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Hotel room attendant Maria de la Cruz, 71, has been unemployed since March 23.

FACES OF SAN DIEGO

The unemployed

As we celebrate Labor Day weekend, COVID-19's economic toll continues to cut a wide swath through region's workforce

It was only six months ago that San Diego County's economy was humming, its jobless rate — just 3.1 percent — was approaching an historic low, and many employers were struggling to find workers to fill vacant positions.

And then the unthinkable happened. The global spread of the deadly novel coronavirus forced a countywide lockdown in late March, requiring the sudden shuttering of huge numbers of businesses.

Within less than a month, more than 290,000 workers had lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19, an analysis by the San Diego Association of Governments concluded. And by early May, an unprecedented one in four workers had become jobless — easily surpassing the Great Recession's peak unemployment rate of 11.1 percent a decade ago.

"There is nothing comparable to this in the history of San Diego," said Ray Major, chief economist for SANDAG, which took a deep dive into state and federal data in order to more accurately tally San Diego's job losses. "In the Great Depression, it took years to end up with 25 percent unemployment, and with this particular pandemic, it took a matter of weeks."

While the unemployment rate has eased in recent months — it's now 14.2 percent, according to SANDAG — the pandemic's economic

toll continues to cut a wide swath through San Diego's workforce, from restaurant cooks, hotel housekeepers and event planners to musicians, accountants, janitors and medical receptionists.

It's also had an outsized impact on certain areas of the county where lower-paid service sector workers tend to live — central San Diego neighborhoods like Logan Heights, Golden Hill and City Heights, as well as National City, San Ysidro and portions of Vista and Oceanside, SANDAG's analysis found.

Similarly, workers in certain racial and ethnic groups have been hit harder than their White counterparts. Sixty-three percent of Latinos and 58 percent of Blacks live in county ZIP codes with higher than average unemployment, compared with 43 percent of Whites.

Even as parts of the San Diego economy reopen again and businesses welcome more customers this Labor Day weekend, the outlook for a return to full employment, believes Major, remains grim.

"When this pandemic first started, everyone thought it would be just a speed bump in the road," he said. "But we're now moving into a period of time with almost half a year of unemployment rates that are unprecedented, and there's no end in sight to these numbers coming down."

LORI WEISBERG U-T

MARIA DE LA CRUZ

Occupation: Hotel room attendant **Age:** 71
Lives in: Logan Heights **Length of unemployment:** Since March 23

"This has really affected me a lot because I feel like I was discriminated against for my age and because there are many co-workers who don't do as good a job as me and they kept their jobs. I miss the job very much. For example, it is the first time I've been in my house 100 percent of my time. I've worked my whole life, and because I'm not getting enough exercise now, my legs are hurting and I really miss my co-workers. This was going to be my last year of work, and I wanted to be able to save money so that in the future, I would be able to support myself. My family makes do. We're not behind on paying rent because we're not buying anything extra or going out. We're using everything to pay the bills." (Answered through a translator.)

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LORI WEISBERG U-T

ARTS + CULTURE

A look at workers behind the scenes in the San Diego arts community who are unemployed. **E1**

QUICK-MOVING FIRE ERUPTS IN EAST COUNTY

Blaze southeast of Alpine spreads to 1,500 acres, forcing evacuations as crews work to contain it

BY KAREN PEARLMAN, PAM KRAGEN, KAREN KUCHER, PAUL SISSON & ANDREW DYER

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Firefighters working in intense heat battled an East County brush fire Saturday afternoon that quickly grew to 1,500 acres, threatening homes and forcing evacuations in Japatul Valley and Lawson Valley.

The fire was first reported shortly after 2:50 p.m. off Spirit Trail and Japatul Road in the Japatul Valley area southeast of Alpine and quickly spread. Multiple engines from the California Department of Forestry were dispatched, as were helicopters and air tankers. By 6 p.m., the fire was moving west toward Lawson Valley.

From the start, officials described the fire as having a dangerous rate of spread and threatening structures in the area. Two evacuation centers were set up at

nearby schools. A spokeswoman from San Diego Gas & Electric said the fire had knocked out power for about 1,000 customers in its service territory.

Cal Fire spokesman Kendal Bortisser said several hundred firefighters were using helicopters and air tankers to make water drops while bulldozers and hand crews worked on the ground.

"I don't have a number of firefighters for you," he said. "I know there's a lot and there's a lot on the way."

He said the fire was burning through heavy brush, some of which hasn't burned in years.

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NELVIN C. CEPEDA U-T

The Valley fire can be seen looking south from Alpine Boulevard in Alpine around 7:45 p.m. Saturday.

SDSU CONFINES STUDENTS TO DORMS AS CASES CLIMB

Universities across U.S. struggling as masks, distancing ignored

BY GARY ROBBINS & PAUL SISSON

They've been asked, told and cajoled. But in a response many find stupefying, college students from San Diego to Boston are widely refusing to wear masks or practice social distancing, triggering COVID-19 outbreaks.

A New York Times investigation says at least 51,000 students at more than 1,000 colleges and universities have tested positive for the novel coronavirus, forcing many schools to move classes online and to shut down dorms.

The viral hot spots include San Diego State University,

which abruptly announced on Saturday that students living in on-campus housing will be confined to their dorms for the remainder of the Labor Day weekend. The order came on a day when the temperature hit 105 degrees near campus. Students are only being allowed to leave their dorms for such essential things as food, medical care and supplies. The university also asked students living off-campus, in the College Area, to do the same thing.

The edict comes as the number of SDSU students who've tested positive for COVID-19 rose to 223. The number was 64 a few days ago. SDSU also said the county is investigating multiple COVID-19 clusters within the university.

None of the infected students

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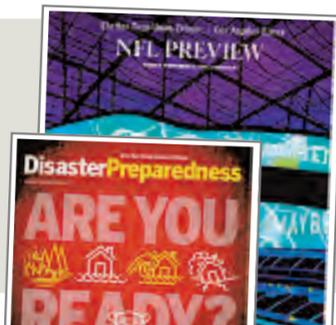
DAVID 'SMOKEY' GAINES 1940-2020

SDSU BASKETBALL COACH 1979-1987

David "Smokey" Gaines, the Aztecs men's basketball head coach from 1979 until 1987, died Saturday, according to his family. He was 80. He was the first Black man to hold the position of basketball head coach at an NCAA Division I school in California. **D1**

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COMING MONDAY

ESSENTIAL WORKER PAY

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It's not Abraham Lincoln.
Presidential Trivia answer: No.

RICHARD LEDERER



ARIANA DREHSLER

Skateboarders with Rolling For Rights head down Park Boulevard on Saturday in support of allowing riders on roadways.

SKATEBOARDERS ROLL FOR POLITICAL CHANGE

Group wants to see more skate parks, changes to the S.D. municipal code and social justice

BY ROB NIKOLEWSKI

Skateboarders are not normally associated with political engagement.

But about 250 boarders rolled down Park Boulevard and through Balboa Park Saturday, protesting racism and calling for the elimination of a municipal law that bans skateboards from roadways and for more public spending to construct skateboard parks across San Diego County.

The event was organized by a group called Rolling For Rights, a loose affiliation of skateboarding enthusiasts that coalesced in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis earlier this year.

"Everybody has an idea about what's going on and they want to have a say," said Alfonso Huey, a

hip-hop artist and cook who lives in Southeast San Diego. "They want to be part of the movement with Black Lives Matter and other things like that."

One of the items related to skateboarding that the group wants to change is the existing municipal code that bans skateboards from "an open roadway" within San Diego city limits.

Skateboarding "is another mode of transportation," said Shuriken Shannon, a professional skateboarder who lives in La Mesa. "We get from Point A to Point B, we don't have another way or means ... How is skating different from a bicycle or a Bird (scooter)?"

Another priority for the group is convincing local governments to build more skate parks across the county.

Christian Gregorio is working to bring a 24,000-square-foot skate park to Spring Valley that would include areas for "all wheels," such as BMX bikes, scooters, rollerblades and roller skates. The park would also include playgrounds.

"Now would be a great time to build a skate park," Gregorio said.

"It will help keep kids off the streets, it will keep them focused, doing something positive." Gregorio is a member of a committee that attends public meetings in the hopes that the park can be constructed about the same time the Summer Olympics in Japan open in 2021. The games in Tokyo, which have been delayed a year because of the coronavirus pandemic, will feature skateboarding as a medal sport for the first time.

"We could have a best-in-class skate park that could potentially be a facility for future Olympians, hopefully," Gregorio said.

Pro skateboarder Kanten Russell looks to design the proposed Spring Valley park. Russell, who learned to skateboard as a kid at a park in Ocean Beach, spoke to the crowd at Saturday's event.

"You're see more people coming together and getting more organized," Russell said after his remarks. "They're seeing that, hey, these guys are taxpaying citizens ... Now that that generation (of skateboarders) has grown up and they have kids of their own, they're able to advocate better and the attitude

has changed. People see that, hey, skateboarding is not a crime."

Before the skateboarders took to the streets, organizers had voter registration forms available as well as petitions for more skate parks. Some of the attendees wore T-shirts and carried signs in support of the Black Lives Matter movement. Afterwards, the boarders took part in a block party at Balboa Park.

"In the aftermath of these things (such as Floyd's death), any normal person would know that's wrong," said Shannon, who had an "End Racism" T-shirt draped over his shoulders. "We can disagree and agree on many things but we just want to feel that things are being taken seriously."

Yaasmeen Powell, a 21-year-old college student from Chula Vista, took up skateboarding two years ago.

"I came here by myself but I met a lot of people today," Powell said. "It's hard to explain, but ever since I started (skateboarding), it's the biggest community. Everyone looks out for each other."

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PEOPLE

Jennings to return to 'Jeopardy!' this season

As host Alex Trebek gears up to return to a redesigned set, "Jeopardy!" has tapped its all-time champ, Ken Jennings, as a consulting producer.

The 74-time champion and recently dubbed "Jeopardy!" G.O.A.T. joins the iconic quiz show to present his own video categories, develop projects, assist with contestant outreach and serve as a general ambassador for the show, according to a Thursday statement from producers.

The syndicated game show returns with all-new episodes in its 37th season on Sept. 14. Jennings will make his video-category debut Sept. 15.

"Though I've played my last round of 'Jeopardy!' as a contestant, I'm delighted to have the opportunity to remain involved with my favorite show," Jennings said. "I'm still in on all the action, but I don't have to worry about phrasing things in the form of a question anymore."

Jennings' appointment has led to speculation that he's the heir apparent to longtime host Trebek, who has been battling Stage 4 pancreatic cancer since 2019.

The 80-year-old Trebek, who's been the face of the series for 36 years, will remain at his iconic lectern as

he continues cancer treatment.

"I feel good, and I feel excited because once again 'Jeopardy!' has demonstrated that it's at the forefront of television programming," Trebek said in the statement. "I believe we are the first quiz show to come back on the air in the COVID-19 era. On a personal level, I'm excited because it gets me out of the house. It gives me something to do on a regular basis, and I was missing that."

Trebek has actively fought cancer while the Emmy-winning show was on hiatus because of the pandemic. And during that time, he wrote a memoir, "The Answer Is : Reflections on My Life."

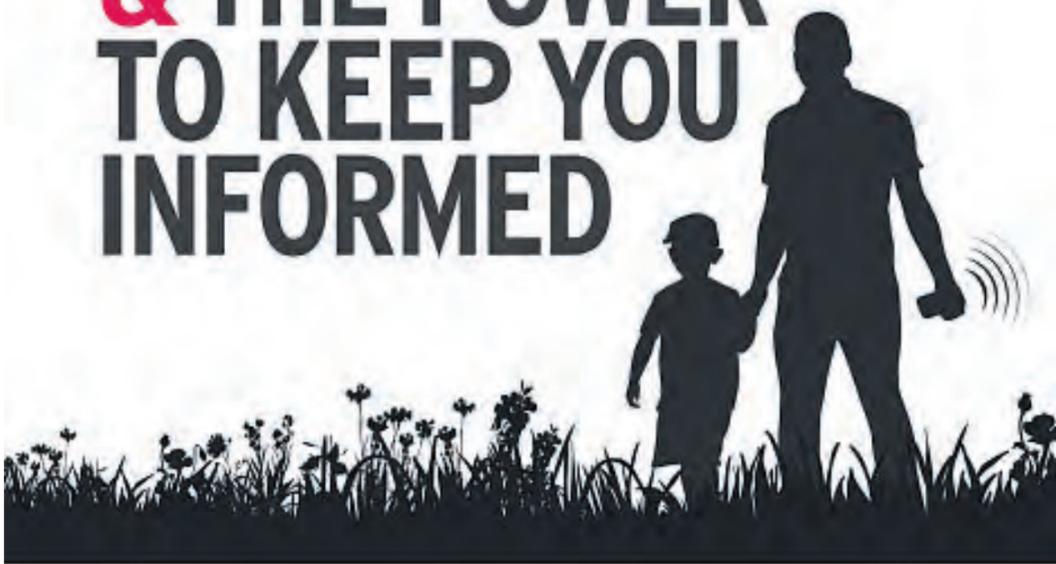
The pandemic has also changed the look of the show.

The "Jeopardy!" stage has been upgraded to allow more space between podiums for each of the three contestants. The podiums will also be at a safe distance from Trebek's lectern. The show, which films in Los Angeles, has protocols in place in accordance with government guidelines to protect contestants, staff, crew and talent from the spread of COVID-19, the statement said.

Casting for season 37 took place via the show's so-called "AnyTime Test," which allowed potential contestants to audition virtually.

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Saturday's winning numbers

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Saturday's winning numbers

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FIRE

Two centers set up for evacuees

FROM A1

"It is brushy — very dry, dry fuels," he said. "It is just old growth vegetation. I don't know when the last time this stuff burned was. We're throwing everything at it. It is going to be an extreme-attack fire. It is nothing we are putting out tonight."

Alpine Fire Chief Brian Boggeln said he understood the fire started on Carveacre Road and was moving southwest. He said firefighters from Cal Fire and unified command from the U.S. Fire Service were sending trucks and backup to the scene as it was "moving into the state responsibility area."

Boggeln said units from all over San Diego County were fighting the fire via aircraft, helicopters, air tankers and two strike teams from Heartland Fire & Rescue.

The cause for the fire has not been announced, but a group of homeowners about a half-mile from the fire's point of origin near Carveacre Road and Japatul Valley Road said that they believe it started when a local resident's unused tractor, which was turned off but sitting in the sun, exploded in flames. Neighbors, who asked not to be identified, said they heard an explosion and went out and saw the tractor in flames before the fire began spreading to surrounding brush.

"I have not heard anything about the cause, but we have investigators there now and they're working to determine the cause of the fire," Bortissier said.

Around 3:45 p.m., sheriff's officials began alerting residents in that area to evacuate. An evacuation center was set up at Joan MacQueen Middle School, which is located at 2001 Tavern Road in Alpine. A second site was set up at Steele Canyon High School at 12440 Campo Road.

"A shelter in place order has been issued for your area. If you live in the area and you are unable to evacuate due to the fire blocking the road you should shelter in place. If you need emergency assistance in evacuation, call 911," sheriff's officials said on Twitter.

"There have been quite a few (evacuations). I don't know how many," said sheriff's Lt. Mark Moreno.

Cal Fire officials said the blaze, known as the Valley fire, quickly grew from 20 acres to 500 acres. By 5 p.m., it was at 1,000 acres and an hour later was at 1,500.

Among the dozen or so evacuees at MacQueen Middle School on Saturday evening was Danielle Belliveau, who has lived for 16 years in a home off Japatul Road, where she says there is just one way in and one way out. She evacuated with her two horses, two wolf-dogs and her cat. She said it's not her first fire but it is her first evacuation. She knew to be ready once she saw the air tanker and helicopters and when she saw flames come



NELVIN C. CEPEDA U-T

The Valley fire burns close to a home near Japatul Road on Saturday. Officials have not yet determined a cause.



SAM HODGSON U-T

Deputy Sheriff Janessa Gonzalez plays with Danielle Belliveau's dogs at an evacuation center at MacQueen Middle School on Saturday.

over the hill at the back of her 6-acre property.

"When I saw flames coming over the hill, I said, 'OK, it's getting pretty bad.' Then the sheriff came out and said it's time to evacuate."

Belliveau said she is concerned about her neighbors, some of whom did not evacuate. She said her father is a former fire chief, so when she's told to go, she listens. "His wrath would be worse than the fire," she said.

Agnes Barrelet who runs Children's Nature Retreat, a 20-acre ranch with more than 100 animals on Japatul Spur in Alpine, said she saw the fire at some point close to 3 p.m.

Barrelet said she called 911, was told firefighters had been dispatched and about 10 minutes later, she heard them arrive in the area. At about 6 p.m., she said she wasn't as concerned be-

cause the fire was headed in a direction opposite of her retreat.

"It's going away from us," she said. "As long as the wind is going in the same direction, we will be OK. If it turns, we are in big trouble. Everything is OK right now, but I can't wait for 2020 to be over. We've been through so much."

Bobbi Brink, who runs Lions, Tigers and Bears, a sanctuary for large animals on Martin Way in Alpine, watched the fire from the start, and said her sister lives near where the fire began. At around 6:30 p.m., Brink said the fire looked as if it is heading toward Jamul. But she said staff was preparing for the worst.

"The volunteers and staff immediately locked up our animals in the safety lockdown bedrooms and we're just waiting it out right

now," Brink said. "We'll be ready to evacuate if needed."

Alex McLintock, 20, evacuated before 5 p.m. with his parents and brother to the Target store in Rancho San Diego and then were headed for dinner at the nearby Denny's. McLintock has lived with his brother and parents in Jamul, on Wise-carver Lane, his entire life, and has seen more than his share of fires in the area, but none like this one.

"I saw the fire out my window, at first it wasn't too big, maybe like five or 10 acres at around 2:30-ish," McLintock recalled. "I'm thinking, 'It's just another fire that happens around here.' We had a fire here a couple of weeks ago. But then my friend Joe called and said, 'Hey, Alex, there's a fire and it's a mile away from your house. You better start packing.'"

McLintock said he then

Valley fire burns in East County

A vegetation fire began near Carveacre and Japatul Roads near Alpine Saturday afternoon. The fire has burned 1,500 acres and is zero percent contained as of 7:45 p.m.



Sources: CAL FIRE; OpenStreetMap

MICHELLE GILCHRIST U-T

joined his brother outside on the family's deck, and saw "clouds of black smoke coming out of the sky."

McLintock said his brother told him, "We need to leave right now," at around 3:30, and by 4:30 the entire family had packed up their belongings.

"There were leaves falling out of the sky, fire covered half the side of the mountain," McLintock said. "I could actually see the fire. My neighborhood usually doesn't have that much activity, but everyone was leaving. Some people were talking to firemen."

McClintock said that he saw people speeding down the road to get home to grab their belongings, including their animals, "sort of in a careful panic ... rushing home to get to their houses before they burned down."

He said he was concerned about many people who have a variety of animals in the area, including horses, geese, peacocks, tortoises and dogs. He said that he saw one woman having difficulty getting her horse to go into the cart.

He said the family was planning on staying at his girlfriend's house near Mount Helix on Saturday night and that he was concerned about his home.

"My dad thinks there's a 1 in 3 chance our house might not be there," he said.

A Cal Fire spokesman said that multiple aircraft, including helicopters and air tankers, were dropping water on the blaze as fire crews focused on protecting homes in the fire's path. Firefighters had zero containment.

The blaze erupted on a blistering day when the National Weather Service issued a red-flag warning because of extreme heat and low humidity.

Temperatures at the Japatul Fire Station reached 113 degrees by late afternoon, with winds gusting up to 21 mph in the area. Relative humidity was at a bone-dry 7 percent, official said.

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U.N. WARNS PANDEMIC IS INTENSIFYING FAMINE RISK

Humanitarian officials say millions are at risk on African continent

BY RICK GLADSTONE

The first famines of the coronavirus era could soon hit four chronically food-deprived conflict areas — Yemen, South Sudan, northeast Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo — the top humanitarian official of the United Nations has warned.

In a letter to members of the Security Council, the official, Mark Lowcock, said the risk of famines in these areas had been intensified by “natural disasters, economic shocks and public-health crises, all compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic.” Together, he said,

“these factors are endangering the lives of millions of women, men and children.”

The letter, which has not been made public, was conveyed by Lowcock’s office to the Security Council on Friday under its 2018 resolution requiring updates when “the risk of conflict-induced famine and widespread food insecurity” occurs. A copy of the letter was seen by The New York Times.

U.N. officials have said before that all four areas are vulnerable to acute food deprivation because of chronic armed conflicts and the inability of humanitarian relief providers to freely distribute aid.

In April, David Beasley, executive director of the World Food Program, the anti-hunger arm of the U.N., warned the Security Council that while the world was contending with the coronavirus pandemic,

“we are also on the brink of a hunger pandemic.”

Lowcock, who is the U.N.’s undersecretary for humanitarian affairs, effectively escalated the warning, saying a lack of funding for emergency relief and the complications created by the coronavirus scourge have now pushed some of the world’s neediest populations closer to famine conditions.

Under a monitoring system for assessing hunger emergencies known as the Integrated Food Security Classification or IPC scale, Phase 3 is a crisis, Phase 4 is an emergency, and Phase 5 is famine — the worst — marked by “starvation, death, destitution and extremely critical acute malnutrition levels.”

In Yemen, where famine was averted two years ago, Lowcock said “the risk is slowly returning.”

The country, the poorest in the Arab world, has been ravaged for more than five years by a civil war between Houthi rebels and a Saudi-backed military coalition that has left 80 percent of the country dependent on outside aid.

Lowcock said the Yemeni currency has basically collapsed, while food costs have surged and drinking water prices have more than doubled since April. In 16 districts of the country, nearly all in Houthi-controlled areas, he said, the hunger emergency is now at Phase 4 — one step from famine.

In the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo, where decades of conflict have worsened this year, Lowcock said 21 million people are living in “crisis or worse levels of food insecurity.”

In the northeast Nigeria states of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe,

which have been roiled for years by armed extremist militants, Lowcock said more than 10 million people — 4 of 5 — now require humanitarian assistance and protection.

He said more than 1.2 million people in northeast Nigeria “remain largely inaccessible to aid agencies due to conflict and deliberate obstruction by nonstate armed groups,” with more than 15 aid workers killed in the past year.

In South Sudan, which has been upended by seven years of civil war, a recent upsurge in violence has left more than 1.4 million people “facing crisis or worse levels of food insecurity,” Lowcock said. Two years after the threat of famine was narrowly averted in South Sudan, he said, “parts of the country are again deteriorating sharply.”

Gladstone writes for The New York Times.

TALIBAN RETURN TO QATAR SETS STAGE FOR PEACE TALKS

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ISLAMABAD

Taliban officials say a senior delegation returned early Saturday to Qatar, paving the way for the start of peace talks with the Afghan government that are expected to take place in the tiny Gulf state.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The delayed negotiations are the second, critical part to a peace deal the U.S. signed with the Taliban in February in Doha.

The Taliban delegation’s arrival in Qatar, where the group keeps its political office, came as a top Afghan government body blamed the militants for delays in starting talks.

In a tweet on Saturday, the spokesman for Kabul’s High Council for National Reconciliation, Faraidoon Khwazoon, said the government was ready to start direct negotiations.

“The process of releasing the prisoners is over and there is no excuse for delaying the talks, but the Taliban are still not ready to take part in the talks,” he said, without further elaboration.

In a surprise late-night Saturday tweet, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed announced a shakeup in the Taliban negotiation team. The Taliban’s Chief Justice Abdul Hakim has been named the lead negotiator replacing Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai, who will be deputy negotiator. The appointment of Hakim, who is close to the Taliban leader Hibatullah Akhundzada, brings the Taliban’s negotiating team to 21. There was no explanation for the sudden changes.

Until its February deal with the U.S., the Taliban refused to directly negotiate with the Afghan government. The current Kabul negotiating team is a collection of government and opposition officials.

