when the icebreaker was 60 nautical miles from Seward, Alaska, the statement said. It was extinguished 26 minutes later when the engulfed motor was disconnected by a member of the fire team.

There were no injuries reported, and the fire's cause was unknown Wednesday.

The Healy returned to Seattle, its homeport, for repairs and

Coast Guard operations in the Arctic Ocean were canceled, said the statement, which gave no indication when Arctic operations might resume.

"I commend the crew of the Healy for their quick actions to safely combat the fire," said Vice Adm. Linda Pagan, Pacific Area commander, according to the statement. "This casualty, however, means that the United States is limited in icebreaking capability until the Healy can be repaired, and it highlights the nation's critical need for Polar Security Cutters."

The fire put the Healy's starboard propulsion motor and shaft out of operation, which affects the ship's ability to avoid varying shaft speeds in ice operations.

The Healy took on 11 scientists in Seward on Aug. 15 and departed Aug. 18 for patrol and research in the Arctic, the Coast Guard said. The cutter has 4,200 square feet of scientific labora-

tory space, numerous electronic sensor systems, oceanographic winches and accommodations for up to 50 scientists.

The vessel, built in 1997, is 42 feet long, displaces 16,000 tons and can break 4½ feet of ice continuously at three knots. It can operate in temperatures as low as minus 50 degrees, according to the Coast Guard.

Prior to the fire, the Healy completed a 26-day patrol demonstrating U.S. presence in the Bering Sea along the U.S.-Russia Maritime Boundary Line, according to the statement.

In April 2019, the Navy awarded a \$746 million contract to Mississippi shipbuilder VT Halter Marine for a new heavy polar icebreaker called a Polar Security Cutter, with the option to build two more heavy icebreakers.

The company is expected to deliver the cutter by 2024.

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Family of Japanese woman taken in 1977 by North Korea seeks help from America

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TOKYO — The family of a Japanese woman who was abducted by North Korea 43 years ago asked America to help get her back during a meeting Tuesday with a top U.S. diplomat in Tokyo.

Megumi Yokota's family, including her mother, Sakie Yokota, and younger brothers Takuya and Tetsuya, met acting charge d'affaires Joseph Young at the U.S. ambassador's residence in Tokyo, according to local media.

Megumi Yokota was 13 years old when she was abducted in 1977 on her way home from school in Niigata prefecture. She's one

of at least 17 Japanese nationals thought kidnapped by the North Koreans in the 1970s and 1980s, usually from remote spots on the west coast, and taken to Pyongyang to train spies in Japanese language and culture.

Yokota's family thanked Young for his condolence message and another from President Donald Trump after the June death of Megumi's father, Shigeru Yokota, the Asahi newspaper reported. The family asked for U.S. help to secure her return and that of other abductees as soon as possible because their families are getting old, Sakie Yokota told reporters after the meeting, according to NHK.

"At an event honoring the

legacy of Mr. Shigeru Yokota, I thanked his widow, Sakie Yokota, and the entire family for the decades they have spent seeking justice for Megumi and all other abductees," Young wrote Tuesday on Twitter.

"We remain steadfast in supporting the families of abductees in every possible way," he said.

A group working for the abductees' return visits the United States every year to ask for help, but hasn't done so this year because of the coronavirus pandemic, Mainichi Shimbun reported.

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N. Korean leader sounds alarm on virus, typhoon

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SEOUL, South Korea — Turning his focus inward, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un expressed concern about "defects" in the nation's coronavirus response and the need for strong emergency measures as a strong typhoon barreled toward the peninsula, according to North Korea's state-run media.

Kim spoke as he presided over a meeting on Tuesday of the political bureau of the ruling Workers' Party's central committee, the Korean Central News Agency reported Wednesday.

He outlined "some shortcomings" in efforts to fight the virus and "underlined the need to take active measures involving the entire party and society for completing and maintaining the anti-epidemic posture and eliminating some defects," KCNA said.

He was also quoted as saying measures to prevent casualties and minimize the damage to crops from the typhoon were "important work which can never be neglected even for a moment" since they could determine "whether we would successfully wrap up this year's farming or not."

Typhoon Bavi, one of the most powerful storms this year, was expected to impact both Korea, although forecasters said Wednesday evening that it was edging farther west of the peninsula than anticipated.

It follows weeks of torrential rains that caused massive damage on the divided peninsula.

Kim, a third-generation leader who is better known to the international community for presiding over nuclear and missile tests, previously visited a flood-hit area and instructed officials to release grain from his special stock to help the flood victims.

The focus on domestic issues comes as U.S. nuclear talks and efforts to improve inter-Korean relations have stalled.

Kim appears to be trying to shore up internal support amid economic woes stemming from coronavirus restrictions and weather problems on top of U.S.-led sanctions, experts said.

"I think North Korea is in a very tough situation now. It's in triple distress with international sanctions, COVID-19 and floods," said Park Won-gon, a professor of international studies at South Korea's Handong Global University. The ruling party also recently scheduled a rare congress in January to set development goals for

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the next five years.

The meeting would follow the 2016 agenda-setting congress, which was the first in 36 years.

Leif-Eric Easley, a professor at Ewha University in Seoul, said Kim is essentially admitting the current economic plan has failed.

"Kim pins blame on external factors like sanctions and the pandemic, but also demands internal adjustments," Easley wrote in an email Wednesday.

"Given North Korea's refusal to denuclearize, diplomacy appears on hold for now. With the U.S. election approaching, a major weapons test would be risky," he said. "So, at the moment, holding party meetings and promising plans is the safest way the North Korean leader can show he is taking action."

North Korea, which sealed its borders after the virus first appeared late last year in China, has not acknowledged having any coronavirus cases, but many are skeptical that it has escaped the global pandemic.

The lockdown also hampered trade with China, its main ally, and Kim rejected an offer of aid from the South.

The North also briefly closed the city of Kaesong, due north of the heavily fortified border that divides the peninsula, after it said a defector who crossed back from the South had displayed symptoms of the respiratory disease caused by the virus.

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PACIFIC

US military goes virtual with foreign partners

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Military leaders from 29 nations were supposed to be rubbing elbows this week at the annual Indo-Pacific Chiefs of Defense Conference in Fiji.

Instead, the top brass spent Monday and Tuesday, Hawaii time, huddled in front of screens watching speeches by heavy hitters such as Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Secretary of Defense Mark Esper; Vice Adm. Jerome Adams, U.S. surgeon general; former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper; and Qualcomm president Cristiano Amon.

Topics included the security implications of the coronavirus, multilateralism in the Indo-Pacific and 5G technology.

"Nothing beats the person-to-person thing, but doing it virtually ... has shown people that the pandemic is causing us to adjust our behavior but it's not causing us to eliminate or stop our interactions," said Marine Maj. Gen. Stephen Sklenka, Indo-Pacific Command director of strategic planning and policy, who helped organize the event.

Virtual meetings have become standard practice for Indo-Pacific Command this year as the coronavirus has limited troop movement.

Exercises such as Balikatan in the Philippines have been canceled and other training efforts curtailed. For example, this month's Rim of the Pacific drills are limited to activities at sea off Hawaii while a six-month Marine Corps training rotation to Australia has fewer than half as many Marines as planned. Arrangements with foreign military leaders aren't being canceled outright, Sklenka said in a telephone interview Tuesday in Hawaii.

"We are going to do all of them virtually," he said.

Indo-Pacific Command chief Adm. Phil Davidson, for example, has had recent virtual engagements with counterparts in Japan, Australia, Mongolia, Thailand, South Korea and Malaysia, Sklenka said.

U.S. Army Pacific and Pacific Air Forces have held virtual conferences that would normally be done face-to-face, Army Maj. Randy Ready, an Indo-Pacific Command spokesman, said in an email Monday in Hawaii.



U.S. Indo-Pacific Command

Rear Adm. Viliame Naupoto, commander of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces, participates in the virtual Pacific Chiefs of Defense Conference on Tuesday.

"Normal trips our leadership makes throughout the region have been put on hold, but we continue to do virtual bilateral engagements with our allies and partners to strengthen relationships and address regional security challenges," he said.

During the Chiefs of Defense Conference, Adobe Connect software is allowing leaders to hear speeches translated in their own languages while the faces of participants scroll past on screen, Sklenka said.

The conference, in its 22nd year, includes nations such as Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, New Zealand and China, according to a list provided by the Indo-Pacific Command.

"All the other chiefs of defense are chiming in and participating," Sklenka said. "There is definitely a sense of collaboration and cordiality about it."

A Chinese lieutenant general involved in the conference has been as active as any of

the other participants, Sklenka said. Indo-Pacific Command declined to provide the name of the Chinese participant, saying it's up to individual nations to release such information.

"Our interaction in the theater is about more than just trying to one-up [China], Sklenka said. "It helps us to have friends and connections out there. We would be doing this regardless of whether or not there was competition with [China]."

Continued engagement with allies and partners is critical as the military learns to operate during the pandemic. Davidson, leader of Indo-Pacific Command, said in a statement Monday from Hawaii.

"With the unprecedented challenges currently facing the Indo-Pacific, it is the strength of our partnerships and our collective capabilities that will enable us to successfully confront these challenges and continue to advance a Free and Open Indo-

Pacific," he said.

Fiji, which is slated to host the event again next year, was retained as a co-host of the virtual conference. Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama, a former naval officer and commander of the Fijian military, gave a virtual speech during this year's event, Sklenka said.

The current commander of Fiji's military, Rear Adm. Viliame Naupoto, said in a statement issued Monday Hawaii-time that he had wanted to welcome the other military leaders to his country.

"Even though now virtual, the conference still offers this wonderful opportunity to discuss mutual security challenges, and with the [coronavirus] security implications high on everyone's agenda, the timing of this conference is perfect," he said.

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USS Carl Vinson leaves Washington state for sea trials

By **CHRISTIAN LOPEZ**

Stars and Stripes

The third oldest carrier in the Navy is out for sea trials after 17 months and \$34.4 million in upgrades and maintenance at Bremerton, Wash.

The USS Carl Vinson, commissioned in 1980 as the third of 10 Nimitz-class nuclear-powered carriers, was updated to accommodate the F-35C Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter. It will be the first U.S. carrier to receive the fifth-generation, multirole aircraft.

Once the sea trials are over, the carrier will shift its homeport from Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton to San Diego, its former home. The Carl Vinson left the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Maintenance Facility on Sunday, according to the Navy.

General Dynamics was contracted to do the upgrades during a docking planned incremental availability, or DPIA. The work was completed despite the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

"I am proud of all of the hard work and dedication shown by the entire crew throughout the DPIA," the Navy quoted Capt. Matthew Paradise, Carl Vinson's commanding officer, as saying in a statement Sunday, "and particularly with the added challenges we faced during this pandemic." During the maintenance period, the Carl Vinson was outfitted with new jet-blast deflectors and classified spaces aboard the carrier to accommodate the F-35C for deployments.

Strike Fighter Squadron 147, training out of Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif., is expected to be the first F-35C squadron to deploy

aboard the Carl Vinson.

The ship's hull, rudders and shaft were completely restored, including upgrades to the electrical systems, combat systems and crew living spaces.

The carrier is expected to remain in service until the 2030s. Its replacement, designated CVN-81, is being designed.

Prior to the ship's dry-docking, the Carl Vinson deployed to the Western Pacific twice, once in 2017 to conduct routine operations in the South China Sea and again in 2018 for a scheduled visit to Vietnam. It also participated in Rim of the Pacific 2018.

Before leaving Washington, the ship's crew undertook extensive measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, according to the Navy statement.

"Those measures included: restriction of movement for all

personnel for 14 days prior to embarking the ship, mandatory face coverings, continued cleaning and disinfecting throughout common areas, routine COVID-19 testing, and social distancing," the statement added.

COVID-19 is the respiratory disease caused by the

coronavirus.

Once in San Diego, the Carl Vinson will raise to three the number of carriers based there. It will join the USS Theodore Roosevelt and USS Abraham Lincoln, also Nimitz-class vessels.

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The Air Force Civilian Service hosts a hiring fair in El Segundo, Calif., in February. Veterans working for the federal government are as a group less satisfied at work than their counterparts, a new Government Accountability Office report found.

Report: Vets leave federal jobs faster than nonmilitary

Stars and Stripes

Veterans working for the government are less satisfied at work than their civilian counterparts and are leaving federal jobs at higher rates, a new government report said.

Veterans left federal service at 1.2 to 1.6 times the rate of non-veterans from 2014 to 2018, the Government Accountability Office found in its analysis of government survey data released Friday.

The study also found 18.7% of newly hired veterans resigned in their first five years of federal service, compared to 11.1% of nonveterans.

Former service members were also slightly less satisfied in their jobs than their peers on a variety of issues, the report said.

Veterans were on average 3.3% less likely to be satisfied with the meaningfulness of their work. The gap was widest at the U.S. Agency for International Development, where veterans were less satisfied than their colleagues by

8.1 percentage points.

The Office of Personnel Management had previously raised concerns that some federal agencies had problems retaining former service members compared to nonveterans.

While more veterans have been hired by the government since 2009, when then-President Barack Obama issued an executive order to enhance recruitment and promote federal veteran hiring, the GAO study said efforts should also focus on improving retention.

"Knowing that veterans are leaving federal service at higher rates than non-veterans could spur agency leaders to understand the needs of this subset of the workforce," the report said, adding that recruiting new employees is much more expensive than keeping current ones.

The study's authors acknowledged that the data may not account for veterans resigning from one agency and being hired at another.

Attorney: Body found likely that of Fort Hood soldier

The Washington Post

A soldier assigned to Fort Hood who was missing was likely found dead on Tuesday, his family's attorney said, adding to the toll of soldiers at the Texas installation who have vanished or died in recent months.

Sgt. Elder Fernandes, 23, was last seen Aug. 17 by members of his unit at a home in Killeen, outside the sprawling base, the Army said. His family later arrived in Texas from Massachusetts to aid in the search.

Fernandes previously reported an "incident of abusive sexual contact" that is being investigated by Lt. Col. Chris Brautigam, a spokesman for the 1st Cavalry Division. Army officials believe Fernandes left on his own accord after speaking with soldiers in his unit.

Fernandes' family said the circumstances were suspicious. Fernandes was hospitalized at Fort Hood from Aug. 11 to Aug. 17, his family said, the last day he was seen, and they grew concerned when he did not make a phone call he promised to his mother. His blue BMW was found at his unit parking lot, his family said.

Army officials called the Fernandes family Tuesday evening and asked to meet in person, family attorney Natalie Khawam said. Army officials told them a body was found hanging in a tree in Temple, about 30 miles east of the base. A backpack at the scene contained a military ID card and a driver's license that belonged to the soldier, Khawam said.

The Temple Police Department said the IDs indicate the remains may belong to Fernandes but "no forensic confirmation has been made at this time." The initial investigation has not found evidence of foul play, the department said.

Khawam is also the attorney for the family of Spc. Vanessa Guillen, a soldier who went missing from Fort Hood in April and



Sgt. Elder Fernandes

whose remains were discovered in June.

"One of our worst nightmares again has happened," said Khawam, who is representing the Fernandes and Guillen families pro bono. "One of our own, Sgt. Elder Fernandes, was found dead after reporting sexual assault at Fort Hood."

The Fernandes family chastised the Army's investigation in a Tuesday call with The Washington Post, hours before they received word of the discovered remains.

"Somebody cannot just vanish from the face of the earth like this. Somebody knows something," said Isabel Fernandes, an aunt of the missing soldier. "We can't sleep, we can't eat. This is beyond cruelty."

Fort Hood has experienced a cascade of soldiers this year who have vanished or have been murdered.

Investigators said a fellow soldier killed Guillen on Fort Hood and buried her remains in a shallow grave. Police confronted him on July 1, and he fatally shot himself, investigators said.

The remains of Pvt. Gregory Wedel-Morales, a soldier missing since August 2019, were found in a field in Killeen outside the installation last month. Pfc. Brandon Rosecrans was killed in nearby Harzer Heights in May, and Spc. Freddy Delacruz was killed in

Killeen in March.

Five suspected homicides of soldiers at Fort Hood between March and June has outpaced the last four years combined, Stars and Stripes reported. Army data has shown more violent and non-violent crimes occur among soldiers at Fort Hood than at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, which hosts thousands more troops.

Khawam said striking similarities to the Guillen case have appeared. Like the Guillen family, she said, the Fernandes family has felt dismissed, that commanders displayed a lack of urgency and little information has trickled down from officials.

