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## Navy: Theodore Roosevelt gets new CO

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The aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt has a new commanding officer for the third time since March, four months after a Western Pacific deployment marred by a coronavirus outbreak that ended with a diversion to Guam, a leadership crisis and the death of a sailor.

Capt. Carlos Sardiello, who oversaw recovery efforts aboard the carrier and its eventual return to San Diego, relinquished command of the Theodore Roosevelt on Friday for the second time in less than a year, according to a Navy statement.

Taking his place is Capt. Eric J. Anduze, of Manati, Puerto Rico, who most recently served as executive officer of the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, the service said.

Sardiello had helmed the carrier from July 2017 until Capt.

Brett Crozier took over in October 2019. Sardiello returned to the carrier in March after Crozier was relieved by then-acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly.

Sardiello referred to the carrier's recent challenges in a farewell message.

"It was a privilege to lead the Rough Riders a second time weathering the storm that engulfed and sidelined Theodore Roosevelt," Sardiello said in the Navy statement.

Crozier was at the helm when the Roosevelt diverted to Guam on March 26 after several sailors tested positive for the coronavirus. Modly removed him after a letter Crozier emailed his Navy superiors pleading for help surfaced in the San Francisco Chronicle soon after.

Video of thousands of Roosevelt sailors chanting Crozier's name as he walked off the carrier for the last time flooded

social media. A week later, a recording surfaced of Modly's speech to the Roosevelt's crew criticizing Crozier and calling him "too naive or too stupid." A public backlash ensued and Modly resigned.

Under Sardiello's leadership, the ship remained in Guam two more months as sailors were isolated, tested and treated. Ultimately, more than 1,150 Roosevelt sailors tested positive, one of whom died.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday had considered returning Crozier to command until reviewing the results of a May investigation into the handling of the outbreak. The investigation revealed failures in Crozier's leadership aside from the letter, including a decision to decline opportunities to get sailors off of the ship early because they would not have been sent to single-occupancy rooms like he

had requested.

Gilday on June 19 told reporters that Crozier's "determination that onboard quarantine was ineffective should have led to an acceleration of sailors to ashore accommodations. It did not."

Sardiello will return to be director of Joint and Fleet Operations at U.S. Fleet Forces Command, the assignment he held when he was pulled away to take over for Crozier.

"The sailors persevered showing great fortitude in the face of adversity, and reverence and stoicism in remembrance; they have proven that fighting through the threat of infectious disease at sea can be done," Sardiello said of his crew's efforts since March, according to the statement. "The resilience and dedication to mission displayed by our Sailors during this pandemic response was truly remarkable."

## Can you catch the coronavirus on a plane? It's complicated.

BY KIM GAMEL

*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — The influx of American troops testing positive for the coronavirus after flying to South Korea and other U.S. bases highlights the dangers of air travel during the pandemic.

Nearly 82% of the 133 confirmed cases affiliated with U.S. Forces Korea have been service members or dependents moving to the peninsula for new assignments or returning from a trip abroad.

The overall USFK number is relatively low considering the Pentagon has reported that more than 27,000 troops globally have contracted the virus since the outbreak began ear-

lier this year.

Still, the fact that all but 24 patients had traveled to the divided peninsula — mainly from the United States — warrants a look at the risks of flying and the best ways to mitigate them.

Airlines have measures in place to reduce the risk of in-flight germ transmission, including filtration systems that remove most airborne particles and a rapid turnover of air in the cabin.

Many also have implemented new coronavirus-specific rules including mandatory masks, limited interaction with flight attendants and reduced capacity.

"So far there's no evidence that anybody definitely got it from the airplane," said Qin-

gyan Chen, an engineering professor at Purdue University who has researched disease transmission aboard aircraft.

Nor has it been ruled out since much remains to be studied about the virus, which first appeared in China late last year and has proven highly contagious.

"I don't think there's any virus in the air conditioning system supplied into the cabin," Chen said in a recent telephone interview.

"But the infection doesn't occur because of the air conditioning system. The infection occurs when your neighboring passenger coughs, talks or breathes," he added.

With little control over most aspects of travel, the best way

for people to minimize the risk is to protect their personal space as much as possible, Paloma Beamer, president of the International Society of Exposure Science, said in a recent telephone interview.

Beamer, an associate professor of environmental health sciences at the University of Arizona, recommends multiple, shorter flights to decrease the need to use the lavatory and to lessen time spent on the same flight as somebody who may be infected.

"Duration is really important because the longer you're breathing the air, the larger viral dose you would get," she said.

# Marines, sailor lost in AAV accident are ID'd

BY CHAD GARLAND  
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The oldest of the nine service members dead or still missing after an assault amphibious vehicle sank off the coast of Southern California last week was a 23-year-old — Marine Corps Cpl. Wesley A. Rodd, of Harris, Texas, who recently became a father.

One of the others, Lance Cpl. Chase D. Sweetwood of Portland, Ore., turned 19 during the search, a family member said. And 22-year-old Seaman Chris Gnem, a Navy corpsman, had been planning to get married, his girlfriend said.

"I lost the love of my life. The most purest and sweetest

soul I've ever met. My absolute best friend in the whole world and my reason to live," wrote Savannah Henne in a Facebook post calling Gnem, 22, of Stockton, Calif., her "soulmate."