The U.S. State Department said in a statement Saturday that its envoy Zalmay Khalilzad who brokered the February peace deal left for Qatar on the previous day to press for an “immediate” start to negotiations between the warring Afghan sides.



A woman shows a photo of detained protesters to riot police at Independence Square during a rally Saturday in Minsk, Belarus. AP

THOUSANDS MARCH, CALL FOR BELARUS PRESIDENT TO RESIGN

Women, students take to the streets as protesters widen their cause to include LGBT rights issues

BY YURAS KARMANAU

KYIV, Ukraine

Thousands of women marched through the capital of Belarus on Saturday, calling for the resignation of the authoritarian president, and university students demonstrated against the detention of classmates during the wave of protests gripping the country for four weeks.

For the first time in the demonstrations, supporters of LGBT rights appeared with rainbow flags in the women’s march in Minsk, an indication that opponents of President Alexander Lukashenko are becoming bolder.

“LGBT people are calling for freedom. We are tired of living in a dictatorship where we simply didn’t exist,” Anna Bredova, one of the rainbow-flag bearers, told The Associated Press by phone.

Although homosexuality was

decriminalized in Belarus in 1994, stigmatization of it is strong. Authorities haven’t allowed any LGBT organization legal registry; same-sex marriage is prohibited.

About 5,000 women took part in the march, according to the human rights organization Viasna. Police followed the march, but no detentions were reported.

Marches and demonstrations by women have become a frequent feature of the protests, which broke out Aug. 9 after the election in which Lukashenko, who has been in power since 1994, was officially tallied with an 80 percent landslide victory.

Protests took place after some previous elections that Lukashenko won with lopsided margins, but this year’s have been by far the largest and longest-lasting. Sunday protests have been especially large, bringing crowds estimated at well over 100,000 people.

Earlier in the day, hundreds of students formed human chains to demonstrate against the detention of students at the State Linguistics University. Viasna said about 20 of the students were detained Saturday.

Lukashenko opponents have formed a Coordination Council to drive the protests and push for a transition of power.

On Saturday, one of its most prominent members, Olga Kovalkova, surfaced in Poland after being jailed in Belarus for organizing protests. She told reporters that police came to her in jail during the night and said she could either leave the country or face a long term in prison. Masked police then drove her to the border, she said.

Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Lukashenko’s main challenger in the election, fled to Lithuania the day after the vote.

On Friday, she addressed the U.N. Security Council via video link, asking it to “stop blatant human rights violations and cynical disregard for human dignity right in the middle of Europe.”

She accused Lukashenko of stealing the election and asked the U.N. to condemn the crackdown on protesters, send a monitoring mission to Belarus and call a special session of its Human Rights Council to discuss the situation in the country.

Authorities also have revoked the accreditation of many Belarusian journalists and deported some foreign journalists, including two Moscow-based Associated Press journalists. AP’s Belarusian journalists were among those told their press credentials had been revoked.

Karmanau writes for The Associated Press.

MIGRANTS ARE MOVED TO FERRY AMID VIRUS FEARS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAMPEDUSA ISLAND, Italy

With the help of a local fishing boat, hundreds of migrants were transferred on Saturday to a ferry from a tiny Italian island to relieve severe overcrowding during the pandemic at a residence for asylum seekers.

After their transfer on Saturday, they must spend 14 days in precautionary quarantine on the ferry. The vessel was one of several chartered by the Italian government, after Lampedusa’s mayor and Sicily’s governor complained about the risk of spreading COVID-19.

After so many migrants arrived this summer, some of them rescued at sea, others reaching the island’s shores without help, Lampedusa’s migrant center held 2,000 people despite a capacity of less than 200.

Lampedusa Mayor Salvatore Martello said 752 migrants were transferred. The Red Cross said none of them are positive for COVID-19. The migrants will receive COVID-19 tests once they settle aboard and again at the end of their stay. After quarantine, the migrants will be taken to a residence on Sicily or the Italian main-



Migrants board a coast guard ship that will take them to the Rhapsody ferry moored off Lampedusa Island, Italy, on Saturday. MAURO SEMINARA AP

land while their asylum applications are processed.

High winds and choppy waters meant the ferry couldn’t dock at Lampedusa. So the migrants, with their possessions stuffed into backpacks or in plastic travel bags, were moved in small groups, first onto Italian coast guard or custom boats, then to the fishing boat, which served as a kind of improvised bridge, since it was tall enough to facilitate their transfer

to the large ferry.

It took eight hours for the entire transfer from dockside to ferry.

Another chartered ferry is due to take more migrants from the center, which after Saturday was holding 400 people. But the strong winds delayed that next transfer operation, likely until Monday.

Early in the pandemic, the Italian government, citing health risks, closed its ports to vessels with migrants aboard.

IN BRIEF

‘El Chapo’ appeals drug conspiracy conviction

The notorious Mexican drug lord Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman wants his U.S. conspiracy conviction thrown out.

An appeal filed Friday argues that a judge made rulings allowing a jury to hear faulty evidence at his trial. It also cites reports that before reaching a guilty verdict, some jurors sought out news accounts about sex abuse allegations against him that were barred from the trial.

Prosecutors declined to comment Saturday.

Guzman was sentenced last year to life behind bars in for a massive drug conspiracy that spread murder and mayhem for more than two decades.

Before the federal case, he had attained near-mythical status by escaping from prison twice in Mexico, the second time through a tunnel dug into the shower of his cell. He was recaptured and sent in 2017 to the United States.

Explosion kills at least 16 at Bangladesh mosque

An explosion Friday night at a mosque near Bangladesh’s capital, believed to have been caused

by a gas leak, killed at least 16 worshippers and left 21 with burns so severe that the death toll could rise further, according to a police officer and a doctor treating some of the victims.

Gas from an underground pipeline may have leaked into the Baitus Salat Jame mosque in Narayanganj, just outside Dhaka. The mosque had been experiencing power outages, and as the electricity surged back on, sparks from air conditioning units may have ignited fumes.

Mother, 3 kids dead after Philadelphia house fire

A woman and her three children were found dead after a house fire in Philadelphia, authorities said. Crews were called to the blaze at the row home in the Kensington neighborhood shortly before 8 a.m. Saturday and found heavy flames and smoke coming from the first and second floors of the home, Fire Commissioner Adam Thiel said.

A 35-year-old woman was found downstairs, and her three children — ages 9, 11 and 17 — were found upstairs, police said.

Officials said city medical examiner will determine whether the deaths were fire-related.

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RACIAL JUSTICE IN AMERICA

UNIONS THREATEN STOPPAGES AMID CALLS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Leaders say any walkouts would last as long as needed

BY AARON MORRISON

NEW YORK
Ahead of Labor Day, unions representing millions across several working-class sectors are threatening to authorize work stoppages in support of the Black Lives Matter movement amid calls for concrete measures that address racial injustice.

In a statement first shared with The Associated Press, labor leaders who represent teachers, autoworkers, truck drivers and clerical staff, among others, signaled a willingness Friday to escalate protest tactics to force local and federal lawmakers to take action on policing reform and systemic racism. They said the walkouts, if they were to move forward with them, would last for as long as needed.

"The status quo — of police killing Black people, of armed white nationalists killing demonstrators, of millions sick and increasingly desperate — is clearly unjust, and it cannot continue," the statement says. It was signed by several branches of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Service Employees International Union, and affiliates of the National Education Association.

The broader labor movement has been vocal since the May 25 killing of George Floyd, a handcuffed Black man who died after a White police officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes during an arrest over counterfeit



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Eddie Perkins takes a knee during a protest outside Hartford Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Detroit in July.

money. The death of Floyd in Minneapolis set off a surge of protests and unrest from coast to coast this summer.

Now, in the wake of the August shooting of Jacob Blake, who was critically wounded by a White police officer in Kenosha, Wis., the union leaders say they are following the lead of professional athletes who last week staged walkouts over the shooting. Basketball, baseball and tennis league games had to be postponed. Some athletes resumed game play only after having talks with league officials over ways to support the push for policing reforms and to honor victims of police and vigilante violence.

"They remind us that when we strike to withhold our labor, we have the power to bring an unjust status quo to a grinding halt," the union leaders

said in the statement.

"We echo the call to local and federal government to divest from the police, to redistribute the stolen wealth of the billionaire class, and to invest in what our people need to live in peace, dignity, and abundance: universal health care and housing, public jobs programs and cash assistance, and safe working conditions," the statement reads.

Among the supportive unions are ones representing Wisconsin public school teachers who, ahead of the mid-September start of the regular school year, urged state legislators to take on policing reforms and systemic racism.

"We stand in solidarity with Jacob Blake and his family, and all communities fighting to defend Black lives from police and vigilante violence," Milwaukee Teach-

er's Association president Amy Mizialko told the AP.

"Are we striking tomorrow? No," said Racine Educator United president Angelina Cruz, who represents teachers in a community that abuts Kenosha. "Are we in conversation with our members and the national labor movement about how we escalate our tactics to stop fascism and win justice? Yes."

The Nonprofit Professional Employees Union, which represents several hundreds of professionals working at more than 25 civil rights groups and think tank organizations, told the AP it signed onto the union statement because "the fights for workers' rights, civil rights, and racial justice are inextricably linked."

Morrison writes for The Associated Press.

NEW YORK AG WILL FORM GRAND JURY TO PROBE PRUDE'S DEATH

Activists insist on changes to policing after fatal encounter

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

New York's attorney general on Saturday moved to form a grand jury to investigate the death of Daniel Prude, a Black man who died earlier this year after Rochester police placed a hood over his head and held him down.

"The Prude family and the Rochester community have been through great pain and anguish," Attorney General Letitia James said in a statement about Prude's death, which has sparked nightly protests and calls for reform. She said the grand jury would be part of an "exhaustive investigation."

Prude's death after his brother called for help for his erratic behavior in March has roiled New York's third-largest city since video of the encounter was made public earlier this week, with protesters demanding more accountability for how it happened and legislation to change how authorities respond to mental health emergencies.

"This is just the beginning," Ashley Gantt, a protest organizer, said by email after James' announcement. "We will not be stopped in our quest for truth and justice."

Protesters gathered Saturday for a fourth night on the street where Prude, naked and handcuffed, was held face-down as snow fell. Policy body camera video



AP

Daniel Prude, 41, apparently stopped breathing as police were restraining him in March.

shows officers covering Prude's head with a "spit hood," designed to protect police from bodily fluids, then pressing his face into the pavement for two minutes.

Prude died March 30 after he was taken off life support.

The Monroe County medical examiner listed the manner of death as homicide caused by "complications of asphyxia in the setting of physical restraint." Excited delirium and acute intoxication by phencyclidine, or PCP, were contributing factors, the report said.

A police internal affairs investigation cleared the officers involved of any wrongdoing, concluding in April that their "actions and conduct displayed when dealing with Prude appear to be appropriate and consistent with their training." The seven officers involved were suspended this past week after the video of the encounter surfaced.



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Police officers detain a protester outside the Portland Police Association building on Friday night.

27 MORE ARRESTED AS PORTLAND PROTESTS REACH 100TH DAY

Demonstrators turn raucous, prompting police crackdown

BY SARA CLINE & ARON RANEN

PORTLAND, Ore.

Law enforcement declared an unlawful assembly Friday night and arrested 27 people after protesters marched through the streets of Portland to a police building, where officers stood waiting outside.

A few hundred demonstrators had met at Kenton Park before making their way to the Portland Police Association building, where officers warned protesters to stay off the streets and private property. Those who refused could be subject to citation, arrest, the use of tear gas, crowd-control agents or impact munitions, police said.

Around midnight, police ran down the street, pushing protesters out of the area, knocking people down and arresting those who they say were not following orders — as some people were being detained, they were pinned to the ground and blood could be seen marking the pavement. Law enforcement officers used smoke devices and shot impact munitions and stun grenades while trying to get the crowd to disperse, The Oregonian reported.

The Portland Police Bureau issued a statement Saturday morning, saying some officers reported that rocks, a full beverage can and water bottles had been thrown at them, prompting police to declare the gathering an unlawful assembly.

Police said one woman who was detained was bleeding from an abrasion on her head, and she was treated by

medics at the scene before being transported by an ambulance. The Portland Police Bureau said she jumped out of the ambulance and ran away before it left the scene, however.

Most of those taken into custody were arrested on suspicion of interfering with a peace officer or disorderly conduct, police said.

Oregon State Police troopers assisted local police at the protest. State police frequently helped police at the protests until early August, when they withdrew. Their return on Friday came days after Gov. Kate Brown announced the move.

Demonstrations in Portland, which started in late May after the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, are reaching 100 straight nights of protests that have been marked by vandalism and violence.

Since Floyd's killing, nights of unrest that increasingly targeted a federal courthouse prompted President Donald Trump to dispatch U.S. agents to guard the building in July.

The presence of the agents from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Marshals Service was intended to tamp down on the demonstrations but instead reinvigorated the Black Lives Matter movement.

The U.S. agents began drawing down July 31 under an agreement between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Democratic Gov. Kate Brown. But as the unrest has continued and picked up, federal authorities have again said they may increase their presence in the city.

Cline and Ranen write for The Associated Press.

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CALIFORNIA ENERGY GRID OPERATOR WARNS OF ROLLING BLACKOUTS

BY ROB NIKOLEWSKI

California found itself in danger of another round of rolling blackouts in the early evening hours of Saturday, amid the start of a broiling heat wave expected to last through the Labor Day weekend.

The California Independent System Operator, which oversees the grid for about 80 percent of the state, at 6:30 p.m. issued a Stage 2 Emergency — which means it is no longer able to provide

its expected energy requirements. At Stage 2, the grid operator resorts to interventions such as ordering power plants online.

Just a few minutes before issuing the Stage 2 Emergency, CAISO officials tweeted that fires in areas of the state caused a generator and a solar farm to trip offline. “We need everyone to reduce #electricity use at this critical time,” the grid operator’s Twitter feed said.

The next and final level of emergency is a Stage 3 Emer-

gency, in which the CAISO orders utilities across the state to shut off power to make sure energy demand does not outstrip supply, thus shutting down the grid.

Just hours before the Stage 2 Emergency was declared, some 18,500 customers in areas across San Diego County lost electricity in the afternoon hours.

A spokeswoman for SDG&E said about 1,000 customers lost power because a fast-moving brush fire in East County impacted

the utility’s equipment. Dubbed the Valley fire, the blaze burned 1,500 acres in the Japatul Valley area by early evening.

But another 17,500 customers lost electricity in areas unaffected by the Valley fire, ranging from neighborhoods near downtown San Diego such as Golden Hill to inland areas already suffering triple-digit high temperatures such as El Cajon and La Mesa.

SDG&E officials were still assessing what led to

the afternoon outages, saying that “some are weather related.”

According to the utility’s outage map, some areas lost power around 2 p.m. and the outages then spread to other areas for the next four hours.

For example, a circuit in Lemon Grove went down at 5:07 p.m., affecting 1,368 customers.

As of 6:30 p.m., the outage map recorded 40 circuits out of commission. Some were expected to come back online within a couple of hours

but others had expected restorations as late as 9:30 p.m. The downed circuit with most affected customers was located in the Valley Center-Lilac area, with 1,508. That circuit was expected to come back into service at 9:30 p.m.

A circuit in East Ramona and San Diego Country Estates knocked out power to 1,330 customers. It was estimated to go back online by 9:30 p.m.

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RECORD-BREAKING TEMPERATURES PUSH CROWDS TO COAST

BY JOHN WILKENS & GARY ROBBINS

Triple-digit temperatures scorched much of San Diego County Saturday, sending swarms of sometimes-masked people to local beaches, others into air-conditioned libraries, and putting fire departments on red-flag alert.

It was the beginning of Labor Day weekend, and people labored, all right.

El Cajon hit 114 degrees and Alpine reached 113 — the highest temperatures ever recorded in those communities — while Ramona got to 112 and San Diego State University topped out at 105, according to the National Weather Service. On Saturday, San Diego International Airport hit 91 while Del Mar reached 90 and Carlsbad topped out at 88. Imperial Beach, at 78, felt almost arctic.

“Pretty much everything east of the 163 freeway is 100 or higher,” said Alex Tardy, a National Weather Service forecaster. Today is expected to bring more of the same, and an excessive heat warning is in place for the entire county until 8 p.m. Monday.

Saturday’s peaks were about 15 to 25 degrees above normal. A slight Santa Ana added to the misery and contributed to the rapid spread of a brush fire near Alpine that had consumed more than 1,500 acres by dusk.

High temperatures also prompted the county to



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Large numbers hit San Diego County beaches on Saturday, including Pacific Beach.

open “cooling zones” in nine East County libraries. They will open again today from noon to 5 p.m., officials said.

Swarms of people headed to the coast Saturday, plopping down towels and popping up umbrellas on the sand from Oceanside to the Silver Strand.

Public health officials, mindful of how coronavirus cases spiked after Memorial Day, encouraged people to avoid crowds this weekend, but that advice was little match for the desire to find relief from the heat. At the beaches, the busier it got, the more optional the social-distancing seemed to be.

Many people wore masks

as they walked to and from beaches, but once they hit the sand, the face coverings mostly disappeared.

It was crowded in the water, too. The surfing lineup on the north side of the Crystal Pier in Pacific Beach had about three dozen people in it at noon Saturday. The water was warm enough that roughly half of the surfers weren’t wearing wetsuits.

On the south side of the pier, stretching down to Mission Beach, scores of people frolicked in the waves.

Up on the pier, Pamela Taylor eyed the throngs with gratitude. She owns the bait and tackle shop

there and is eager for more business after the coronavirus shuttered the shop for 82 days in the spring.

“We’re still down about two-thirds from where we were, but I’m grateful for whatever I can get,” she said as she rinsed out a white plastic bucket used by one of her pier-fishing customers.

The boardwalk in Oceanside was jammed with people, many who weren’t wearing face masks. The same was true at the beaches and coves along Mission Bay.

In Balboa Park, several museums opened last week after pandemic restrictions were eased, just in time for

the holiday weekend, but it was hot there, too, and by late morning, not many people were around. The parking lots had plenty of spaces.

Shane Boudreau was keeping his fingers crossed that things would pick up. He sells ice cream from a cart at the west end of the Prado.

He lives in Chula Vista and started his day at 6:30 a.m. After getting frozen treats from his distributor, he was in the park by 9 a.m. Dry ice was keeping the ice cream sandwiches, Bomb Pops and fruit bars frosty.

Before the pandemic, he said, he worked in the park six days a week. Recently it’s

been just two: Saturday and Sunday. But the gradual reopening of the museums has him hopeful for better times ahead.

“I’m OK with the heat,” he said. “It usually means I’m going to have a good day.”

Similar conditions are expected today, and coastal temperatures could tick a bit higher if the Santa Ana flow all the way to local beaches.

The conditions are so severe the weather service has imposed an excessive-heat warning that will be in effect until 8 p.m. on Monday, Labor Day. And a red-flag fire weather warning will be in place until 6 p.m. today.

The 114-degree reading in El Cajon broke the city’s all-time record by seven degrees. The previous record was set in 1984. The 113 reading in Alpine broke the all-time record by 3 degrees. That record also was set in 1984.

The 112 reading in Ramona broke the record for Sept. 5 by 10 degrees. The earlier record was set in 2006. Palomar Mountain reached 97, one degree higher than the previous record for Sept. 5, set in 1955. Campo reached 108, 4 degrees higher than the previous record for that date, set in 1955. And Borrego Springs hit 117, breaking the previous record for the date by 4 degrees. The previous record was set in 1989.

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TRUMP AGAIN URGES FOLLOWUP, IN-PERSON VOTING

Elections officials continue to warn against the guidance

BY HANNAH KNOWLES & JOSH DAWSEY

President Donald Trump again urged people to vote in person after mailing their ballot in a Friday night call with North Carolina supporters, doubling down on messaging that sent alarmed election officials scrambling this past week to warn that purposefully voting twice is illegal.

The tele-rally came as North Carolina began sending more than half a million absentee ballots for a Novem-

ber election where fears of the coronavirus have led officials across parties to embrace mail ballots as the safest option for voters. Trump had backed off his suggestion at a Wednesday event in the battleground state that people cast multiple ballots to test the voting system, tweeting that he had meant for people to follow up in-person to ensure their votes were counted. But he maintained that voters should submit another ballot if they cannot verify at the polls that the original one was received.

On Friday night Trump encouraged people to vote in person even if their mail-in ballots are on the way, portraying the system as untrustworthy and saying,

"They'll lose your vote."

"So if it hasn't been counted, if it doesn't show up, go and vote and then if your mail-in ballot arrives after you vote—which it shouldn't, but possibly it could, perhaps—that ballot will not be used or counted in that your vote has already been cast and tabulated," Trump said.

"This way you're guaranteed to have your vote counted," he said. "So send it in and then see and then vote and let's see what happens."

The president and many of his supporters have opposed mail-in voting's expansion even amid the pandemic. Trump has repeatedly warned without evidence that the shift will lead to mass fraud and has also

suggested it will hurt Republicans' chances by leading more Democrats to cast ballots.

Trump's earlier advice to vote twice, given Wednesday at a White House event, prompted the North Carolina State Board of Elections to underscore in a statement that casting two votes or attempting to do so is a felony and that soliciting someone to double-vote is also illegal.

The board's executive director said people should not show up at polling places to check their ballots were received, listing other ways to inquire about the status of one's vote and saying that going in person "would lead to longer lines and the possibil-

ity of spreading COVID-19."

Trump campaign spokesman Tim Murtaugh said in a statement Saturday that the president "encourages supporters to vote absentee-by-mail early, and then show up in person at the polls or the local registrar to verify that their vote has already been counted."

"It's amazing that the media can go from insisting that voter fraud doesn't exist to screaming about it when President Trump points out the giant holes in the Democrats' voting schemes," Murtaugh said.

The Republican National Committee, which along with conservative groups has sought to limit the expansion of mail-in ballots this fall, did

not respond to a request for comment.

Trump's attacks on mail-in voting have left election officials, as well as social media platforms, rushing to combat misinformation. The president's remarks Friday echoed Thursday tweets that Twitter flagged as violating its rules on "civic and election integrity," specifically for "encouraging people to potentially vote twice."

Trump also reiterated his warnings about "unsolicited ballots" in the call with supporters in North Carolina, despite the fact that the state does not send mail-in ballots or applications unsolicited.

Knowles and Dawsey write for The Washington Post.



Voting stations are set up to allow social distancing during the primary election at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky., in June. Voting at large venues is expected across the U.S.

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VOTING IN PERSON ON NOV. 3? EXPECT DRIVE-THRUS, ARENAS

Pandemic pushes elections officials to look at alternative venues for Election Day polling

BY SOPHIA EPPOLITO

SALT LAKE CITY

Voting will look a little different this November. States are turning to stadiums, drive-thrus and possibly even movie theaters as safe options for in-person polling places amid the coronavirus pandemic and fears about mail-in ballots failing to arrive in time to count.

The primary season brought voters to an outdoor wedding-style tent in Vermont and the state fairsgrounds in Kentucky. The general election on Nov. 3 is expected to include voting at NBA arenas around the country, part of an agreement owners made with players to combat racial injustice.

Large venues and outdoor spaces allow for social distancing that helps prevent the spread of the virus, though there are questions about keeping people warm as the weather gets cold and the possibility that fewer traditional neighborhood polling places could lower voter turnout.

Election Day is expected to bring a surge in mail-in voting, but some people may feel more comfortable casting their ballots in person amid concerns about recent mail delays following a series of operational changes at the U.S. Postal Service and President Donald Trump stoking unfounded claims of voter fraud.



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Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles will be used as a vote center in November.

Several states conduct their elections almost entirely by mail, and mail-in voting is well established in others.

In June, Utah broke voter turnout records despite not opening traditional polling places because of the virus. In-person voting will be back in November, but rather than only using schools, churches and public buildings like usual, clerks also are permitted to set up drive-thru or outdoor polling places.