A friend who knows Fernandes told Khawam that the soldier was being harassed and hazed within the unit. Brautigam said Fernandes was transferred to another unit to avoid reprisals from superiors.

"These men and women go through a lot," Khawam said. "I'm not talking about war here. It's toxic command."

Army officials said the search for Fernandes was a "top priority" of the 1st Cavalry Division, with soldiers searching for him on and off Fort Hood, with Killeen police also investigating.

But the family said the Army took too long to get the public involved, with a news release published four days after Fernandes was last seen.

Fernandes, a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialist, was born in Cape Verde, a string of islands in the Atlantic west of Senegal. He arrived in the United States as a 10-year-old, his family said.

Friendly and family-focused, he had plans to reenlist in the Army when he visited family for Christmas, his aunt said, but did not reveal any problems with his command.

USFK launches diversity webpage to help fight racism

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Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — As part of efforts to fight racial injustice in the ranks, U.S. Forces Korea launched a new "Strength in Diversity" webpage Wednesday to provide resources on how to deal with discrimination and an easy way to report it.

The site is the latest in a series of steps by USFK, which commands some 28,500 troops on the divided peninsula, to address widespread anger that extended to the military following the May 25 killing of George Floyd, an unarmed black man, under the knee of a white Minneapolis police

officer.

The new webpage, which is linked to the main command site, provides a form for reporting abuses to USFK with just one click, either with identification or anonymously, along with educational tools and other resources.

In June, USFK commander Gen. Robert Abrams, wearing civilian clothes, convened a town hall-style meeting and promised action as several soldiers expressed frustration and described their own experiences with racism.

USFK formed a task force and held a competition to choose a name for the campaign, which became "Strength in Diversity."

Abrams also allowed troops to organize a candlelight vigil and celebrate Juneteenth, a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, on Camp Humphreys and other bases in South Korea.

The command was the first in the Army to ban the display of the Confederate battle flag in public areas on base, although it has since extended military-wide.

"Commanders and leaders at all levels must create environments which allow individuals to speak openly and candidly about these issues without fear of reprisal," Abrams says in a statement and video posted on the webpage. "Now is the time to have tough

conversations."

The site also has several educational tools and other resources to aid discussions on the issue. Those include definitions of terms such as "unconscious biases" — social stereotypes about certain groups of people that individuals form outside their own conscious awareness — and "microaggressions" — brief and commonplace verbal, behavioral or environmental indignities.

Abrams has frequently noted that the issue has been taboo for too long in the military and urged his subordinate commanders to raise it with their units.

"Fundamentally, this is about changing people's behavior and

really embracing our core values where everyone is going to get treated with dignity and respect, regardless of race and gender," Abrams said last month on American Forces Network radio. "We've had to learn a new language."

Defense Secretary Mark Esper and other commanders also have expressed outrage over Floyd's death and taken steps to address the issue, including effectively banning Confederate flags military-wide. But the Pentagon has not addressed calls to remove the names of Confederate generals from 10 bases.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

New US cases fall as masks gain favor but testing slows

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The number of Americans newly diagnosed with the coronavirus is falling — a development experts say most likely reflects more mask-wearing but also insufficient testing — even as the disease continues to claim nearly 1,000 lives in the United States each day.

About 43,000 new cases are being reported daily across the country, down 21% from early August, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. While the U.S., India and Brazil still have the highest numbers of new cases in the world, the downward trend is encouraging.

"It's profoundly hopeful news," said Dr. Monica Gandhi, an infectious diseases expert at the University of California, San Francisco, who credits the American public's growing understanding of how the virus spreads, more mask-wearing and, possibly, an increasing level of immunity.

"Hopefully all those factors are coming into play to get this virus under control in this country that's really been battered by the pandemic," she said.

But insufficient testing is probably concealing the full extent of the crisis, said Dr. Jonathan Quick, who leads the pandemic response for the Rockefeller Foundation, which has recommended the U.S. test 4 million people a day by fall.

"We're grossly under-testing in some of the places that are still having high caseloads," Quick said, singling out Mississippi, Texas, Georgia and North Dakota as hot spots with high rates of positive test results.

Even at 43,000 new cases per day, the U.S. remains far above the numbers seen during the spring, when new daily cases peaked at about 34,000, he said.

"It's a good trend, but nowhere near what we need to be," Quick said of the recent decline.

The virus is blamed for more than 5.7 million confirmed infections and about 178,000 deaths in the U.S. Worldwide, the death toll is put at more than 810,000, with about 23.7 million cases.

Jeffrey Shaman, a public health expert at Columbia University, said he is skeptical that enough people are immune to significantly slow the spread. But he agreed that changes in Americans' behavior could well be making a difference, recalling the impact that people's actions had in containing Ebola in West Africa several years ago.

"Ebola stopped for reasons we didn't anticipate at the time. It was so horrifying that people stopped touching each other," Shaman said. Something similar may be happening with the coronavirus, he said.

"I know I don't have nearly the number of contacts that I used to," Shaman said. "But if we relax that, if we get complacent, will we just see another outbreak?"

The decline in new cases in the U.S. comes even as virus deaths remain alarmingly high. Officials have reported an average of 965 deaths per day from COVID-19 recently, down from 1,051 deaths a day in early August.

Deaths from the coronavirus are a lagging indicator — they trail time infections because of the way it takes for people to get sick and succumb to the disease.

The percentage of tests coming back positive for the disease has also declined over the past two weeks, from 7.3% to 6.1%. But that comes as the total number of tests administered has fallen from its August peak of more than 820,000 a day, leveling off in recent weeks at about 690,000 a day.



RYAN LUCAS/U.S. Army

Paratroopers assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade move toward a fighting position during the assault of a city at Hohenfels Training Area, Germany, on Aug. 20, during Exercise Saber Junction 20.

Exercise: Surgeon credits new restrictions for brigade's negative test results in Germany

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combat readiness even in a COVID environment."

Forster said that the repeat testing, done in the field Aug. 20, was as far as he knew the first time the Army had done mass testing for the illness in a tactical environment.

"We did it much like a military mission," he said.

Teams were sent on a logistical route through the Hohenfels training area to deliver test kits by battalion, before circling back to pick them up, all within eight hours.

The specimens were then airlifted to the Army's public health command lab in Germany for processing. Results were returned in less than 48 hours, Forster said.

Eighteen soldiers were tested twice during the exercise: once when they complained of flu-like symptoms — those tests were

also negative — and again as part of the surveillance testing of all the brigade soldiers.

Forster credited the outcome to the strict mitigation policies in place during the brigade's first large-scale exercise since February, when the number of coronavirus cases in Italy began to increase rapidly.

Those included social distancing — or "tactical dispersion" as the Army now calls it — creating small "bubbles" of associates, frequent hand-washing and cleaning of surfaces, and wearing face coverings. Masks and bottles of hand sanitizer have become mandatory uniform items.

Trips to the exchange store, shoppette, gym or elsewhere on the main bases were forbidden, as were trips into town.

"I really think it's our strict compliance with the protocols our commander put in place,"

Forster said, referring to Col. Kenneth Burgess. "His mission is to sustain deployability. I think he wants to protect the credibility of the brigade, and I think he really wanted to see his soldiers return home."

The testing took place during a pause in the exercise before troops who were segregated in bubbles joined together in larger groups. Any soldiers who tested positive would have been able to isolate for two weeks in Germany and return to Italy at around the same time as the others.

Brigade officials hope that the 100% negative results will allow the soldiers to avoid a two-week quarantine when they return to Italy in the next week or so and immediately rejoin their families after weeks away, said Maj. Chris Bradley, a brigade spokesman.

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US naval base near Tokyo reports 6 new infections since Friday

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TOKYO — The U.S. military in Japan reported eight new cases of the coronavirus Wednesday while the capital city's count climbed above 200 again.

Yokosuka Naval Base, southwest of central Tokyo, reported six new cases since Friday, according to a base news release. Two more were reported at U.S. bases on Okinawa.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government announced 236 new infections, according to public broadcaster NHK. That brings the pandemic total in the city of 13 million to 19,846.

The new case numbers Wednesday in Tokyo exceeded the low this week of 95 on Monday, but are still below the most recent high of 339 on Aug. 20.

At Yokosuka, four people tested positive after close contact with someone already infected and two tested positive in quarantine after recently arriving in Japan, according to the release.

Another 11 people were deemed recovered, lowering the active case count at Yokosuka to 39, according to the base.

Yokosuka is still on a virtual lockdown under a substantial risk of the virus spreading. The base heightened its status, in military terms Health Protection Condition-Charlie, on Aug. 10 after

identifying six new cases.

The heightened status allows travel for all personnel for essential services only, among other restrictions, and Defense Department schools there are operating online.

On Okinawa, the site of three cluster outbreaks in July and early August, the Marine Corps reported one new case at Camp Kinser. That person was already quarantined, according to a Facebook post Wednesday by Marine Corps Installations Pacific. One other person recovered from the virus.

Kadena Air Base reported one new case Wednesday, an individual who showed symptoms of COVID-19 and who tested posi-

tive in quarantine, according to a Facebook post by the base. That person came into contact with someone off-base who had tested positive.

"Initial contact tracing efforts have revealed no exposures to the on-base community," the post said.

Kadena also reported that five people there recovered from the virus.

Okinawa prefecture reported 34 new cases Wednesday and one death due to the coronavirus, according to a public health spokesman and the prefecture's website.

The deceased was a patient in his 80s who lived in Naha and died Tuesday.

Okinawa is home to the bulk of

U.S. military personnel in Japan. Bases there are also under condition Charlie.

Seventeen people on Okinawa have died of coronavirus complications since Aug. 10, and 24 since the pandemic began.

As of Tuesday, 1,293, or nearly 72% of the 1,801 cases identified since July 8, had recovered, according to the prefecture's website.

Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki may announce a decision to lift or extend a state of emergency as early as Friday, the prefecture's spokesman said.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK ROUNDUP

Des Moines school district sues state over virus policies

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Des Moines school district sued the state Tuesday, challenging a policy that forces districts to hold at least half of their educational programs in person in classrooms unless their areas meet a high threshold of positive coronavirus cases.

The lawsuit by Iowa's largest school district asks the court to reverse the state's rejection of its plan to begin the school year with students at home and to prevent the state from forcing it to reopen schools "when it is unsafe to do so."

The lawsuit also seeks a court judgment that invalidates Gov. Kim Reynolds' July 17 proclamation requiring districts to return unless they are in counties with especially high levels of coronavirus cases and meet other department of education guidelines.

The lawsuit names the governor, other state officials and the Board of Education, Education Department and Public Health Department.

The court filing comes as the Ames school district announced Tuesday it would take similar legal action. Last week, the Iowa State Education Association and the Iowa City school district sued, saying Reynolds' requirements are dangerous for students and staff.

In the Des Moines district, which has over 5,000 employees and 32,500 students, the lawsuit states that more than 31% of the staff have underlying health conditions, 47% are over age 50 and 10% is over age 60. Those factors put them at higher risk of a severe, potentially fatal, case of COVID-19.

California

FRESNO — A judge Tuesday refused to immediately order classrooms closed at a private school in California's Central Valley that has defied state and local health orders aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

Immanuel Schools in Reedley reopened its campus Aug. 13. News reports showed students without masks and not practicing social distancing.

County health officials had argued that the school is threatening the health and safety of students, faculty and community. Superior Court Judge D. Tyler Tharpe denied Fresno County health officials' request for a temporary injunction barring in-class instruction, although another hearing is set for Sept. 15.

Immanuel Schools offers kindergarten through 12th grade classes on a single campus. The private Christian school has about

600 students.

The school is suing Gov. Gavin Newsom and the state health director over the health order.

Kentucky

FRANKFORT — Kentucky will pump \$8 million into a statewide effort to supply internet access to children in low-income homes as schools open with digital learning because of the coronavirus, Gov. Andy Beshear's administration said Tuesday.

The investment — drawn from federal COVID-19 relief aid sent to Kentucky — is meant to close the "digital divide" that leaves some children in rural and urban areas without broadband access at home, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman said. The initiative will help reduce the monthly cost for low-income parents to gain access to the internet for their school-age children, Coleman said.

About 32,000 Kentucky children lack internet access at home, she said.

The broadband-access initiative was announced on a day when nearly 700 more coronavirus cases were reported statewide, along with 10 more virus-related deaths.

Under the "last mile" broadband plan, internet service providers will signal whether they can supply internet access to low-income students who currently lack it at home. The program will identify providers that can supply high-speed internet services for all K-12 students in low-income homes at no more than \$10 per month for the next two to three years, Coleman said.

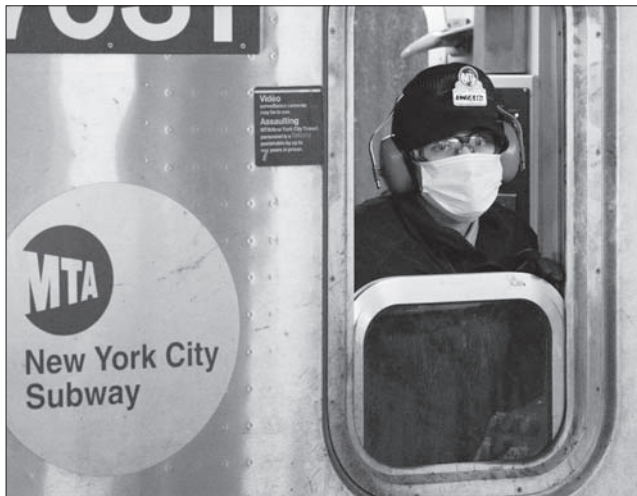
Michigan

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Tuesday urged Michigan residents to get the flu vaccine to ease the load on the health system if there is a surge of coronavirus cases during the fall and winter influenza season, announcing the state wants at least 1 million more people vaccinated.

She received a flu shot during a news conference to "show how easy it is."

More than 3.2 million of Michigan's 10 million residents were vaccinated against the flu last season. The state's goal is to increase that number by a third, to 4.3 million. It announced an advertising campaign that will begin next week, and hospitals and community health centers said they will boost their own efforts to encourage flu vaccinations.

"When we all get our flu vaccine, we can help keep thousands of people out of the hospital and prevent overcrowding," Whitmer



MARK LENIHAN/AP

A mask-wearing subway conductor looks out of the car window in the Bronx borough of New York while the train is in the station. Unions representing New York transit workers are demanding better safety measures and more protection for new businesses and schools re-open their doors.

said.

The state health department Tuesday reported 20 additional COVID-19 deaths, including six that occurred days or weeks earlier, bringing the total number of confirmed or probable deaths to nearly 6,700.

New Mexico

SANTA FE — The state Supreme Court is weighing a challenge to New Mexico's pandemic-related ban on indoor dining, in the latest legal showdown between restive business owners and Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Court arguments were scheduled Wednesday afternoon. The Supreme Court recently upheld the state's authority to levy hefty, \$5,000 daily fines against businesses that flout health orders linked to the coronavirus.

New Mexico is among a handful of states including California and New Jersey that currently prohibit indoor dining as a temporary safeguard against the spread of COVID-19.

Lujan Grisham's administration suspended in mid-July its reopening of the economy — and put a halt to indoor restaurant dining — amid a wave of COVID-19 infections and deaths that has re-entrenched in recent weeks.

New York

ALBANY — Unions representing New York transit workers are demanding swift access to protective gear, better enforcement of mask-wearing and increased service as more businesses and schools re-open their doors.

MTA Chairman Patrick Foye told lawmakers at a Tuesday legislative hearing that subway ridership remains three-quarters below pre-pandemic levels. It's an unprecedented drop for

a mass transit system that once served over three-quarters of the nearly four million people who commuted to Manhattan each day, according to Manhattan Institute Senior Fellow Nicole Gelinas.

Foye said subways saw an average 1.3 million commuters per week day as of last week. Bus ridership is around 1.3 million, down nearly 40% from last year.

But transit workers are calling for even more safety measures — like making hand sanitizer widely available and better enforcement of mask wearing — as ridership increases.

Union leaders acknowledge it's a tough argument to make as the MTA estimates it's losing about \$200 million a week.

New York is trying to encourage riders to return by disinfecting subways each night and offering smartphone app that lets passengers know which train cars have more space to spread out.

The MTA has exhausted \$3.9 billion in initial federal aid and is seeking an additional \$12 billion to get the agency through 2020 and 2021.

Texas

AUSTIN — Mass evacuations along the Texas coast as Hurricane Laura approached Tuesday unfolded with the pandemic also a concern of residents and emergency officials, who urged families to hunker down in hotels instead of shelters and loaded disinfectants onto buses that shuttled families inland to safety.