Late Sunday, shortly after suspending its 40-hour search and rescue operation, the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit identified Gnem, Rodd, Sweetwood and five others presumed dead, as well as one more whose body had been recovered earlier. All the Marines were riflemen.

"I know all of us in the USMC family are extremely saddened following the announcement of the end of (search-and-rescue) operations," Marine Commandant Gen. David Berger said

on Twitter. "Our prayers continue to be with the family and friends of the 8 Marines and one Sailor we lost."

Lance Cpl. Guillermo S. Perez, 20, of New Braunfels, Texas, was pronounced dead at the scene before being taken to Scripps Memorial Hospital in San Diego on Thursday, the 15th MEU said. He and the others were all with Bravo Company, Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment.

The remaining five Marines presumed dead were:

■ Pfc. Bryan J. Baltierra, 19, of Corona, Calif.

■ Lance Cpl. Marco A. Barranco, 21, of Montebello, Calif.

■ Pfc. Evan A. Bath, 19, of

Oak Creek, Wis.

■ Pfc. Jack Ryan Ostrovsky, 21, of Bend, Ore.

■ Cpl. Cesar A. Villanueva, 21, of Riverside, Calif.

Search and rescue efforts supported by the Navy and Coast Guard covered over 1,000 square nautical miles, officials said earlier Sunday, while announcing the transition to a search for their remains. The decision was made after all resources had been exhausted, Berger said on Twitter.

In the wake of the incident, family and friends had started several fundraisers to help defray costs for the families of the missing Marines. Some quickly blew past their goals as donations poured in.

## Navy was reluctant to reinstate Greitens

*Associated Press*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Navy appeared reluctant to reinstate former Navy SEAL and Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens in 2019 until Vice President Mike Pence's office appeared to intervene, according to newly released documents.

Greitens resigned as governor in 2018 amid several scandals, including campaign misconduct allegations and accusations that he took a compromising photo of a woman without her consent during an extramarital affair he was having in 2015.

Navy officials subsequently expressed reservations about Greitens rejoining the military in emails the Kansas City Star obtained.

"I would be disinclined to grant a major misconduct waiver for anyone with an indictment such as his based on what we know now," Rear Adm. Brendan McLane, then-commander of Navy Recruiting Command, wrote in an email

dated Jan. 11, 2019.

McLane's objections were later dismissed after the vice president's office appeared to show interest in the matter. Pence's office denied any involvement in Greitens' reinstatement.

"Vice President Pence did not, nor did he authorize any staff to, intervene on behalf of Mr. Greitens," Pence's spokesman Devin O'Malley said in a text message sent Sunday night to The Associated Press.

In a summary of a Jan. 30, 2019, call with Greitens, McLane said the former governor told him Pence "had asked him to come work for him on a project and suggested he do it in a Navy capacity."

McLane notified Navy leadership the same day that he would begin the reinstatement of Greitens.

Greitens' spokesman, Dylan Johnson, told The Star that the former governor was "fully exonerated, and is proud to continue to serve in the Navy Reserve."

## Ramstein airman coins new Space Force motto

BY CHAD GARLAND  
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RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — A junior airman got a surprising call recently from the head of the Space Force, informing him that he was about to become part of the newest service branch's history.

Space Force officials would announce the following day that they had selected as the service's motto a phrase that 86th Airlift Wing Airman 1st Class Daniel Sanchez had coined: "Semper Supra," which translates to "always above."

"It's just very surreal," Sanchez said Friday, seated outside the base's enlisted club, recalling his video chat with Gen. John Raymond.

Back when he was running to prepare for basic training, Sanchez would listen to the services' songs, which is where he got the germ of the idea for the Space Force motto from the Coast Guard's "Semper Paratus," or "always ready."

He also found it was similar to

the Marine Corps motto "Semper Fidelis" and an unofficial Navy motto "Semper Fortis" — respectively, "always faithful" and "always courageous."

Later, while training to become an Air Force broadcast journalist at Fort Meade, Md., he and some classmates began greeting each other with the motto he conceived after word of the new space branch began to spread.

He liked how its alliterative double-S's translate to a phrase with back-to-back A's.

In December, about six months after he arrived at Ramstein, Space Force became official. He shared his idea for a motto with his leadership, who encouraged him to make a formal proposal.

In April, he heard that his motto was unofficially selected.

"It was the perfect fit," an Air Force statement quoted Space Force's Raymond telling Sanchez in their July 21 chat. "Thanks for suggesting it. We're proud of your motto; we're proud to have it. You're a part of history."



# Isaias strengthens as it nears Carolinas

Associated Press

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Isaias was forecast to return to hurricane strength Monday before making landfall in the Carolinas, where coastal residents were warned to brace for flooding rains and storm surge.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane warning from South Santee River, S.C., to Surf City, N.C. Isaias was still a tropical storm at 11 a.m. EDT with maximum sustained winds of 70 mph, but it was expected to strengthen into a Category 1 hurricane later Monday, with winds of 74 mph or more.

"We are forecasting it to become a hurricane before it reaches the coast this evening," senior hurricane specialist Daniel Brown said. "It's forecast to produce a dangerous storm surge, of 3 to 5 feet in portions of North and South Carolina."