The family that owns the NBA's Utah Jazz also has a chain of movie theaters and offered three as voting sites in November.

One suburban Salt Lake City county ran a primary polling place where voters drove through an indoor convention center to pick up

their ballots, completed them in their cars and then dropped them off in an outdoor parking area. Davis County Clerk Curtis Koch said the system will be in place for the general election, too.

Chad Berbert, a 46-year-old Republican, said he'll probably vote by mail in the fall, but he's glad officials are offering alternative voting methods.

"The more options for voting in terms of mechanisms or ways that people can exercise their franchise I think is helpful," said Berbert, who lives in Layton, Utah, and works at a management consulting firm.

Less than 1 percent of Utah voters chose in-person options in June, according to election officials. But in states where voters are less

familiar with mail-in voting, unorthodox in-person options will provide a safe alternative, said Charles Stewart, a political science professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In Los Angeles, Dodger Stadium will be used as a vote center as part of a joint effort with More Than A Vote, a voting rights organization launched by LeBron James that's dedicated to maximizing Black turnout in November. Many Black voters — one of the Democratic Party's most important voting groups — are wary of voting by mail amid historical skepticism of a system that tried to keep Black people from the polls and worries that a mailed ballot won't get counted.

Several teams, including the Milwaukee Bucks, Detroit Pistons and Atlanta Hawks, had already committed their arenas to be voting sites prior to the NBA's announcement last week.

The idea to use large spaces for in-person voting started in Kentucky, where Louisville's only option in the June primary was an exposition center at the state fairsgrounds. Organizers carefully laid out chalk markings where voters could safely stand in line, though there were complications as voters struggled to find parking at the end of the day.

Eppolito writes for The Associated Press.

TOP BIDEN ADVISERS PREVIEW AUTUMN ELECTION STRATEGY

BY KATIE GLUECK

Joe Biden, the Democratic presidential nominee, and his running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris, are planning an accelerated in-person travel schedule and the campaign is ramping up its on-the-ground activities as the 2020 race hurtles into its homestretch. Top Biden advisers detailed the new strategy in a conference call Friday and described the contest as fundamentally steady despite the volatility of the news environment.

In a wide-ranging briefing with members of the news media less than two months before Election Day, Biden's team also expressed optimism about learning some voting outcomes on what many expect may be a chaotic election night.

Biden's chief strategist, Mike Donilon, said that despite the onslaught from President Donald Trump and Republicans during their party convention late last month, the campaign saw Biden entering the fall contest with his standing in the race largely unchanged, suggesting that the Republicans had not negatively defined him.

"It was imperative for him to move the election at this period," Donilon said of Trump. Pointing to pre- and post-convention polls that showed Biden leading, he continued: "That didn't happen. So I think that speaks to the vice president's strength and I think it speaks to kind of the stability in the race."

Even as he acknowledged that the race would be hard fought, Donilon charged that Trump was not paying attention to "the central issue in this campaign" — the coronavirus pandemic and the challenges associated with it — and pledged that the Biden team would remain focused on it.

The campaign, Donilon said, continues to see the race as a referendum on Trump.

Certainly, some state-by-state surveys have shown a closer race compared with earlier in the summer, and the political environment continues to be extraordinarily unpredictable.

The campaign expects the contest to tighten in key swing states, acknowledged Jennifer O'Malley Dillon, Biden's campaign manager, as she described the team's efforts to chart multiple paths to the 270 electoral votes needed to win and nodded to growing efforts to expand on-the-ground cam-

paiging.

Significant unknowns also remain, especially around what voting will look like amid a pandemic, and many Democrats in particular have expressed concern about voter suppression and Trump's false claims about mail-in voting and fraud.

"We're very comfortable and confident that we will, as long as people are following the rules in each state and they cast their vote, that those votes will be counted," O'Malley Dillon said, noting that typically not "every single vote" is counted on election night. "There are big states that will be called on election night. And there will be a significant amount of the vote that will be called on election night. So at the end of the day, I think that for us, our job is to make sure we get the most votes."

She cited Arizona as one state with a record of successful, extensive vote-by-mail practices.

As part of its fall effort, after months of virtual campaigning, the Democratic ticket will more consistently travel to battleground states while still being mindful of safety precautions, officials said. Activities will include retail campaigning, remarks and round tables, with an eye on early vote windows, the officials said.

Harris is expected in Wisconsin on Labor Day, and Biden is slated to go to Michigan and Pennsylvania this week.

O'Malley Dillon ran through a slideshow highlighting details on fundraising and staff statistics. She also noted efforts to engage key constituencies state-by-state and overall.

The "strategic imperatives" listed on one slide for Pennsylvania, for instance, included "turn out the base in Philly" and "hold gains among non-college educated white voters."

The presentation also discussed core Biden constituencies — including Latino voters, Black voters, young people and women — and cited opportunities with disaffected voters, independents, suburbanites and the traditionally more conservative older voters.

Kate Bedingfield, a deputy campaign manager for Biden, said in response to a question that Biden was being tested weekly for the coronavirus. Earlier Friday at a news conference Biden confirmed that he had been tested.

Glueck writes for The New York Times.

RECORDS: WEST SPENDS NEARLY \$6 MILLION ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

THE WASHINGTON POST

Kanye West spent nearly \$6 million over two months on his quixotic bid for the White House, largely to help get him on November ballots, according to a Federal Election Commission report filed Friday night.

This is the first financial filing by the rapper's campaign since he formally filed to run as an independent representing the "Birthday Party" in July. His campaign reported raising \$6.8 million in July and August, all but \$11,000 of which came from West's own pockets.

Of the \$5.9 million spent, a large portion, \$4.4 million, was spent on ballot-access services. Several lawsuits

have been filed to keep West off the ballots. Judges in Virginia and Arizona were the latest to rule this week that state election officials remove West from those states' ballots.

Neither West's campaign nor the firms paid to help the candidate get on ballots immediately responded to request for comment.

The West campaign paid \$1.5 million to Fortified Consulting based out of Tempe, Ariz. The address listed for this company is the same as the address for Lincoln Strategy Group led by Nathan Sproul, who worked for President Donald Trump's campaign in 2016 and was formerly the executive director of the Arizona Republi-



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can Party.

In previous years, Sproul's companies have been hired by the Republican National Committee and other Republican candidates.

The campaign also paid \$1.3 million to Atlas Strategy Group led by Greg Keller, a longtime Republican operative. Keller is the former executive director of the American Conservative Union and had met with Trump to interview as a campaign manager for his 2016 campaign.

In at least five states Republican operatives have been involved with West's efforts to get on the November ballots, according to a Washington Post analysis of public filings and social media

posts, raising suspicion that some are hoping West, who has been a supporter of Trump, can siphon votes away from Democratic nominee Joe Biden in what could be very close contests around the country.

The company paid the most by the campaign, \$2.6 million, was New York-based communications firm Millennial Strategies. The group previously worked for former South Bend mayor and Democratic presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg.

West also spent \$95,000 on an air charter company.

The next look at West's campaign finances will be on Oct. 20, two weeks before the election.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

STUDENTS
Age can be
impulsive

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has required a hospital stay, according to Dr. Eric McDonald, medical director of the county's epidemiology department.

SDSU President Adela de la Torre complained Friday that the school was dealing with a "plague of parties." But de la Torre did not crack down on student behavior until about 10 days after they arrived on campus.

At the same time, UC San Diego was developing problems ahead of its fall-quarter start later this month. The school announced Saturday that it has found traces of the coronavirus in wastewater from Revelle College. It immediately began human testing to look for the source.

The central question remains: Why are students everywhere acting contrary to their own interests, undermining their pricey pursuit of a rousing college experience?

The answer involves everything from human biology to the conflicting messages students are getting about COVID-19 from adults, say scientists and educators.

Scientists are especially quick to point to the fact that the brains of many 18- to 22-year-olds are not fully developed, affecting their ability to reason and understand the consequences of their actions. Some brains don't fully develop until a person is 25.

Neuroscientist Frances Jensen, author of "The Teenage Brain," refers to this period as an age of exhilaration that "has dangers, including impulsivity, risk-taking, mood swings, lack of insight, and poor judgment."

The book struck a chord with Randy Timms, dean of students at SDSU, where hundreds of students have been observed roaming campus and nearby neighborhoods without masks.



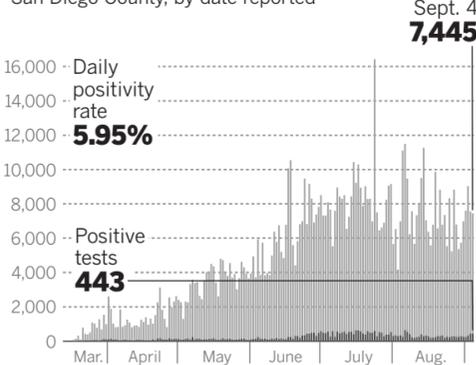
Students walk near the South Campus Plaza apartments on the San Diego State campus Wednesday. **EDUARDO CONTRERAS U-T**

COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

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"Students hear that they're an adult, that they can vote, that they can go into the Army," Timms said Friday. "But they're still developing from a neuro-biological perspective."

Many students do wear masks when they're among family. But many also feel a sense of invincibility that's ill-placed.

"The perception that this disease is of minimal impact to young adults is a misperception," said Dr. Angela Scioscia, interim executive director of Student Health and Wellbeing at UC San Diego. "Some will become ill."

About 25 percent of the COVID-19 infections reported in California are among people ages 18 to 34, according to the California Department of Health. The youngest of those people generally don't become as sick as older people.

But they can still be highly infectious. Schools such as the University of South Carolina and University of Ala-

bama have each reported more than 1,000 positive COVID tests since the fall semester began.

Health officials say it isn't clear whether college-age students will suffer the sort of long-term heart and lung damage that's occurred in many older people.

The attitudes and behavior of college students nationwide also is being influenced by the fact that they're members of Generation Z, the first generation that has always had access to cellphones, social media and the Internet.

"They're digital natives, which makes them less ready and able to think of others—to be in community with others," said Eeman Agrama-Minert, director of residential life at UCSD's Thurgood Marshall College.

"(Before the pandemic) you saw crowds of students looking at their phones. I rarely saw anybody making eye contact. It's not necessarily a negative thing. It's

just that we have to acknowledge that this is generational, too."

Even so, many of these students have been roaming their campus and college neighborhoods, hungry to mingle.

"Remember, most of us college kids have been basically locked up again with our parents since March and going back to college was like releasing all the Tiger King's tigers at once," said Jonas Jacobs of San Diego, who is taking a gap year from Boston's Northeastern University. "Their behavior is disappointing but understandable."

But he was quick to add, "There are many students who will disregard the rules and find ways to gather without socially distancing and ruin the entire college year for everyone else."

"I do not want to go back to school only to return home two weeks later because other students only care about partying."

Jim Harris is trying to avoid that kind of scenario.

He's the president of the University of San Diego, a private Catholic university that hopes to bring about 500 students back to campus over the next couple of weeks and place them in dorms where social distancing will be strictly enforced.

Point Loma Nazarene University also will add hundreds of students. And UC San Diego expects to place 7,500 undergraduates in dorms later this month.

UCSD will test students for COVID-19 upon arrival, and again roughly two weeks later. The school estimates that it will record only 35 to 50 infections in the initial wave of testing.

Making headway could be still be tough.

"I think students have been getting a mixed message nationally," Harris said. "They're seeing some adults who say that they don't feel that have to wear masks. It's a matter of freedom. They're not always getting the message that they should be cautious."

"The solution to this is so simple: Wear a mask."

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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

EXPERTS PROJECT AUTUMN SURGE IN CORONAVIRUS CASES, DEATHS

National rates have been trending downward for weeks

BY JOEL ACHENBACH & RACHEL WEINER

Infectious-disease experts are warning of a potential cold-weather surge of coronavirus cases — a long-feared “second wave” of infections and deaths, possibly at a catastrophic scale. It could begin well before Election Day, Nov. 3, although researchers assume the crest would come weeks later, closer to when fall gives way to winter.

An autumn surge in COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, would not be an October surprise: It has been hypothesized since early in the pandemic because of the patterns of other respiratory viruses.

“My feeling is that there is a wave coming, and it’s not so much whether it’s coming but how big is it going to be,” said Eili Klein, an epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

The pandemic is already a dominant campaign issue, and even a spike in deaths might not apply much torque to the presidential race. But outbreaks in some states could bring pressure further down the ballot and conceivably affect turnout if there is so much community spread that voters who planned to cast ballots in person feel unsafe going to the polls.

The warnings from researchers come at a moment when, despite a rise in cases in the Upper Midwest, national numbers have been trending downward at a slow pace for several weeks following the early-summer surges in the Sun Belt.

Respiratory viruses typically begin spreading more easily a couple of weeks after schools resume classes. Although the pandemic has driven many school districts to remote learning, there is a



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People swab their mouths at a coronavirus testing site in Los Angeles on Friday.

broad push across the country to return to something like normal life.

The Labor Day holiday weekend is a traditional time of travel and group activities, and, like Independence Day and Memorial Day, could seed transmission of the virus if people fail to take precautions. And viruses tend to spread more easily in cooler, less humid weather, which allows them to remain viable longer. As the weather cools, people tend to congregate more indoors.

The coronavirus has a relatively long incubation period, and the disease progression in patients with severe illnesses also tends to be drawn out over several weeks. As a result, any spike in deaths will lag weeks behind a spike in infections. And the infection surges have consistently followed the loosening of shutdown orders and other restrictions.

A model produced by the University of Washington’s Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation and published Friday forecasts a “most likely” daily death toll of 1,907 on Election Day, roughly double the current toll. Under the IHME forecast, the numbers would continue to rise until early December, peaking at more than 2,800 deaths daily.

By year’s end, 410,000 people in the United States will have died under the model’s most-likely scenario.

That’s more than double current fatalities. The model also produced best-case and worst-case scenarios — ranging from 288,000 to 620,000 deaths by Jan. 1 — depending on the degree to which people wear masks, adhere to social distancing and take other precautions.

“I firmly believe we will see distinct second waves, including in places that are done with their first waves. New York City, I’m looking at you,” said Andrew Noymer, an epidemiologist at the University of California at Irvine who studied the October surge in cases when the mild pandemic influenza virus circulated in 2009.

“I expect fall waves starting in mid-October and getting worse as fall heads into winter, and reaching a crescendo certainly after the election,” he said. “Some places will peak around Thanksgiving, some places will peak around Christmas, some places not until January and February.”

As of Saturday, more than 6.2 million people in the U.S. had tested positive for the coronavirus and more than 188,000 people had died, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. Globally there have been more than 26 million cases and more than 877,000 deaths.

Achenbach and Weiner write for The Washington Post.

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The unemployed

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KEN JACQUES

Occupation: Arts and corporate photographer **Age:** 65
Lives in: Chula Vista **Length of unemployment:** Since March 10

“Late February through the later part of March was very surreal for me. As the pandemic grew stronger, I knew this was like nothing that I and many others had ever experienced. All of my scheduled work being canceled as of March 15 and absolutely no sign of anything happening within a few months or longer was frightening. Going through the huge sense of loss and purpose of work was truly humbling. My creativity seemed squashed and lost. It wasn’t until late May or early June that new creative ideas were forming, new ideas that would capture the essence of our community. San Diego is truly an amazing community of diverse, talented actors, singers, dancers, painters and musicians. My new creative ideas were about embracing these times with this community, demonstrating that even in difficult times we can be creative. The wonderful positive out of the COVID pandemic has been that my wife and I have had more time together. We spend many evenings on the patio eating dinner and watching the birds. As twilight transitions to dark, the bats and owls come out to feed. The fact that we have slowed down and can enjoy these simple pleasures has been rewarding. I do miss our brilliant community of artists, and know that we will be back and creating again once it is safe to do so.”

MICHAEL JAMES ROCHA U-T



TANIA BODDEN

Occupation: Events manager **Age:** 37
Lives in: City Heights **Length of unemployment:** Since March 19

“If you listen to the news, the jobs that they are talking about I think are kind of the jobs in my field that are not going to be returning anytime soon. So another thing that this has done is really forced me to focus on a new career path, which isn’t something I planned on doing anytime soon. It’s been my career path for as long as I’ve been an adult, so the idea of having to switch to something new is a little jarring, but you pivot and you move on. That has been the part that has been so crazy for me just because it’s been something that I’ve always wanted to do and done, and the idea of changing that so drastically ... the mental toll it’s taking and the unknowns of what work looks like after COVID has been tricky for me to maneuver.”

ANDREA LOPEZ-VILLAFANA U-T

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MICHELLE MCKEE

Occupation: Director of marketing and communications **Age:** 38
Lives in: Bankers Hill **Length of unemployment:** Since March 22

“Like so many others, I was furloughed, and then laid off from a job I loved. I also went through a breakup. That’s a lot of change. I hoped my 20-plus years of marketing experience would help me get back to work fast, but was quickly humbled by the hundreds of applicants for nearly every job. I decided to put my strategic planning mindset to work with job hunting and now spend 80 percent of my ‘work day’ seeking ideal opportunities and 20 percent on contingencies. I take time to learn. I feed my creative soul by sketching, cooking, sewing and listening to music. My newly adopted pup blesses me with love, companionship and lots of walks in nature. Though it’s not easy, and I feel discouraged at times, I stay grounded knowing I have more than I need in life, including the loving support of family and friends. Quarantine has given me the gift of time to reflect, gain clarity without distractions, regenerate and grow. During this global crisis, time of civil unrest, and season of change, I am reminded to be kind to myself and others, give more than I take, practice empathy, remain grateful, continue to learn, and do my part. Though I don’t know what’s next, I’m hopeful for the future.”

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THOMAS HOOTMAN,
CAROLINE HOOTMAN
VANDERWEL

HUSBAND & WIFE

Occupations: Resident DJ/event coordinator (Thomas)
Massage therapist, owner of SimplySpaSantee.com (Caroline)**Ages:** 51 (Thomas) and 47 (Caroline)**Live in:** Santee **Length of unemployment:** Since March 15

“Not having an income has been difficult to say the least. That is truly the hardest part. But a close second to that is not being able to plan anything. We are planners. Finances, business, vacations — we plan everything far in advance. You have to when you work for yourself. To not be able to plan is extremely difficult. The more questions we ask — and don’t get answered — more questions come forward. For instance: What will the face of our businesses look like? Can we continue at all? Should we move to another state that’s more business-friendly? How will distance learning affect my child? What are the real numbers? Do the people making decisions truly know about how to run a business successfully, cleanly, safely, but continue to operate? We’ve asked all these questions, and there are still no answers. For Caroline, being able to open for three weeks, there seemed to be a little hope that everything would work itself out. Then we had to close again and her hope was shattered. Even if she could open up again, I’m in the event business. And there’s no telling when I can start to operate again ... it looks like sometime in 2021. Every DJ, emcee, party planner, event coordinator, venue operator — we’re all still not working and probably won’t be any time soon. For now, we’ll continue to go running every morning, eat right, and stay healthy. And figure out how to take back control of our lives.”

KAREN PEARLMAN U-T



HAYLIE PRIEST

Occupation: Conservation education specialist**Age:** 26 **Lives in:** Normal Heights**Length of unemployment:** Initially in March, went back to work briefly in July and went back on unemployment

Priest was also laid off in 2019, before the pandemic, because of grant-funding issues. She compares being laid off during the pandemic to being laid off before the pandemic. “When I initially was on unemployment last year, any question I had throughout the process, I could call the assistance line. I would wait five minutes, but I could talk to a real person who would listen to my issue and resolve it right away. When this happened, I thought, ‘Oh, it’s OK I’ll just call.’ I had this previous experience of it being so easy and so swift that when it didn’t happen this time, it made things even more frustrating because I know how the process should work. That last time I was unemployed last year, I could fill my days with a lot more things. Besides looking for a job, I could go to the beach, I could go hiking, I could visit my brother in Arizona, I could take trips to visit my friends in Northern California if I wanted to. Not only do you not have work to keep you busy, but you also couldn’t do those things this time.”

GUSTAVO SOLIS U-T



JANET MILLER

Occupation: Hair salon owner/wig entrepreneur**Age:** 59 **Lives in:** San Diego**Length of unemployment:** On and off since mid-March

Miller owned Hairitage Salon on University Avenue in Rolando for more than 20 years. Six stylists worked in the shop before the pandemic. “It was a staple in the Black community. Three generations almost were coming in, from grandmothers to grandchildren. When COVID happened, the hair salon part, I had to close because my stylists couldn’t come to work and therefore couldn’t pay me the booth rental. I couldn’t afford to pay the lease because I was waiting on loans, unemployment and all that.” For the past two years, Miller has operated a second venture, Glorious Strands. She makes high-quality medical wigs for women with hair loss and recently leased a small studio in La Mesa. The studio isn’t open to customers yet. In the meantime, Miller is making custom wigs at home. “That is what I’m doing to survive right now.”

MIKE FREEMAN U-T

LEO ANGELO REYES

Occupation: Art teacher

Age: 34 **Lives in:** Mira Mesa

Length of unemployment: Since mid-March

“Usually people like to take art classes in person, so I was working six days a week before the pandemic hit, and I was pretty happy and tired all the time. Then this COVID stuff happened, and I saw all my students start dropping out one by one, and my group classes shrunk. I had these gigs lined up for the whole month, and those started disappearing. ... My saving grace was that I transitioned some part of my teaching business to an online format, but my business is still at 10 percent of what it was. It’s a bit depressing. I’m starting to get a lot of inquiries of doing virtual classes or social-distanced versions of my classes, but I’m still trying to work out the kinks. I would love to see my students again, but I don’t want anything to happen to them.”

ANDREA LOPEZ-VILLAFANA U-T



OLGA NETSUNAJEVA

Occupation: ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher

Age: 46 **Lives in:** Escondido

Length of unemployment: Since late March

“I’ve been working all my life, and I never had such a long period of my life of not doing anything, so when this happened, I would compare it with a train running very fast, and then it was a full stop. So unexpected. At first, I thought it won’t last that long. Maybe just two weeks, but then it was four months. Summer came, and no students came. I felt quite frustrated and started thinking, ‘What can I do now? Should I go back to school? Look for a new job?’ I found a dental assistant program that I joined. I’m glad to have my husband and family who totally support me, and I’m getting unemployment benefits, so that has helped.”

LORI WEISBERG U-T



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MARIA CERDA

Occupation: Self-employed hairstylist

Age: 47 **Lives in:** Carlsbad

Length of unemployment: On and off about five and a half months so far

“I am a daughter of a Mexican immigrant father and Chicana mother. I am married to my wife Cori Schumacher of 12 years who is a City Council member in Carlsbad. This is my first time being on unemployment, and almost every individual has paid into it at one point of their lives. I could never live with myself if I didn’t try all that I could to keep my high-risk family and any person safe. Most likely, they will not survive COVID-19, so when I talk to them, I try to love and appreciate them. Masks are an inconvenience, but if it can help save lives and our economy, I will continue to inconvenience myself for the greater good. Being unemployed has allowed me to slow down and go more inward with my thoughts. ... I have been thinking about how our conveniences and privileges have led to much pain and suffering ... especially for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) that are affected ... during this pandemic. No. 45’s rhetoric is not helping and has failed in leadership with racism and greed. My self-care had always been about 35 years of surfing, but since COVID, I have found new ways to be out in nature, like in my tiny garden, and disconnecting from toxic social media as much as possible. It’s really hard for me to be around anyone that feels a sense of entitlement and selfishly doesn’t want to wear a mask. The extra \$600 a week has saved me with paying rent, lost wages, expensive grocery bills and cleaning supplies during the first quarantine, but the future will be a different story.”

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A volunteer of Mission Save Bangladesh distributes food packages at a cancer hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh recently.

ONE GOOD THING

3 FRIENDS SECURE DONATIONS FROM BUSINESSES FOR AID IN BANGLADESH

BY JULHAS ALAM

DHAKA, Bangladesh

When Bangladeshi authorities prepared to enforce a nationwide lockdown in late March, three friends fretted: How would rickshaw drivers, factory workers and other working poor people survive?