More than 385,000 residents were told to flee the Texas coast of Beaumont, Galveston and Port Arthur. The National Hurricane Center projected that Laura would draw energy from warm Gulf waters and become a "catastrophic" Category 4 hurricane before making landfall in Texas

or Louisiana on late Wednesday or early Thursday.

The evacuations began another test of the state's handling of the coronavirus, which clobbered Texas this summer and has resulted in more than 11,000 deaths. State officials said buses deployed to the coast were stocked with personal protective equipment and disinfectants, and that buses would make more trips and carry fewer passengers in order to keep people farther apart.

Virus testing teams will also be deployed to shelters "as soon as practical," said Nim Kidd, chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Officials recommended that families ride out the storm socially distanced in hotels if possible, rather than hunkering up in shelters with others.

Virginia

ALEXANDRIA — A northern Virginia man pleaded guilty to a \$1.4 million fraud scheme to obtain federal funds meant for businesses struggling under the coronavirus pandemic.

Tarik Jaafar, 42, of Woodbridge, admitted in U.S. District Court in Alexandria on Tuesday that he created four shell companies to fraudulently apply for loans under the Paycheck Protection Program.

Prosecutors say he and his wife filed 18 separate loan applications seeking \$6.6 million. They actually received \$1.4 million in loans from various banks.

His wife, Monica Magdalena Jaworska, 43, of Ashburn, is also charged in the scheme, and is scheduled to plead guilty next week.

The two were arrested in June at Kennedy International Airport in New York after purchasing one-way tickets to Poland, authorities said.

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Laura could hit shore as Category 4 hurricane

Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — Hurricane Laura rapidly gained strength Wednesday, raising fears that it could come ashore as a catastrophic Category 4 storm with an “unsurvivable” 20-foot storm surge that could sink entire communities in Texas and Louisiana. Authorities implored coastal residents to flee before it’s too late.

Laura grew nearly 70% in power in just 24 hours to reach Category 3 status, and it showed no signs of weakening before making landfall late Wednesday or early Thursday. The system was on track to arrive as the most powerful hurricane to strike the U.S. this year.

“This is shaping up to be just a tremendous storm,” Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said on The Weather Channel.

The National Hurricane Center kept raising its estimate of Laura’s storm surge, from 10 feet just a couple of days ago to twice that size.

“Some areas, when they wake up Thursday morning, they’re not going to believe what happened,” said Stacy Stewart, a senior hurricane specialist. Whatever does not get blown down by the wind could easily be toppled by seawater pushing inland.

On Wednesday morning, Laura had maximum sustained winds of 125 mph. It was about 225 miles out from Lake Charles, La., moving northwest at 16 mph. Those winds are expected to increase to 145 mph before landfall, pushing water onto more than 450 miles of coast from Texas to Mississippi.

“Heed the advice of your local authorities. If they tell you to go, go! Your life depends on it today,” said Joel Cline, tropical program coordinator at the National Weather Service. “It’s a serious day and



ERIC GAY/AP

People looking to evacuate the path of Hurricane Laura arrive at the civic center where evacuation buses wait Wednesday in Port Arthur, Texas. Hurricane Laura was expected to make landfall in the area Wednesday night or early Thursday.

you need to listen to them.”

Hurricane warnings were issued from San Luis Pass, Texas, to Intracoastal City, La., and reached inland for 200 miles. Storm surge warnings were in effect from Freeport, Texas, to the mouth of the Mississippi River.

A Category 4 hurricane can cause damage so catastrophic that power outages

may last for months in places, and wide areas could be uninhabitable for weeks or months, posing a new disaster relief challenge for a government already straining to deal with the coronavirus pandemic.

In the largest U.S. evacuation during this pandemic era, more than half a million people were ordered Tuesday to flee from their homes near the Texas-Louisiana state

line, including the Texas cities of Beaumont, Galveston and Port Arthur, and the low-lying Calcasieu and Cameron parishes in southwestern Louisiana, where forecasters said storm surge topped by waves could submerge whole communities.

Laura also is expected to quickly dump massive rainfall as it moves inland, causing widespread flash flooding in states far from the coast. Flash flood watches were issued for much of Arkansas, and forecasters said heavy rainfall could move to parts of Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky late Friday. Laura is so powerful that it’s expected to become a tropical storm again, menacing the northeastern United States, once it reaches the Atlantic Ocean.

The hurricane also threatens a center of the U.S. energy industry. The government said 84% of Gulf oil production and an estimated 61% of natural gas production were shut down, including Valero and Total refineries in Port Arthur, and Citgo’s plant in Lake Charles. Nearly 300 platforms have been evacuated. Consumers are unlikely to see big price hikes however, because the pandemic has decimated demand for fuel.

“If Laura moves further west toward Houston, there will be a much bigger gasoline supply problem,” Oil analyst Andrew Lipow said, since refineries usually take two to three weeks to resume full operations.

Laura closed in on the U.S. after killing nearly two dozen people on the island of Hispaniola, including 20 in Haiti and three in the Dominican Republic, where it knocked out power and caused intense flooding.

Shootings: Third night of Kenosha protests turn deadly

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and that white militias have been ignored for too long.

“How many times across this country do you see armed gunmen, protesting, walking into state capitols, and everybody just thinks it’s OK?” Barnes said. “People treat that like it’s some kind of normal activity that people are walking around with assault rifles.”

In one cellphone video of the night’s events, shots can be heard and the young man with a rifle is on the phone and appears to say, “I just killed somebody” before he runs away. People are then shown tending to a white man who appears to have been shot in the head.

In another video posted online, the same young man with a rifle is jogging down the middle of a street as a crowd and some police officers follow him. Someone in the crowd can be heard asking, “What did he do?” and another person responds that the man had shot someone.

The man with the gun stumbles and falls, and as he is approached by people in the crowd, he fires three or four shots from a seated position, hitting at least two peo-

ple, including one who falls over and another who stumbles away to cries of “Medic! Medic!”

A witness, Julio Rosas, 24, said that when the gunman stumbled, “two people jumped onto him and there was a struggle for control of his rifle. At that point during the struggle, he just began to fire multiple rounds and that dispersed people near him.”

“The rifle was being jerked around in all directions while it was being fired,” Rosas said.

In the cellphone footage, as the crowd scatters, the gunman stands up and continues walking down the street as police cars arrive. The man puts up his hands and walks toward the squad cars, with someone in the crowd yelling at police that the man had just shot someone, but several of the cars drive past him toward the people who had been shot.

In Wisconsin, it is legal for people 18 and over to openly carry a gun, with no license required.

In another widely circulated video, police can be seen tossing bottled water from an armored vehicle to what appear to be armed civilians walking the streets. One of the civilians appears to be the gunman who later shot protesters.



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

A protester takes cover during clashes outside the Kenosha County Courthouse late Tuesday in Kenosha, Wis., during a third night of unrest following the shooting of a Black man. The man’s attorney said he was paralyzed after being shot multiple times by police.

“We appreciate you being here,” an officer is heard saying to the group over a loudspeaker. At a news conference earlier Tuesday, Ben Crump, the lawyer for Blake’s family, said it would “take a miracle” for the 29-year-old Blake to walk again. He called for the officer who opened fire to be arrested and for the others involved to lose their jobs.

Blake was shot, apparently in the back, on Sunday as he leaned

into his SUV, three of his children seated inside.

Kenosha police have said little about what happened other than that they were responding to a domestic dispute.

The shooting was captured on cellphone video and ignited new protests in the U.S. three months after the death of George Floyd under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer touched off a nationwide reckoning over racial

injustice.

During the latest round of unrest on Tuesday, police fired tear gas for the third straight night to disperse protesters outside Kenosha’s courthouse, where some shook a protective fence and threw water bottles and fireworks at officers. On Monday night, crowds destroyed dozens of buildings and set more than 30 fires downtown.

NATION

Aid, weather give Calif. firefighters some needed relief

Associated Press

VACAVILLE, Calif. — Firefighters hard-pressed by some of the largest wildfires in California history scrambled Wednesday to take advantage of cooler weather and an influx of aid as they carved and burned containment lines around the flames to prevent more land from burning.

“Every percent of containment is hours and hours of sweat and blood up on those lines,” Jonathan Cox, a deputy chief with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said Tuesday evening.

Progress was made on three major blazes around the San Francisco Bay Area and authorities were making plans to allow people who evacuated fire-impacted communities to return to their homes.

The fires, which started as clusters of lightning-sparked blazes last week, slowed down at lower altitudes as a morning marine layer — an air mass drawn from the ocean by intense heat on land — brought cooler temperatures and higher humidity. The cooler air, however, didn’t reach the higher forest and rural areas full of heavy timber and brush.

“The return of the marine layer has been a welcomed one,” the National Weather Service said early

Wednesday.

Amid the good news there were sobering developments.

A fire in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties south of San Francisco was 19% contained but damage assessments raised the number of buildings destroyed to more than 530.

Santa Cruz County officials reported that a woman who hadn’t been heard from since Monday was found dead at home, apparently due to natural causes. They also were looking for an evacuee missing since he told a friend he wanted to sneak back in.

Authorities were working on a strategic plan for repopulating areas after ensuring that conditions were safe and that there would be water service and electrical power for residents, he said.

The massive fires have pushed firefighters to the breaking point as they dealt with complications from the coronavirus pandemic and a lack of inmate crews who assist firefighters.

Since Aug. 15, hundreds of fires have burned nearly 2,000 square miles, an area roughly the size of Delaware.

The blazes have killed at least seven people, burned about 1,500 homes and other buildings, and prompted evacuation orders that still affect about 140,000 people.

David Serna, 49, a firefighter



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Workers with Davey Resource Group survey the damage to the trees in a neighborhood Tuesday in Boulder Creek, Calif., after the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire passed by. Cooler weather and reinforcements are helping in the battle against the wildfires.

with the Presidio of Monterey Fire Department, was battling a fire in that county when his rented home in Santa Cruz County burned to the ground.

“I wanted to get up to the house and see what was left. Got up there and nothing. It was all gone,” Serna told KTVU-TV.

He and his wife did find a metal heart-shaped decoration from their wedding day.

“All the years that I fought fires and seeing this type of destruction in other places,” Serna said. “But when it hits that close to home, it becomes almost unbelievable.”

With limited crews to tackle fires on the ground, California

has been relying more on bulldozers, aircraft and firefighters from other states and the federal government, said Daniel Berlant, chief of wildfire planning and engineering for the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, known as Cal Fire.

About 300 National Guard troops were finishing firefighter training and were expected to be on the lines Wednesday as another 300 begin four days of training, said spokesman Lt. Col. Jonathan Shiroma.

California has scrambled in recent years to field enough prison fire crews as their numbers dwindled while the state released

lower-level inmates. Thousands more were released early as the state responded to the coronavirus pandemic.

A dozen inmate firefighting camps that had been forced to shut down in June for two-week quarantines because of the coronavirus are back in operation but the total of 43 camps are operating at about 40% of capacity, said corrections department spokesman Aaron Francis.

The challenge remains, however, as California heads into the fall. That’s when searing weather and dry gusts have historically sparked some of the largest and deadliest fires.

Army veteran’s remains lost in the mail for nearly 2 weeks

By STEVE BEYNON
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — For nearly two weeks, the family of deceased Army veteran Scott Egan did not know where his cremated remains were.

Egan had died in St. Louis in July at a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital, according to a report from Fox61, a Connecticut TV station, and for 12 days his remains were missing until a postal worker drove two hours each way to deliver the veteran’s ashes, once they were found.

His sister, Jean Egan, said she tried to mail his ashes from her home in Connecticut to her sister in Maryland with expedited two-day delivery through the U.S. Postal Service. But her brother’s remains never arrived.

The Postal Service had yet to provide the family with a reason for the delay, Egan said in the Fox61 report. Postal Service officials also did not respond Tuesday to a request for comment.

“If Postmaster General [Louis] DeJoy cannot do his duty to the American public, and military families like mine, then he should be removed from his post,” Egan said Friday during a news conference in New Haven alongside Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.

Egan spoke with reporters along with Blumenthal as DeJoy prepared to face House Oversight Com-

mittee Democrats on Monday on whether recent delays in postal services and cuts to postal workers’ overtime will hinder the presidential election in November.

“I think the postmaster general owes the Egan family an apology,” Blumenthal said during the news conference. “And he ought to do it right now.”

The Postal Service has come under fire recently following reports of delayed mail deliver, funding concerns and President Donald Trump’s comments that mail-in voting leads to fraud and warnings of a “rigged” election.

On Monday, DeJoy rejected accusations from House Democrats that he has taken inappropriate actions to sabotage the postal service ahead of the election. Some Democrats contended that since DeJoy has taken this position running the Postal Service, he has weakened the service’s capacity to handle mail-in ballots.

Trump appointed DeJoy, a former fundraiser for the Republican National Convention, to the job recently as the coronavirus pandemic threatened the Postal Service’s financial viability.

“With the cutbacks, I learned with the removal of automated equipment that every parcel had to be hand scanned,” Egan said. “It took five days to scan my brother’s remains into the system.”

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Falwell says he resigned from Liberty University

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Jerry Falwell Jr. announced his resignation Tuesday as the head of Liberty University after a provocative



Falwell

photo and revelations of his wife’s extramarital affair rolled the evangelical school founded by his father. Falwell’s exit marks a precipitous fall from power for one of the country’s most visible conservative Christian leaders and ardent supporters of President Donald Trump. He confirmed his decision to resign in a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press.

According to the school, he initially offered to resign Monday, hours after a news outlet published an interview with a man who said that he had a yearslong sexual re-

lationship with Becki Falwell and that Jerry Falwell participated in some of the liaisons as a voyeur. Falwell, who denied any participation, later reversed course on his resignation and began telling news outlets he had no intention of leaving. Then he changed direction again.

“That’s the only reason I resigned: because I don’t want something my wife did to harm the school I’ve spent my whole life building,” he said in a phone interview.

The university confirmed in a statement that its board had accepted Falwell’s resignation as president, chancellor and board member.

Falwell had already been on leave since earlier this month after alumni and others recoiled at a photo he posted on social media. The image showed him with his pants unzipped, stomach exposed and arm high around the waist of his wife’s pregnant assistant. Falwell has said the photo was taken at a costume party during a family vacation.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Kayaker reunites author with message in a bottle

DE MILTON — A kayaker who discovered a message in a bottle floating in a Delaware river was able to reunite the letter with the woman who wrote it 35 years ago.

Brad Wachsmuth thought the bottle bobbing in the water about 2 miles offshore of the Broadkill River was a piece of trash when he spotted it Aug. 8, just a few days after Tropical Storm Isaias swept through the area, WBOC-TV reported.

But Wachsmuth's friend noticed there was something inside, and the two fished out the letter written by Cathi Riddle and her cousin, Stacey Wells, dated 35 years ago — Aug. 1, 1985.

Wachsmuth brought the letter to the Milton Historical Society and a curator reached out to the family and put the two in touch, the news outlet said.

Man clocked going 155 mph during chase

NE LINCOLN — A Georgia man was in custody after Nebraska State Patrol troopers said he drove more than 155 mph during a police pursuit near Lincoln.

The chase began when a trooper spotted Jamell Martinez, 33, of Hinesville, Ga., driving 128 mph in a 65 mph zone on Interstate 80 near the downtown Lincoln exit, patrol spokesman Cody Thomas said.

The driver sped up when the trooper tried to stop the car, Thomas said.

Troopers deployed "stop sticks" to slow the car, which stopped near the Millard exit, The Lincoln Journal-Star reported.

Martinez was arrested on suspicion of willful reckless driving, flight to avoid arrest and traffic violations.

TSA rescues wedding dress left at checkpoint

NJ NEWARK — Transportation Security Administration employees saved a bride's big day after her wedding dress was left behind at an airport security checkpoint.

The bride's mother forgot to take the red roller bag holding her daughter's gown and mom's dress after she cleared security at New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport and boarded a flight to Columbus, Ohio, earlier this month, the TSA said.

The bride's brother, Christopher Cepeda, filled out a lost and found form online. TSA administrative assistant Loretta Nathan-Gordon saw the email and recovered the bag in six minutes, the TSA said.

Cepeda shipped the bag overnight and it arrived in time for his sister to walk down the aisle.