Isaias — pronounced ees-ah-EE-ahs — could bring heavy rains, too — up to 8

inches in spots as it moves up the coast, Brown said — and "all those rains could produce flash flooding across portions of eastern Carolinas and mid-Atlantic, and even in the northeast U.S."

Isaias killed two people in the Caribbean and roughed up the Bahamas but remained at sea as it brushed past Florida over the weekend, providing some welcome relief to emergency managers who had to accommodate mask-wearing evacuees in storm shelters.

In Myrtle Beach, S.C., people walking dogs strolled the sand Monday morning under overcast skies while children played in surf that gently lapped the shore.

"We're from Michigan, so we get snow and go through it all," Aliyah Owens, who arrived in Myrtle Beach for a summer vacation Sunday, told WTBW-TV. "A little water isn't going to hurt."

The storm remained about 220 miles to the south-southwest of Myrtle Beach at 11 a.m., though conditions were expected

to worsen as Isaias picked up speed and marched northward.

At the Caribbean Resort & Villas in Myrtle Beach, grounds manager Jeremy Philo was out before sunrise Monday looking for loose objects that might be picked up and tossed like missiles by the storm's winds. He tied down lounge chairs by the pool and removed hanging baskets and patio furniture from hotel balconies.

"Anything that can move we tie down or bring inside," Philo told The Sun News of Myrtle Beach.

In North Carolina, the state Department of Transportation tweeted Monday morning that its ferry operators were wrapping up evacuations of tourists and residents from Ocracoke Island. The ferry division tweeted Sunday that its vessels had carried 3,335 people and 1,580 vehicles off of Ocracoke, which is reachable only by plane or boat.

## SpaceX, NASA make 1st splashdown in 45 years

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two NASA astronauts returned to Earth on Sunday in a dramatic, retro-style splashdown, their capsule parachuting into the Gulf of Mexico to close out an unprecedented test flight by Elon Musk's SpaceX company.

It was the first splashdown by U.S. astronauts in 45 years, with the first commercially built and operated spacecraft to carry people to and from orbit. The return clears the way for another SpaceX crew launch as early as next month and possible tourist flights next year.

Test pilots Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken arrived back on Earth in their SpaceX Dragon capsule named Endeavour less than a day after departing the International Space Station and two months after blasting off from Florida. The capsule parachuted into the calm gulf waters about 40 miles off the coast of Pensacola, hundreds of miles from Tropical Storm Isaias pounding Florida's Atlantic

coast.

"Welcome back to planet Earth and thanks for flying SpaceX," said Mission Control from SpaceX headquarters.

"It's a little bit overwhelming to see everybody here considering the things that have gone on the last few months since we've been off-planet," Hurley said after arriving back home Sunday evening in Houston, where they were greeted by a small masked gathering of family and officials, including Musk.

Musk had rushed to Houston from SpaceX headquarters in Hawthorne, Calif., to welcome them. He was clearly moved — and relieved — while addressing the group.

"I'm not very religious, but I prayed for this one," he said.

SpaceX needs six weeks to inspect the capsule before launching the next crew around the end of September. This next mission of four astronauts will spend a full six months aboard the space station.

## Philippine capital returns to lockdown as cases rise

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine president has agreed to place the capital and outlying provinces back under lockdown after medical groups warned that the country was waging "a losing battle" against the coronavirus amid an alarming surge in infections.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said Monday that metropolitan Manila, the capital region of more than 12 million people, and five densely populated provinces will revert to stricter quarantine restrictions for two weeks starting Tuesday.

The move, which economic officials oppose, will again prohibit non-essential travel outside of homes.

President Rodrigo Duterte relaxed the country's lockdown on June 1 in an effort to restart the stalled economy.

Under the new restrictions, police checkpoints will return to ensure only authorized people, including medical personnel and workers in vital

companies, venture out of their homes, Interior Secretary Eduardo Ano said.

Other businesses previously allowed to partly reopen, including barbershops, internet cafes, gyms, dine-in restaurants, massage and tattoo shops, drive-in cinemas and tourist destinations, will again be closed. Authorized companies including banks, health and food processing firms can operate partly but need to shuttle their employees between home and work. Workers can travel by bike, motorcycle and private car, but mass transit will be closed.

Many expressed support for the medical workers but reactions were mixed on the lockdown's return. Allan Espanola, a 33-year-old jobless man, said it will bring more burdens to the people. "We'll suffer more. It's like we're going to square one again," he said.

"Any lockdown is not effective on its own. It should be accompanied by a strong health response," opposition Sen. Risa Hontiveros said.



# 250K expected at SD rally, stirring concerns

From wire reports

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Sturgis is on. The message has been broadcast across social media as South Dakota, which has seen an uptick in coronavirus infections in recent weeks, braces to host hundreds of thousands of bikers for the 80th edition of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

More than 250,000 people are expected to rumble through western South Dakota, seeking the freedom of cruising the boundless landscapes in a state that has skipped lockdowns. The Aug. 7-16 event, which could be the biggest anywhere during the pandemic, will offer businesses that depend on the rally a chance to make up for losses caused by the coronavirus. But for many in Sturgis, a city of about 7,000, the brimming bars and bacchanalia will not be welcome during a pandemic.

Though only about half the usual number of people are expected at this year's event, residents were split as the city weighed its options. Many worried that the rally would cause an unmanageable outbreak.