With only 20,000 takas (\$236) in hand, their challenge was to channel resources from the generous haves to the desperate have-nots. They started making appeals for money.

The first response came from Bangladeshi cricket star Shakib Al Hasan who donated \$24,000. With that, they began distributing food packs in the impoverished neighborhoods in Dhaka.

Eventually, they succeeded in bringing about 120 organizations and business houses under one umbrella for their aid campaign, Mission Save Bangladesh. Their work has since expanded to helping families fighting cancer and to arranging supplies of masks and sanitizers.

"People are so generous! They responded to our calls from their hearts," said Imran Kadir, who founded the campaign with friends Tajdin Hasan and Imtiaz Halim. Kadir spoke with The Associated Press as he and

other volunteers visited a cancer hospital in Dhaka to distribute food packs.

"We started distributing food packs in impoverished neighborhoods in Dhaka with the initial funds that came from the Shakib Al Hasan," said Kadir, 32. "Slowly we expanded our reach outside the capital city."

Bangladesh's leading exporter, the garment industry, has been hit hard by the pandemic, and so have its 4 million low-paid workers. The industry reports that orders worth more than \$3 billion have been canceled or suspended.

The Bangladeshi development agency BRAC said the incomes of about 51 percent of the country's rickshaw drivers, 58 percent of factory workers, 66 percent of hotel and restaurant workers and 62 percent of day laborers in non-agricultural sectors have been reduced to zero since the lockdown began.

Businesses have reopened but the recovery would take time.

Many companies channeled money from their corporate social responsibility funds to Mission Save Bangladesh.

"Till now we have raised about \$230,000. This is very

inspiring," Kadir said.

The group provided food packs to about 13,000 families and another 60,000 individuals. It provided an ambulance to a group to help families cremate or bury people who died of coronavirus.

In a cancer hospital in Dhaka, volunteers brought food packages for two weeks for the patients, most of whom came from villages.

Abdullah Biswas, a father of a cancer patient in a specialized cancer hospital in Dhaka, was happy to get food packs.

"We came here from Shariatpur," an area that flooded this year, Biswas said. "We are in serious financial crisis. This aid will help us a lot."

Slum dwellers were similarly thrilled to receive aid from the volunteers.

"We are delighted. As we are out of work, we have been facing a lot of difficulties to survive with our children," said Nurjahan Begum, a resident of a slum in Dhaka's Kalabagn area.

"We pray for the wellbeing of the aid givers and hope to get more help. We will give them blessings as long as we are alive," she said.

Alam writes for The Associated Press.



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Anna Hamilton, 43, is taking leave from her job in Decatur, Ga., to help her sons Henry, 6, and Adrian, 7, with remote schooling.

CHILD CARE CRISIS PUSHES SOME MOMS OUT OF U.S. LABOR FORCE

Working mothers leaving jobs to help with kids, schooling

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON & CATHY BUSSEWITZ

NEW YORK

Angela Wynn had just launched her own project management business, hitting a career stride after years of struggle that began with earning an undergraduate degree as a single mother. Then the coronavirus pandemic hit, forcing many schools to shift online. The now-married mother of five saw little choice but to give up her newly minted business to help three of her children cope with remote learning while her husband, the primary breadwinner, kept his job at a senior living center.

"To see all that come to fruition, I did it, but now it's gone," said Wynn, who has always been the main caretaker for her children, ages 1, 5, 11, 12 and 18. "But my priority is my kids and their education is everything."

Wynn's story is becoming distressingly common. Research is increasingly pointing to a retreat of working mothers from the U.S. labor force as the pandemic leaves parents with few child care options and the added burden of navigating distance learning.

The trend threatens the financial stability of families in the near-term. In the long-term, the crisis could stall — if not reverse — decades of hard-fought gains by working women who are still far from achieving labor force parity with men.

Thousands of school districts are starting the school year with remote instruction, including most of the largest ones. At least half

the country's child care providers are closed and may not survive the crisis without financial help to cope with implementing safety standards and reduced enrollment. Negotiations for a bailout of the industry have stalled in Congress.

In August, the federal jobs reports showed that women in their prime-earning years — 25 to 54 — were dropping out of the workforce more than other age groups. About 77 percent of women in that age group were working or looking for work in February, compared to 74.9 percent in August. The decline is most pronounced among Black women of that age range, whose participation rate is down 5 percentage points since February, compared to 4 percentage points for Hispanic women and 2 percentage points for White women.

Overall, the drop translates into 1.3 million women exiting the labor force since February.

"We think this reflects the growing child care crisis," BNP Paribas economists Daniel Ahn and Steven Weinberg wrote in recent report. "It is hard to see this abating soon, and if anything could become worse as we move into fall."

Few families can afford for mothers not to work indefinitely. Mothers are now the equal, primary, or sole earners in 40 percent of U.S. families, up from 11 percent in 1960, according to federal labor figures. Women also comprise nearly half the U.S. labor force, making their inability to work a significant drag on the economy and hindering any recovery from the pandemic's impact.

In Wynn's case, she is working a part-time job to help pay the bills. Even so,

the family is taking a financial hit, refinancing their home outside Nashville and starting a garden in their backyard to cut down on grocery bills.

Despite the leaps over the past decades, working women still entered the pandemic at a disadvantage. They are typically paid 82 cents for every dollar men earn, according to research by the National Women's Law Center.

Among working mothers and fathers, the wage gap is even higher at 70 cents. The median household earnings for mothers in the U.S. is \$42,000, compared to \$60,000 for fathers. When left with no choice but to give up one income as child care options collapse, that wage gap incentivizes fathers to stay in the workforce and mothers to leave, or at least scale back.

For Anna Hamilton and her husband, juggling two careers while raising two children was always a bit of house of cards. The pandemic knocked it down, at least for now.

Hamilton, who lives in the Atlanta area, is taking indefinite leave from her job at a small investment firm, a job she stuck with for 12 years in part because it allowed her family to move twice so her husband could pursue his career as a cancer surgeon.

She has mixed feelings but one thing she knows is that working full-time while handling remote schooling last spring was unbearable.

"There was a lot yelling. I thought, 'Let's just admit what's happening and maybe everyone will be happier,'" said Hamilton, 43, whose sons are 6 and 7. "I hope it's not a career-ender."

Olson and Bussewitz write for The Associated Press.

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IN RULING, JUDGE THROWS LIFELINE TO DIVERSITY VISA LOTTERY

Jurist orders Trump administration to resume issuing them

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

A federal judge in San Diego ordered the Trump administration to resume issuing diversity visas for immigrants from under-represented countries, partially reversing a pandemic-related freeze on a wide range of immigrant and temporary visas.

The U.S. issues up to 55,000 visas a year to people

from countries with low representation in the U.S., many in Africa. They are chosen from millions of applicants by lottery.

Winners who aren't vetted for green cards at U.S. consulates lose their spots if they don't have their visas in hand by Sept. 30 of the year they were chosen.

The State Department had issued about 12,000 diversity visas for the 2020 lottery when President Donald Trump announced the freeze in April, leaving about 43,000 winners still waiting, U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta said.

"To be clear, there is no statutory requirement that every available diversity visa be issued each year," Mehta wrote in an 85-page ruling Friday in Washington. "But that does not mean that the State Department could effectively extinguish the diversity program for a given year by simply sitting on its hands and letting all pending diversity visa applications time out."

Mehta, who was appointed by President Barack Obama, denied requests to take similar action on other visa categories

subject to bans, including many family members, H-1B visas for high-tech workers and H-2B visas for seasonal workers.

Trump has long sought to scrap the diversity visa lottery, saying it brings "the worst of the worst." While Mehta justified his order on grounds that delays were unreasonable, he made clear that he disagreed with Trump's characterizations.

"Diversity visa lottery winners are people who have come to this nation, like millions before, to seek a better life for themselves

and their families, and to pursue the American Dream," he wrote. "They do not deserve to be caricatured as common criminals, or to be used as a political wedge issue."

Trump imposed the visa freezes through the end of this year, calling them a way to protect American jobs from economic losses wrought by the pandemic.

The Justice Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment Saturday.

The judge told the administration to "undertake good-faith efforts to ex-

peditionously process and adjudicate" diversity visas for 2020 but stopped short of extending the Sept. 30 deadline. He scheduled a hearing for Sept. 25 to consider additional steps.

Attorneys for visa applicants welcomed the order but expressed disappointment that other visa categories were denied.

"Diversity visa applicants can finally exhale today," said Karen Tumlin, director of Justice Action Center

Spagat writes for The Associated Press.

TSA TESTS FACE SCANNERS TO VERIFY TRAVELERS' IDENTITIES

Avoiding close contact has added urgency to program

BY LORI ARATANI

WASHINGTON

The Transportation Security Administration is launching a pilot program at Reagan National Airport that will use facial scanners — rather than humans — to verify travelers' identities.

The program is part of a long-standing push by the agency to automate the process for traveler verification, but it has taken on new urgency during the pandemic, in which avoiding close encounters is becoming the norm, particularly in places such as airports, where large numbers of unrelated people come together.

"In light of COVID-19, advanced health and safety precautions have become a top priority and part of the new normal for TSA," Administrator David Pekoske said in a statement that accompanied the announcement. "As a result, we are exploring rapid testing and deployment of this touchless, self-service technology."

But the use of facial scans is controversial and has raised concerns among



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A TSA officer talks to a passenger at O'Hare airport in Chicago in June. A new facial recognition program is being tested at Reagan National Airport.

lawmakers, privacy advocates and civil rights groups. They said that even during a pandemic, it is important to make sure that measures are put into place to ensure the technology is used properly and that efforts are made to safeguard any data that is collected.

"While I am glad that TSA is developing security technologies to reduce checkpoint interaction while the nation is still in the midst of a pandemic, it is clear that facial recognition technology has not been

fully developed yet and still faces privacy and civil liberties questions," said Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, which has held several hearings on the use of biometrics.

"I continue to have concerns that facial recognition technologies have known inherent racial biases and are unable to accurately and consistently process people of color," Thompson said. "It is apparent that facial recognition camera systems

malfunction too often to be effective in the field — and these malfunctions are often due to skin color and age."

Andrew Ferguson, a professor at American University's Washington College of

Law, said through email: "The path to the surveillance state is paved with good intentions. It is also paved with cynical uses of real emergencies to shift power to the government. It is unclear which path the TSA is on."

The TSA piloted a similar system last fall at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas.

At National, the new system is at Terminal B, the checkpoint for Gates 10 through 22, and is open to those enrolled in TSA's Precheck program.

Instead of handing their identification to a TSA officer, passengers who agree to participate will be directed to insert their identification into a machine. The same unit will take a picture of the traveler and compare it with the image on the person's ID. For now, a TSA officer will verify that the images match, but eventually, travelers will be able to complete the entire process on their own, Pekoske said.

TSA officials said the

photographs taken are used only to verify travelers' identity and are not saved. That element may be key, because a 2017 study by researchers at Georgetown Law's Center on Privacy and Technology found that while Congress has passed legislation authorizing the collection of biometric data from noncitizens, it has never explicitly authorized collecting that information from citizens.

For more than a decade, Congress has pushed Homeland Security officials to develop programs that use biometrics to track people who enter and exit the United States. In 2016, lawmakers authorized the use of up to \$1 billion from certain visa fees to fund the program. In March 2017, President Donald Trump gave the program another boost when he signed an executive order to expedite deployment of biometric screening programs.

Aratani writes for The Washington Post.

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■ **Sept. 10 at 11:30 a.m.**
Jarrod Hindman, V.P. of community development at LivingWorks
Monica Nepomuceno, education consultant at the California Dept. of Education



On Sept. 15, the LivingWorks Virtual Youth Summit will bring together a mix of performing artists, social media influencers and motivational speakers to share a message of hope, resilience and suicide prevention. We will have a preview.



■ **Sept. 11 at 12:30 p.m.**
Barry Jagoda, author of "Journeys with Jimmy Carter and Other Adventures in Media"



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WEATHER

San Diego AccuWeather forecast

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COAST

Today: Sunshine and very warm. 89° 72° High Low Monday: 81/69 Dense fog will lift in the a.m. Tuesday: 77/69 Mostly sunny. Wednesday: 85/70 Very warm with sunshine. Thursday: 89/71 Sunny and very warm.

INLAND

Today: Mostly sunny; very hot. 113° 74° High Low Monday: 100/68 Mostly sunny and hot. Tuesday: 92/64 Mostly sunny and very warm. Wednesday: 99/70 Hot with sunshine. Thursday: 102/66 Hot with blazing sunshine.

MOUNTAINS

Today: Mostly sunny; very hot. 104° 68° High Low Monday: 97/60 Mostly sunny and hot. Tuesday: 93/63 Mostly sunny and very warm. Wednesday: 85/59 Sunny, breezy and not as hot. Thursday: 86/51 Plenty of sunshine.

DESERT

Today: Mostly sunny; very hot. 117° 86° High Low Monday: 118/85 Mostly sunny and very hot. Tuesday: 112/75 Hot with plenty of sun. Wednesday: 99/72 Sunny and not as hot. Thursday: 100/71 Plenty of sun.

Sun and air

AIR QUALITY INDEX

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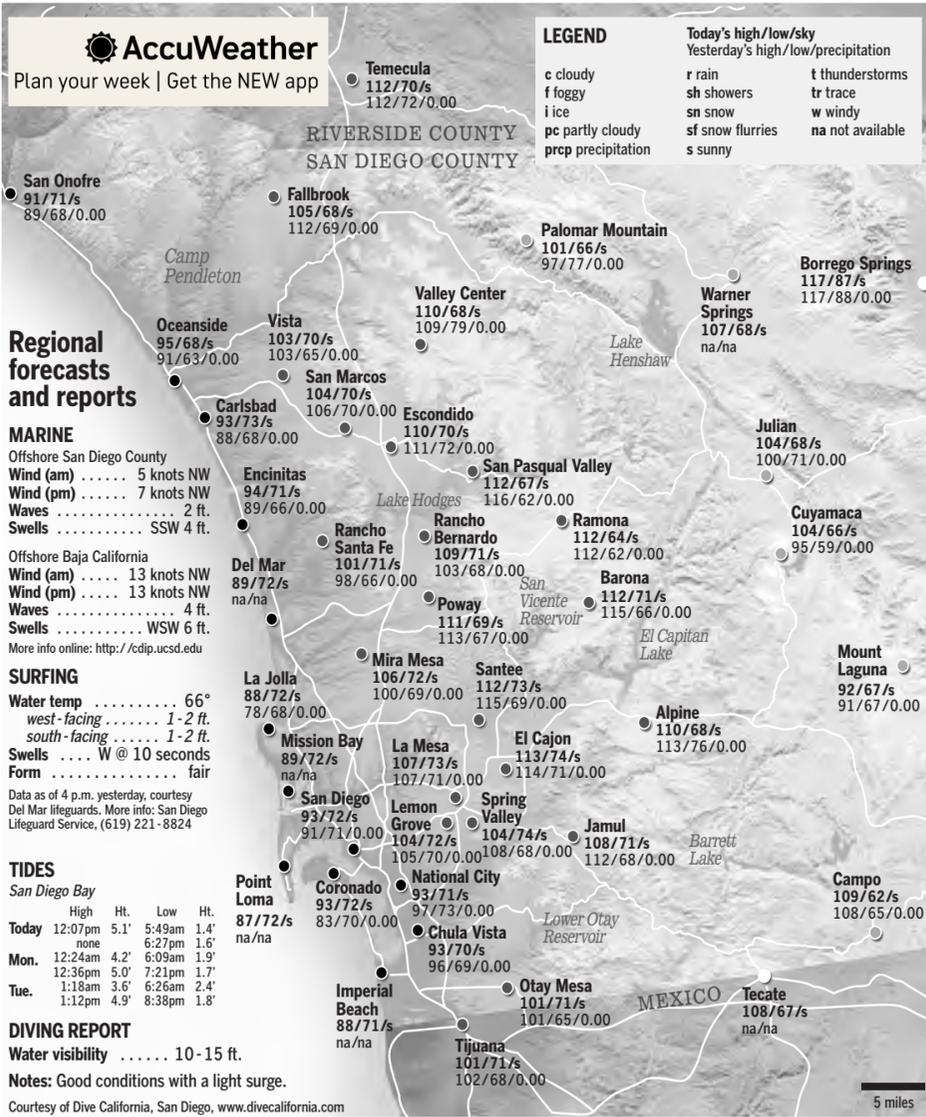
Minutes a fair-skinned person can stay in the sun from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. before unprotected skin is damaged.

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

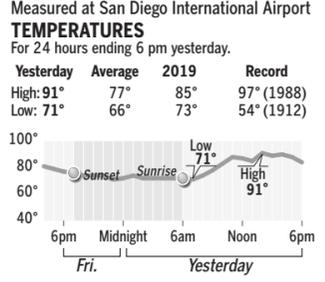
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Skywatch: Bright white star Vega directly overhead after dark. Courtesy of Dennis Mammana, www.skyscapes.com



Yesterday



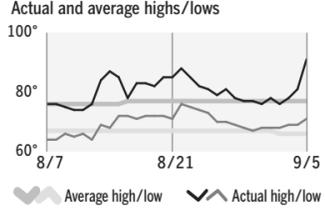
ATMOSPHERE

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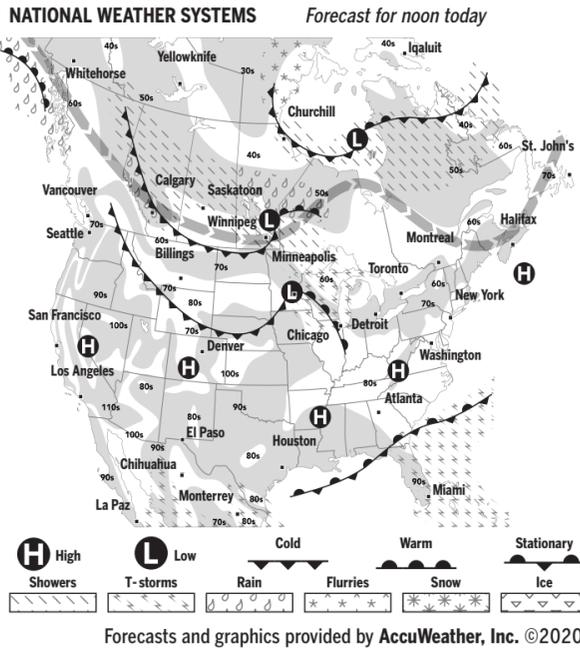
For San Diego County, from the U.S. Forest Service. Today Low Moderate Extreme Marginal High ONA

Across the state

The heat wave will continue with temperatures climbing to record levels in most locations. Some wildfires will form over the mountains.

Table with columns: California (Northern, Sierra, Valley, Bay Area, Coast, Desert, Southern), Mexico. Rows: City, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.

Across the nation and world



Thunderstorms will fire in the Southeast Coast, Texas and parts of the Great Lakes today. While pleasant conditions will stretch across the rest of the East, sizzling heat continues in the West.

Table with columns: Yesterday's U.S. extremes, Today's extremes. Rows: Location, Temperature.

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UNITED STATES

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PUBLIC SAFETY

TWO INJURED IN ROLLOVER CRASH IN ESCONDIDO

ESCONDIDO

Two drivers were seriously injured in a collision Friday morning near the Interstate 15 underpass on Valley Parkway in Escondido.

At 10:45 a.m. Friday, a 52-year-old Escondido woman driving a white Lexus traveling eastbound on Valley Parkway had just entered the left turn lane for the on-ramp to I-15 North, when a black Mercedes-Benz, driven by a 46-year-old Vista man was observed traveling at a high rate of speed on westbound Valley Parkway. Escondido police officers, who were nearby on an unrelated stop, witnessed the accident.

Traffic in all westbound lanes was stopped and the Mercedes driver was seen moving into the right lane to pass the stopped cars at high speed and he attempted to continue west on Valley Parkway. Instead he lost control, crossed over the center median and broadsided the Lexus. The Mercedes then rolled several times, coming to rest on its side.

Both drivers were trapped inside their vehicles and the Mercedes caught on fire. Officers arrived quickly at the scene and were able to smother the flames with fire extinguishers until Escondido fire crews arrived to extricate both drivers from their vehicles, Escondido police said.

Both drivers were taken to Palomar Medical Center with serious injuries.

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FEDS: LET COAST GUARD OFFICER'S SENTENCE STAND

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va.

Justice Department prosecutors have urged a federal appeals court to uphold a prison sentence of more than 13 years for a former Coast Guard officer accused of plotting a terrorist attack inspired by infamous mass murderers and far-right extremists.

The arguments from federal prosecutors in Maryland came in a court filing Friday, about three months after attorneys for Christopher Hasson asked the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to let him withdraw his guilty plea or else throw out his sentence. The main area of contention in the appeal case is whether a federal judge in Maryland properly applied a terrorism enhancement to

the sentence of the former lieutenant, who was not charged or convicted of a terrorism-related offense.

Hasson's attorney in the appeal argued that the defendant's 160-month prison term was roughly four times longer than sentencing guidelines would have called for if U.S. District Judge George Hazel had not mistakenly applied the terrorism enhancement to the sentence. Federal prosecutors on Friday countered that Hazel properly applied the enhancement.

Prosecutors wrote that by the "plain wording" of the sentencing guidelines, "there is no requirement that the defendant have committed a federal crime of terrorism. All that is required is that the offense involved or was intended to promote a fed-

eral crime of terrorism."

Hasson, 51, pleaded guilty in October to possessing unregistered and unserialized silencers, being a drug addict in possession of firearms and illegal possession of tramadol, an opioid painkiller. He is serving his sentence at a medium-security federal correctional facility in North Carolina.

Federal prosecutors have described Hasson as a domestic terrorist and self-described White nationalist. In an earlier court filing, prosecutors said Hasson appeared to be planning attacks inspired by the manifesto of Anders Behring Breivik, the Norwegian far-right terrorist who killed 77 people in a 2011 bomb-and-shooting rampage.

Prosecutors also said Hasson drew up what appeared to

be a computer spreadsheet hit list naming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer and Democratic presidential hopefuls, including Elizabeth Warren. He also mentioned several network TV journalists, including MSNBC's Chris Hayes and Joe Scarborough and CNN's Chris Cuomo and Van Jones.

Investigators found 15 guns, including seven rifles, and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition, when they searched Hasson's basement apartment in Silver Spring.

Hasson had faced a maximum prison sentence of 31 years at sentencing. Hazel said he believes the officer was preparing to carry out a "mass casualty assault as a way to act out his White nationalist views."

LIBERTY TELLS STAFF TO REFRAIN FROM INTERACTING WITH FALWELL

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LYNCHBURG, Va.

Staff members at Liberty University have been instructed to refrain from interacting with the school's ousted president, Jerry Falwell Jr.

The university's general counsel, David Corry, wrote in an email to staff Thursday that Falwell had made "uncomfortable" calls to some employees after resigning last week. The

News & Advance reported Friday. Corry told employees they cannot give Falwell information about the school or do any favors for him while on the job because the interactions could create the perception that he is helping manage the school.

"This impression is not well received by our supporters who do not want Mr. Falwell to be running Liberty University behind the scenes," Corry wrote.

Falwell's departure from the

university came after a news outlet published an interview with Giancarlo Granda, a much younger business partner of the Falwell family. Granda said that he had a yearslong sexual relationship with Becki Falwell and that Jerry Falwell participated in some of the liaisons as a voyeur.

Although the Falwells have acknowledged that Granda and Becki Falwell had an affair, Jerry Falwell has denied any partici-

partation. The couple allege that Granda sought to extort them by threatening to reveal the relationship unless he was paid substantial monies.

Granda, 29, has denied trying to extort the Falwells.

Falwell, who held the role of university president since 2007, did not return a request for comment.