Man accused of growing poppy plants for heroin

KS TOPEKA — A man was accused of growing thousands of poppies at his north-central Kansas home in order to manufacture heroin, au-



RONALD W. EDRICH, THE ABILENE (TEXAS) REPORTER-NEWS/AP

Tough first day

Senior Airman Cheyanne Gramm comforts her son, Liam Ortega, doing her best to coax him into the building and to start first grade at Dyess Elementary School in Abilene, Texas, on Monday. Abilene Independent School District campuses started class a few days later this year in order to accommodate the realities of teaching during a global pandemic.

thorities said.

A federal indictment charged Matthew Pfeiffer, 43, of Morganville with attempting to manufacture opium, manufacturing thebaine (a constituent of opium) and using a telephone in furtherance of drug trafficking, U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister said in a news release.

Law enforcement agents seized more than 4,000 poppy plants during a raid on June 4, 2020, authorities said.

If convicted, Pfeiffer could face up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$1 million on the charges of attempting to manufacture controlled substances, and up to four years and a fine up to \$250,000 on the telephone count.

State documents large, non-native tegu lizard

SC LEXINGTON — The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has announced the first documented case of the large, non-native black and white tegu lizard in the state.

The department said in a news release that an approximately 2.5-foot long adult female was captured in Lexington County. Andrew Grosse, a herpetologist with the department, said in a statement that the lizards pose a threat to native wildlife.

"Tegus mature and reproduce quickly, though most concerning may be their preference for eggs and the potential impacts to our

THE CENSUS

8 The number of Pomeranian puppies intercepted at Los Angeles International Airport that were smuggled from Russia. Two Russian citizens initially declared they were bringing four dogs along on a vacation, according to a statement from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. While reviewing the animals' medical history, officials determined that their documentation was fraudulent. Inspectors then discovered four more puppies hidden in an abandoned carry-on bag left by the travelers in the inspection area. The pair admitted that they were trying to smuggle the puppies into the U.S. to deliver to clients. The travelers, and the dogs, were returned to Russia, CBP said.

native ground-nesting birds like turkey and quail, as well as other species such as the state-endangered gopher tortoise," Grosse said.

Deputies: Punch thrown over political signs

FL DEBARY — A Florida supporter of President Donald Trump was charged with a misdemeanor after deputies said he punched a Joe Biden supporter in a dispute between the neighbors over their yard signs.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported that Anthony "Tony" Vullo, 55, was charged with misdemeanor battery after Volusia County sheriff's deputies said he punched his neighbor, Joseph Lebert, 48, outside their homes in DeBary.

According to court records, Vullo had pulled up Lebert's Biden sign and tossed it into Lebert's yard. Vullo told reporters he did it because Lebert had put up his sign to block his Trump sign.

Lebert confronted Vullo and

Vullo punched him in the face, deputies and a neighbor say.

3 locations added to national historic register

AL MONTGOMERY — Three spots in Alabama are being added to the nation's honor roll of historic locations, including a landmark store near the University of Alabama.

The Alabama Book Store in Tuscaloosa is joining the National Register of Historic Places, the Alabama Historical Commission said in a news release. The shop has been located on the Strip near the Alabama campus since 1942.

The two other additions include Bricklayers Hall in Montgomery, which was used for meetings and work space during the civil rights era, and Vantay Fair Park in Monroeville. The park was established in 1948 in a partnership between Vantay Fair Mills and residents of the southwest Alabama town.

The register is the nation's official list of places that are worth historic preservation.

Funeral home fire doesn't delay services

NE OMAHA — Authorities are trying to determine the cause of a fire at a funeral home in southeastern Omaha.

The Omaha Fire Department said crews brought the fire at Good Shepherd Funeral Home under control within an hour.

The funeral home's owner, Michael Hoy, said that the fire primarily affected the office area and didn't disturb two bodies or any cremated remains inside. Three residents of an apartment above the funeral home were displaced.

Ginseng harvest season to begin next week

WV CHARLESTON — Ginseng hunters can head into West Virginia's woods next week for the start of this year's harvest.

The state's ginseng season runs from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30. The Division of Forestry cautions hunters that ginseng root cannot be harvested from public lands.

Only plants with three or more prongs are considered old enough to harvest. State law requires ginseng hunters to replant the seeds from the parent plant in the spot where it was harvested.

Ginseng root is thought to have medicinal properties, and has sold for hundreds of dollars a pound.

From wire reports

NATION

First lady makes her case for 4 more years

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — First lady Melania Trump portrayed her husband as an authentic, uncompromising leader in a Rose Garden address as President Donald Trump turned to family, farmers and the trappings of the presidency to boost his reelection chances on the second night of the scaled-down Republican National Convention.

Mrs. Trump offered a polished portrait of Trump's presidency Tuesday night that was often at odds with the crises, division and unforgiving actions of his administration.

But it was part of a broader effort to show a more forgiving side of a combative president who will soon face the voters. Beyond the first lady's remarks, Trump pardoned a reformed felon and oversaw a naturalization ceremony for several immigrants in the midst of the program, though he frequently states his vigorous opposition to more immigration, legal as well as illegal.

"In my husband, you have a president who will not stop fighting for you and your families," said Mrs. Trump, an immigrant herself. "He will not give up."

Democrat Joe Biden's camp was not impressed.

Immigrants and Latinos are not props, and these empty gestures won't make us forget Donald Trump's failures," said the Biden's Latino media director, Jennifer Molina.

Mrs. Trump and two of the president's five children led a diverse collection of supporters, including a convicted bank robber, calling for Trump's reelection.

Trump has ground to make up. Most polls report that Democratic rival Biden has a significant advantage in terms of raw support, the former vice president also leads on character issues such as trustworthiness and likability. That makes character assessments such as the one Mrs. Trump provided on Tuesday important if the president hopes to win back voters — particularly women — who have strayed amid the pandemic, economic collapse and a reckoning on racism.

In a particularly emotional moment, Trump showed a video of himself signing a pardon for Jon Ponder, a man from Nevada who has founded an organization that helps prisoners reintegrate into society.

"Jon's life is a beautiful testament to the power of redemption," Trump said before



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump joins first lady Melania Trump on stage after her speech to the 2020 Republican National Convention from the Rose Garden of the White House on Tuesday.

he signed the pardon.

The lineup also had a Maine lobsterman, a Wisconsin farmer and a Native American leader. Social conservatives were represented by an anti-abortion activist and Billy Graham's granddaughter. The convention also featured a Kentucky high school student whose interaction last year with Native Americans became a flashpoint in the nation's culture wars.

With Election Day just 10 weeks off and early voting beginning much sooner, Trump is under increasing pressure to reshape the contours of the campaign. But as he struggles to contain the pandemic and the related economic devastation, Republicans have yet to identify a consistent political message arguing for his reelection.

Mrs. Trump noted that the lives of Americans changed "drastically" in March with the onset of the coronavirus. But other speakers made little mention of the pandemic even as it remains a dominant issue for voters.

The COVID-19 death toll surged past 178,000 on Tuesday, by far the highest in the

world, and there is no sign of slowing. The nation's unemployment rate still exceeds 10%, which is higher than it was during the Great Recession. And more than 100,000 businesses are feared closed forever.

At the same time, the White House seems to have abandoned efforts to negotiate another federal rescue package with Congress.

There were fierce attacks on Biden throughout the night, although the lineup generally maintained a positive tone — in part due to some last-minute changes.

Mary Ann Mendoza, an Arizona woman whose son, a police officer, was killed in 2014 in a car accident involving an immigrant in the country illegally, was pulled from the program minutes before the event began. She had directed her Twitter followers to a series of anti-Semitic, conspiratorial messages.

There were also barrier breakers featured such as Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron, the first African American to hold statewide office in Kentucky, and Florida Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez, first

Latina to hold that office in her state.

And the convention featured a Democrat for the second night: Robert Vlasislavjevic, the mayor of Eveleth, Minn., who praised Trump's support for his state's mining industry in particular.

"President Trump is fighting for all of us. He delivered the best economy in our history and he will do it again," Vlasislavjevic said.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo addressed the convention and the nation during an official overseas trip in Israel.

"President Trump has put his America First vision into action," Pompeo said. "It may not have made him popular in every foreign capital, but it's worked."

Pompeo's taped appearance broke with decades of tradition of secretaries of state avoiding the appearance of involving themselves in domestic politics. That his video was filmed in Jerusalem, where he was on an official foreign trip, raised additional questions of propriety.

Still Mrs. Trump was the intended star of the night.

Out of the public view for much of the year, she stepped into the spotlight while avoiding the missteps that marred her introduction to the nation four years ago.

At her 2016 convention speech, she included passages similar to what former first lady Michelle Obama had said in her first convention speech. A speechwriter for the Trump Organization later took the blame.

Only the second foreign-born first lady in U.S. history, Mrs. Trump, 50, is a native of Slovenia, a former communist country in eastern Europe. She became Trump's third wife in 2005 and gave birth to their now 14-year-old son, Barron, in 2006 — the year she became a naturalized U.S. citizen.

The first lady spoke from the renovated Rose Garden, despite questions about using the White House for a political convention. She addressed an in-person group of around 50 people, including her husband.

"Whether you like it or not, you always know what he's thinking. And that is because he's an authentic person who loves this country and its people and wants to continue to make it better," Mrs. Trump said. "He wants nothing more than for this country to prosper and he doesn't waste time playing politics."

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WORLD

Floods, mudslides kill scores in Afghanistan

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Heavy flooding has killed at least 100 people and injured scores of others as heavy seasonal rains drenched northern and eastern Afghanistan, officials said Wednesday.

Annual heavy rains, compounded by mudslides, often threaten remote areas of Afghanistan, where infrastructure is poor. Summer often brings heavy rainfall in northern and eastern parts of the country, leading to floods that leave hundreds dead every year.

State minister for disaster management Gulam Bahawudin Jilani said that in northern Parwan province, water inundated the central city of Charikar, where the health ministry said the local hospital was heavily damaged and many of the injured were being taken to the capital, Kabul.

The provincial spokeswoman, Wahida Shahkar, said the number of casualties may rise as people

and rescue teams were still working to locate people buried under destroyed houses. The head of the provincial hospital, Abdul Qasim Sangin, said several children were among the dead and some of the injured are in critical condition.

Shahkar said the flooding started in the central part of the province overnight, following heavy rains and destroying many homes.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani in a statement ordered aid to be delivered to Parwan and other provinces while expressing his condolences to the victims' families.

Ahmad Tameem Azimi, spokesman of the Disaster Management Ministry, said flooding blocked highways to eastern and northern provinces.

Azimi said at least 300 houses were destroyed in Parwan and over 1,000 people were displaced. He said ground and air support sent to help those trapped by the flooding had reached the provinces.



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghans walk past homes damaged in a mudslide during heavy flooding in the Parwan province, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday.

The floodwaters and rushing mud in the mountainous Parwan province carried thousands of large rocks that caused major injuries and destroyed entire homes, burying people under the rubble. Several excavators had reached the area and were digging for those stuck beneath the rubble. "Nobody could run," said Shah Arian, 22. He said it all started around midnight, when people were asleep.

"Fifteen people from our two neighborhoods died," he said, appealing for government help. "Everything I had is under the mud."

Azimi, the spokesman, said hundreds of acres of agricultural land have been destroyed, with the heavy rain wiping out all the crops in eastern Nuristan province. Houses and roads were destroyed in northern Kapisa, Panjshir and eastern Paktia provinces, Azimi said.

Germany urges calm between Greece, Turkey

ATHENS, Greece — Germany's foreign minister appealed Tuesday for a de-escalation of tension in the eastern Mediterranean between NATO allies Greece and Turkey, warning that a spark "could lead to a disaster." The two neighbors have been locked in an increasingly acrimonious dispute for weeks over maritime boundaries and offshore prospecting rights.

Both countries announced military exercises Tuesday in sections of a broad area between Crete and Cyprus, where the Turkish research vessel Oruc Reis is carrying out seismic research escorted by Turkish warships.

Pressure on Russia to investigate poisoning

MOSCOW — The Kremlin said Wednesday it doesn't want the illness of Russia's opposition leader, who is in a coma in a German hospital after a suspected poisoning, to affect relations with the West as international pressure mounted on Moscow to investigate Alexei Navalny's condition. The statement came two days after doctors at the Berlin hospital where the 44-year-old is being treated said tests indicated he was poisoned.

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Cheadle makes greed good — for laughs

Series star lives crazy '80s wild life in Showtime's gonzo dark comedy 'Black Monday'

By MICHAEL ORDONA
Los Angeles Times

The exploits of "Black Monday's" coked-out, amoral Wall Street pirates and '80s fashion victims might elicit some sort of crazy cautionary tale, but any lessons therein don't ever seem to be learned in the real world. You can almost hear some viewers cheering them on: "Greed is good, greed works."

"And we look at those people and go, 'Holy s---, no! No!'" says series star, producer and current Emmy nominee Don Cheadle, laughing. "One of the books I studied — I'm forgetting the title — in the foreword, the author says, even though we've advanced, you talk about how we've attempted to police these things; the one thing that never gets taken out of the equation is people. And one thing people have is greed. If certain people have the opportunity to take advantage, they're going to do it until they get stopped."

"So yeah, for some, it's not a cautionary tale, for some, it's terrifyingly like a prescription," he says with an even bigger laugh.

"But hopefully, for those of us who see what actually happens to the human beings afterward, 'Win at any cost' is not a motto to live by."

Among the gonzo comedy's secret weapons (apart from Cheadle's array of hairpieces) have been two traders from the time: one of Cheadle's good friends and the father of series co-creator David Caspe.

Don Cheadle stars as Mo in "Black Monday."

Showtime

Both have provided eyewitness accounts of everyday madness.

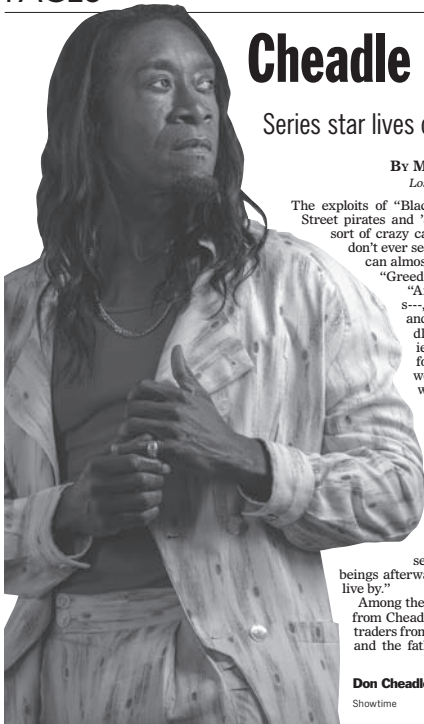
"How drug-fueled it was. How completely outrageous it was. How people were really allowed to be driven by their id, and destruction was just a part of the game," Cheadle says of what he learned from his research. "It wasn't enough to win; someone had to be dead on the other side of the field."

In its first season, the dark comedy established that it was not afraid to go there, into the unrestrained chaos of '80s Wall Street with a twisty mystery-heist vibe. Cheadle's Mo Monroe has a checked-past and more secrets than you'd expect a guy who's about 95% id would be able to keep. He's an ultra-rarity for the time: Not just a Black stockbroker, but one who also runs his own shop, the Jammer Group. He's a snorting, scheming libertine who somehow seems to get away with everything, even as his arguably smarter lieutenant and ex, Dawn (Regina Hall), battles through ingrained sexism to make her mark, and a closeted new guy, Blair (Andrew Rannells), wrestles with his own demons to become a power player.

This year's Emmy nomination is Cheadle's 10th overall, and his second in as many seasons playing Mo. In Season 2, he says, "I think we take on more issues. We always wanted to be topical and loud at what's happening in the world and view it through this '80s lens and see how we can apply what we know now to what we knew then and vice versa. How does each timeline comment on the other timeline?"

Season 2 includes pointed references to recent events and political figures. One of the subplots finds Blair leveraging his newly confident sexuality to push for deregulation that would eventually become linked to the real-world 2007-08 financial collapse. There are crooked evangelists and merciless FBI agents. Dawn gambles recklessly with his own dollars and the United Negro College Fund. There's a bank shuntout that Cheadle gleefully describes as "Wall Street" meets something by Sam Peckinpah. "There's even a horrrrrrring revenge subplot."

"We thought, 'How can we weave all these things together and still be under the umbrella of the stock market and being a trading company?' By the end of the season, we're sitting in the detritus of what those big deals and this investigation has done to us."



New West Records

Police: Justin Townes Earle's death was probable overdose

Nashville police said a preliminary investigation into the death of singer-songwriter Justin Townes Earle shows his death was a probable drug overdose.