"This is a huge, foolish mistake to make to host the rally this year," Sturgis resident Lynelle Chapman told city counselors at a June meeting. "The government of Sturgis needs to care most for its citizens."

In a survey of residents conducted by the city, more than 60% said the rally should be postponed. But businesses pressured the City Council to proceed.

## D.C.

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee said Saturday he tested positive for the coronavirus days after he sat close to another member of the panel, Texas Rep. Louie Gohmert, who also tested positive.

Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., said in a statement that he has the virus but, like Gohmert, has no symptoms. He is at least the 11th member of Congress known to have tested positive for the coronavirus.

It's unclear where Grijalva,

72, caught the virus and whether it was from Gohmert, a Republican who has questioned the use of masks and often walked around the Capitol without one. Grijalva went into isolation after Gohmert tested positive on Wednesday, since the two had sat close to each other at a Natural Resources hearing the day before.

At least two other lawmakers have quarantined after coming into contact with Gohmert last week — Republican Rep. Kay Granger of Texas, who sat next to Gohmert on a Sunday flight to Washington, and Republican Rep. Mike Johnson of Louisiana, who had dinner with Gohmert on Monday.

## Iowa

DES MOINES — The number of coronavirus cases reported in Iowa has topped 45,000.

The Iowa Department of Public Health said Sunday that 45,481 cases of the virus have been reported in the state. That was an increase of 544 cases since Saturday at 10 a.m.

Iowa officials also reported two more deaths linked to COVID-19, which gives the state a total of 874 deaths linked to the virus.

Of the 45,481 people who have tested positive for the virus in Iowa, 32,918 have recovered.

Hospitalizations for the virus remain at an elevated level across the state. As of 10 a.m. Sunday, 231 people were hospitalized.

## Nevada

LAS VEGAS — Nevada has now passed the 50,000 mark in positive COVID-19 cases.

State health officials on Sunday reported 1,131 new coronavirus cases, pushing the total to 50,205 since the pandemic began.

There were no additional deaths reported, keeping the total at 832 known deaths.

According to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, the average number of new confirmed cases daily over the past two weeks has re-

mained fairly constant.

Restrictions remain in Nevada for businesses and on gatherings of more than 50 people after Gov. Steve Sisolak extended them beyond July when they were set to expire.

## New Hampshire

PORTSMOUTH — The Portsmouth Historical Society will exhibit a quilt made from more than 50 squares created by New Hampshire families during the pandemic.

Until the quilt is ready in September, individual squares will be on display in the gallery.

The response to the project has been so great that the historical society is considering creating a second quilt.

"Threads: A Community Quilt for 2020" opens Friday.

Historical Society Executive Director Brian LeMay said that in the spring they began to think about what would be most meaningful artifacts to exhibit. They chose quilts.

"Over the years, we've acquired many historical quilts, and quilts have come to be recognized as both an important medium of fine art and a distinctively American art form," he said in a statement.

## New York

NEW YORK — The captain and owners of a popular Manhattan party boat were arrested for defying coronavirus social distancing mandates and going for a crowded booze cruise, officials said Sunday.

The Liberty Belle, a four-story riverboat that can hold up to 600 people, had just returned to Pier 36 in Lower Manhattan about 11:30 p.m. Saturday when officers from the New York City Sheriff's department broke up the 1920-themed party and made arrests.

Officers arrested the boat's owners in charge of the party, Ronny Vargas and Alex Sauzo, and gave them desk appearance tickets to appear in court at a later date.

They also arrested the captain, Joseph Spadaro of Staten

Island, and issued him a summons, according to the Sheriff's department.

## Utah

SALT LAKE CITY — A Utah Department of Health report of a coronavirus death Sunday brought the state's number of deaths for a seven-day period to the highest mark since the pandemic outbreak began in March.

The latest fatality related to the coronavirus was one of 37 in a week, The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

The second-highest number occurred in the previous week, when the deaths of 32 people were attributed to the virus.

The most recent victim of the illness was a Davis County woman between the ages of 65 and 84 who was in a long-term care facility, the state health department said.

The department said 203 people are hospitalized with the coronavirus, while the identification of 473 new coronavirus cases brings the state's total to 41,175.

## Vermont

RUTLAND — The Vermont Department of Corrections says early test results have identified 85 Vermont inmates who have tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 at the Talla-hatchie County Correctional Facility in Tutwiler, Miss.

The Department of Corrections ordered testing of all Vermont inmates held at the facility July 30. At this time, tests are still pending. Numbers are preliminary and may change.

Testing was ordered after six inmates returning from Mississippi tested positive upon arrival at Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility in Rutland on July 28.

Interim Corrections Commissioner Jim Baker said in a Sunday statement that teams from the department and its medical provider are working to ensure the safety of Vermont inmates being held in Mississippi.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Police: Teen bitten, possibly by a shark

**AL** ORANGE BEACH — A 15-year-old boy swimming with his father in the Gulf of Mexico off Alabama may have been bitten by a shark, authorities said.

It happened near condominiums at Orange Beach, Orange Beach Assistant Police Chief Robert Howard said. Police said the teenager was near a sand bar when the incident occurred.