A university spokesperson also declined to give a comment about Corry's email.



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The State Department says it has cleared its backlog of passport applicants that had sat unprocessed as offices closed early in the pandemic.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS PASSPORT BACKLOG FROM MARCH IS CLEARED

Officials say time for processing still slow, but is picking up

BY CAROL MORELLO

State Department officials say now is a good time to renew an expired passport or apply for a new one, though dozens of countries still do not admit most American tourists because of coronavirus fears.

A large backlog of passport applications that was waiting to be processed when the Bureau of Consular Affairs, which also handles visas, went into lockdown in mid-March has been tackled. Passport processors are now chipping away at applications that have arrived since then.

The slowdown caused by the pandemic hit passport operations particularly hard. Most State Department employees in the United States and overseas have been teleworking, but passports cannot be processed at home for security reasons. So almost 1.8 million applications that were in the pipeline just sat there for three months.

Now, after resuming operations on a limited basis in mid-June, officials say they have worked through the initial backlog and expect to return to normal processing times this fall.

"We've gotten through essentially all of the backlog work, and now we're getting back to a regular rhythm," Ian Brownlee, the principal deputy in Consular Affairs, said this past week in a video chat on the future of international travel hosted on the travel website The Points Guy. "If you're thinking of traveling nine months out, why not apply now? The thing's good for 10 years."

Despite the optimistic outlook, there are still delays. The State Department says it currently takes about 10 weeks to process a passport, from application to delivery in the mail. That's up from the six to eight weeks it typically took before the pandemic brought almost everything to a halt and the State Department stopped issuing expedited passports, which for an extra fee can get a passport in just two or three weeks.

In the pre-pandemic days, an average of 1.5 million passports were issued every month. In normal times, the 1.8 million passports lined up in mid-March would barely be a blip, but it became a high bar to clear with so many passport processors sent home.

In a sign of the high priority the State Department gives to getting Americans passports — even in a time when few can use them — all passport processors have been declared "mission critical employees." But the passport centers where they work are only opening gradually, after local health authorities say it is safe for workers to return.

To a certain degree, the progress has been helped by the devastating impact the global pandemic has had on international travel. State Department statistics have shown a marked slowdown in passport applications as the number of people traveling overseas has dwindled. Fewer than 1 million applications are somewhere in the process, waiting to be issued. In the last week in August, for example, 919,000 applications were waiting, 168,000 passports were issued and 151,000 new applications arrived.

That is half the number that were queued up in March but still far from nor-

mal. Just 10 of the State Department's 25 passport centers around the United States are in the second of a three-phase reopening.

For applicants, there is little difference between phases one and two. Both are accepting applications only from people with appointments who need the document in the next 72 hours, for life-or-death emergencies. But the centers in Phase 2 have more staff on hand to process applications.

So far, no passport center is in Phase 3, the final step before returning to normal. In that phase, all staff return to work out of the office, and a limited number of appointments will be available to travelers leaving the country within two weeks.

Expedited processing will resume only when every passport center is in Phase 3, or the workload nationwide has returned to normal levels.

In the meantime, renewals and new applications can be mailed in, and they will be handled in the order in which they arrive, State Department officials say.

The State Department has dropped a worldwide advisory to avoid all international travel because of the pandemic. But many countries still ban most Americans.

In an Aug. 6 briefing with reporters, Carl Risch, the assistant secretary for Consular Affairs, predicted a return to a normal rate of processing passports by late September or early October.

"We want the American people to know that we're working aggressively to resume normal passport operations and to address COVID-19-related processing delays," he said.

Morello writes for The Washington Post.

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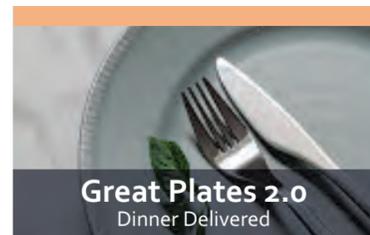
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Program Overview

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- Provides 3 meals per day
- Initiated by Governor Newsom, and supported by FEMA, state, and local funds.
- Serves adults of all ages (18+) with health conditions or disabilities
- Provides one hearty meal per day
- Initiated by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and supported by local allocation of CARES Act funds.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Following federal requirements, these temporary programs are open to older adults and adults of all ages who have an underlying health condition or disability that makes it difficult to prepare or obtain food.
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CHARLIE HEBDO, MARKET ATTACKS TURNED WIDOW INTO FUGITIVE

Woman being tried in absentia in 2019 attacks that killed 17

BY NICOLAS VAUX-MONTAGNY

PARIS

The fugitive widow of the Islamic State killer who plotted attacks against the Charlie Hebdo satirical newspaper and a kosher market calls home to France once a year to catch up, her sisters testified, offering new details about one of the world's most wanted women.

Hayat Boumeddiene is the only woman among 14 people being tried in French terrorism court for the January 7-9, 2015, attacks that left 17 people dead along with all three attackers, including her husband.

Boumeddiene left for Syria a few days before the attacks. She and the two men who arranged her escape are being tried in absentia as accomplices in the attacks.

The other 11 defendants whose two-month trial began Sept. 2 are accused of helping with logistics, including buying the weapons and tactical gear for brothers Said and Cherif Kouachi and Amedy Coulibaly. Most say they had no idea the plan was for a mass killing, saying they believed it was for an ordinary crime.

Saadia Benali, whose family took in Boumeddiene for five years, late Friday described her fugitive sister's religious marriage to Coulibaly and the couple's deepening belief in ever more radical forms of Islam. Benali herself was dressed head to toe in the black robe and veil worn by many devout Muslims as she testified.

She said Coulibaly, a career criminal with multiple convictions for theft and violence even before he stormed the Hyper Cacher supermarket, "was very sweet, gentle, respectful."

"He went to the extreme to avenge his brothers. I think he was someone who was just too sensitive," she said. "And Hayat lived for



A woman takes a photo of a street-art tribute to employees of the Charlie Hebdo newspaper in Paris.

Amedy."

Benali said Boumeddiene calls her at least once a year, the last time at the end of 2019. She said she didn't bother telling police about it "because I know I'm being tapped."

Soon after the attacks, Boumeddiene called to apologize, said her older sister, Keltoum.

"She apologized for any trouble she could have caused us, but not for the rest," Keltoum Boumeddiene said. She didn't talk much about her husband, Benali said.

"She just said ISIS was so proud of what he'd done. She was very protected, she was doing her thing, euphoric. She tried to get us to come to Syria. She was just in her own world. I thought she'd been brainwashed," Benali said.

More recently, she's been "less happy, less vibrant than she was at the beginning," Keltoum Boumeddiene said. But never has she said she wants to return to France. Her sisters say she has no children.

Boumeddiene's own childhood was troubled. Her mother died when she was 8, and her first foster family sent her away after she was accused of trying to beat up a policewoman at age 14. She landed in the Benali family at age 14, and stayed there until she met Coulibaly at age 19.

She kept her relationship with Coulibaly hidden at first because her foster fa-

ther didn't want her to marry an African.

"She went back to her biological father to be able to marry him," Benali said.

She hasn't mentioned any new relationships since, said her older sister, describing their most recent call as "just catching up. From what she told me, she hasn't made a new life for herself. She's single and surrounded by families and children."

It was during one of Coulibaly's many stints in prison that he met one of the Kouachi brothers — and most of the 11 other defendants. What most have in common are past convictions for drug trafficking, violence or organized crime. Most have used the word "shame" to describe their current predicament.

The only one of the 11 accused as a direct accomplice in the attacks is Ali Riza Polat, a friend of Coulibaly's who described himself as "a man of money, not religion."

"If I had just stuck with drugs, I wouldn't be here," Polat said. Asked by the judge what he would do if he leaves prison, Polat was unequivocal.

"I'll go back to crime, I tell you that openly. I'm not into religious conflict. I'm not against anyone."

As for Charlie Hebdo and the attack on the supermarket? "You can't do that. You can't kill people, innocent people."

Vaux-Montagny writes for The Associated Press.



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INDIAN, CHINESE DEFENSE MINISTERS MEET AMID BORDER TENSIONS

BY ASHOK SHARMA

NEW DELHI

The defense ministers from India and China have met in the Russian capital as the two sides try to lower tensions along their disputed border in the eastern Ladakh region, where a June clash killed 20 Indian soldiers.

At the meeting Friday with China's Gen. Wei Fenghe, India's Rajnath Singh said that "the current situation should be handled responsibly and neither side should take any further action that could either complicate the situation or escalate matters in the border

areas," the Indian defense ministry said in a statement. Singh also said that the amassing of a large number of Chinese troops, their aggressive behavior and attempts to unilaterally alter the status quo were in violation of existing bilateral agreements, according to the statement.

It was the first high-level direct contact between the two sides since the standoff erupted months ago in the Karakorum mountains. The foreign ministers and other officials of the two countries have been speaking over the phone since the standoff started in May.

The ministers met on the

sidelines of a gathering of the defense chiefs of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. The body comprises China, India, Pakistan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

India's External Affairs Ministry said the meeting took place at the Chinese defense minister's request.

"Peace and security in the region demands a climate of trust, nonaggression, peaceful resolution of differences and respect for international rules," Singh said at the meeting.

Wei told Singh the sides should "cool down" the situation and "maintain peace

and tranquility," the Chinese Ministry of Defense said on its website. However, it said responsibility for the tensions "lies completely with India."

"Not one inch of Chinese territory can be lost," the Ministry of Defense said.

India's Defense Ministry said in a tweet that Singh conveyed to his Chinese counterpart that "the two sides should continue their discussions, including through diplomatic and military channels, to ensure complete disengagement and de-escalation and full restoration of peace and tranquility along the LAC (Line of Actual Control) at

the earliest."

The tweet came as local Indian and Chinese military commanders met for a sixth straight day Saturday at a border post to iron out differences in the Chushul area in Ladakh, where new flash points emerged last week, said a top military officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters. He did not provide any details.

The disputed 2,175-mile border between the world's two most populous countries stretches from the Ladakh region in the north to the Indian state of Sikkim. The latest standoff is over

portions of a pristine landscape that boasts the world's highest landing strip and a glacier that feeds one of the largest irrigation systems in the world.

Both sides accuse the other of provocative behavior including crossing into each other's territory this week, and both have vowed to protect their territorial integrity.

India said its soldiers thwarted movements by China's military last weekend. China accused Indian troops of crossing established lines of control.

Sharma writes for The Associated Press.

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SUDAN OFFICIALS DECLARE STATE OF EMERGENCY OVER DEADLY FLOODS

BY SAMY MAGDY

CAIRO

Sudanese authorities declared their country a natural disaster area and imposed a three-month state of emergency across the country after rising floodwaters and heavy rainfall killed around 100 people and inundated over 100,000 houses since late July.

The announcement was made late Friday following a meeting of the country's Defense and Security Council which is headed by a top government official, Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan.

Flooding caused by seasonal heavy rainfall, mostly in neighboring Ethiopia, led the Nile River to rise to the highest level it has reached in about a century, according to the Sudanese Irrigation Ministry.

The ministry said water levels of the Blue Nile are higher than the 1988 flood levels that destroyed tens of thousands of homes in several parts of Sudan and dis-

placed over one million people.

Labor and Social Development Minister Lina al-Sheikh said the flooding had killed some 100 people, as well as injured at least 46 people and affected more than 500,000 people across the country. More than 100,000 houses across the country were totally or partly collapsed, she said.

The U.N. humanitarian agency has warned that the situation is expected to get worse over the coming weeks, as above-average rains are forecast until the end of September.

The capital of Khartoum was hit hard in the past two weeks. Residents in several districts of the city were seen erecting barricades and other shields as water from the Nile swept through several neighborhoods, in footage circulating online.

The military deployed troops to help evacuate people and build barricades in Khartoum as well as distribute food, after flooding there

cut roads and swept away houses and belongings.

Earlier this week, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, or OCHA, said access to clean water, which is critical amid the coronavirus pandemic, has also been reduced, with the floods knocking out or contaminating some 2,000 water sources.

OCHA said last week that the flooding also damaged at least 43 schools and 2,671 health facilities across the country, and that large swaths of agricultural land across the country were also flooded in the middle of the harvest season.

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LAND IN RUSSIA'S ARCTIC BLOWS 'LIKE A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE'

Gases causing blasts that leave giant craters

BY ANDREW E. KRAMER

MOSCOW

A natural phenomenon first observed by scientists just six years ago and now recurring with alarming frequency in Siberia is causing the ground to explode spontaneously and with tremendous force, leaving craters up to 100 feet deep.

When Yevgeny Chuvilin, a Moscow-based geologist with the Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology, arrived this summer at the rim of the latest blast site, called Crater 17, "it left quite an impression," he said.

The pit plunged into darkness, surrounded by the table-flat, featureless tundra. As Chuvilin stood looking in, he said, slabs of dirt and ice occasionally peeled off the permafrost of the crater wall and tumbled in.

"It was making noises. It was like something alive," Chuvilin said.

While initially a mystery, scientists have established that the craters appearing in the far north of western Siberia are caused by subterranean gases, and the recent flurry of explosions is possibly related to global warming, Chuvilin said.

Since the first site was found in 2014, Russian geologists have located 16 more on the Yamal and Gydansk peninsulas, long slender fingers of land stretching into the Arctic Ocean.

Chuvilin said the conditions causing the explosions, which are still not fully understood, are probably specific to the geology of the area, as similar craters have not appeared elsewhere in Siberia or in permafrost zones in Canada and Alaska that are also affected by global warming.

The explosions occur underneath small hills or hummocks on the tundra where gas from decaying organic matter is trapped underground.

Contained beneath a lay-



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An aerial view from a helicopter shows a crater on the Yamal Peninsula, northern Siberia.

er of ice above and permafrost all around, the gas creates pressure that elevates the overlying soil. The explosions occur when the pressure rises or the ice layer thaws and breaks suddenly.

Where the gas comes from is a matter of debate, said Chuvilin, one of Russia's leading experts on permafrost, the jumbled layer of soil, ice, prehistoric plants and the occasional frozen mammoth that covers 67 percent of Russia's land surface. Permafrost also extends under the Arctic Ocean in some places.

"In Russia, we have a lot of experience studying permafrost," said Chuvilin, who graduated from the Department of Permafrost at Moscow State University, one of the few universities to have such a specialty.

From this icebox of the Arctic, bits or even whole frozen mammoths, musk ox, woolly rhinoceroses, prehistoric horses, wolves and other ancient beasts wash out from the banks of rivers. But Chuvilin said he found no animal parts in the debris field of frozen mud that the explosions threw out.

The strata of perpetually frozen soil are usually a few hundred yards deep, but they go down almost a mile in some places in Siberia. Each summer, a portion near the surface, known as the active layer, thaws.

With warmer summers, the active layer is deepening, potentially melting and weakening the ice over the

gas deposits.

The gases causing the explosions, said Chuvilin, may have built up to their current pressure tens or hundreds of thousands of years ago as the organic components of the permafrost partially decayed, before freezing.

Another possibility is that methane trapped in deeper layers of the permafrost in a crystalline, ice-like form known as methane hydrates is reverting to its gaseous state, possibly because of effects of global warming. In this theory, rising pressure rather than thawing on the surface is causing the gas pockets to burst.

"It goes off like a bottle of Champagne," Chuvilin said.

The most recent to blow, at the Crater 17 site on the Yamal Peninsula, was one of the more dramatic.

A reindeer herder was near enough to hear the blast but was unhurt. The Russian scientific expedition arrived by helicopter about a month later, in August. The crater was at least 100 feet deep.

Although the Russian government is encouraging oil, natural gas and mining ventures in the far north, the area is still too sparsely populated for the explosions to pose much risk, Chuvilin said.

Within a year or two of erupting, the craters fill with water and appear no more suspicious than small lakes.

Kramer writes for The New York Times.

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By Phil Lindsley

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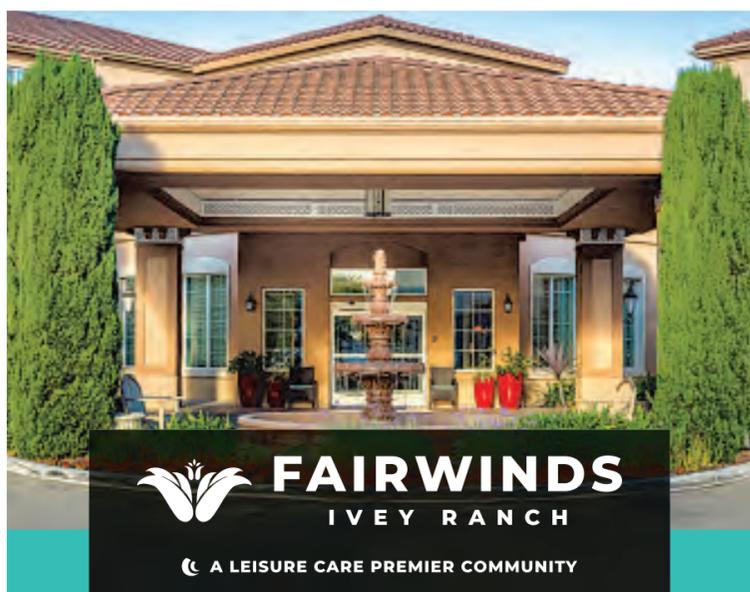
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'WORLD'S LONELIEST ELEPHANT' ALLOWED TO QUIT ZOO FOR NEW LIFE

BY KATHY GANNON

ISLAMABAD

An elephant who has become a cause celebre for animal rights activists around the world will be allowed to leave his Pakistani zoo and transfer to better conditions, the animal welfare group helping with the case said Saturday.

Dubbed the "world's loneliest elephant" by his supporters, Kaavan has languished at a zoo in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad for more than 35 years.

Martin Bauer, a spokesman for Four Paws, said the elephant has been finally given medical approval to travel, most likely to Cambodia, where he will find companionship and better conditions.

The overweight elephant Kaavan underwent a full medical examination at the zoo on Friday, said Bauer.

In May, Pakistan's High Court ordered the Marghazar Zoo closed because of its abysmal conditions blamed on systemic negligence.

Rescuing Kaavan from the zoo's dire conditions attracted the attention of animal activists around the world, and celebrities including U.S. singer Cher, who lobbied for his relocation.

"Unfortunately, the rescue comes too late for two lions that died during an attempted transfer at the end of July after local animal handlers set a fire in their enclosure to force them into their transport crates,"



ANJUM NAVEED AP

A Four Paws veterinarian offers comfort to an elephant named Kaavan during his exam at the Maragzar Zoo in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Friday.

Bauer said in a statement released on Saturday.

He said Four Paws was invited by the Islamabad Wildlife Management Board to safely transfer the remaining animals in the zoo. Kaavan has until now been forced to live a solitary life in a small enclosure.

Friday's medical examination showed the elephant was overweight, even as he showed signs of malnutrition.

His nails were cracked and overgrown, apparently from years of living in an improper enclosure with flooring that damaged his feet.

"Following the checks, which confirmed Kaavan is strong enough, steps will now be taken to finalize his relocation to an animal sanctuary potentially in

Cambodia," Bauer said.

His recovery will be a long one, said Bauer, adding that Kaavan's wounds are more than just physical. He also suffers behavioral issues.

Kaavan, who lost his partner in 2012, has battled loneliness as well as poor living conditions. Both have taken their toll, said Bauer in an interview.

"He also developed stereotypical behavior, which means he shakes his head back and forth for hours. This is mainly because he is simply bored," said Bauer.

It wasn't immediately known when Kaavan would be able to travel. Rights activists have lobbied for his relocation since 2016.

Gannon writes for The Associated Press.

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PROPOSAL COULD CHANGE HABITAT PROTECTIONS

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BILLINGS, Mont.

A Trump administration proposal released Friday would allow the government to deny habitat protections for endangered animals and plants in areas that would see greater economic benefits from being developed — a change critics said could open lands to more energy development and other activities.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials described the proposal as giving more deference to local governments when they want to build things like schools and hospitals.

But the proposal indicates that exemptions from habitat protections would be considered for a much broader array of developments, including at the request of private companies that lease federal lands or have permits to use them. Government-issued leases and permits can allow energy development, grazing, recreation, logging and other commercial uses of public lands.

It's the latest move by the Trump administration in a years-long effort to repeal regulations across government that has broadly changed how the Endangered Species Act gets used. Other steps under Trump to scale back

species rules included lifting blanket protections for animals newly listed as threatened, setting cost estimates for saving species and a pending proposal to restrict what areas fit under the definition of "habitat."

Governors from 22 Western states and Pacific territories in a Thursday letter to the wildlife service demanded more say in how habitat gets defined, since that decision could further restrict what land and waterways can be protected.

Wildlife advocates say the administration's approach has elevated natural resource extraction and commercial development over the protection of sites that are home to dwindling populations of endangered species.

The new proposal would require federal officials to consider factors such as economic or employment losses when making habitat decisions.

That includes decisions affecting federal land for which private companies have permits or leases, such as for drilling, grazing, logging or other development.

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MICHAEL SMOLENS
Columnist

Joe Biden is fighting on President Trump's turf

President Donald Trump is pinning his reelection hopes on the notion that only he can keep law and order in America.

So far, there's little evidence that is working. But focusing on reducing crime and quelling violence is a time-honored campaign strategy that has boosted candidates in the past.

Whether Trump will be successful may depend not only on who voters think will best deal with crime and unrest, but how worried they are about that in relation to other concerns.

One thing Trump has done is force his Democratic opponent, Joe Biden, to talk about it, when the former vice president clearly wants to stay focused on what he says is Trump's dismal response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The protests over police officers killing Black people and related violence in Kenosha, Wis., and Portland, Ore., in recent weeks have attracted considerable news coverage while the widespread, mostly peaceful social-justice demonstrations have subsided somewhat.

Biden condemns the violence in a campaign ad released last week in which he says, "Rioting is not protesting. Looting is not protesting. And those who do it should be prosecuted."

But he also stuck with themes of the Black Lives Matter movement and launched another ad in battleground states that discusses police brutality and systematic racism in the criminal justice system.

Trump and Republicans had criticized Biden and Democrats for talking up the peaceful protests but turning a blind eye when violence occurred. During the Republican National Convention, Trump and several speakers insisted crime and rioting will spiral out of control if Biden is elected president.

Biden sought to turn the tables and challenged Trump to condemn all violence, including by Trump supporters and militia members, which the president has not done.

Still, discussion of violence and riots have become central to the campaign. So, what kind of impact has it had? Recent polls suggest the issue has not done much for Trump as of yet.

A CNN poll had Biden leading Trump by 6 points when voters were asked who they trust to "keep America safe."

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BUILDING S.D. BOUGHT WITHOUT DOING APPRAISAL WORTH MORE THAN SPENT

Failed skydiving center evaluation: Value \$200K more than city paid in '18

BY JEFF MCDONALD

SAN DIEGO

The new property valuation for a failed indoor skydiving center that Mayor Kevin Faulconer purchased without an independent appraisal has been completed, and experts say the building is worth more than what the city

paid two years ago.

The new appraisal said the three-story facility now serving as a "housing navigation center" was worth \$7.2 million — \$200,000 more than what the city spent. The valuation as of Dec. 31, 2017, the date appraiser set for the analysis.

Records reviewed by The San Diego Union-Tribune show the city avoided securing an appraisal before the sale because it would have added months to the purchase process and Mayor Kevin Faulconer wanted to announce the project in his 2018 State of the

City Address.

On Jan. 10, 2018, the day before the mayor's speech, the city's former real estate director, Cybele Thompson, warned mayoral aide, Jessica Lawrence, in an email: "My only concern is that the seller has been threatening not to sign a (sale agreement) for 1401 Imperial Avenue unless we can close sooner than our originally anticipated date of 4/30/18."

"I'm just a little concerned with announcing the location and riling up the community when we have not even begun the (permitting)

process," Thompson wrote.

Other emails show city officials were concerned they would lose the deal if they took the time to conduct an independent appraisal.