Police spokesman Don Aaron said officers did a welfare check Sunday at Earle's home, where he was found dead. A friend called police after no one had heard from Earle, 38, since Aug. 20. Aaron said there were no signs of foul play. Autopsy results are pending.

Earle was a leading performer of American roots music known for his introspective and haunting style. He was the son of country star Steve Earle, although the younger Earle was mostly raised by his single mother, Carol-Ann. A conscious throwback to old-time country and blues music, Earle released such albums as "Harlem River Blues" and "The Saint of Lost Causes" and was named Emerging Act of the Year at the 2009 Americana Honors & Awards ceremony. He wrote often of loneliness, flight and forgiveness, and he was open in interviews about his rough childhood and his addictions.



AP

McKinnon's 'Joe Exotic' network series ordered by Netflix

The saga of Joe Exotic is getting another chapter, with Kate McKinnon starring as his rival in a limited TV series.

The "Saturday Night Live" star will play Carole Baskin, who sought to shut down Joseph Maldonado-Passage's for-profit breeding of big cats. The conflict became a pop-culture sensation with Netflix's docuseries "Tiger King."

The series will be based on the Wondery podcast "Joe Exotic," NBCUniversal Television and Streaming said Tuesday, and will air on three corporate siblings: the NBC broadcast network, cable's USA channel and the recently launched Peacock streaming service.

McKinnon also will be an executive producer for the show with the working title "Joe Exotic." The lead role has yet to be cast, and production and release dates were not announced.

Maldonado-Passage is serving a 22-year federal prison term for killing five tigers and plotting to have Baskin killed. In June, a federal judge awarded Baskin ownership of the private Oklahoma zoo run by Maldonado-Passage.



AP

Polanski's request to restore academy membership denied

A judge on Tuesday denied Roman Polanski's request to restore his membership in the organization that bestows the Academy Awards two years after he was expelled from it for raping a minor.

The director sued in April 2019, asking the court to compel the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to make him a member in good standing again.

A year earlier, the academy made the rare move of expelling Polanski and Bill Cosby, months after ending the membership of disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein.

Polanski appealed, and in January 2019 the academy rejected his appeal.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mary Strobel on Tuesday ruled that the academy had a right to expel Polanski, afforded him a fair hearing and gave him sufficient notice of his expulsion.

Polanski, who won a best director Oscar for "The Pianist" in 2003, remains a fugitive after pleading guilty to unlawful sex with a minor in 1977 and fleeing the United States the following year. He has been living in Europe since.



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Other news

■ The "Comedy in Color" standup franchise is expanding to audiobooks. Simon & Schuster Audio and Laugh Out Loud announced Wednesday that "Laugh Out Loud Presents Comedy in Color, Volume 1" will go on sale Sept. 29. The host is Lil Rel Howery of "Get Out" fame, who said he hoped to take listeners "on a hilarious ride with a diverse set of comedians who got jokes." Comedians featured will include Chris D'Stefano, Aida Rodriguez, Vir Das, Ronny Chieng and Nate Bargatze. Laugh Out Loud is an entertainment company founded by Kevin Hart.

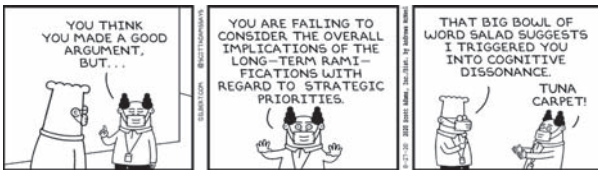
■ Gail Sheehy, the journalist, commentator and pop sociologist whose "Passages" helped millions navigate their lives from early adulthood to middle age and beyond, has died at 83. Sheehy died Monday of complications from pneumonia in Southampton, N.Y., according to her daughter, Maura Sheehy. "Passages: The Critical Moments of Adult Life" was published in 1976 and immediately caught on with a generation torn by the cultural revolution of the time.

From The Associated Press

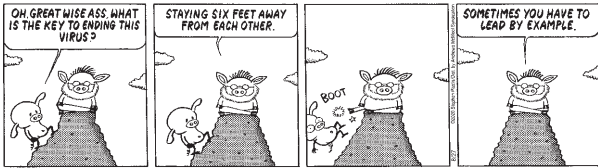
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Pearls Before Swine



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Candorville



Carpe Diem



Beetle Bailey



Bizarro



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 School session
- 5 Little lie
- 8 Transcript stats
- 12 "Night" author
- 13 Barn bird
- 14 Seized vehicle
- 15 Pond growth
- 16 Kanga's kid
- 17 Right on the map
- 18 Large champagne bottle
- 20 Wee amounts
- 22 Terre Haute sch.
- 23 Compass pt.
- 24 Ten-cent piece
- 27 Head out to
- 32 Tours season
- 33 Mandela's org.
- 34 Mentalist Geller
- 35 Ruby anniversary
- 38 Sty chow
- 39 Silent
- 40 "A mouse!"

DOWN

- 1 Squad
- 2 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 3 Diana of "The Avengers"
- 4 Ogre
- 5 Chemical "recipes"
- 6 — Jima
- 7 Inky stain
- 8 "Summer Nights" musical
- 9 Placid
- 10 Church area
- 11 Lushes
- 19 "People" rival
- 21 Gun the engine
- 22 Dict, info
- 25 Olympic skater
- 26 Mythic sea dwellers
- 28 Tolkien creature
- 29 Deeply desired
- 30 Acapulco gold
- 31 Shred
- 36 Radio host's invitation
- 37 "As I see it," to a letter
- 38 Cuts corners
- 41 Hosp.
- triage area
- 42 Dad
- 43 Enrages
- 44 Faction
- 46 Casual shirt
- 47 Get ready, briefly
- 48 "Amen!"
- 51 Mauna —

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU CARRY SOMETHING TO A FRENCH CITY ON THE SEINE RIVER, IT MAY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO ROUEN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals D

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OPINION

Haley, Scott halt the screeching at GOP convention

By KATHLEEN PARKER
 Washington Post Writers Group

The Republican National Convention did three smart things, three dumb things — and offered the prospect of one big surprise: South Carolina may have finally won the Civil War.

I'll explain shortly, but first, two of the dumb things: Donald Trump Jr. and his main squeeze, Kimberly Guilfoyle, the former Fox anchor and current Trump campaign finance official, each of whom spoke, or screamed, Monday night.

If you didn't know that the younger Trump was the president's son, you'd quickly figure it out. Charm-wise, they're clone-ish. (No, I didn't mean clownish; that's on you.) Junior's other hidden virtues notwithstanding, he wouldn't be my first pick for advancing, say, a positive, upbeat message.

Why are Trump men always so angry? Was it the baby rhino that got away?

Perhaps Junior was feeling defensive on his father's behalf. Or, more likely, he looked frothy because his girlfriend is such a screamer. Guilfoyle's perfectly awful speech was shouted rather than spoken to the empty room, as though it were filled with elderly men cupping their ears. Tips for aspiring public speakers: Always take the temperature of a room and adjust your volume accordingly. Also, the degree of one's certitude does not require a commensurate level of anger. Whatever the reasoning behind Guilfoyle's frightening performance, she gave the impression of someone who could easily gain through the virtual realm and begin turning Dem-

ocrats into dinner.

But dumber than dumb was spotlighting the St. Louis couple who pulled guns on protesters when they walked down their street en route to the nearby mayor's home. Playing the Second Amendment card at a Republican convention is standard operating procedure, of course, but a better wit-ness would be, say, a woman who stopped her head would be rapist with a bullet in the heat of terror.

Instead, the RNC decided to put the focus on Patricia and Mark McCloskey, who, by brandishing a rifle and a handgun toward peaceful protesters earlier this year, might not be widely viewed as paragons of good judgment. Kellianne Conway should have vetoed that particular opt on her way out of the White House.

Speaking of smart, the RNC was wise to use the same stage for each speaker, giving the appearance of a convention rather than the glorified Zoom meeting we witnessed during last week's Democratic "convention." The smartest moves were included in speaking Nikki Haley, former South Carolina governor and U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, and Sen. Tim Scott, the only African American to be elected to both the House of Representatives and to the U.S. Senate — ever.

Recounting his illiterate grandfather, who was forced to leave school in third grade to pick cotton, and his own rise to the Senate as an iconic spokesman for conservative principles, Scott said:

"Our family went from Cotton to Congress in one lifetime. And that's why I believe the next American century can be better than the last." The American Dream

Amid COVID, connect with military families in need

By KATHY ROTH-DOUQUET
 AND GWENDOLYN BINGHAM
 Special to Stars and Stripes

Just before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, a military family we know in California packed and shipped their household goods to Japan, sold their vehicle, and began dis-enrolling their children from their schools — the usual motions of a family following their next deployment orders. Then came the global travel advisories, canceled airlines flights, and the Department of Defense's sweeping stop-movement order for personnel.

The family retracted everything, from school disenrollment to their housing no-tel. Without funds for a hotel room or military lodging for an indeterminate amount of time, they sheltered in place for months, with only lawn furniture and air mattresses.

They were luckier than many. Thousands of military families have no housing or are being forced to pay two rents/mortgages during this time. For many military families, the pandemic not only presents unique challenges, but has also compounded hardships that existed long before the spread of the virus.

In a weekly Pain Points Poll that tracked how military families managed during the pandemic, families revealed compounded stresses and challenges that make life all the more uncertain. Over its 10-week fielding, the poll discovered over 40% of respondents had to lay their PCS orders, while nearly a fifth of active-duty spouses lost their jobs or were unable to work. Many military families, having made their now-canceled relocation plans, reported having or preparing to pay rent for two residences. Many have been impacted as well, with more than half of respondents with school-

aged children saying that they saw behavioral changes in their kids.

What's more, over 63,000 military personnel including doctors, National Guard and military engineers were being deployed to the front lines of the fight. Many left behind families who are displaced from homes and unable to move — all while facing heightened risk of exposure and reports of increased COVID-19 cases among their ships and units.

These hardships, like the virus itself, are evolving and difficult to manage. The implications of these challenges stretch beyond the well-being of an individual family unit to the overall preparedness and defense of our country.

While the federal government is working to respond, some of the challenges our military and veteran families are facing require more than budgetary measures. We require a cultural shift in which civilians better understand and support these families — support that, in turn, also buttresses our nation's national security.

Data from our annual Military Family Lifestyle survey shows us that fewer active-duty service members would recommend military service to their family members or children because of the many challenges it brings. Moreover, as military families struggle with schooling and finding suitable and affordable child care, future generations may increasingly turn away from the option of service to their country. In response, we call on our legislators and personnel retention of our overall military could be harmed.

Blue Star Families has been working with partners at the Association of Defense Communities and dozens of top nonprofit and corporate partners to make sure virtual resources are available for military families living through the COVID-19 crisis. These virtual resources include infor-

doesn't get too much better.

Haley, too, has minority roots. The daughter of Indian immigrants, she grew up in the tiny town of Bamberg, S.C., where her mother and father wore a sari and turban. Haley was an object of curiosity who learned about racism firsthand. Her early experiences of Otherness helped her decide as governor to push for the removal of the Confederate flag from the Statehouse grounds after a white supremacist murdered nine black parishioners at Charleston's Mother Emanuel Church.

As Scott and Haley related their stories in dulcet tones compared to the audio assaults of Trump Jr. and Guilfoyle, I could help thinking about a 2024 Haley/Scott ticket (never mind the possible Electoral College difficulties), which brings me to the Civil War.

South Carolina, of course, could not — and should not — have won the War Between the States, the causes of which will forever remain a stain on the state's history. But the victors' purposes — to end slavery, restore the union and make more true our Founding Fathers' promises of equality — would seem to have reached something of a milestone were this once-proud secessionist state to fill a presidential ticket with a Black man and a Brown woman.

It would be unwise to ignore or dismiss either because of their association with Donald Trump. They're Republicans, after all, and both Scott and Haley are as ambitious as they are talented. But everyone bred in the South learns early that good manners are key to opening doors. And insulating the leader of one's own party bears no profit to the unwitting — or the rude.

tive webinars where defense communities can speak to policymakers and experts about topics including mental health; navigating CARES Act funding to support veteran telehealth services; and transitioning out of the military during the pandemic.

Beyond this effort, there are two integral steps that the American public can take to truly and tangibly support those who serve us. The first is to work to maximize interactions between our military installations and local communities. This interaction is a readiness multiplier to the "connectivity" our servicemembers and their families feel when moving to new duty locations and becoming a part of your communities. Another step is to support programming aimed at fostering military family cultural competency in local civilian communities.

A life in the military is a proud one, but it's also a hard one. Only 0.5% of the U.S. population is in active military service; yet, these are the very people who put their lives on the line to protect the United States and our American way of life. Now, it's up to each of us to return the favor.

Our call to action goes beyond staying at home to stop the spread. By understanding the struggles that military families face every day, we can each do our part to support those who fight for us and thereby preserve the future of our country's safety and defense. Many have answered this call to action — we are profoundly grateful and thank you! Whether you support Blue Star Families, United Service Organizations, or one of our other military or veteran service support organizations — our military needs its civilian neighbors to be by its side.

SCOREBOARD/NOTES BRIEFS

Sports on AFN

Go to the American Forces Network website for the most up-to-date TV schedules. myafn.net

Tennis

Western & Southern Open

Tuesday
AT US Open Tennis King National Tennis Center
Purse: \$4,222,190
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
Men's Singles
Round of 16
 Daniil Medvedev (2, Russia), def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-3.
 Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. David Goffin (7), Belgium, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
 Roberto Bautista Agut (6), Spain, def. Karen Khachaturian (11), Russia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-6.
 Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Tennyson Sandgren, United States, 6-2, 6-4.
 Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, def. Matteo Berrettini (6), Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Men's Doubles
 Daniil Medvedev (2, Russia), def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-3.
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 Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, def. Matteo Berrettini (6), Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
 Uroš Prizmic (1), Slovenia, def. Artem Sitak (1), Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4.
 Filip Peliwo (1), Chile, def. Artem Sitak (1), Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4.
 Naomichi Miyashita (1), Japan, def. Tennyson Sandgren, United States, 6-2, 6-4.
 Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, def. Alize Cornet (France), 6-4, 7-5.
 Uroš Prizmic (1), Slovenia, def. Christina McHale, United States, 6-3, 6-0.
 Maria Sakkari (13), Greece, def. Seren Williams (3), United States, 5-7, 6-6 (5), 6-1.
Men's Doubles
 Kevin Krawietz and Andreas Mies (6), Germany, def. Jürgen Melzer, Austria, and Philipp Petzschner and Neal Skupski, 6-4, 10-4.
 Králik and Steve Johnson, United States, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Marcelo Melo (2), Brazil, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
 James Murray and Neal Skupski, Britain, def. Dusan Lajovic and Nikola Pietrangeli (3), Argentina, 6-3, 6-4.
 Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (8), Argentina, def. Reilly Opelkin and Taylor Fritz, United States, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (1).
Women's Singles
Round of 16
 Xu Yifan, China, def. Nicole Melichar (2), United States, def. Casey McNeal and Cori Gauff, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.
 Storm Sanders and Ellen Perez, Australia, def. Anett Kontaveit (2), Estonia, and Luisa Stefani, Brazil, 6-3, 4-6, 10-8.
 Kvetia Peschke, Czech Republic, and Demi Schuurs (3), Netherlands, def. Vera Zvonareva and Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 6-3, 6-1.
 Elise Mertens, Belgium, and Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus, def. Anett Kontaveit (2), Estonia, and Madison Key, Chile, and Desirae Krawczyk, United States, 6-1, 6-1.
 Shelby Rogers, and Jessica Pegula, United States, def. Anett Kontaveit (2), Estonia, and Anna Blinkova, Russia, and Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, and Sofia Kenin (6), United States, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

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Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	6	8	42.9%	0
Washington	6	8	30.5%	1
Los Angeles	5	9	35.3%	2
Atlanta	2	12	14.3%	5
Phoenix	2	12	14.3%	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	12	3	80.0%	0
Las Vegas	10	5	66.7%	2
Los Angeles	10	5	76.9%	1
Phoenix	7	8	46.9%	4
Dallas	7	7	50.0%	4

Tuesday's games

New York, 10; Chicago, 9p
 Los Angeles, 7p, Dallas, 8p
 Seattle, 8p, Indiana, 7p

Monday's games

Washington at Atlanta
 Dallas at Minnesota
 Connecticut at Phoenix
 Chicago at Indiana
 Dallas at New York
 Los Angeles at Seattle