Police told news outlets the teenager's injuries consist of a "mild abrasion and a few small puncture wounds." The father told investigators he saw a large number of small fish swimming around them and, as they were leaving the area, his son felt pain, Howard told news outlets. Neither the father nor the victim saw a shark or any large fish when that happened, police said.

## Rangers investigating national park vandalism

**UT** SPRINGDALE—Zion National Park rangers are seeking information about vandalism at the park after several blue squares were found painted on the sandstone, authorities said.

Most of the paint was removed, but park staff often cannot restore vandalized sites to their former condition, said park spokesman Jeff Axel. Any vandalism to the parks is illegal, and repairing damaged sites can be costly and time consuming.

The squares are believed to be part of a masonry or art project, Axel said. They were found in the northwest corner of the park, about 1 mile south of the Wildcat Trailhead.

## Man crossing between subway train cars killed

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — A man trying to cross from one car to another on a subway in Philadelphia was run over by the train and killed, authorities said.

Police said the accident happened on the Broad Street line.

Police said the 46-year-old man fell while crossing from one car to another "and was subsequently run over by the train." He was pronounced dead at the scene minutes later by fire department emergency medical personnel. The victim's name wasn't immediately released pending notification of his relatives.

## First Asian giant hornet found in trap

**WA** BLAINE — Washington state agriculture workers trapped their first Asian giant hornet.

The hornet was found July 14 in a bottle trap set north of Seattle near the Canadian border, and state entomologists confirmed its identity, according to the Washington State Department of Agriculture.

The Asian giant hornet, the world's largest at 2 inches, can decimate entire hives of honeybees and deliver a painful sting to humans. Farmers in the northwest depend on those honey bees to pollinate many crops such as apples, blueberries and cherries.

The state now plans to search for nests using infrared cameras and place additional traps that try to capture hornets alive. If they catch live hornets, the agriculture department will try to tag and track them back to their colony so the colony can be eradicated.

## Rabies vaccine to be dropped from planes

**VT** MONTPELIER — Rabies vaccines will be dropped from low-flying planes in rural Vermont for a week to stop the spread of the disease in wild animals.

The annual rabies bait drop is a collaborative effort between the state and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services. About 450,000 packs containing vaccine will be distributed in nearly 100 Vermont communities in nine counties over a week. The sweet smelling bait is attractive to raccoons and skunks, officials said.

"The rabies bait packs are not harmful to people, pets or wildlife but it's important to leave the packs undisturbed so that they can be eaten by wild animals," said Dr. Natalie Kwit, Vermont public health veterinarian. People are advised to use gloves or a plastic bag if a bait must be moved.

## Fyre Festival items put up for auction

**NY** NEW YORK — More than three years after the highly publicized Fyre Festival famously fizzled out in the Bahamas, merchandise and other "minor assets" are up for sale — courtesy of the U.S. Marshals Service.

In a release, the U.S. Marshals announced that 126 items from the festival will be auctioned off, with proceeds going toward the victims of Billy McFarland.

McFarland acknowledged defrauding investors of \$26 million in the 2017 Fyre Festival and over \$100,000 in a fraudulent ticket-selling scheme after his arrest in the scam.

"This Fyre Festival-branded clothing and other items that were seized from Billy McFarland were originally intended

to be sold at the Fyre Festival itself but were kept by McFarland, with the intent to sell the items and use the funds to commit further criminal acts while he was on pre-trial release," U.S. Marshal Ralph Sozio of the Southern District of New York said in the release.

## Brewery to retire logo of Native American woman

**WI** CHIPPEWA FALLS — Leinenkugel's will no longer use an image of a Native American woman long associated with the Chippewa Falls-based brewery.

The Post-Crescent reported Leinenkugel's will begin to make changes to the logo and other imagery related to the brand in the coming months.

Company President Dick Leinenkugel said in a statement the brewery has been working to update the "look and feel" of the brand and ultimately decided to retire the image of the Native American woman.

## 7 arrested, 150 removed in amusement park fight

**PA** WEST MIFFLIN — Authorities said seven people were arrested and about 150 people were asked to leave a western Pennsylvania amusement park after a number of fights broke out.

West Mifflin police said that the group at Kennywood was filled with "a bunch of juveniles" and that the park called police to assist in dispersing them after fights inside and outside the park. About 150 people were also asked to leave and the park closed about an hour early.

Kennywood officials said they reached out to law enforcement for assistance "due to the disruptive behavior of some park visitors."

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## Number of Pats opting out now 8

Associated Press

BOSTON — The number of New England Patriots who have decided to sit out the season because of concerns over the coronavirus continues to grow.

On Sunday, receiver Marqise Lee and tight end Matt LaCosse joined a list of six other Patriots players who have already declared their intentions to sit out this season.

Lee signed a one-year deal in April coming off two injury-filled seasons in Jacksonville. LaCosse is entering his second season in New England.

Linebacker Dont'a Hightower, safety Patrick Chung, tackles Marcus Cannon and Najee Toran, running back Brandon Bolden and fullback Danny Vitale previously opted out.

During a conference call with reporters Sunday, safety Devin McCourty criticized the NFL for reportedly considering moving up the deadline for players to make their decisions about the upcoming season.

"I think it's an absolute joke that the NFL is changing the opt out period, mainly because they don't want to continue to see guys opt out," he said. "I'm sure they're shocked about how many guys have opted out. But it's the same thing when we sign a (collective bargaining agreement), sometimes some of those things that we think are good sometimes backfire."