The seller "wants to to close by the end of January or she'll list the property," another city real estate manager wrote to Thompson on Jan. 11.

Instead of having the property formally appraised, city officials relied on an informal broker's opinion stating the property was

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ARIANA DREHSLER PHOTOS

Production assistants Roda Suleiman (left) from Sudan and Sahra Gamadid (right) from Somalia work in the North Park kitchen of the MAKE Projects of the International Rescue Committee of San Diego. Angie Snyder (center) is an employment coordinator.

REFUGEE-RUN CAFE LENDS OUTDOOR SPACE TO EATERIES

MAKE Cafe dining area in North Park expands, aids neighborhood businesses

BY ANDREA LOPEZ-VILLAFANA

SAN DIEGO

Although the state eased restrictions on indoor dining, Accursio Lota, owner and chef of Cori Pastificio Trattoria in North Park, doesn't plan to let customers sit inside the Italian restaurant just yet.

Lota says he wants to keep customers outside on the restaurant's patio — even though it can only seat 11 tables — until he feels confident health officials won't shut down restaurants again. It also gives employees peace of mind to work outside, he says.

"When we reopened inside at the beginning, it was stressful, so we prefer to be safe," Lota said.



Accursio Lota of Cori Pastificio Trattoria talks in the garden with Anchi Mei, MAKES Projects senior program manager.

The International Rescue Committee in San Diego's social enterprise arm is opening up its courtyard, Pop on 30th, to neighborhood

restaurants like Lota's, that have limited or no outdoor seating space to help them stay in business during the pandemic. The nonprofit's

Merging Agriculture, Kitchens and Employment Projects, called MAKE Projects, uses the space for its job training cafe during the day, and restaurants will use it in the afternoon.

Before the pandemic, the Pop on 30th space was used as a marketplace and cultural arts venue dedicated to events that celebrated San Diego's refugee and immigrant communities. The pandemic put those events on hold.

The nonprofit was looking for a way to activate the space, and a partnership with local restaurants seemed like the perfect opportunity, said Anchi Mei, senior program manager with the MAKE Project.

"We were actively trying to use the space, but, as we were thinking, how we can monetize it in a way that it can be useful for us but also help all the restaurants that don't have outdoor dining options," Mei said.

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PRIVATE BOATERS SAY COVID LIMITS AN ANCHOR

Only household members allowed on board for recreation

BY GARY WARTH

SAN DIEGO

Boaters in San Diego County are working with county officials to amend a public health order they say is unfair because it restricts who can come aboard private vessels during the pandemic, but does not apply to commercial operations.

"With sports fishing, you can have 60 guys who don't know each other, and they're standing shoulder to shoulder on the rail, and that's OK," said Brian Thomas, commodore of the San Diego Yacht Club. "But you can't do that on your own private boat with your friends."

As county health officials first began taking aggressive steps to stop the



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Brian Thomas, commodore of the San Diego Yacht Club, is in support of those asking the Board of Supervisors to propose changes on boating.

spread of the coronavirus, they enacted an order prohibiting all active sport activities, including boating, for recreational purposes on April 9. A May 1 revision

eased the restriction to allow recreational boating, but only if everybody on board was from the same household.

The rule doesn't apply to

commercial ventures such as rental businesses, meaning a boat owner cannot take his friends out on his own boat, but can take

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BIG CROWDS BRING BIG PROBLEMS AT MISSION BAY PARK

BY DAVID GARRICK

SAN DIEGO

Huge crowds in Mission Bay Park during the COVID-19 pandemic have brought more trash, graffiti, illegal fires, traffic jams and other problems to the 4,000-acre aquatic park.

Park rangers say they've also been dealing with people breaking into closed-off playgrounds and participating in unauthorized volleyball games. Police say incidents of gunfire near the park's roller coaster also are on the rise.

"We are getting a lot more people than normal — every single weekend is like a holiday weekend, like the Fourth of July," senior park ranger Karolynn Estrada told the Mission Bay Park Commit-

tee this week.

The crowds are putting pressure on the lifeguards, four park rangers and four teams of police officers assigned to the park.

"We are very outnumbered," Estrada said. "Because of COVID, a lot of places are closed, so everybody is heading down to the beach."

With an actual holiday weekend arriving, police are boosting their capacity over Labor Day weekend, including more parking enforcement officers and special-event traffic controllers.

Councilwoman Dr. Jennifer Campbell, whose district includes the park, urged visitors on Friday to be good stewards of the park and to behave responsibly.

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LISA DEADERICK Columnist

Life and work of Black LGBTQ activist continues to inspire



A petition to remove a statue in New Jersey honoring Christopher Columbus and replace it with a statue of transgender

and gay rights activist Marsha P. Johnson gained enough support last month that plans for a monument in her honor are proceeding.

Johnson was a beloved and well-known activist in the LGBTQ community during the 1960s through the '80s. She was a key figure in the uprising at the Stonewall Inn in New York City in the summer of 1969, in which police raided the gay bar to uphold a discriminatory policy. Patrons fought back, leading to days of protests. She founded an organization that helped homeless, transgender youth and had a reputation for helping others — whether it was taking dozens of people home with her for the holidays, or giving her clothes to people she felt needed more than she did.

For many, including Pamuela Halliwell, she was and continues to be an inspiration. Halliwell is secretary of the San Diego Black LGBTQ Coalition. She's also therapist at the San Diego LGBTQ Community Center and a board member with the Gender Phluid

Collective. (This email interview has been edited for length and clarity. A longer version of this conversation can be found at sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-lisa-deaderick-staff.html)

Q. The life and work of Marsha P. Johnson are being memorialized with a monument in her honor in her hometown of Elizabeth, N.J., after a petition circulated seeking the removal of a statue of Christopher Columbus, to be replaced with one of Johnson. What were your thoughts when you first heard about this?

A. My initial thoughts were that I was very honored and proud to experience a moment like this, both from a historical perspective, considering this country's legislative struggle in seeing members of the LGBTQ community as equal, first-class citizens, but also coming from a place of shock, followed by hope. Hope that during this time in our country, during a pandemic and as the world wakes up to what has been occurring ... to many of us who are Black, someone, some collective group of people, sees the importance, the strength, the power of this community. While it means many things, what it means to me most is being seen and taking a step in the right direction. That,



NETFLIX

The LGBTQ activist Marsha P. Johnson.

during times of such travesty, the world can still move in the right direction.

Q. Can you talk a bit about who Marsha P. Johnson is to you, and what kind of influence her life and work have had on your own life?

A. This is a difficult question to answer because Marsha P. ("Pay It No Mind") Johnson represents so many things. Revolutionary Marsha represents a revolution and an uprising that is still inspiring folks to find their own little piece of Marsha within them, and to do with it what they feel is right and just. Pioneer Marsha represents what happens when the LGBTQ community stands up and unites as one to fight for the

common good. Innovative Marsha represents a woman who was many things and would not give up her power, her freedom in order to be who she was and to fight for equality for all those in the LGBTQ acronym.

As she once said, "As long as gay people don't have their rights all across America, there's no reason for celebration." This extends further than just to gay people, as she did so much to help the transgender and gender-nonconforming community, terms that were not widely used at that time. Despite being the most marginalized — as a Black, trans/gender-nonconforming, poor individual with a high school education and mental health concerns — she was able to look for the joy in a sea of controversy and pain. A sea that has expanded for decades to where we are today, where we see many of our community members still losing their lives and being silenced. What do you say and what does it mean that someone can do all these things: helping those with HIV and AIDS, helping homeless youth survive, fighting for social justice, all while struggling to survive, maintain a roof over their head, and secure money to stay alive in the same systems keeping us down today? What kind of power and spirit she had, and

continues to have, and how can we honor and embody that, to continue what she started?

Q. What does it mean to you as a Black transwoman to see that she's being honored in this way?

A. As a Black transgender woman, as a Black woman, and as a woman, it means a lot that she is being honored in this way and that this information is being shared with the public when many articles didn't wish to report much about her in the past. Now that she is getting this recognition, it says a lot for Black women, in general. It says that we are seen, that we are not merely walking around being beautiful and living our lives, but we are doing that while being seen. We are not invisible, we matter, and we can do courageous and amazing things.

Marsha P. Johnson's work and legacy informs me in that, despite being part of the most marginalized community, I can still thrive, survive and empower. I have a place to belong. If someone tells me otherwise, I think to myself, "Pay it no mind," and keep moving forward, making and paving a way where the world tells me there is no way.

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NOTEBOOKS

From Union-Tribune reporting staff

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Girl Scouts earn their Gold Awards

Girl Scouts San Diego recently honored 66 Girl Scouts who earned the prestigious Gold Award this year.

The Gold Award is the highest level achievement for Girl Scouts. To earn it, Scouts create sustainable projects that affect local and global issues. Among this year's projects were creating outdoor gardens for grade school students to learn more about their environment; starting a social justice club for high school students to discuss controversial issues; teaching beekeeping; literacy activities; and bringing Indian culture to children, as well as hosting workshops in India that taught young people there about America.

The girls, from San Diego and Imperial counties, were honored by Girl Scouts San Diego during a recent virtual ceremony (view at sdgirlscouts.org/gold/). Keynote speaker was 2019 National Gold Award Girl Scout Ana de Almeida Amaral, who described her work in social justice and racial equity. She joined guest speakers Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), a Gold Award Girl Scout; Sylvia Acevedo, CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA; and Liza Crisafi, board chair, and Carol Dedrich, CEO, Girl Scouts San Diego.

All girls in grades K-12 and adult volunteers are eligible to join the Girl Scouts. Contact Andrea Renteria at (619) 610-0774, or arenteria@sdgirlscouts.org, or visit sdgirlscouts.org.

Among the Gold Award Girl Scouts 2020 (not all girls wanted their names included):

Carlsbad: **Caytre Ede**, Carlsbad High School; **Isabella Flanagan**, Sage Creek High School; **Jamison Ma**, Canyon Crest Academy; **Allison Mulvehill**, Erica Strohm, La Costa Canyon High School

Carmel Mountain Ranch: **Madalyn Nguyen**, Poway High School

Carmel Valley: **Ashley Hanson**, **Cadence Hsu**, **Samaya Patel**, Torrey Pines High School; **Riya Madan**, **Victoria Smitham**, Canyon Crest Academy

Chula Vista: **Rosanna Javier**, **Lucia Perez Valles**, Olympian High School; **Makayla Mayor**, California Connections Academy

Coronado: **Brianna Heinken**, **Lily Roughneen**, **Anna Valades**, Coronado High School

El Cajon: **Jessica Chammas**, Grossmont High School; **Katelyn Gaglio**, Santana High School; **Rachel Henrickson**, Val-

halla High School; **Mia Marino**, San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts; **Paige Hill**, **Paige Scarbrough**, Helix Charter High School

Encinitas: **Angelina Courtney**, San Diego High School Academy

Escondido: **Olivia Anderson**, Escondido High School; **Laura Christensen**, San Pasqual High School; **Faith Ruiz**, Valley High School

Fairbanks Ranch: **Emma Caringella**, Cathedral Catholic High School; **Adhiti Chandramohan**, **Shriya Selvakumar**, **Anika Sood**, Del Norte High School

Fallbrook: **Jade Marie Ingham**, Fallbrook High School

Mira Mesa: **Cadence Dobias**, Cedar Life Academy; **Summer McGuckin**, Mira Mesa High School

Otay Mesa: **Ashley Matter**, Coronado High School; **Alyssa Olszewski**, Bonita Vista High School

Poway: **Veronica Edwards**, Cathedral Catholic High School; **Cecelia Gant**, San Marcos High School

Ramona: **Helen Buchanan**, Mountain Valley Academy; **Mikayla Mann**, Poway High School

Rancho Bernardo: **Annalisa Simonetti**, Rancho Bernardo High School

Rancho Peñasquitos: **Alyssa Ciemiewicz**, **Maya Glover-Castro**, **Reshini Umesh**, Westview High School

Rancho Santa Fe: **Arden Woltman**, Cathedral Catholic High School

San Diego: **Crystalinda White**, San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts; **Bryn Brentnall**, Clairemont High School; **Alyssa Agarwal**, Coronado High School; **Molly McCullough**, San Diego High School International Studies; **Isabella Catanzaro**, Cathedral Catholic High School; **Serena Jones**, La Jolla High School; **Hailey Pryor**, High Tech High International; **Jeyan Kirtay**, Francis Parker School; **Emma Taila**, Serra High School; **Julianne Hom**, **Eden Tillotson**, University City High School

San Marcos: **Jordan Grasley**, **Sydney Huy**, **Courtney Titus**, San Marcos High School; **Cammy MacKinnon**, Mission Hills High School; **Sophia Morrison**, High Tech High North County

Solana Beach: **Siena Fischel**, Torrey Pines High School

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DA files 17 cases in La Mesa tumult

The San Diego County District Attorney's Office has charged 20 people people with crimes ranging from looting to child endangerment and one case of insurance fraud in connection with the protests that devolved into looting and rioting in La Mesa on Memorial Day weekend.

All but three of the 24 people charged are facing felony charges, according to information supplied by the District Attorney's Office. One person has been arraigned. The rest have orders to show up for their first court appearance, when they are expected to formally enter a plea, between mid-September to December.

The charges stem from May 30 when a protest against racial injustice and calling for police reform that began peacefully turned destructive after dark. Some businesses were looted, several were damaged and some buildings were set ablaze.

The situation continued into the early morning hours of the next day.

While the district attorney has filed 17 separate cases, the San Diego City Attor-

ney's Office is still reviewing some 95 cases stemming from several marches and protests against racism and police violence that took place in the city after the La Mesa incident.

It may be weeks before decision on those cases are made. City Attorney Mara Elliott has said she would not file charges against anyone peacefully protesting but only against people accused of violence, property damage or looting.

The La Mesa cases are all filed in the El Cajon courthouse. Specific details on each case were not available. The listed charges include firearms violations, such as carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle, vandalism, assault with a deadly weapon, battery and disturbing the peace.

One person is charged with reckless driving and submitting fraudulent insurance claims. The most frequently charged crimes are burglary of a building or locked car, and looting.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Battalion chief receives top award

San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Battalion Chief David Picone has been selected to receive the Chief Sandy Davis Safety Officer of the Year award, the department announced last week.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs honored Picone in recognition of his work to support fellow employees with peer support programs and emotional health resources.

On Sept. 1, Picone was selected from a large group of nominees representing fire agencies across the country. Recipients of this award are recognized for making significant contributions to their organizations or the fire service. Picone serves as the Fire-Rescue Department's health and safety officer.

"We are very proud of Chief Picone and his team's efforts to expand behavioral health and other support services offered to our employees," said San Diego Fire-Rescue Chief Colin Stowell. "He has made such a major impact on our workforce, which has really allowed individuals who may not have

asked for help in the past to feel more comfortable and secure in reaching out for assistance."

Since starting in his position as health and safety officer three years ago, Picone expanded the peer support and chaplaincy programs to add more volunteers and improved training opportunities, according to the Fire-Rescue Department. He also introduced including employees' spouses as peer support volunteers.

Other initiatives the department said Picone implemented include a joint wellness resource website for Fire-Rescue Department and San Diego Police Department personnel, collaboration between the city's Risk Management Department and private behavioral health facilities to serve first responders, and assisting other local first responder agencies with their behavioral wellness programs, cancer prevention methods and injury prevention programs.

City News Service

FROM THE ARCHIVES

CELEBRATING A SOLEMN LABOR DAY

With the national unemployment rate over 8 percent and the COVID-19 pandemic still raging in parts of the country, it's undeniable that millions of working families are suffering. That gives Labor Day 2020 a special significance this year beyond usual end-of-summer rituals. Now more than ever, it is a time to celebrate and reflect on the contributions of this nation's essential workers. Even if there are no parades.

From *The San Diego Union*, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1938:

10,000 WORKERS FROM 50 A.F.L. UNIONS MARCH IN S.D. LABOR DAY PARADE

MAYOR, BISHOP BUDDY, IZAC IN REVIEWING STAND

"God must love the workingman and his family—He made so many of them," some one paraphrased yesterday as more than 10,000 workers marched up Broadway in the Labor day parade. It was an impressive show of strength for organized labor, with floats and banners frequently bearing out the implied theme of the parade: The American standard of living for millions of workers in the United States has been brought about chiefly through the demands of organized labor for shorter hours and better pay.

CROWDS JAM WALKS

Crowds jammed the sidewalks from the foot of Broadway to Thirteenth st. the spectators were in laughing holiday mood, but always orderly. When the Stars and Stripes

went by, at the head of each marching unit, men's hats came off, women stood at attention and small children applauded. Many American flags were flying in the cooling breeze at frequent intervals down the long line of march.

Rep. Ed. V. Izac, Mayor Percy J. Benbough and Bishop Charles Francis Buddy reviewed the parade at Twelfth ave. and Broadway. Few policemen were in evidence. Most of those were in the parade, with the exception of the usual motorcycle policemen who ride down the line and call "Stand back on the curbing, please," or "Hey, you stand back there, you guys." It all depends.

PARADE MOVED PROMPTLY

The parade began moving promptly at 10 a.m. following the mounted policemen came



two workers with trumpets making way for the queen, Miss Marjorie Walz, El Cajon. Bonham boys' band, young workers of tomorrow, led automobiles carrying federal, state, county and city officials and members of the clergy.

Then came the first of the white-clad men representing the 50 American Federation of Labor unions in the parade. Out in front marched a group of labor leaders, including J.W. Brown, president, and John Lydick, secretary, Federated Trades and Labor council of San Diego county.

Almost every form of service which San Diegans receive daily or upon demand—and take for granted—was represented and it took the marching men one hour to pass. Divided into local unions, there were the men who build our cities—the carpenters, steel and iron workers, masons, painters and decorators.

FOOD MEN MARCH

The men who supply food to San Diego homes were there, the butchers and grocery store clerks forming the longest line in the long chain of workers. Transportation men marched in familiar blue overalls of railroad yards. Electricians, cannery workers, retail clerks, office workers -- San Diego's baby lo-

cal, firemen, nurses, machinists, waiters, stage hands, cooks, motion picture operators — a dramatic array of worker of this community paraded by.

Bands included Amaroc post V.F.W.; Post 6. American Legion; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Local 299's musicians; North Park Boys' band and Bonham Boys' bank.

Hearkening back to the "first American laborer," an Indian in full array pranced up Broadway on a horse, followed by examples of the horse and buggy age, a covered wagon, buggies and the pony express, and old hotel coach and wagons.

TRUCKS DISPLAYED

The 100 "floats" included some clever and beautiful floats; the rest of the rolling stock was merely another reminder that this was a Labor day parade, being made up of the trucks that service San Diego in many lines.

Among the most interesting floats was one entered by the milk industries, with a live cow and calf as central figures, the plasterers' and cement finishers graphic entry; Ramona Turkey day's feathered float; the grocery clerks' entry, depicting their kind chained to long hours and then the "union in strength" that is bringing a happier way of life; the gay floats of night club entertainers, the beautiful floral entry of Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the great American flag of the butchers, retail clerks' bevy of lovely girls, the musical float of brewery workers with just ahead of it a plea to motorists to drive safely as "school opens tomorrow."

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ERNIE COWAN Outdoors

The beauty of the fall in the High Sierra is starting to emerge

I need the solace of wild places.

At a time when we seem to be polarized and life spins at a dizzying pace, I need the temples of nature where I can quiet my mind and renew my heart.

Thank goodness for the seasons. There is change in the air. Days are getting shorter and perhaps the pulse of life will slow a bit. Even nature seems a little weary as there are signs of seasonal change earlier than normal this year.

As I mentioned in my last column, the hooded orioles that bring color and joy to our Mt. Whoville garden feeders all summer seem to have migrated south a few weeks earlier than normal.

A note last week from a friend in the High Sierra community of Bishop mentioned that large patches of aspens at higher elevations have already begun to take on the golden hues of autumn. This is also earlier than normal.

For me the arrival of fall colors is a seasonal call that

I've answered many times. This is a time of transition in the high country where the struggle between ebbing summer and coming winter dazzles you with beauty.

The towering granite spires, meandering trails and crystal waters of the Sierra call me with a louder volume this time of the year.

Autumn in the Sierra is a magnified showcase of nature where visitors encounter the not-so-subtle changes in weather, wildlife, vegetation color, daylight and creek flows.

For me, this seasonal call is far more.

Seasons are subtle here in Southern California, but in the clouded elevations of the High Sierra, just a few hundred miles north, seasons come like a puffing steam engine.

But fall in particular is my time to reflect, shed, examine priorities and prepare for personal renewal. I can't think of a better place that the high country.

As September arrives, the most obvious bellwether of seasonal change is the



ERNIE COWAN

Fall in the High Sierra can include snow.

coming of spectacular color that paints the aspen groves spilling down of the rugged canyons like a molten lava flow.

At the higher elevations of 9,000 feet or more they will begin to shed their summer green, taking on hues of lime, yellow, gold and red. Higher peaks will be dusted with early snow.

This beautiful show will seem to glow in early morning and late afternoon sunlight until the storms of late October have blown the last

leaves from the trees. For a brief time, a golden carpet on the forest floor will linger as a reminder of this season of beauty.

Color is everywhere in the fall. The intense hue of a blue jay contrasts sharply with the aspen yellows as the birds chatter noisily while feeding. There's an extra thrill for the angler connecting with a brook trout that has taken on the intense spawning colors of autumn.

I can't begin to describe

the feeling of walking beneath a canopy of aspens in full fall glory. The light takes on a warm, artificial glow that seems somehow embracing and comforting.

Following the trail into a sunlit meadow is almost shocking as you are greeted with an intensely blue sky and the mountain mosaic of gray granite, dark green pines and groves of aspen in full glory.

Fall color comes fully to the Sierra in late September, but generally peaks between the first and second weeks of October then slowly fading, depending on storms, into late October.

Perhaps we don't have the vast acres of maples and oaks that create the famous fall colors of the East Coast, but California's High Sierra has an annual show that will not fail to touch the very core of your soul.

On a late October day a few years ago, I set out under stormy skies with a flyrod in hand and no particular destination. Most of the fall color was gone, but a few brilliant dots of round

aspen leaves still fluttered at the end of crooked branches.

For several hours I was lost in the massive embrace of these mountains. A few eager trout had gulped the flies I tossed into gin-clear water.

A snowflake landed and quickly dissolved on the lake surface, followed by pines and groves of aspen in full glory.

Arriving back at the trailhead it was snowing softly, but steadily. Winter was near, and I mentally turned out the lights as I left the trail for another season.

Some of the most beautiful Sierra color displays can be seen in Bishop Creek Canyon, Rock Creek Canyon, June Lake Loop, Lundy Canyon, Virginia Lakes Basin, and areas around Bridgeport.

For the latest Eastern Sierra fall color information, visit www.bishopvisitors.com

Contact Ernie at Packtrain.com or follow <http://erniesoutdoors.blogspot.com/>

CROWDS

FROM B1

That includes not violating the park's alcohol ban, properly disposing of trash and recycling, wearing masks when appropriate and not lighting illegal bonfires, she said.

"We're all in this together and by doing the right thing, we can protect ourselves and our neighbors," Campbell said in a news release.

Estrada said excessive trash on Fiesta Island and elsewhere in the park has become a major problem.

"Most people are having their get-togethers, leaving and not picking up," she said, noting that most of the park's trash cans aren't full each morning, but trash is still strewn about. "It boils down to people not caring about the environment, unfortunately."

There have also been illegal fires started outside of city-approved fire rings, including some at nighttime parties in Crown Point Park that have prompted complaints from nearby residents.

Another problem is people breaking through orange fencing around the 22 tot lots spread throughout the sprawling park. The lots haven't reopened under county health orders during the pandemic.

"It's an ongoing thing," Estrada said, adding that her team is constantly re-creating fencing after it is torn down. "We will put it up — and within 15 minutes somebody will come by, shred it and throw it in the trash."

Estrada said the city has also gotten complaints about large volleyball games on Riviera Drive in Crown Point, where players are not practicing social distancing or wearing masks.