Friday's games

Minnesota at Atlanta
 Los Angeles at Connecticut
 Washington at Phoenix

Deals

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed LHP Wade LeBlanc on the 60-day IL. Recalled LHP Keegan Akin from alternate training site.
CHICAGO CUBS — Activated RHP Tyler Chatwood and LHP Jose Quintana from the 10-day IL.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Recalled RHP Humberto Castellanos from alternate training site.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Jake Lamb from alternate training site. Placed RHP Tyler Zuber on the bereavement leave.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Recalled RHP Jamie Barria from alternate training site. Placed LHP Jose Suarez to alternate training site. Recalled RHP Luke Bard from alternate training site.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed LHP Luis Castillo on the 10-day IL.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed RHP Aug. 22. Recalled INF Of Miguel Andujar and RHP Brooks Krieger from alternate training site. Activated OF Aaron Judge from the 10-day IL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled OF Seth Brown from alternate training site. Placed INF Chad Pineda on the paternity list.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent LHP Sean Gilmartin to alternate training site.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
ATLANTIC
ATLANTA BRAVES — Selected the contract of RHP Ian Anderson from alternate training site. Activated RHP Jose Acuna Jr. and Nick Markakis from the 10-day IL. Reinstated RHP Taitus Kallio of Christian Pache and C Alex Jackson to alternate training site.
CHICAGO CUBS — Options OF Ian Miller to alternate training site. Activated RHP Tyler Chatwood and LHP Jose Quintana from the 10-day IL.
CINCINNATI REDS — Signed RHP Anthony DeSclafani on the paternity list. Reinstated C Ryan Lavanway to alternate training site.
MIAMI MARLINS — Recalled LHP Josh D. Smith from alternate training site. Sent C Ryan Lavanway outright to alternate training site.
NEW YORK METS — Placed C Tomas Nunez and SS Andres Gimenez on the 10-day IL. Selected the contracts of OF Juan Lagares and C Patrick Mazeka from alternate training site.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended Kansas City DT Mike Pennel for the first two games of the season.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to re-sign RB Budd Baker on a four-year contract extension.
TEXAS RANGERS — Signed WR DeAndre White and P Johnny Townsend.
BUFFALO BILLS — Waived RB Trestan Smith from IR with an injury settlement.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed C Carlo Santos and WR Alex Wester.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Claimed DE Curtis Weaver off waivers from the Miami Dolphins and placed S Grant Delpit on the IR.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed C Frederick Mautava and DT Kahli McKenzie. Waived WR Damon Willis and C Kyle Cordaro.
LOS VEGAS RAIDERS — Signed LB Sharif Finch to a contract. Waived DE Akeem Ayers.
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Signed LB Daniel Bituli and LB Derrick Monk. Waived RB Darrell Henderson and C Kyle Cordaro.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Signed DB Keaton Harris.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed RB Pete Guiry. Waived RB Johnny Coffey.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed TE Tyrone Snow. Waived WR Rob Davis and RB Saquon Barkley.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed TE Eric Ebron to a one-year contract. Waived RB Salmon Ahmed.
TAMPA BAY BUCCINERS — Re-signed WR Mike Gesicki.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL — Fined Columbus head coach John Tortorella \$200,000 for comments during a media availability following an Aug. 19 game against Tampa Bay.

Auto racing

Monster Energy NASCAR Cup points leaders

Through Aug. 23

1. Kevin Harvick	1,041
2. Denny Hamlin	907
3. Chase Elliott	807
4. Martin Truex Jr.	804
5. Kyle Busch	789
6. Ryan Blaney	718
7. Aric Almirola	610
8. Kyle Busch	610
9. Clint Bowyer	609
10. Matt Kenseth	582
11. Matt Kenseth	579
12. Matt DiBenedetto	537
13. William Byron	528
14. Jimmie Johnson	528
15. Erik Jones	528
16. Austin Dillon	562
17. Erik Jones	562
18. Justin Dillon	562
19. Cole Custer	469

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	4	0	3	15	13	4
Toronto FC	3	3	2	10	7	7
Philadelphia	3	3	2	10	10	8
Montreal	3	3	2	10	10	8
New York	3	3	1	10	6	8
New England	3	3	1	10	6	8
Atlanta	3	3	0	9	6	6
Orlando City	3	3	0	9	6	6
Chicago	2	4	1	7	7	11
Cincinnati	2	4	1	7	6	9
Real Salt Lake	2	4	1	7	6	9
Los Angeles FC	2	5	0	6	3	7
Inter Miami CF	1	5	0	3	6	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	5	2	0	15	17	11
Minnesota United	3	2	1	11	13	9
Portland	3	2	1	11	13	9
Los Angeles FC	3	2	1	10	15	12
Real Salt Lake	2	2	1	10	9	13
San Jose	2	1	2	8	10	10
Colorado	2	3	1	7	9	13
Vancouver	2	3	1	7	11	13
Seattle	2	6	0	6	7	16
LA Galaxy	1	3	2	5	7	11

Monday's game
 New York City FC, 1:30 a.m.
Tuesday's games
 New England 1, New York 0
 Philadelphia 1, New York 0
 Chicago 0, Cincinnati 0
 Seattle 2, Vancouver 0
 Houston 5, Sporting Kansas City 2
 Atlanta 1, Nashville 0
 Columbus at Orlando City
 Portland at San Jose
 Colorado at FC Dallas
 Los Angeles FC at Real Salt Lake
 Portland at San Jose
Friday's games
 Toronto FC at Montreal
 Orlando City at Atlanta
 D.C. United at Philadelphia
 Chicago at New York FC
 Columbus at Cincinnati
 New York at New England
 Minnesota at FC Dallas
Sporting Kansas City at Colorado
 San Jose at LA Galaxy
 Real Salt Lake at Portland

Tuesday

New York 1, Red Bulls 0
 0-0-0
 72nd minute
First half— Philadelphia, Przbylko, 1 (Gaddis), 31st minute.
Second half— Red Bulls, Ryan Meara, David Jensen; Philadelphia, Andrew Brown.
Yellow Cards—Gaddis, Philadelphia, 36th; Monteiro, Philadelphia, 52nd.

Fire 3, Cincinnati 0

0-0-0
First half— Chicago, Herbers, 1 (Gimenez), 2nd minute; 2, Chicago, Medran, 1, 10th.
Second half— 3, Chicago, Aliseda, 1 (Goles)—Cincinnati, Przemyslaw Tytocki, 10th; Indiana, 40th; Bobby Shurtlough, Connor Sparrow.
Yellow Cards—Petersson, Cincinnati, 36th; Medran, Chicago, 61st; Amaya, Cincinnati, 63rd.

Revolution 2, D.C. United 1

New England 2, 0-2
 D.C. United 1, 0-1-1
First half— New England, Bunbury, 26th minute; 2, New England, Bunbury, 2 (Guthrie), 33rd minute.
Second half— 2, D.C. United, Kamara, 1 (Goles)—New England, Matt Turner, Jimmy Braden, Brighton, D.C. United, Bill Hamid, Chris Seitz.
Yellow Cards—Birnbam, D.C. United, Jimmy Braden, Brighton, D.C. United, Bill Hamid, Chris Seitz.
Yellow Cards—United, New England, 83rd.

Impact 2, Whitecaps 0

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Montreal 2, 0-2-0
First half— 1, Montreal, Quilley, 20th minute; 2, Montreal, Lappalainen, 2 (Macleod), 40th.
Yellow Cards—Montreal, Thomas Hasal, Bryan Meredith; Montreal, Clement Diop, 20th.
Yellow Cards—Jackson-Hamill, Montreal, 85th; Cornelius, Vancouver, 85th.

Dynamo 5, Sporting KC 2

Houston 2, 2-3-5
 Sporting Kansas City 2, 2-3-5
First half— 1, Houston, Ellis, 1 (Quinley), 27th minute; 2, Sporting Kansas City, 26th; 3, Houston, 30th; 4, Houston, 1 (Ellis), 44th.
Second half— 4, Houston, Hansen, 1 (Ramirez), 48th; 5, Sporting Kansas City, 48th; 6, Houston, 49th; 7, Houston, 50th; (Ceren), 57th; 7, Houston, Quintero, 2 (Goles)—Houston, Marco Markic, Cody Cropper; Sporting Kansas City, Tim Merritt, 48th.
Yellow Cards—Vera, Houston, 25th; Busio, Sporting Kansas City, 38th.

Briefly

Pacers' McMillan fire after sweep

Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS — Nate McMillan won dozens of regular-season games despite the Indiana Pacers' continual injuries.

The playoff losses cost him his job.
 On Wednesday, two days after enduring a second straight first-round sweep, president of basketball operations Kevin Pritchard fired McMillan.

"This was a very hard decision for us to make; but we feel it's in the best interest of the organization to move in a different direction," Pritchard said, whose relationship with McMillan dates to their earlier days in Portland. "Nate and I have been through the good times and the bad times; and it was an honor to work with him for those 11 years."

McMillan's 183 victories with Indiana rank third in franchise history and the Pacers made the playoffs in each of his four seasons as head coach, McMillan's teams went just 3-16 in the postseason and were swept three times — the first three times the Pacers haven't won at least one game in a best-of-seven NBA series.
 They haven't reached the second round since appearing in the Eastern Conference finals in 2013 and 2014, and after Monday's loss to Miami, Indiana has lost a franchise-record nine consecutive playoff games.

McMillan finished his career in Indiana with a record of 183-136. Frank Vogel initially brought in McMillan as associate head coach in 2013-14.
 McMillan is 661-588 overall in 16 seasons as a head coach in three different stops — Indiana, Portland and Seattle.

Time warning flusters Serena in 3-set loss
 NEW YORK — Serena Williams was flustered when she got called for taking too much time between points, flung away her racket after letting a lead slip away and finished surprisingly meekly in a 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-1 loss to Maria Sakkari at the Western & Southern Open on Tuesday night.
 This was Williams' fifth match since professional tennis resumed amid the coronavirus pandemic after a hiatus of nearly six months and all five have gone three sets, five 3-1 in that stretch.
 The result against No. 13 seed Sakkari, and particularly the way the match ended, was hardly promising for Williams as the U.S. Open's start approaches next week.
 The Western & Southern Open is usually held in Ohio but was moved to the U.S. Open's site in Flushing Meadows this year to make for a two-event, one-spectator "bubble" during the pandemic.
 Williams was seemingly in control early, serving for the first set at 5-3, 30-0, when things began to unravel. She missed two backhands in a row, then put a forehand into the net to set up a break point, and walked over to the stand holding her towel at the back of the court (the ball player normally hande towels for players, but not during COVID-19).
 That's when chair umpire Aurelie Tourne called a time violation. On the following point, Williams sailed a forehand long to get broken.
 Hours earlier, Novak Djokovic's neck felt much better, and his tennis looked much better, in a 6-2, 6-4 victory over unseeded American Tennyson Sandgren that improved the No. 1-ranked man to 20-0 in 2020.

Coaches poll won't rank tennis that don't play
 TYSONS CORNER, Va. — In the coronavirus pandemic that has altered the upcoming college football season will also change the way the weekly coaches' poll was published by USA Today is conducted.
 The preseason coaches' poll released Aug. 6 included votes from 65 coaches in the Bowl Subdivision.
 With members of the Big Ten, Pac-12, Mid-American, Mountain West and other schools postponing football this fall, those teams will not be eligible for the coaches' poll once the season begins, a decision echoing that of The Associated Press for its Top 25.

Islanders' playoff run boosting ticket sales
 NEW YORK — The New York Islanders' playoff run is helping boost season ticket sales for their new arena, scheduled to open next year.
 The Islanders beat Florida in the qualifying round, then advanced past Atlantic Division rival Washington in the first round, and currently lead Philadelphia 1-0 in the conference semifinals. The team reports 80 percent of its season tickets for 2021-22, the inaugural season at UBS Arena at Belmont Park have already been sold.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Palat's OT goal lifts Lightning over Bruins

Associated Press

TORONTO — The pressure of overtime hardly fazes the Tampa Bay Lightning, who have been as resilient as any team in the NHL playoffs.

Ondrej Palat scored less than five minutes into yet another extra period for the second-seeded Lightning, who beat the Boston Bruins 4-3 on Tuesday to even their Eastern Conference semifinal series at one game apiece.

Tampa Bay improved to 4-0 in overtime games this postseason, including a five-OT win during the team's first-round victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets.

The Lightning overcame one-goal deficits twice, had a first-period score reversed and relinquished its first lead of the series with under four minutes left in regulation.

"Any time we hit adversity in this game, I thought we had an answer," said Tampa Bay's Blake Coleman.

Reigning Vezina Trophy winner Andrei Vasilevsky had 22 saves and became the Lightning's all-time playoff leader with 22 wins.

"He's been our best player all playoffs, kept us in games and given us a chance to win," defenseman Zach Bogosian said of Vasilevsky, a finalist for the award as the league's top goaltender again this season.

Now the teams face the challenge of a short turnaround for Game 3 of the best-of-seven



Lightning left wing Ondrej Palat, right, scores the winning goal on Bruins goaltender Jaroslav Halak during overtime of an Eastern Conference playoff game on Tuesday. Tampa Bay evened the series 1-1.

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matchup, which is Wednesday night in Toronto.

"Sometimes it's good to get right back at it when you lose a hockey game," Boston coach Bruce Cassidy said. "We'll see."

Coleman had two goals and

Nikita Kucherov also scored for Tampa Bay. Kucherov tied it 2-2 with 4½ minutes left in the second period, ad Coleman's second of the game put the Lightning ahead with 9:20 left in the third.

Brad Marchand's second goal

of the night, off a nifty feed from Sean Kuraly, tied it 3-3 with under four minutes to go in regulation.

Tampa Bay outshot the Bruins 40-25, including 9-1 in overtime. "I think they had the mindset

that they were going to pound the puck at us all night and get to the net," Cassidy said.

Nick Ritchie also scored for Boston and Jaroslav Halak finished with 36 saves.

David Pastrnak, the league's leading scorer during the regular season, had the primary assist on Marchand's power-play goal at 14:33 of the second period. He picked up another assist on the goal that tied it in the third.

The Lightning, who trailed 3-0 before scoring in Game 1, had a goal by Barclay Goodrow disallowed in the opening period when the Bruins successfully challenged that Brayden Point was offside seconds before the apparent score that would have erased Boston's early 1-0 lead.

Instead of dwelling on the reversal, the Lightning kept working until Coleman's diving shot off a feed from Bogosian made it 1-1 at 12:42 of the opening period. It remained tied after Marchand scored for the Bruins and Nikita Kucherov countered for Tampa Bay within a 55-second span of the second period.

"We were playing well enough that it really didn't faze us," Coleman said. "We thought it was just a matter of time before we would score again."

The loss stopped Boston's four-game winning streak since starting goalie Tuukka Rask opted out of the playoffs.

Canucks cruise, even series with Golden Knights

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Bo Horvat scored twice, and Tyler Toffoli and Elias Pettersson each had a goal and two assists to lead the Vancouver Canucks to a 5-2 win over the Vegas Golden Knights on Tuesday night, evening their Western Conference semifinal series at one game apiece.

Tanner Pearson also scored for the Canucks, and Jacob Markstrom stopped 38 shots — including 1-2 in the second period.

Alex Tuch and Max Pacioretty scored for the Golden Knights. Robin Lehner had 12 saves in just his second loss of the postseason. Game 3 is Thursday night.

It was the first game back for Toffoli since the first game of the qualifying round against Minnesota on Aug. 2. The NHL is not releasing information on injuries, but Toffoli had been seen in a walking boot.

Toffoli jumped over the boards for his first shift and scored nine seconds later. Pettersson swooped wide around Vegas defender Shea Theodore, went behind the net, then slid the puck through the crease to Toffoli for a quick wrist shot into an open net 1:29 into the game.

The Vancouver net scored on the power play 9½ minutes later. Toffoli, standing behind the net, de-



An official gets caught between Vegas' William Carrier, right, and Vancouver's Troy Stecher during Game 2 of the series on Tuesday.

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livered a tape-to-tape pass to an incoming Horvat, who blasted it past Lehner.

In the second period, the Knights got on the board on Theodore's lob pass that Nicolas Roy corralled at the right face-off circle, then delivered on the backhand to Tuch for the one-timer at 6:34, his sixth goal of the postseason.

Then it was Pettersson, left alone in the slot, taking a cross-seam pass from Alex Edler and deking out Lehner on the forehead with 1:25 left in the middle period for his fifth goal of the post-season, to go with 11 assists.