The league and the players' union previously agreed that any player who decided not to play this season would get a \$150,000 stipend if it is a voluntary move, and \$350,000 if it is for preexisting medical reasons.

Running back James White said the glimpses of the Patriots facility that he has seen have been promising, with "everything spaced out, giving everybody the right amount of distance between one another."

# Early returns promising after first weekend of NBA's restart

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — So far, so good.

The NBA's bubble remains intact. The extraordinary health protocols put into place to try to save this season seem to be working. The mission shared by coaches and players to use their platform and continue the conversation about racial injustice is off to a strong start.

Through four days, here's just some of what has happened at Walt Disney World: LeBron James had a game-winner for the Los Angeles Lakers, T.J. Warren put his name all over the Indiana record book with a 53-point outburst, Houston and Dallas combined for more than 300 points in a game, the defending champion Toronto Raptors came out flying and Joel Embiid had a 41-point, 21-rebound night — in a loss.

And don't forget the symmetry: Rudy Gobert was the first player to test positive for coronavirus, so naturally, it made sense that the Utah center was the first player to score when the shutdown officially ended.

If that wasn't enough, the quality of play is so good that it's almost like the NBA hadn't stopped playing for 4½ months. Shooting percentages and scoring averages, through the first four days anyway, are basically right where they were when the season was suspended because of the coronavirus pandemic on March 11. And there has been a ton of down-to-the-wire drama, with eight of the 19 games played through Sunday decided by five points or less.

"In all honestly, it's better than I was expecting ... talking about all the teams in general," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "Everybody is much crisper. They look more in rhythm than I ever expected teams would be."

If the season ended Sunday night, Popovich and the Spurs — whose playoff chances were

in serious trouble when the season was stopped — would be in a play-in series for a chance at the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference. And in the Eastern Conference, there would be a first-round rematch from a year ago with the Raptors taking on the Orlando Magic; they're both on five-game winning streaks, and the Magic are on the best scoring roll in the history of their franchise.

For as much as has been made about the difficulties of being in a bubble and away from families, friends and freedom of movement, turns out, there might be some advantages to this thing.

"Seriously, it's a great stage to play," Houston coach Mike D'Antoni said. "There's not a lot of distractions. It's the same court every night, so you get your shooting depth perception and all of that. It's pure basketball. So, you see some of the talents these guys have are coming out."

## Roundup

# Westbrook, Rockets knock off Bucks

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Russell Westbrook scored 31 points and the Houston Rockets used strong defense down the stretch for a 120-116 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Sunday night.

It was the 36th straight game with at least 20 points for Westbrook, who led Houston's offense on a night James Harden scored 24.

Houston tied an NBA record for most three-point attempts in a regulation game with 61, making 21 of them, and forced 22 turnovers.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 36 points, 18 rebounds and eight assists for Milwaukee. He joined Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

as the only players to have 15 games with at least 30 points, 15 rebounds and five assists in a season in the last 50 years.

**Spurs 108, Grizzlies 106:** DeMar DeRozan made two free throws with a second to play, giving San Antonio a victory over Memphis that moved the Spurs into ninth place in the Western Conference.

San Antonio is trying to qualify for the postseason for what would be an NBA-record 23rd consecutive season. It arrived at Walt Disney World in 12th place in the West, but after victories over Sacramento and Memphis is, just two games behind the eighth-place Grizzlies.

**Celtics 128, Trail Blazers 124:** Jayson Tatum scored 34

points, Jaylen Brown added 30 and Boston built a big early lead before holding off Portland.

**Suns 117, Mavs 115:** Devin Booker scored 30 points and Phoenix erased a double-digit deficit while the All-Star guard was on the bench with foul trouble, rallying to beat Dallas.

**Magic 132, Kings 116:** Nikola Vucevic had 23 points and 11 rebounds, Aaron Gordon scored 19 of his 22 points in the first half and Orlando continued its strong restart.

**Nets 118, Wizards 110:** Caris LeVert scored 14 of his 34 points in the final seven minutes to help Brooklyn beat Washington.



# MLB shortens doubleheaders to fix schedules

Associated Press

The Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds were the first teams to try out baseball's new time-saving measure — a doubleheader with seven-inning games.

They ended up having a long day anyway after the opener was delayed over two hours because of rain.

It's been that kind of season so far for Major League Baseball. Last month, the New York Yankees and Washington Nationals opened this abbreviated schedule with a game that was shortened because of rain. That set the tone for a chaotic couple of weeks in which the coronavirus has wreaked havoc with the schedule — and the weather hasn't always cooperated.

Already, there are questions about whether teams can realistically play the 60 games originally slated for them — and how they might try to come as close as possible.

"We're just going on whatever they tell us to do, and trying to stay healthy here, and play the games that are put in front of us," Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire said before the first of Sunday's two games.

By the end of the night Sunday, 12 teams had played 10 games, but six had played seven or fewer. The Miami Marlins (2-1) made it through just three before a virus outbreak sidelined them. The Philadelphia Phillies (1-2) played those three games against the Marlins and were shut down as well. The St. Louis Cardinals (2-3) have had positive tests, and their series with Milwaukee (3-3) was called off.