"It's hard to prove they aren't all part of the same household," she said.

Another problem is recreational vehicles, particularly a cluster parked along East Mission Bay Drive near the San Diego Mission Bay Resort, in the park's southeast corner.

The city's suspension of most parking laws during the pandemic prevents police



CHARLIE NEUMAN

Hannah Haynes walks along West Mission Bay Drive as she and family members head for Mission Beach.

from cracking down on the RVs, said Brandon Broadus, a community resource officer.

Police are also struggling with a sharp increase in guns being fired in the south parking lot of Belmont Park near the ocean, Broaddus said.

"We've chased people. We've taken guns away. We've actually had one person shot," he said.

Councilwoman Campbell said her staff is working with the operator of Belmont Park to solve the problem.

"Whether it's more security, closing the parking lot at night or other plans that can be implemented by our emergency personnel, I support any opportunity that will make a meaningful impact to keep residents and guests in Mission Beach safe," she said.

Broaddus said another new problem has been excessive crowds leaving Fiesta Island each evening. He estimated it takes police more than two hours to clear the island each day.

Broaddus said a potential

solution could be limiting the number of vehicles allowed onto the island each day, suggesting the traffic congestion could delay emergency responses to the area.

While police and rangers say they have been somewhat overwhelmed by the larger crowds, they have been writing citations and issuing warnings.

More than 235 parking tickets were issued between May and August, including 157 on one day near Ski Beach. In addition, 13 people have been issued a "notice to appear" for alcohol use, dog violations, driving on beaches and other transgressions.

The city also recently revived its 11-year-old "community court" program, which was suspended during the early part of the pandemic. Violators can avoid paying fines if they pay a \$40 fee, attend a seminar about park rules and complete four hours of community service.

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Coronavirus highlights need for simplified and safe home-selling program for seniors

REGION — As the world navigates this coronavirus pandemic, Senior Home Purchase Program may very well be the ideal solution for vulnerable seniors who need to sell their home. SHPP has inherent safety measures already in place including, very limited (or none if necessary) in person contacts and no open houses or showings. Seniors should be taking all necessary precautions and for those who, despite the circumstances, have no choice but to sell their home now, SHPP is a very safe option. Continue reading for additional details about the program and how they help alleviate many of your concerns.

Selling a home can be overwhelming for anyone, especially for seniors selling a home they have lived in for decades. Anyone who has sold a home can relate to the anxiety associated with a range of unknowns including, what repairs need to be made, how often will strangers be coming through their home and how long will it take to sell. Add in the emotional attachment to their home and the uncertainty about the timing or availability of their next home and the entire process



What differentiates SHPP from a traditional home sale is that there is no real estate agent required, no home preparation, no showings and no fees. Homes are sold "as is" — clutter and all. Courtesy photo

can be very stressful.

Rob Perkins and his sister Corinne Ross experienced this firsthand with both grandmothers. "They had lived in their homes for long periods of time and couldn't live by themselves any longer," Perkins said.

The siblings wanted to do something to help. "It was overwhelming for both of them," Perkins said. "It took an all hands-on deck effort from multiple family members to accomplish the task of selling their homes.

Knowing that we weren't the only family to deal with this, Corinne and I thought, "There has got to be a way to solve this problem."

After investing in residential real estate for a decade, Perkins and Ross created the Senior Home Purchase Program (SHPP) in 2015. They wanted to offer seniors a transparent and simple way to transition to senior living.

What differentiates SHPP from a traditional home sale is that there is no real estate agent required, no

preparation, no showings and no fees. Homes are sold "as is" — clutter and all. There are no failed escrows, no commissions, no closing costs and no repair credits or seller concessions — it is a certain sale at a certain price. The SHPP team works with homeowners to give them the best price for their home on a flexible timeline that works for the seller. "Seniors are often in a position where they don't know when they are going to be able to move into a community," Ross said. "This can be very stressful. We provide them flexibility with the closing date and even offer a lease back option if they need extra time after they sell and before they move into their new home."

The process is staggeringly simple compared to selling on the open market. "The first step is to set up a home visit where we gather all the necessary data about their home," Perkins said.

After this first meeting, SHPP spends four to six hours doing their homework on the property and the market. "Then, we come back for a second meeting where we present our absolute best offer. We

encourage the homeowners to invite family members, friends and/or trusted advisors to this meeting," Perkins said.

Through a traditional market sale, a seller will need to come out of pocket to prepare the home for sale. "Getting the home ready to sell can cost thousands of dollars," Perkins stresses. "SHPP will purchase the home in its current condition and pays 100 percent of all costs associated with the sale. Not only that, but it saves them an incredible amount of time and reduces their stress."

Perkins explains, "When presenting our offer, we illustrate how it compares to the alternative — selling on the open market. Once the costs/fees are deducted from the alternative, our offer is very compelling."

In addition, if the homeowner accepts the offer, SHPP asks the homeowner to choose an independent appraiser to appraise the home. "We pay for the appraisal," Perkins said. "If the appraisal is higher than our internal valuation of their home, the seller can choose to cancel escrow at no cost to the seller."

Above all, SHPP aims to make sure the homeowner is completely informed and comfortable throughout the process. "The trust factor is big for us," Ross said. "Ninety-five percent of our customers come to us by referral. The people who refer them know us well and they trust us."

The program has been successful since its inception and the feedback has been very positive. "Their honesty, transparency and diligence made me feel completely comfortable with them," said Stella, a former client. "They made the process exceptionally easy and stress-free. I can't say enough good things about them."

"This is both an emotional and a significant financial decision that our customers are making," Ross said. "We encourage our customers to discuss our offer with family, friends and other trusted advisors. We don't want anyone to feel pressured."

For information about the Senior Home Purchase Program, call (858) 859-0107 or visit westviewshpp.com.

SMOLENS Can safety be promised?

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cans safe from harm." A Reuters/Ipsos poll said that 8 percent of registered voters cited crime as the most important problem facing the United States, far behind the coronavirus pandemic, economy and health care.

An earlier Pew Research Center survey had those issues in similar order in a poll assessing what factors voters will consider in voting for a presidential candidate. Violent crime may be a handful of rungs down on the Pew survey list, but concern about it is still intense. Nearly 6 in 10 voters said violent crime is "very important" to who they will

vote for. For context, 79 percent felt that way about the economy.

Republicans had a 4-point edge over Democrats in the Pew poll on the question of who would do a better job with law enforcement and criminal justice.

Trump is portraying violence and rioting as more widespread than it is. The protests nationwide have been overwhelmingly peaceful. About 93 percent of the social-justice protests across the country this summer remained peaceful and nondestructive, according to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project, which collects data on protests and political violence around the world.

Certain areas have experienced more frequent protest-related violence, notably in Portland, while others have had little or none.

Beyond protests, homicides have spiked in several major U.S. cities. But in New York and Chicago, two cities often cited for the increase in murders, the overall violent crime rate is a tick below where it was at this time last year, according to the BBC.

Statistics aside, there's clearly trouble in the streets. When people are being killed, buildings burned and mayors being chased from their homes (as in Portland and St. Louis) amid civil strife, not addressing it would seem unwise. That appears to be the conclusion of the Biden campaign.

Weeks ago, the Trump campaign began airing ads about rioting and looting. One ad, with images of buildings burning and people breaking windows, says "violent crime has exploded." Superimposed

across the seemingly dystopian scene are the words "You won't be safe in Joe Biden's America."

The ad is similar to one aired by presidential candidate Richard Nixon in 1968, whose law-and-order campaign helped him win the White House. In addition to scenes of riots, burned-out buildings and protests, the ad had a brief image of marchers carrying a red banner with the word "Socialism" on it.

Trump has repeatedly accused Biden and the Democrats of trying to spread socialism across the United States. His recent threat to take federal money away from "anarchist" cities harkens back to another presidential candidate — George Wallace.

The segregationist governor of Alabama and four-time presidential candidate in 1964 denounced court

decisions that "give aid and comfort to agitators, to anarchists, to atheists..." according to a newspaper clipping from that year.

In 1968, Wallace also waged a law-and-order campaign for president, pledging "I will stand up for your local police."

Trump and his campaign are using familiar themes and rhetoric of campaigns past. But whether he can convince a broad swath of voters they are threatened by crime, riots and anarchy remains to be seen.

The turmoil of 2020 is nothing like the upheaval in 1968, when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy were assassinated, demonstrators and police clashed violently outside the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, and protests against the Vietnam War

continued.

But for all his erratic moments, Trump is good at messaging. He already has diverted some attention from the coronavirus pandemic, though critics contend he is doing that through hyped-up fear of crime while stoking racial divisions.

Tweet of the Week

Goes to Sara Libby, (@SaraLibby), managing editor of Voice of San Diego.

"The state Senate leader failed to get her own housing bill over the finish line. A supermajority-Dem Legislature couldn't pass police reforms. National outlets are decrying why a nursing mom was forced to vote in person. Not a great end of session for California Dems."

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100TH BIRTHDAY Clarence "Ken" Johnson

Ken's secret for a long and happy life is, "Always look for the good in people." His kind and good-hearted outlook has made him many friends who genuinely enjoy his company, and has allowed him to overcome many obstacles.

Ken grew up the third of five children on a farm on the Iron Range in rural Minnesota. His mother was of Swedish parentage, born and raised in Michigan. His father was a Swedish immigrant who first worked on the railroad, and then became an underground miner. Ken worked his way through college as his father's partner in the mines, and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering.

He spent eleven years at Westinghouse Research and Development in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as a Metallurgical Engineer. It was there he married his wife Shirley and started his family. Together, they raised three children: One son now in Fresno, with one daughter and two grandchildren; another son in South Carolina; and a daughter in San Diego.

In 1955, he retired from Westinghouse and moved the family to Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake, California, where he continued his engineering career until his retirement there in 1975. Afterwards, Ken and Shirley began travel trailing around the country during the summer months. In later years, they confined their travels to the Western states and spent many happy summers in the Crescent City and June Lake, California areas, where they made friends whom they would rejoin year after year. At their desert home, Ken enjoyed golf, bowling, carpentry projects, and assisting Shirley with quilt making and gardening.

Ken rose to the challenge of raising three children on a Navy base in a remote desert. He opened their eyes and made their world bigger. He took them on many camping trips, notably to Death Valley, Yosemite and Yellowstone National Parks. There were also frequent weekend camping and fishing trips to the family property in Nine Mile Canyon in the southern Sierra Nevada. In addition to teaching them trout fishing, he took them to see rock formations, fossils and petroglyphs, and gazed with them through a telescope to see the stars. He made his love for his children his highest priority.

Shirley had significant health problems towards the end of her life, and Ken was her devoted caretaker. They were married for almost 67 years prior to her death in 2011.

In 2014, Ken moved to San Diego to be closer to his daughter. He is still going strong with his gentle spirit, good humor, easy smile, and twinkle in his eye.

He now lives at Nazareth House, where he enjoys the caring atmosphere, engaging conversations with the other residents, his daily exercise program, listening to audiobooks, watching golf, and winning the occasional bingo game. Congratulations from your loving family who is so proud to have you as our wonderful father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.



90TH BIRTHDAY CARL MICHAEL POZAROWSKI



Every year you become even more special and amazing! You are such a loving husband, father, grampa and great-grampa.
Happy Birthday! I love you!
OX Linda

95TH BIRTHDAY Edith



Mother: Happy 95th Birthday
Born and raised in Winthrop, Mass.
You married George from Chelsea, Mass. and decided to come to San Diego to warm up.
Folk dancer, square dancer, round dancer, and volunteer usher, you've done it all.
With much love,
Jay, Steve, Wendy, Avi, Jenna, and Dad (in Heaven)

HAPPY 7TH BIRTHDAY Sierra & Meadow



Meadow and Sierra Miller from Lakeside, CA turned the big SEVEN on September 5th. These fun and sweet twin girls are loved by so many. Happy birthday, girls! Love Mom & Dad & Big Brother Aaden

BIRTH Brynlee Marie!



Brynlee Marie was born on 9/3/2020 to her amazing parents, Steven and Kimberly Currie. The family has prayed for this day for so long and there is no doubt that baby Brynlee might just be the most loved baby in all the world right now. Welcome Earth side, sweet Brynlee!

50TH ANNIVERSARY John & Dawn Preator



Married on September 5, 1970, with 50 years enjoying life together, traveling the world, raising two daughters, weathering life's pleasures and pains together.

As John put in a letter to Dawn while he served in Vietnam, "WE - TOGETHER - FOREVER!!"

One lifetime's not enough, but it's been a great start!



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of loved ones

E. T. 'BUD' GRAVETTE, JR.

OCTOBER 21, 1925 – AUGUST 28, 2020

E.T. 'Bud' Gravette, Jr., who started out in small-town banking in Chelan, Washington and went on to a storied career, spanning seven decades, as a change-agent and turnaround strategist creatively restructuring savings banking, mortgage banking and construction industries at the national and international level, passed away peacefully, August 28, 2020, at his home in Rancho Santa Fe, California. He was 94 years old.

Gravette served as a board member of New York based Hunter Roberts Construction Group at his death. He helped found the group, in 2005, which specializes in multiple market sectors including education, healthcare, residential, sports, entertainment, cultural, science, commercial and public sector construction services. The company currently has 375 employees and has been ranked in the Top Ten NYC Builders for the last 10 years. James C. McKenna, President and CEO, said, "Bud was an awesome mentor and advisor for me over the years and most importantly, a great friend."

Gravette was Chairman and CEO of Pacer Technology (brand name holder of The Original Super Glue and other adhesive products) from 1999 to 2017. In 2017, the company sold to AC Marca, a multi-national group with 10 subsidiaries, headquartered in Barcelona, Spain.

In 1981, Gravette joined the board of Turner Construction, at the time the largest general contractor in the U.S. In 1996, he took over as CEO with the goal of solving the company's capital problem and finding a successor within three years. Under his management the stock price doubled, however, the company's capital problem remained. In 1999 Gravette engineered a merger and acquisition with the German company, Hochtief. The Turner Corporation, with a net worth of less than \$60 million three years earlier, sold to Hochtief for \$370 million. Today Turner Construction is a North American based international company employing thousands.

Banking, specifically creating opportunities for startups and enabling the growth of businesses, remained one of Gravette's passions throughout his life. As a member of the board of MidFirst Bank for over two decades he was able to stay involved in this industry throughout his career. G. Jeffrey Records, Jr., Chairman and CEO of MidFirst Bank, the largest U.S. privately owned bank, recently credited Gravette as being one of his key mentors in the construction and banking business. Gravette's friendship and business relationship with George and Jeffrey Records spanned over 60 years and was a highlight of his life.

It was during Gravette's tenure, which began in 1978, as President and CEO of Bowery Savings Bank in New York City, the largest savings bank in the U.S. at that time, when he wrote his guide to good management called Common Sense Management. "Plan, Organize, Motivate and Control" were the key components of the Common Sense Management Course used to train over 500 employees. These guiding principles: investing in strong customer service, incentivizing employees through profit sharing and career advancement opportunities and instilling a 'do it now' philosophy, while always keeping share-holders' interests at the forefront of all



decisions were something Gravette learned early on and proved critical in meeting the challenges of the savings bank industry during the 1980's. The bank had a 140-year history and the industry was crumbling due to heavy bureaucracy and locked-in investment strategies for the economic times. Savings banks' traditionally low interest rates were unsustainable under this inflationary period and devastated the industry when they went from 5% to 15% in a matter of months. One of Gravette's primary objectives as bank Chairman was to convert The Bowery from a savings bank into a commercial bank. Disintermediation which was occurring during the time of his tenure with the bank caused a delay of this objective until the mid-80's. Many creative solutions were attempted, but ultimately Gravette was able to work with a former Trustee of the Bowery to put together a small group of investors who raised the \$100 million of capital necessary to acquire the Bowery Savings Bank. Finally, in 1985, Gravette signed the papers to convert the charter of the Bowery and transferred ownership from a mutual institution to a private bank.

Before taking on the challenge of the Bowery Savings Bank, Gravette served on the board of its mortgage company, Bowest, which was located in Los Angeles, and soon became Chairman of the Bowest Corporation. He quickly changed operations, eliminating gaps between originations of mortgages and sales of mortgages and returned Bowest to profitability.

Prior to joining Bowest, Gravette served as Chairman and CEO of US Financial. He was encouraged to take this position by Kenneth Leventhal, Senior Managing Partner and Founder of the Leventhal accounting firm and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) which together had found a small condition of fraud reported to be about \$1.5 million. In short order, Gravette found that the fraud far exceeded the amount originally anticipated by the SEC. It quickly grew to \$30 million and ultimately Gravette uncovered scams worth \$300 million in fraud, and US Financial became the largest single New York Stock Exchange company ever to be charged

at that time. By June of 1973, US Financial filed for bankruptcy which according to the Judge was the largest bankruptcy ever. Six men were eventually implicated in the fraud and sentenced to prison.

In 1965, two years after starting Union Bank of Tucson, Gravette became Vice President and soon President of Palomar Financial, a publicly held company in San Diego. He managed the company as an entrepreneurial business and moved it to a new ten story headquarters in the Mission Valley area of San Diego, California.

Gravette joined Burroughs Corporation, the leading supplier of accounting machines to the banking industry, in 1957. Because of his prior experience as manager of the small-town bank, Miners and Merchants Bank in Chelan, Washington, Gravette was able to speak the banking language and also understood the accounting systems required by banks. It was a good fit. He began his work with Burroughs in Seattle, eventually moving to San Francisco and ultimately Detroit. He enjoyed the sales part of the job and embraced the programming side of these early "computers" to come up with creative solutions for his banking customers. After several years with Burroughs, Gravette accepted the challenge of chartering the Union Bank of Tucson. He took over in January, 1963 and the bank opened its doors to customers four months later.

E.T. 'Bud' Gravette, Jr. was born in Hayward, California, on October 21, 1925, to Ellis Trent Gravette and Lucie Halliday Gravette, both originally from Gravette, Arkansas. The small-town of Gravette, Arkansas was founded by his great-grandfather, Ellis Tillman Gravette. The town was named for his great-grandfather when he gave the right-of-way for the Kansas City Southern Railroad to come through. His paternal grandfather, Edwin Moore Gravette, together with a merchant, a doctor and a lawyer, organized and started the First National Bank of Gravette.

His parents left Gravette, Arkansas in the 1920's and moved to Hayward, California. From there they relocated to Olympia, Washington and ultimately Spokane,

Washington. He was preceded in death by his mother (Lucie Halliday Gravette), father (Ellis Trent Gravette), a sister (Mary Gravette Williams) and the love of his life his wife of 69 years, Elizabeth Gail 'Bege' Gravette who passed away in July 2016.

It was while attending high school in Spokane, Washington that he first met, Bege. They both held part-time jobs at Benawah Market. They went on to attend Washington State College, now Washington State University (WSU) in Pullman, Washington. He graduated in 1947 with a degree in Math. While at WSU he served the WWII effort in the United States Navy. He attended school in Minnesota and Washington, DC while in the Navy, but was able to graduate on time from WSU. He and Bege married at age 21 after both graduated from college. Gravette began his career, at age 21, as bank manager of Miners and Merchants Bank in Chelan, Washington.

Both Bege and Bud dreamed big and wanted an exciting life. They could have never imagined all of the wonderful adventures they would experience together. Faith along with a strong moral compass and work ethic allowed them to achieve the life of their dreams. They have three children: son, Ron Gravette (Janet); daughter, Marcia Littler (Curt); son, Don Gravette (Patty). They also have eight grandchildren: Bill Gravette (Susie); Carrie Patterson (Clay); Sheli Higgins (Ben); Clint Jespersen (Conni); Blaine Jespersen (Sarah); Kim Tyler (Kevin); Hayley Gleason (Eddie); Aimee McAfee (Colin). Additionally they have 15 great grandchildren: Jack, Graham, Olivia, Maggie, Janie, Dean, Katherine, Alex, Grant, Owen, Ellie, Kate, Liam, Teddy, and Mollie.

Gravette was known as a generous, loving, clever, creative, fun man who was a wonderful storyteller with a terrific sense of humor. He was revered by every member of his family and respected and admired by many, many friends and colleagues.

He made time to serve every community he lived in over the years including having served as a Trustee of the William T. Grant Foundation in New York, New York; Advisory Board Member of the Greater New York Salvation Army, New York, New York; Trustee of the Metropolitan Club, New York, New York; Member - Commission - Status of Women, New York, New York; Director, Economic Development Corporation, San Diego, California; Trustee, WSU Foundation, Pullman, Washington; Member - Governor's Task Force on Thrifts, New York, New York; Director, Greater San Diego Sports Association, San Diego, California; Director New York City Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance Corporation, New York, New York; Trustee, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, La Jolla, California; Trustee, St Luke's, Roosevelt Hospital, New York, New York. Additionally, he previously served as Director and President of Thunderbird Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California and Director and President of La Jolla Country Club, La Jolla, California.

A Celebration of Life is being planned and will be held as soon as Covid-19 virus restrictions on events are lifted. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be made to a charity of your choice.

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Jean Lisle

1918 - 2020

LA JOLLA — On August 31, 2020, Jean Lisle passed away peacefully at her home in La Jolla. She was 102 years old.

Born in Marble Rock, Iowa, at the end of WWI, Jean always remembered watching her mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother at the polls in 1924. It was the first time women could vote for the president of the United States. When the Great Depression hit, her family moved to Des Moines, where she graduated from Roosevelt High School.

Jean attended Iowa State University for two years and then transferred to the University of Minnesota, where she graduated with a B.A. in journalism in 1939. While at the University of Minnesota, Jean pledged to the Chi Omega sorority, cultivating friendships that lasted her lifetime. Returning to Des Moines, her first job out of college was editing magazines for the Locker Publication Company, which targeted the frozen food industry.

In 1940, the Chi Omega sorority at Drake University asked Jean to fill in temporarily as house mother. Since she was close in age to the girls, they set her up on a blind date with an older student, Wendell Lisle,



who was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Jean and Wendell married on June 20, 1942. A year later, they welcomed their first daughter, Judith Jean.

During the summer of 1945, Wendell accepted a teaching job in San Diego. Pregnant with their second child, the doctor agreed that Jean could ride in a car for the four-day journey from Des Moines. On the last day of the trip, Jean began labor. Wendell drove straight to Scripps Hospital in La Jolla. Days before it was declared that World War II had ended, their second daughter, Veeda Jean, was born.

The family first lived in Mission Beach, and later bought a house in Pacific Beach. Once both daughters were in school, Jean returned to work. In 1955, she began her career with San Diego County, working as a field assessor.

Since Wendell was a teacher, Jean and Wendell devoted their summers to travel. While their daughters were young, they drove cross country to visit relatives in Iowa, Ohio and New England. Their biggest road trip was in 1957, when they drove from San Diego to Circle, Alaska. They discovered their love of international travel in 1970, and spent each consecutive summer visiting such places as Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Kenya, South Africa, India, China, Peru, Europe and Australia.

Jean and Wendell joined the Mission Bay Yacht Club in 1957. They learned to sail on Sabots, owning two so they could race against each other. They later upgraded to a Snipe, starting a new fleet to compete with other members.

The family moved to Mount Soledad in 1960. The next year, Jean and Wendell helped start the Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church.

In 1977, Jean and Wendell bought a 30' Catalina Cruiser they named 'The Frisky Fox.' Every August they would sail to Catalina.

Jean retired in 1981. Her last job for San Diego County was with the Health Department as the Chief Deputy for the

department of Birth and Death Certificates.

In 1989, with another couple from the Mission Bay Yacht Club, Jean and Wendell embarked upon their biggest sailing adventure, sailing up the coast of California to San Francisco. The highlight of the month-long trip was sailing underneath the Golden Gate Bridge.

Jean played the piano throughout her life. She also enjoyed playing bridge every Wednesday at the Mission Bay Yacht Club.