The Canucks made it 4-1 just 18 seconds into the third. Horvat scored his second goal by taking Brock Boeser's backhanded pass in front and tucking it past Lehner for his eighth playoff goal.

The frustration finally got to Vegas late in the third. Pacioretty grabbed J.T. Miller by the head and threw him down after the whistle for a roughing penalty. Tuch got a double minor for pummeling Jake Virtanen while the forward lay on the ice.

Pacioretty scored with 1:26 left on a blast from the point on the power play with Lehner pulled for an extra attacker.

Scoreboard

Stanley Cup playoffs	Tuesday
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)	Lightning 4, Bruins 3 (OT)
EASTERN CONFERENCE	Lightning 4, Bruins 3 (OT)
At Toronto	Boston 1 1 1 0-3
(6) N.Y. Islanders, 4 (1) Philadelphia 0	Tampa Bay 1 1 1 1-4
(N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 0	First Period—1, Boston vs.1; Coleman 3; 3:14, 2, Tampa Bay, Coleman 2 (Goodrow, Bogosian), 12:42.
Wednesday: Game 2	Second Period—3, Boston, Marchand 5 (Krug, Pastrnak), 14:33 (pp), 4, Tampa Bay, Kucherov 3 (Shattenkirk, Reinhart), 15:26.
Thursday: Game 3 (AFN-Sports2, 1 a.m. Friday CET; 8 a.m. Friday JKT)	Third Period—5, Tampa Bay, Coleman 3 (Kucherov), 10:40, 6, Boston, Marchand 6 (Krug, Pastrnak), 16:02.
Saturday: Game 4	OT—Tampa Bay, Palat 1 (Goslin, Marchand), 6:40.
x-Monday: Game 5	Shots on Goal—Boston 97-81-25, Tampa Bay 112-89-40.
x-Wednesday, Sept. 2: Game 6	Power-play opportunities—Boston 1 of 3, Tampa Bay 0 of 2.
x-Thursday, Sept. 3: Game 7	Goalies—T. Halak 4-1-1 (40 shots-36 saves), Tampa Bay, Vasilevsky 7-3-2 (25).
(4) Boston 1, 2 (2) Tampa Bay 1	
Tuesday: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3, OT	
Wednesday: Game 3 (AFN-Sports2, 1:30 a.m. Saturday CET; 8:30 a.m. Saturday JKT)	
Friday: Game 4 (AFN-Sports2, 1:30 a.m. Saturday CET; 11:30 a.m. Saturday JKT)	
x-Tuesday, Sept. 1: Game 6	
x-Wednesday, Sept. 2: Game 7	
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
At Edmonton, Alberta	
(1) Las Vegas 1, (5) Vancouver 1	
Las Vegas 5, Vancouver 0	
Tuesday: Vancouver 5, Las Vegas 2	
Thursday: Game 3 (AFN-Sports2, 3:45 a.m. Friday CET; 10:45 a.m. Friday JKT)	
Saturday: Game 4	
Monday: Game 5	
x-Tuesday, Sept. 1: Game 6	
x-Thursday, Sept. 3: Game 7	
(3) Dallas 2, (2) Colorado 0	
Dallas 5, Colorado 3	
Monday: Dallas 5, Colorado 2	
Wednesday: Game 3 (AFN-Sports2, 4:30 a.m. Thursday CET; 11:30 a.m. Thursday JKT)	
Friday: Game 4 (AFN-Sports2-JR, 4:30 a.m. Thursday CET; 11:30 a.m. Saturday JKT)	
x-Sunday: Game 5	
x-Monday: Game 6	
x-Wednesday, Sept. 2: Game 7	
Pearson added the final Vancouver goal into an empty net.	
The Canucks were looking for a bounce-back after the Knights dismantled them 5-0 in Game 1 and chased Markstrom from the net for the first time in the playoffs.	

NHL



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Lightning head coach Jon Cooper said back-to-back playoff games means managing rest for players.

Back-to-back in the bubble: teams adjust to new normal

By STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

Jon Cooper doesn't even need to talk to his players to know who is skating and who is resting on a nongame day.

For his Tampa Bay Lightning and the other teams in the NHL playoffs, there are far more days with games. With the league trying to speed through this unusual postseason, every second-round series has at least one back-to-back scheduled — some have multiple sets — and players and coaches are forced to adapt to managing energy and strategy with the Stanley Cup waiting at the end.

"You've just got to trust that your guys are doing the right things for themselves," Cooper said. "Part of it is getting your body ready and getting on the ice, and tying up the skates again is not always the best thing for you. Maybe it's an outdoor activity or maybe it's clearing the mind but still getting the body going and get the lactic acid out of your legs."

Back-to-backs are a normal part of the regular season and are more of a rarity in the playoffs, when series are typically spread out over two weeks for better quality hockey and a longer spotlight

on the sport. Back-to-back games were part of the qualifying and first rounds to narrow the field, but Boston coach Bruce Cassidy was surprised to see them in the second round.

That means his Bruins and Cooper's Lightning played Game 3 on Wednesday roughly 24 hours after the Lightning won Game 2. The Philadelphia Flyers and New York Islanders face a similar, slightly longer turnaround between games Wednesday afternoon and Thursday night.

Cassidy, before the start of the series, hinted at possibly needing to press new backup goaltender Dan Vladar into his NHL debut because of the schedule, but roster management stretches far beyond the net.

"It'll be interesting to see how players react, and it's going to be up to the coaches to decide who looks fresh, who looks like they have energy and can execute and perform on the ice," Flyers coach Alain Vigneault said. "Each team is going to have some hard decisions as each game moves forward."

Players don't see it as a choice. Maybe it's a luxury.

New York's Leo Komarov said, "It's nice to play games, not sit at a hotel."

Even so, he and his teammates understand there's a fine line between staying sharp and not wasting energy between games.

"You've just got to do whatever you need to do to feel your best," Islanders defenseman Nick Leddy said. "You kind of understand what you need to do and how to take care of your body over the years."

This kind of schedule could benefit older teams with more experienced players who have a routine of rest and rehab. Or maybe there's more spring in young legs.

"I think you just take the time to recover on the off days," Dallas Stars defenseman John Klingberg said. "It's more of an individual schedule there, too — what you want to do to recover."

Recovery is crucial because these games are more intense and demanding than back-to-backs in the regular season. Coaches know that, which is why many if not most teams don't practice between games deep in the playoffs.

"We had a full season, we had a three-week camp, we've ironed out a lot of things during the first round. It's not like you're throwing in any trick plays or anything like that," Cooper said.

With Kapanen deal, Penguins begin the retooling process

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The retooling of the Pittsburgh Penguins' roster has begun.

The team acquired forward Kasper Kapanen from the Toronto Maple Leafs on Tuesday, reuniting the 24-year-old with the team that drafted him with the 22nd overall pick in 2014.

The Maple Leafs sent Kapanen, well-traveled forward Pontus Aberg and defensive prospect Jesper Lindgren to the Penguins for Pittsburgh's first-round pick in this year's draft as well as forward Evan Rodrigues, defenseman David Warsofsky and Swedish forward Filip Hallander.

"Super excited about that obviously," Kapanen said. "It's where it all began for me, which is pretty cool." Kapanen returns to Pittsburgh after being shipped to Toronto during the 2015 offseason as part of a deal that sent star forward Phil Kessel to the Penguins. Kapanen became a regular for the Maple Leafs during the 2017-18 season and posted career highs in goals (20) and assists (24) in 2018-19. Those numbers dipped slightly to 13 goals and 23 assists

for Toronto during the 2019-20 season, which ended with Kapanen chipping in two assists during a qualifying-round loss to Columbus.

"Puck wasn't going in for me," Kapanen said of his recently completed season. "Overall my game was iffy."

The Penguins believe he can get it right by playing on one of the top two lines alongside either Sidney Crosby or Evgeni Malkin.

Pittsburgh is in the midst of a shakeup after losing in the qualifying round to underdog Montreal.

With the core of Crosby, Malkin and Kris Letang all at least 33, Kapanen's arrival gives the Penguins some fresh legs to work with as they try to keep the championship window open. Kapanen, who called it an "obvious honor" to play with Crosby and Malkin, considers himself a two-way player who can help the Penguins at both ends of the ice.

"Obviously I love scoring goals. Who doesn't?" Kapanen said. "I love playing with the puck and making plays, but at the same time I want to forecheck and be physical and be that guy to kind of get in your face a little bit and knock you off your game."



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New York	14	14	.500	Grandy	4	2	0	Grandy	4	2	0	0	Tropeano	0	0	0	Santander	4	0	0	Diaz	4	0	1	0
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Baltimore	14	14	.500	Canha	4	2	0	O'Hearn	4	2	2	0	Bel	1	0	0	Encrunch	4	0	0	Ruiz	3	0	0	0
Minnesota	14	14	.500	Alfonso	4	2	0	McBroom	4	0	2	0	Ridley	3	0	0	Polanco	4	0	0	Sisco	3	0	0	0
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GREGORY BULL/AP

The Seattle Mariners' J.P. Crawford advances from first to third off a single by Kyle Lewis during the first inning against the San Diego Padres. Crawford homered, doubled and drove in three runs in a 8-2 win.

Roundup

Crawford, Mariners halt Padres' 7-game win streak

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — J.P. Crawford homered, doubled and drove in three runs for the Seattle Mariners in an 8-3 win over San Diego Tuesday that snapped the Padres' seven-game winning streak.

Austin Nola also homered for the Mariners, who won their fourth straight and for the fifth time in six games. Nola and Evan White had three hits apiece.

Marco Gonzales (3-2) helped deny San Diego what would have been its longest winning streak since 2012. He allowed three runs — all in the third — on nine hits while striking out five and walking one in five innings.

Padres starter Chris Paddock (2-3) took the loss.

Rockies 5, Diamondbacks 4: Nolan Arenado had two doubles and two RBIs to break out of a slump and help Colorado win at Arizona.

Trevor Story also had two hits, including a triple, and added two stolen bases. The Rockies have won two straight games after dropping the previous seven and have climbed back to .500 with a 15-15 record.

Indians 4, Twins 2: Shane Bieber corrected some unusual early control issues to strike out 10 and Francisco Lindor hit a two-run homer to lead Cleveland past visiting Minnesota.

Bieber (6-0) allowed two runs and four hits in six innings as the Indians ended a four-game losing streak to the Twins and pulled within 1½ games of the division leaders.

Red Sox 9, Blue Jays 7: Rafael Devers hit a three-run triple to highlight Boston's six-run outburst in the sixth inning as the Red Sox rallied to win on the

road.

Devers, who snapped an 0-for-10 streak with a single in the second inning, hit a full-count slider from A.J. Cole, giving Boston an 8-6 edge. Devers later scored on a sacrifice fly by J.D. Martinez as the Red Sox recorded their sixth comeback win of the season.

Phillies 8, Nationals 3: J.T. Realmuto hit a three-run homer, Jake Arrieta pitched five strong innings before a rain delay of more than an hour ended his night, and Philadelphia won at Washington.

Realmuto ripped his ninth homer in the third inning off right-hander Erick Fedde. His shot bounced off the top of the right-field wall, then fell in the Nationals' bullpen while Washington outfielder Adam Eaton looked on helplessly.

Tigers 7, Cubs 1: Jonathan Schoop hit a grand slam in a five-run sixth inning as Detroit beat visiting Chicago.

The Tigers have won three of five since a nine-game losing streak dropped them out of serious postseason contention. The Cubs still lead the NL Central despite going 5-8 in their last 13 games.

Rays 4, Orioles 2: Tyler Glasnow struck out a career-high 13 over seven innings and AL East-leading Tampa Bay beat visiting Baltimore.

Athletics 10, Rangers 3: Glasnow (1-1) fanned nine of his final 10 batters. The 6-foot-8 right-hander allowed two runs, five hits and one walk.

Marlins 4-3, Mets 0-0: Brian Anderson laced a two-run double in the fourth inning and three pitchers combined on a four-hit-ter as host Miami completed a doubleheader sweep of New York.

Four Marlins pitchers combined on an eight-hit shutout in the opener.

The Mets, playing for the first time since a player and a coach tested positive for the coronavirus, were shut out in both ends of a doubleheader for the first time since they were swept by the Montreal Expos on Aug. 5, 1975.

Astros 6-5, Angels 3-12: Brian Goodwin drove in three runs as Los Angeles snapped a three-game losing streak by winning at Houston in the second game of a doubleheader created by the approach of Hurricane Laura.

In the first game, rookie Cristian Javier (3-1) allowed three runs in 5½ innings and the Astros used a five-run first to beat the Angels.

Los Angeles got to Houston starter Brandon Bielak (3-2) for four runs in the first.

Brewers 3, Reds 2: Brandon Woodruff pitched six strong innings, Orlando Arcia snapped a 2-for-21 stretch with a go-ahead base hit in the fourth inning, and host Milwaukee beat Cincinnati.

Woodruff (2-2) allowed two runs on four hits, struck out eight and walked one. Josh Hader handled the ninth for his seventh save that gave the Brewers consecutive wins for the first time this season.

Athletics 10, Rangers 3: Matt Olson and Marcus Semien connected on two-run homers. Stephen Piscotty lined a bases-clearing double and Oakland won easily at Texas.

Royals 5, Cardinals 4: Ryan McBroom had two hits and drove in the winning run with a single in the eighth inning. Ryan O'Hearn added a solo homer, and Kansas City won at St. Louis.

Soldano's walk-off HR propels Giants past Dodgers in 11

By JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The typically reliable Los Angeles Dodgers' bullpen didn't have its shut-down stuff this time.

Donovan Solano hit a walk-off two-run homer with two outs in the 11th after Evan Longoria's tying single, and the San Francisco Giants held off the first-place Dodgers 10-8 on Tuesday night for their seventh straight win.

"It just wasn't a well-played game for us," Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said. "We just didn't do a lot of things right and it kept those guys in the ballgame." Sam Selman (1-0) recorded the final out in the top of the 11th for the victory. Justin Turner had beaten out an infield single in the top half.

Three Dodgers relievers blew save attempts, the last by loser Dennis Santana (1-2).

Mauricio Dubon hit a tying single in the bottom of the 10th that scored Joey Bart, whose blunders in the top half of the inning were costly.

"A lot of weird stuff happened tonight," Turner said. "This extra innings stuff is kind of wild."

Turner began on second base in the 10th inning and scored the go-ahead run on Bart's wild throw past third immediately after a passed ball.

Brandon Belt's second home run of the night tied the game at 6 with one out in the ninth as Kenley Jansen blew his first save of the season in eight appearances.

"Our bullpen's been great all year so I'll bet on those guys every night," Turner said. "We just weren't able to shut the door tonight."

Max Muncy and Corey Seager each homered for Los Angeles, which had its four-game winning streak snapped. The Dodgers hit two more homers after connecting seven times in Sunday's 11-3 victory over Colorado for a series sweep.

"That was an exciting game, I think it was a really fun game for the players, it was a good back-and-forth battle," Giants manager Gabe Kapler said.

Muncy hit a three-run homer in the first only for Belt to tie it with a three-run shot of his own in the bottom half.

Los Angeles, winner of the last seven NL West division crowns and the World Series runner-up in 2017 and '18, dropped to 22-9 with just its fifth loss in the last 20 games.

Belt notched his fifth career multi-homer game and also had an RBI double.

Rested Dodgers

After playing 17 straight days and going 13-4 during the tough stretch, Monday's break was much needed for the Dodgers, who flew late in the day to the Bay Area to give players time for treatment or optional workouts.

"For the most part guys stayed away," Roberts said.

Trainer's room

Dodgers: 3B Turner was in the lineup despite his tender left hamstring after he got hit by a pitch during Saturday's win against the Rockies.

Giants: LHP Drew Smyly (left index finger sprain) will throw his second bullpen session Wednesday.



BEN MARCO/AP

The San Francisco Giants' Donovan Solano, right, celebrates with third-base coach Ron Wotus after giving his team a 10-8 victory Tuesday in San Francisco with a game-winning home run in the 11th inning against the rival Los Angeles Dodgers.

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No: Only a 4-pitch walk prevented a perfect game

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wearing a mask. "Obviously a lot of weird stuff going on with COVID and the state of the world, so may as well throw this in the mix."

Sounds like he didn't mind that nobody saw it. Well, almost no one.

After right fielder Adam Engel extended on the run to catch Erik Gonzalez's slicing drive toward the line for the final out, the holders of Giolito's teammates in the middle of the diamond echoed around the stadium.