The shortened doubleheaders are one way to make up games, but Commissioner Rob Man-

fred said long days at the ballpark are a concern because of the virus. Making doubleheader games seven innings long can help, at least in theory.

But the Tigers and Reds were supposed to start at 12:10 p.m. on Sunday, and that was pushed back because of the bad weather. Then the first game nearly went into "extra" innings. It was tied in the top of the seventh before Cincinnati scored and won 4-3.

The Reds won the second game 4-0.

"It's definitely different," Gardenhire said. "You can use your bullpen a lot different, earlier in the game and try to get through that part. We had, you know, (an) opener in both games, so we had to use a lot of pen guys."

A shorter game can take less of a toll on a team's bullpen, and it also presents a chance for a dominant starter to shine.

"Sounds obvious, but everything happens faster. It's almost like one good way to look at it is the first inning becomes the third inning," Reds manager David Bell said before Sunday's games. "I remember in the minor leagues seeing a lot of pitching gems in the seven-inning games, so I think it's an opportunity for starting pitchers — to really from pitch one, you can see the end a little bit quicker."

Sure enough, Cincinnati's Trevor Bauer threw a two-hit shutout in the second game against Detroit. But that effort took 2 hours, 36 minutes, and the opener was played in 2:25. That would feel short if it were a nine-inning game, but it wasn't as if the Reds and Tigers breezed through the day.

## MLB roundup

### Red-hot Judge hits 2 HRs as Yanks defeat Red Sox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge homered twice and drove in five runs, connecting for the fifth straight game and breaking an eighth-inning tie with a tape-measure shot that powered the New York Yankees past the Boston Red Sox 9-7 on Sunday night for their sixth consecutive victory.

Luke Voit also went deep in a back-and-forth slugfest to help the Yankees (7-1) finish a three-game sweep in the first series this season between the longtime rivals. New York has won six in a row and 11 of 12 against Boston since last July.

DJ LeMahieu tied it 7 in the eighth with a two-out RBI single off Matt Barnes (0-1) past diving second baseman Jose Peraza. The clutch hit came after Mike Tauchman, who entered on defense in the seventh, walked and stole second.

Judge then launched a no-doubt drive that landed several rows up in the raised bleachers beyond the left-center bullpen for his sixth home run already this year. The big slugger socked a three-run shot in the second.

**Braves 4, Mets 0:** Kyle Wright and the Atlanta bullpen combined on a 10-hit shutout and host Atlanta won its fifth in a row, blanking a New York lineup that found out late that slugger Yoenis Cespedes had opted out of playing any more this season.

The Mets released a statement from general manager Brodie Van Wagenen in the early innings that Cespedes wasn't at the ballpark and the team hadn't been able to contact him.

After the game, Van Wagenen said: "He's decided to opt out of the remainder of the season for COVID-related reasons."

**Dodgers 3, Diamondbacks 0:** Clayton Kershaw threw 5<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> sharp innings in his season debut for Los Angeles, and NL MVP Cody Bellinger hit his first home run of the season in

a win at Arizona.

**Reds 4-4, Tigers 3-0:** Trevor Bauer struck out seven in a two-hitter, giving visiting Cincinnati a sweep of Detroit in Major League Baseball's first seven-inning doubleheader.

Shogo Akiyama hit an RBI single in the top of the seventh that sent the Reds to the victory in the opener.

**Astros 6, Angels 5 (11):** Alex Bregman hit an RBI single in the 11th inning, helping Houston rally for the win on the road.

**Cubs 2, Pirates 1 (11):** Javier Baez singled through a drawn-in infield in the 11th inning, scoring David Bote from third base and giving host Chicago the win.

**Orioles 5, Rays 1:** Hanser Alberto doubled in the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning, Renato Nunez and Pat Valaika homered, and host Baltimore beat Tampa Bay to complete a three-game sweep.

**White Sox 9, Royals 2:** Nick Madrigal had the first four hits of his promising big league career, including two during a seven-run seventh inning, and Chicago finished a three-game sweep at Kansas City.

**Twins 3, Indians 1:** Mitch Garver hit his first home run of the season and host Minnesota used its bullpen to string together a two-hitter, taking the four-game series from its primary division competitor.

**Rockies 9, Padres 6:** Antonio Senzatela pitched six innings of one-run ball for host Colorado, and designated hitter Matt Kemp homered for a second straight game.

**Rangers 9, Giants 5:** Joey Gallo hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning, helping Texas avoid a three-game sweep at San Francisco.

**Athletics 3, Mariners 2:** Ramon Laureano broke out of a slump with a three-run homer in a win at Seattle and Chris Bassitt became the first Oakland starter to earn a victory this season.



# Keselowski earns third victory since shutdown

Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — With about 70 laps to go in his back-and-forth battle against Brad Keselowski, Denny Hamlin radioed in to his team: “This is awesome racing.”

Imagine how Keselowski felt.

The 2012 Cup champion took the checkered flag at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday, beating Hamlin by 1.647 seconds after trading the lead with him for most of the 301-lap race.

The two swapped stage wins and held the lead a combined 18 times before Keselowski claimed his third victory since the sport returned from the pandemic shutdown, along with the now-traditional prize of a 18-pound, live lobster. Afterward, Keselowski grabbed a U.S. flag and spun his car around in front of a crowd that

spent most of the race masked and socially distanced before crowding the fence to chant “Brad! Brad!”

“It’s so great to be racing back in front of fans again. It feels like forever, so welcome back, guys,” said Keselowski, who is in a contract year at Team Penske. “We’re just so glad to have them all back. It feels so weird to be racing without fans, but we’re glad you’re here. I hope you stay safe and thank you for being here.”

Hamlin also finished second in New Hampshire last year following a sprint to the finish that left him 0.210 seconds behind Kevin Harvick. Hamlin has five victories this year, including last week in Kansas.

Martin Truex Jr. was third after working his way back from the rear of the field because of a penalty for a runaway tire in the pits. Joey Logano was fourth and Harvick fifth.

# Thomas holds off Koepka for win, reclaims No. 1

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Justin Thomas wants to make his second stint as No. 1 in the world last longer than the first time around.

“I hope so,” Thomas said Sunday after winning the FedEx St. Jude Invitational to take the No. 1 spot for the first time since June 2018. “I feel like I’m a better player, and I feel like I’m more complete of a golfer now than I was then.”

Thomas dueled defending champion Brooks Koepka down the final holes, sealing the World Golf Championship victory on the par-5 16th. Thomas took the lead for good with his second straight birdie, while Koepka bogeyed the hole.

Koepka pulled within a stroke with a 39-footer for birdie on No. 17. But Koepka put his tee shot into the water along

the 18th fairway on his way to double bogey, allowing Thomas to finish up a par putt for what wound up a three-stroke win.

Thomas closed with a 5-under 66 to finish at 13-under 267 and take the \$10.5 million winner’s check for his 13th PGA Tour title. At 27, he became the third-youngest player since 1960 to reach 13 PGA Tour wins, trailing only Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus.

“I’ve been fortunate to have a good career so far, but I plan on playing out here for a long time and have a lot of things that I still want to accomplish,” Thomas said. “And every milestone and steppingstone is hopefully something that I can learn from and something that will help me even more in the long run.”

The last time Thomas was No. 1, he spent four weeks at the top of the ranking.

## NHL roundup

# Coyotes hold off Predators in opener

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Oliver Ekman-Larsson fired a shot from near the blue line that caromed off one Nashville player’s skate, another’s body and into the net.

Arizona’s eight-year wait to play a postseason game couldn’t have gotten off to a better start, even if took a lucky couple of bounces.

Ekman-Larsson scored the first of the Coyotes’ three first-period goals, Darcy Kuemper stopped 40 shots and Arizona held on to beat the Predators 4-3 Sunday to open their Stanley Cup qualifier series.

“It’s a big, big start when you get a goal like that. It gives us some momentum,” said the Coyotes’ Michael Grabner, who scored a breakaway goal in the second period. “We’ll take any bounces we can get, especially early on in the game and the series.”

Arizona made the most of its first postseason appearance since 2012 early, scoring three goals in the opening period on their way to building a 4-1 lead.

Nashville rallied late and scored two power-play goals after struggling with the man advantage most of the season. The Predators just couldn’t erase the early three-goal deficit and now find themselves in a hole to start the postseason.

**Blue Jackets 2, Maple Leafs 0:** Joonas Korpi stopped 28 shots in his first playoff start, Cam Atkinson scored early in the third period and the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the host Toronto Maple Leafs 2-0 on Sunday night in Game 1 of their best-of-five qualifying round series.

Korpi, who got the nod over rookie Elvis Merzlikins, whom he battled during the short summer training camp, neutralized one of the NHL’s highest scoring teams. He got a lot of help from a smothering

Blue Jackets defense, which blocked 18 shots and did not allow a Toronto shot in the last seven minutes of the game.

**Wild 3, Canucks 0:** Jared Spurgeon scored twice and Alex Stalock stopped 28 shots to get his first career postseason win, leading Minnesota past Vancouver in Game 1 of their qualifying series in Edmonton, Alberta.

Kevin Fiala also scored — one of the Wild’s two power-play goals. Eric Staal had two assists and Spurgeon sealed the win with an empty-netter in the final minute.

Jacob Markstrom, making his first career postseason start, also finished with 28 saves for the Canucks.

**Avalanche 2, Blues 1:** Nazem Kadri scored a buzzer-beating power-play goal to lift Colorado past defending Stanley Cup champion St. Louis in Western Conference round-robin play in Toronto.

Kadri’s shot crossed the goal line with 0.1 seconds on the clock. The NHL reviewed the play for several minutes before calling it a good goal.

David Perron opened the scoring for the Blues in the first period, and Ryan Graves tied it at 1 on a broken play early in the third.

Philipp Grubauer made 31 saves for the victory. Jordan Binnington stopped 36 shots for St. Louis.

**Flyers 4, Bruins 1:** Carter Hart stopped 34 shots, and Philadelphia opened the seeding round with a victory in Toronto over Presidents’ Trophy-winning Boston.

Hart is 11 days shy of his 22nd birthday in becoming the youngest goalie in Flyers history to win a playoff game. Michael Raffl had a goal and assist, and Nate Thompson, Philippe Myers and Scott Laughton also scored. Chris Wagner scored for the Bruins, and Jaroslav Halak stopped 25 shots.