"I'm just stoked for Lucas and so happy and ecstatic and emotional for Lucas," Engel said. "It stinks we couldn't celebrate the way most no-hitters get celebrated."

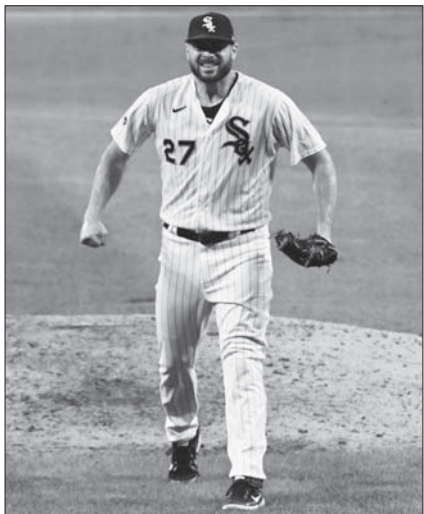
The smallest crowd listed for any no-hitter in the majors over the last 100 years came in 1944, when a mere 1,014 watched Cincinnati's Clyde Shoun beat the Braves at Crosley Field.

Nowhere close to that number on this night, not with the park that holds over 40,000 closed to fans because of virus protocols.

Suffice to say, years from now when White Sox fans fondly remember Giolito's gem, there will not be, say, 100,000 or so people claiming they were there to see it in person.

At one point early in the game, some members of the grounds crew drifted in sight, but that was about it outside of the teams.

An All-Star last year, the 26-year-old Giolito (3-2) matched his career high for strikeouts set in his previous start against Detroit.



MATT MARTON/AP

Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Lucas Giolito reacts after closing out his no-hitter Tuesday against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Chicago.

Only a four-pitch walk to Gonzalez leading off the fourth inning got in Giolito's way of perfection. That was the only runner he permitted while throwing 101 pitches.

"I've been working for this type of game for a while now and it's really cool that we got it done," Giolito said.

Giolito relied on his changeup and fastball to make quick work of the Pirates, who came into the game batting just .229 and have the worst record in the majors. Six of their starters finished the game hitting under .199 this season.

The White Sox rushed toward the mound after the final out in Giolito's first career no-hitter. Giolito hugged catcher James McCann as the Chicago players joined the party.

The South Side of Chicago normally rattles with fireworks after a home win — this is the club that gave the game the exploding scoreboard — but the park remained silent as the dugout emptied.

Giolito, meanwhile, was locked in his own zone in the later innings, fully aware of what was at stake.

"After the seventh, six more outs, looking at who I was facing, became very, very, very possible," he said, "and then we were able to get it done."

Giolito said his approach never wavered.

"Just staying with the same, like, mental routine for every single pitch. One pitch at a time. Full focus, full execution, straight through the target," he said.



ASHLEY LANDIS, POOL/AP

The Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo, left, blocks a shot by the Orlando Magic's D.J. Augustin, right, during the first half of Monday's first-round playoff game in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Top defensive player: Bucks' Antetokounmpo

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

DIY YOU KNOW?

The Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo became just the fifth player in NBA history to be named Most Valuable Player and the Defensive Player of the Year during his career. Antetokounmpo joined Michael Jordan, Hakeem Olajuwon, David Robinson and Kevin Garnett as the only players to do the MVP-Defensive Player of the Year double. He was runner-up for the defensive award last year, when he was named MVP.

SOURCE: Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Giannis Antetokounmpo figured somebody was in trouble.

Even though the Milwaukee Bucks had just defeated Orlando for a 3-1 lead in their playoff series, Mike Budenholzer wanted to talk to them in the locker room afterward.

Antetokounmpo looked around, wondering if a teammate was about to be scolded.

"Usually when coach wants to talk to us after a game, somebody messed up," Antetokounmpo said.

This time, it was because the Greek Freak did really well.

Antetokounmpo was voted NBA Defensive Player of the Year on Tuesday, becoming the fifth player to win that award and MVP in a career.

The All-Star, who was MVP last year and is the favorite to repeat this season, ended the two-year reign of Utah center Rudy Gobert as Defensive Player of the Year.

He got the news with the rest of his teammates on the league's best defensive team a day earlier. "Coach was so excited, he was so happy," Antetokounmpo said. "He told me I won Defensive Player of the Year. He jumped on the table."

Antetokounmpo received 75 first-place votes from a panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters, finishing with 432 points. Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis was second (200 points; 14 first-place votes) and Gobert (187 points; six first-place votes) third.

At 6-foot-11, Antetokounmpo is able to handle a matchup with any frontcourt player, especially because the Bucks also have 7-footer Brook Lopez behind him at center.

Milwaukee allowed only 96.5 points per 100 possessions with Antetokounmpo on the court, giving him the best defensive rating among the more than 300 players who averaged at least 15 minutes per game.

The Bucks were holding opponents to an NBA-low 41.3% shooting from the field when the season was suspended and Antetokounmpo often ended up with the shots that were missed. He was leading the league with 11.5 defensive rebounds per game, while also averaging a little more than a steal and block.

"If you win and you take care of business, awards can come. We've had the best defensive team in the league. We have the best defense in the league," Antetokounmpo said.

"At the end of the day, I guess what it means is you have to win, you have to do whatever it takes every day to go out there, put yourself in position, put your team in position to win and good things are going to happen and everything is going to take care of itself."

He became the first Bucks player to win Defensive Player of the Year since Sidney Moncrief, who earned the first two that were awarded in the 1982-83 and 1983-84 seasons.

AP sports writer Steve Meargrave in Milwaukee contributed to this report.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

Playoffs
At Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

FIRST ROUND
Best-of-seven; 1st if necessary

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Milwaukee 3, Orlando 1
Orlando 111, Milwaukee 109
Milwaukee 111, Orlando 96
Milwaukee 121, Orlando 107
Milwaukee 121, Orlando 106

Wednesday: Game 5
x-Friday: Game 6
x-Sunday, Aug. 30: Game 7

Toronto 4, Brooklyn 0
Toronto 134, Brooklyn 110
Toronto 140, Brooklyn 99
Toronto 117, Brooklyn 92

Tuesday 150, Brooklyn 122
Boston 4, Philadelphia 0
Boston 109, Philadelphia 101
Boston 128, Philadelphia 101
Boston 102, Philadelphia 94
Boston 110, Philadelphia 106

Miami 4, Indiana 0
Miami 113, Indiana 101
Miami 109, Indiana 99
Miami 124, Indiana 115
Miami 99, Indiana 87

WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. Lakers 3, Portland 1
Portland 100, L.A. Lakers 99
L.A. Lakers 111, Portland 88
L.A. Lakers 116, Portland 108
L.A. Lakers 138, Portland 115

Wednesday: Game 5
x-Friday: Game 6
x-Sunday, Aug. 30: Game 7

L.A. Clippers 3, Dallas 2
L.A. Clippers 118, Dallas 110
Dallas 127, L.A. Clippers 114
L.A. Clippers 130, Dallas 122
Dallas 135, L.A. Clippers 133, OT

Tuesday: L.A. Clippers 154, Dallas 111
Thursday: Game 5 (AFN-Sports, 3 a.m. Friday CET) 10 a.m. Friday JKT

x-Saturday: Game 6
Utah 3, Denver 2
Denver 135, Utah 125, OT
Utah 124, Denver 105
Utah 124, Denver 87
Utah 129, Denver 117, 15:27

Tuesday: Denver 117, Utah 107
Thursday: Game 6 (AFN-Sports, 10 p.m. Thursday CET) 3 a.m. Friday JKT

x-Saturday: Game 7
Houston 2, Oklahoma City 2
Houston 123, Oklahoma City 108
Houston 112, Oklahoma City 98
Oklahoma City 113, Houston 107, OT
Oklahoma City 117, Houston 114

Wednesday: Game 5
Friday: Game 6
x-Sunday, Aug. 30: Game 7

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-seven; 1st if necessary)

Toronto vs. Boston
Thursday: Game 1 (AFN-Sports, 12:30 a.m. Friday CET) 10 a.m. Friday JKT

Saturday: Game 2
x-Friday, Aug. 31: Game 3
Wednesday, Sept. 2: Game 4
x-Friday, Sept. 4: Game 5
x-Saturday, Sept. 5: Game 6
x-Tuesday, Sept. 8: Game 7

Clippers rip Mavs, take series lead

George has 35 points, Leonard has 32 in 154-111 Game 5 defeat of Dallas

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Paul George finally found his way.

The All-Star guard scored 35 points and the Los Angeles Clippers rolled past the Dallas Mavericks 154-111 on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in their first-round Western Conference playoff series.

George had shot 29% in the series and endured fans' wrath on social media. He said he spoke to the team psychiatrist before Game 5.

"I mean, whatever it was, the bubble got the best of me," George said. "I was just in a dark place. I really wasn't here. I checked out. The past couple of games, it was just difficult."

George said it didn't feel like the playoffs until his teammates decided to create the atmosphere that was lacking inside the NBA's Walt Disney World bubble.

"I came in with that mindset that this is Staples, we're at home," he said. "The place is packed. I really had to psych myself up. I thought the whole team took that and we ran with it. We created our own energy. We decided to dictate this game."

Kawhi Leonard scored 32 points and Montrezl Harrell added 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Clippers, who set a franchise record for points in a playoff game. Los Angeles can clinch the series on Thursday.

Mavericks guard Luka Doncic, who hit a game-winner at the buzzer in Game 4 to cap off a 43-point triple-double, was held to 22 points on 6-for-17 shooting.

Dallas coach Rick Carlisle was ejected in the third quarter of the



ASHLEY LANDIS/AP

Los Angeles Clippers shooting guard Paul George, right, drives to the basket against Dallas Mavericks small forward Justin Jackson during the Clippers' 154-111 playoff win Tuesday in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

testy game, which included six technicals and a flagrant 1 foul.

Doncic said Clippers forward Marcus Morris might have stepped on his ankle intentionally early in the third quarter.

"I don't want to talk to him," Doncic said. "He's just saying a lot of bad stuff to me all the game. I don't want to talk to him. I've just got to move on. Like I said, everybody's going to have their

own opinion. I just hope it wasn't intentional."

Mavericks center Kristaps Porzingis sat out with right knee soreness. It was the second straight game the 7-foot-3 Latvian missed.

Leonard scored 22 points and Paul George scored 18 to help the Clippers take a 76-52 halftime lead. Los Angeles shot 61% in the first half and led by as many as

27 points. The Clippers continued the onslaught in the second half, bumping the lead to as many as 45 points.

"Tough game," Carlisle said. "Very poor performance by us. It was disappointing. It was very physical. We just need to have a stronger physical disposition to start the game and throughout. We've got to get some more traction at both ends of the floor."

Tuesday

Clippers 154, Mavericks 111
DALLAS — Finney-Smith 3-6 0-0 9, Hardaway 7-14 2-15, Kleber 4-6 2-2 19, Burke 6-11 1-2 15, Doncic 6-17 9-14 22, Jackson 1-3 1-2 3, Kidd-Gilchrist 1-6 1-2 3, Reeves 1-3 2-2 4, Marjanovic 0-5 6-6, Cleveland 2-5 0-4, Curry 2-6 0-0 4, Wright 5-7 0-1 Totals 38-85 23-33 111

L.A. CLIPPERS
Leonard 12-19 6-11 32, Morris Sr. 4-8 0-0 12, Zubac 2-2 5-9 9, George 12-18 7-7 35, Shamet 3-4 2-11, Coffey 0-1 2-2, Mann 0-0 0-0 0, Patterson 3-3 0-0 9, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Harrell 7-11 5-19, McCruider 2-5 0-0 6, Jackson 4-7 0-0 11, Williams 4-7 0-1 8, Totals 53-84 26-34 154

Dallas
22 30 34 25-111
L.A. Clippers 41 35 35 43-154

Three-Point Goals—Clippers 12-37 (Finney-Smith 3-6, Hardaway Jr. 3-7, Burke 2-4, Wright 1-2, George 2-5, Curry 0-2, Jackson 0-2, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-4), L.A. Clippers 22-35 (Morris Sr. 4-6, George 4-8, Patterson 3-3, Shamet 3-4, McCruider 2-3, Leonard 2-4, Harrell 1-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Dallas 31 (Doncic 8), L.A. Clippers 49 (Harrell 11), Assists—Dallas 19 (Doncic, Finney-Smith 4), L.A. Clippers 28 (R. Jackson 5), Total Fouls—Dallas 21, L.A. Clippers 26.

Nuggets 117, Jazz 107
Utah — Ingles 5-8 0-0 13, O'Neale 4-6 0-0 10, Gobert 4-9 3-4 11, Conley 5-12 5-6 17, Burke 1-1 2-3 4-5 20, Bradley 1-1 0-0 2, Morgan 0-0 0-0 0, Niang 3-5 0-0 7, Clarkson 6-14 1-17, Totals 39-78 13-16 107

DENVER — Grant 4-12 1-13, Millsap 1-4 2-2 4, Jokic 12-19 0-0 31, Morris 1-5 2-4, Nunn 2-4 0-4 12, Crisp 1-2 0-5, Dozier Jr. 1-1 1-23, Porter Jr. 5-11 2-15, Plumlee 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 43-85 15-16 117

Utah
22 31 23 21-107
Denver 33 21 28 35-117

Three-Point Goals—Utah 16-34 (Clarkson 4-7, Mitchell 4-8, Ingles 3-5, O'Neale 2-4, Conley 2-6, Niang 1-3), Denver 16-35 (Jokic 7-11, Murray 4-8, Porter Jr. 3-7, Crisp 1-3, Grant 1-3, Morris 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Utah 35 (Gobert 22), Denver 28 (Murray 10), Assists—Utah 23 (Conley, Mitchell 5), Denver 22 (Murray 8), Total Fouls—Utah 20, Denver 18.

Murray scores 42, Nuggets beat Jazz to extend series

Associated Press



MIKE ERHMAN/AP

Denver Nuggets guard Jamal Murray, left, defended by Utah's Royce O'Neale, top, and Rudy Gobert, scored 33 of his game-high 42 points in the second half of a 117-107 win.

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Jamal Murray scored 33 of his 42 points in a second half where he played every minute and the Denver Nuggets avoided elimination by beating the Utah Jazz 117-107 on Tuesday night in Game 5.

The Nuggets trail the sixth-seeded Jazz 3-2 with Game 6 on Thursday.

Murray was unstoppable down the stretch in nearly matching his 50-point effort in Game 4. He hit 17 of 26 shots and had eight assists, including a pass to Nikola Jokic for a three-pointer with 23.6 seconds remaining that sealed the win.

"Whenever he's like that, we are winning the game or we are really close," said Jokic, who also didn't sub out in the second half. "That's what we need from him."

The dynamic tandem of Murray and Jokic clearly weren't ready to leave the NBA bubble just yet. Jokic had it going early as he scored 21 of his 31 points in the first quarter.

Murray took over late after his team fell behind by as many as 15 points in the third

quarter.

"We've all got a will to win. Simple as that," said Murray, who played through a bruise on his knee. "That can carry you. That can take you places."

With the game tied at 101, Murray scored nine straight for Denver to put the Nuggets up by nine with 1:20 to go.

Donovan Mitchell finished with 30 points while wearing a pair of bright, multicolored shoes. The sharpshooter is averaging 37.6 points over the five games.

Reserve Jordan Clarkson added 17 points and Joe Ingles found his rhythm with 13.

"I thought at some level, we just lost our composure when we were ahead," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. " Oftentimes, when a team's making a run, you get a little distracted, and that's when you have to come together even more. Our guys know that, and we'll come out ready to play the next game."

The Nuggets, trailing 63-54 at halftime, overtook the Jazz 28-23. Utah has dominated the third quarter by a 142-92 margin up until Tuesday.

SPORTS



Clippers take control

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Left: White Sox starting pitcher Lucas Giolito, top, celebrates with teammates after his no-hitter Tuesday against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Chicago. Below: Giolito hugs catcher James McCann, left, and Jose Abreu.

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No fans, no hits

Giolito gem leads White Sox past Bucs

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CHICAGO

Lucas Giolito quietly walked to the mound for the ninth inning, piped-in fake crowd noise wafting through the ballpark and cardboard cutouts dotting the stands.

Moments later, the Chicago White Sox right-hander threw the final pitch in a truly bizarre performance.

A no-fan no-no. With the seats at Guaranteed Rate Field empty, Giolito pitched the first no-hitter of the pandemic-delayed season, striking out 13 in leading the White Sox over the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0 Tuesday night.

"2020 has been a very strange year," said Giolito, who conducted a postgame interview while

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