When Wendell passed away in 2006, Jean continued to travel with her daughters, revisiting Iowa and Minnesota. She also enjoyed road trips around California to visit family.

She is survived by her two daughters, Judy and Veeda Lisle, her granddaughter, Cynthia Kovalesky (Steven), grandson Raymond Swank (Tess), great-grandson Austin Swank, great-granddaughter Vanessa Swank and 'kid brother' George Reis of Point Loma.

A 'Celebration of Life' service is planned at La Jolla Presbyterian Church after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

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David A Drew

August 24, 1932 - August 20, 2020

POWAY — David Arthur Drew, M.D. passed away August 20, 2020 following a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born August 24, 1932 in Loveland, Colorado. David was a man of brilliant intellect, great compassion, sharp humor and tremendous humility. He was well loved and enormously respected by family, friends and colleagues.

David met his wife, Mary Suzanne MacKinnon Drew while studying at the Univ. of Colorado, Boulder and they were married July 27, 1957. David then graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School. He completed an Anesthesiology Residency at U of M. David and Sue moved to San Diego in 1967. David worked as an Anesthesiologist at Mercy Hospital for 30 years, Sue predeceased David in 1982. In 1983, David married Judith Alander Burgess. David and Judy lived in La Mesa California until David's retirement in 1997. They then relocated to Southport North Carolina and 3 years ago to York Maine. David and Judy had a total of eight children. Mary Drew Bedrosian, MEd (Peter) of Lakeside, California; Donald Drew, MD (Rose) of Poway, California; Martha Mosier Lyford,



Esq. (Tom) of Laguna Niguel, California; Sara Drew Bartlett. MEd (Jeff) of Las Vegas, Nevada; Jim Drew (Laura) of Boulder City, Nevada; Pam Burgess (Nick) of York, Maine; and Leonard "Ted" (Lianne) Burgess, Esq. of San Diego, California. He was recently predeceased by daughter Beth Howell (Tom). They have 20 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Celebrate the wonderful man David was: be compassionate, tell a joke, and hug your loved ones. David's complete obituary and a virtual memorial wall where memories can be shared is found at jpselkeyfuneralhome.com/obituary/dr-david-drew. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests those who wish to donate contact The Alzheimer's Association <https://www.alz.org>

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Donald Hedges 'Don' Lake, Jr

October 6, 1955 - August 11, 2020

ENCINITA — Donald H. Lake, Jr. (Don) was born to Shirley and Captain Donald Hedges Lake, Sr., USN in Athens, Georgia. Don passed away suddenly on August 11, 2020 at his home in Encinitas, California.

Don graduated from Coronado High School, received his BS from CSU, Chico, went to graduate school of Banking, University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduated with an overall 90% examination assessment. His outstanding career with the State of California, was entirely in service to the Department of Business Oversight. Early 2020, he retired as a Senior Financial Institutions Examiner after almost 43 year of credits service. He was also a successful realtor, a longtime volunteer at Loaves and Fishes in Sacramento, a Hospice volunteer at Veteran's Last Patrol in San Diego. Don served 8 years in the US Army/CA Army National Guard Reserves as an MP. Among his many achievements was his lifetime member as a Master Mason at Coronado Masonic Lodge and lifetime member of Phi Theta Kappa, an Honor Society.

Don was respected for his integrity, humility and the love he had for people around him. Don's friends and colleagues remember him as caring and sensitive to those in need, yet not tolerant of those who would take advantage of the underdog. He was ready with a sharp wit and



those who remember his oftentimes unique perspective on life called him Captain Ozone. One such colleague wrote the following: "Rest In Peace, Don. You left a Shining light wherever you went—whether it was like a freight train in the middle of the night baring down on someone stuck on the track – or a headlight beam guiding a friend toward a better solution. You could never be missed in a crowd-your energy could not be contained or silenced! Fly free now and know you are missed by us left behind in your dust. Until we meet again, my friend. Shine on! Shine on!" Don is remembered for his tenacious pursuit of fairness and his vision of a life where all people are treated with respect and honesty.

Don leaves his mother, Shirley, his wife, Tiffany, his beloved cat, Bebe, and two sons and a daughter from his first marriage. The family asks, that in lieu of flowers, please make donation to your favorite charity.

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Stanley Wayne Legro

1936 - 2020

RANCHO SANTA FE — The Honorable Stanley Wayne Legro of Rancho Santa Fe passed away on Monday, August 17, in La Jolla, California.

Mr. Legro was born in 1936 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He graduated first in the Class of 1959 at the U.S. Naval Academy, and following graduation, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, which brought him to the San Diego area.

He resigned his commission to attend Harvard Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review. He then returned to San Diego to practice law and teach as an adjunct lecturer at the University of San Diego School of Law. Later in his career, he practiced law in Washington, DC, and was of counsel at Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, MacPherson, and Hand (now DLA Piper). He then retired to Rancho Santa Fe.

Public service was an important part of Mr. Legro's life, and he served as a member of the San Diego Planning Commission and as a board member of the Citizens Democracy Corps. He was also appointed Assistant



Administrator for Enforcement at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) during the Ford administration, and he remained active in environmental causes following his retirement, both as a member of the EPA Alumni Association and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Environmental Law Institute.

Mr. Legro was an avid traveler and an enthusiastic grandparent. He is survived by his brother, Monta (Donna) Legro of Houston, Texas, his daughter, Susan Legro of Prague, Czech Republic, his son, Wayne Legro of Seattle, Washington, and his two granddaughters.

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Nancy Helen Wade

December 6, 1933 - August 16, 2020

CERRITOS, CA — Nancy Helen Wade (nee Banik), a Minneapolis native, Robbinsdale High School Class of '51, passed away August 16 in Cerritos, California. She was 86 years old. She is survived by her three sons (with first husband Donald Berg) Duane, Dennis, and Douglas and their families, and many beloved extended family members and friends. Her ashes will be interred with second husband Norman Wade's in Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego, California. For more details on a life well-



lived, and to share your thoughts and memories, please visit <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/downey-ca/nancy-wade-9313023>

LA JOLLA — Richard Cabot Vance passed away peacefully on August 26, 2020, at his home in La Jolla, completing a life well-lived. If he had been offered the opportunity to publish his own obituary, his characteristic wry sense of humor would have started it with, "Bummer. Ran out of time except to write this. But who better to brag and recall about myself than me?"

Richard was born on January 31, 1937, in Sacramento to Madeline Torrey and James T. Vance, MD. They moved to Webster Groves, Missouri, during World War II while his father served as a U.S. Navy flight surgeon attached to a U.S. Marine Corps air squadron in the South Pacific. The family relocated to Coronado after the War, and Richard attended local schools on the island. He graduated from Coronado High School in 1954 and was awarded an academic scholarship to attend the University of California in Berkeley. It is there that he pledged the Sigma Chi Fraternity and began an important lifelong affiliation.

After transferring to San Diego State, he served as the Sigma Chi



chapter president there. In 1959, he was awarded the Associated Men's Students Man of the Year award and graduated with distinction with a degree in economics. Richard immediately attended Officer Candidate School, earned a commission, as an officer in the U.S. Navy, and served on active duty at sea. A year later, he was married to the former Lillian Lucas, a San Diego State economics classmate, and they began a lifetime friendship that included making a home in University City and raising three wonderful children. "The greatest mother (and grandmother) alive," he would brag.

In 1963, with Navy service complete after achieving the rank of Lieutenant, Richard began his career as a stockbroker with Hayden Stone in La

Jolla. For the next four decades he worked at several leading Wall Street brokerage firms from his offices on Prospect Street and enjoyed a successful career. He loved the business and loved helping his clients achieve their financial goals and life dreams.

Richard remained a continuously active alumni advisor to the Delta Xi chapter of Sigma Chi at SDSU and a member of the San Diego Sigma Chi alumni chapter. He was proud to share membership in the fraternity with his son, Ronan, a UCSB Sig. In 1985, Richard was awarded Sigma Chi's highest award, the Order of Constantine, and proudly wore its badge.

In 1989, Richard was blessed to find his soul mate, Marcia Cummings, and in her, Richard found what he described as "the greatest wife, lover, partner, nurse, cook, coach, and best friend." She became "G-Marcia" to the family and is loved by all.

After he retired as a Senior Vice President with Smith Barney, Richard and Marcia enjoyed the next 20 years together in his "retirement." Continuing to follow the stock market every day, he joked he

did not actually retire as a stockbroker, he just reduced his client list to one person: his Marcia. Their daily joyful life together revolved around their La Jolla home and activities nearby in the village, Marine Street beach, the gym, and doting on their dogs. Side trips to the grandchildren's sporting events and family celebrations were frequent highlights. Always a hopeful Aztec sports fan and longtime season ticketholder (football and basketball especially), he typically wore the team's scarlet and black colors on every game day.

Richard is also survived by his children Richard, Jr. (Jennie), Ronan (Lisa), and Torrey Rodgers (Brad), who gave them eight amazing grandchildren: Theo and Lilia Vance in Carlsbad; Ginger, Nathan, and Violet Vance in Santa Barbara, and Haylee, Hayden, and Harrison Rodgers in Scripps Ranch. Each had a special relationship with their "G-Pop."

Private services are pending.

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Patricia Ann Krueger

December 16, 1935 - July 29, 2020

SPRING VALLEY — Krueger, Patricia Ann (nee Deeney), the second of three children and the elder daughter, was born December 16, 1935, to William and Mary Louise Deeney in Salem, Oregon, and died peacefully in San Diego, California on July 29, 2020, at the age of 85.

Pat attended both parochial and public school as a child. She attended (North) Salem High School where she was a member of the student government as well as the choral and music club, where she performed in several plays. Pat attended the University of Oregon where she studied to be a teacher and was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority.

While at the U of O, Pat met Otto Krueger at a dance. Otto was attending Oregon State University, so they dated long distance. After graduating from the U of O, Pat worked for Mr. Frank, of the Meier and Frank Department Store



chain. Pat married Otto, her college sweetheart, in the summer of 1959 in Salem.

Otto's position with the Bureau of Land Management took them on bureau assignments to Kanab, Utah, Washington, D.C., Redding, California, and Worland and Cheyenne, Wyoming. While in Wyoming, Pat was the Executive Assistant to Ed Herschler, Governor of Wyoming.

While there, she often accompanied Governor Herschler to official meeting and engagements as his wife was incapacitated. Pat was also very

proud of being on the board of the Wyoming Racing Association, an organization that provided promotion of the sport of horse racing as well as advocating for members, horse owners and government agencies. When Otto and Pat were in Redding, Pat taught Commercial Subjects at Redding High School.

Upon Otto's retirement in 1987, he and Pat moved to San Diego where they built a home on two acres in Jamul and they spent the next 25 years tending avocado and over 20 varieties of citrus trees and a handsome landscape of ornamental trees and shrubs, interrupted whenever possible by a fishing or hunting trip or vacation jaunt to Mexico, the South Pacific, or some of the Western States. Pat was an orchid-fancier, and had her own greenhouse where she raised a wide variety of exotic orchids.

Pat was also an avid and accomplished tournament

bridge player. She played in as many as three groups in her later years, and is fondly remembered as a great player and a wonderful friend. Pat enjoyed sharing stories about Tessa, her Bichon Fries, they were constant companions after Otto's passing in December 2013. After Otto's death, Pat and Tessa moved to the Covenant Living at Mt. Miguel retirement community in Spring Valley, California.

Pat will be laid to rest at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, joining her beloved Otto. With current restrictions on travel and gathering, a service has not been set at this time. Her niece Ann will be representing family at the Witness Ceremony at Fort Rosecrans.

In lieu of flowers, anyone who wishes may make a donation to the Covenant Living at Mt. Miguel retirement community "Benevolence Fund" in Pat's memory.

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Lt. Colonel Bruce A Ellis

February 15, 1924 - August 30, 2020

SAN DIEGO — Lt. Colonel Bruce A. Ellis February 15, 1924 - August 30, 2020 USAF Retired

"Boys had boats their favored toy Not I, when I was just a boy.

I dreamt of wings for soaring high and cutting wakes in yonder sky.

And where my Father's footsteps went I'd follow In the firmament" - Gayla Weidenheft

Bruce's undying passion for aviation and airplanes are reflected beautifully in this poem.

Bruce A. Ellis was born on February 15, 1924 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

He earned his pilot's license by the age of 16 and enjoyed flying until he was drafted into the Army in 1943. He then worked his way into the 13th Airborne Division as a paratrooper during WWII. At Perrin Air Force base he graduated from cadets in 1950, won his



wings and became a 2nd Lt. on the same day. On October 14, 1955 he married his beloved, Gloria M. Ellis. They were married nearly sixty five loving years until Bruce peacefully passed in his sleep on August 30, 2020. At the pinnacle of his Air Force career he was transferred to the B-58 Hustler program where he flew at Mach 2, cutting wakes in the sky at 1534.54 mph!

Upon retirement from the Air Force he moved to San Diego, CA in 1967 to join PSA (Pacific Southwest Airlines) where he flew the 727 as captain

until retirement at age 60.

Bruce enjoyed spending quality time with family, keeping guests in stitches as his sense of humor was unrivaled, or building and restoring airplanes. First a Biplane, then the epic WWII warbird P-51 D Mustang, a Piper cub, and finally an F-1 Rocket.

He lived his dream and his passion while providing for his loved ones, and all who knew him were blessed and inspired.

He was preceded in death by his father Donald, his mother Alice, and his brother Grant.

He is survived by his wife Gloria, his two sons Bruce Jr. and Brett, as well as four grandsons, four granddaughters, and one great granddaughter.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Lt. Colonel Bruce A. Ellis you are cleared for take off and we salute you, Sir.

A Poem for Fallen Comrades

"High Flight"

By John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings; Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth Of sun-split clouds, – and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung My eager craft through footless halls of air..."

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace Where never lark, or ever eagle flew – And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod The high untrespassed sanctity of space, Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."

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Bill L Fox

May 1, 1926 - June 14, 2020

SAN DIEGO — Bill Fox passed away peacefully on June 14, 2020, at the age of 94, at home with his family in Point Loma.

A prominent community leader in San Diego for more than fifty years, Bill was born in Fort Worth, Texas to Milton and Edna Fox, and raised in Alexandria, Louisiana. During World War II, he served as a U.S. Air Force tail-gunner in the Pacific. After the war, he attend Tulane University in New Orleans.

He then moved to San Diego, where he met his wife Barbara (she fell in love with his dimples on their first date). They were married in 1952, and were devoted to each other for 68 years until Barbara passed in 2019. They had two children, Billy and Bonnie.

Bill was known as a pioneering leader in San Diego television. He started his career in the late 1940's, as a director and producer at



the CBS-affiliate KFMB, the second TV station in California. He was the co-creator of KFMB's "Zoorama," a beloved weekly Sunday show focused on the animals of the San Diego Zoo, which aired nationally by CBS. In 1968, Fox became General Manager of the independent KCST, 39TV. For many years, the San Diego community enjoyed Fox's weekly editorials, which dealt with local issues in the San Diego community. As General Manager, he saw the station through several ownership changes culminating as the NBC-affiliate KNSD.

Bill loved sports, and in 1966 he invested as a minority owner of the San Diego Chargers and remained so until his passing. He and Barbara were huge Charger fans and regularly attended home games together. As Chargers owner Dean Spanos put it, "Bill and Barbara always came to games together, they were inseparable. When you'd see Bill, whether it had been a day, week or month he was always equally excited to see you. He just had a way that made you feel special."

Bill had a life-long passion for and involvement with the San Diego Zoo, and served as a member of the Board of Directors for several decades. In 1995, he became president of the Zoological Society of San Diego, where he worked tirelessly to help bring the first giant pandas to the Zoo. This was the first time the Chinese government was willing to share the giant Pandas with a

non-capital city.

Bill was a true gentleman, ethical and fair-minded, unfailingly polite and well-spoken, with a kind and generous heart. He never stopped learning, and had a knack for drawing out the passion of the many people he mentored. A wonderful host, he and Barbara loved to throw parties and have dinner with friends. And while he had a rewarding career, it was always clear that family was the center of Bill's life. Family—in San Diego, Louisiana, and Texas—meant everything to Bill. He is survived by his children Billy Fox and Bonnie Fox, their spouses Serena and Peter, and his grandchildren Haley, Maya, Ryan, and Anika. We will never forget him, and he will truly be missed. Services were held at Cypress View Mausoleum. Donations in his honor can be made together Congregation Beth Israel.

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Joanne Evans Fiscus Warner

March 14, 1934 - August 14, 2020

SAN DIEGO — Joanne Evans Fiscus Warner was born in 1934 in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Upon graduating from Muskingum College, Joanne accepted an elementary school teaching position in San Diego and made a cross-country move. It was here that Joanne met Robert Warner, another teacher and baseball coach at the neighboring high school. The two met at a district conference and went on their first date a week later. After five months of dating, Robert proposed, and they married later that summer in Joanne's hometown.

Joanne and Robert welcomed their first child, daughter Deborah, into the world the following year. Over the course of the next decade, they would also welcome three sons, David, James, and Brian, to the family. Anyone who knew Joanne would say that the greatest joys of her later years would come with the arrival of her seven grandchildren: Lauren, Katie, Justin, Natalie, Andrew, Jaclyn, and Cole. She was the ultimate doting grandmother and loved every minute either spent with or talking about her grandchildren.

Sadly, Joanne passed on Friday, August 14th, 2020 at the age of 86.



She is survived by her children Deborah, David and James, as well as her grandchildren. While losing her is difficult for the family, it provides them with some solace knowing that she is reunited with Robert, who passed in 2019.

While she is no longer with us, Joanne left behind a legacy of kindness and warmth, and instilled a love of ginger snaps, Padres games, always having a fire in the fireplace, watching Jeopardy, and the importance of family gatherings in those she has left behind.

An interment service will be held for family members at Miramar National Cemetery on Monday, September 7th, 2020.

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Kathryn Wade

August 21, 2020

SAN DIEGO — Katie Wade, 93, died peacefully. She noted that she had been in line for a mighty long time. The Lord finally recognized her on August 21, 2020. Red Lobster has already sent a note of fond condolences, having lost their most loyal customer. Her sudden and untimely death came as quite a shock, having only recently been diagnosed with advanced COPD, advanced emphysema, advanced heart disease, advanced chronic bronchitis, restless leg syndrome, and the most stubborn of attitudes.

Katie is survived by her seven children, whom she loved more than anything else in the world, except for all things garlic, red vines, Happy Hours at McDowell Village, strawberry Margaritas, walks along Harbor Island, smoothies, and the giant box of popcorn at the movies. She would never

make it through an entire movie though; naptime would beckon. Her favorite naptime movie ever was Ghandi, which lasted forever, plus it had an intermission.

Katie was world-renowned for her lack of patience, witty criticisms, and addressing life with an unparalleled zest, minus a filter. Charisma, charm, and a defiant feistiness have lost a champion.

Having seven children had its challenges. She often forgot our names. Names of grand-children, great-grandchildren were just out of the question. Yet, she taught the family the value of good table manners; napkins were always required. Not exactly known for her cooking, it was common to cough and spit the offending inedible, always using your napkin. She never knew.

Her husband of many, many years, William,

(aka Ramblin Willie) died 13 years ago. Before his funeral service, she insisted on getting a new SUV, having been denied the opportunity for so many years. That worked out well until about five years ago when she tried to open a bottle of champagne at 11am on a Wednesday without the needed towel to cover the cap. Yes, you really can poke your eye out, and 14 hours at the Emergency Room was tough to keep secret. Almost immediately, the California Motor Vehicle Department yanked her Driver's License. An ugly driving test included mowing down three vehicle cones, crossing the double yellow line, and blowing through a Stop Sign. The Driving Examiner made her take a taxi home.

Katie had high hopes that her family would have at least one priest and maybe a nun or two.

With seven children, she thought her odds were pretty good. It was something that she always prayed for at daily Mass. However, she just didn't pray hard enough. Nonetheless, she loved attending St. Charles, as her many friends would be there to gossip. Her favorite priest was the one that could say Mass in 30 minutes or less, as that left more time for breakfast with the ladies. Sunday was out of the question. If Mass lasted longer than an hour, she knew that it would count for two.

Her favorite St. Charles charity was the Christ Child Society. If you have the opportunity to knit a blanket, or spot an extra cute baby outfit while shopping, or just have an extra few dollars, the Christ Child Society was her all-time favorite.

Margaret Kathleen Odegard

March 17, 1950 - August 4, 2020

POWAY — Kathy (Margaret) was born in Adak, Alaska. One of five daughters born to Dorothy and Alec Dunn, she and her family were among the first civilians that lived at Point Barrow (now known as Utqiagvik), north of the Arctic Circle. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sisters Pauline and Marilyn. She is survived by Richard, her husband of 38 years, sons Michael & Dezi and daughter Alexis, as well as her sisters Larrie and Susan. She also leaves behind numerous extended family, all their lives enriched for having known her.

Kathy worked in the hospitality industry for most of her life, and was exceptional at helping others. She was active in the 1988 America's cup race; first as a volunteer and later as a paid employee. Her love of the water led to catamaran and whitewater rafting adventures. She loved the outdoors, including camping, kayaking, and family trips.

She had a wonderful and



welcoming personality and made friends with everyone she met. Within minutes of meeting her, you were laughing and smiling right along with her. She had a true love for children and animals and was always wanting to provide and care for both.

She was a remarkable person, truly one-of-a-kind. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. A memorial service will be held next year for family and friends to gather to remember Kathy, (August 2021). Details will follow, and all that can attend are welcome.

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Robert Owen Henry

December 26, 1981 - August 18, 2020

SAN DIEGO — Robbie Henry 38, died unexpectedly on August 18, 2020 in San Diego, California. He was born on December 26, 1981 in San Diego the son of Richard O. Henry (Kathi) and Janie Kramer (Mark).

Robbie grew up in El Cajon, Ca. where he graduated from Valhalla High School, Class of 2000. He then went on to San Francisco State University, graduating in 2004 with a B.A. degree in Theatre Arts with a minor in Music.

Robbie was multi-talented working as a



musician, actor, and audio tech. Immediately following graduation, he began his career at the La Jolla Playhouse as a Sound Engineer where he worked on Jersey Boys until it went to Broadway

and then he went on tour with Jersey Boys, In The Heights, Adams Family the Musical as well as several other Broadway shows. He once played the part of John Hinckley in a History Channel documentary. It was a perfect career for Robbie as he loved to travel and loved the entertainment business.

Robbie had many friends and "family" throughout the United States and the world. His quest for adventure and "bigger than life" personality and his "never met a stranger" attitude made him the life of the party wherever he went. He was always

the brightest light and had the biggest smile in the room, whether in a kindergarten class, or a Hollywood party after the Oscars.

In addition to his parents, Robbie is survived by his Paternal Grandfather Thomas Owen Henry, siblings Cory Henry (Holly), Patrick Henry (Michelle), Jeff Hubert, and Kari Hubert along with his nieces and nephew whom he adored.

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Anita Wehmer Philpott

November 8, 1937 - August 14, 2020

SAN DIEGO — Anita Wehmer Philpott was born November 8, 1937, in Cincinnati, Ohio and passed away August 14, 2020, with her family at her side in San Diego, CA. Raised in Kenilworth, IL, Anita trained and worked as a Registered Nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL, where she met her husband Richard L. Philpott M.D.

She took great pride in her vocation as a RN and chose to leave nursing to raise her four children. Anita was beautiful,



strong, wise, creative, kind and loving. As a long time parishioner of St. Therese Catholic Church, she volunteered countless

hours to the betterment of the Parish School. Her great sense of style and talent could be seen in her home, crafts, and flower arrangements.

Anita is survived by four children, Maureen Webster, John (Cari) Philpott, Amy Philpott (Chris Nisbet), Michael Philpott; five grandchildren, Daniel, Katherine, Shannon, Jade, RJ; four siblings, Mary Jo Ann (Tom) McCabe, Cathie Biggam, Meg (Richard) Cagney, Edward J. (Dorothy) Wehmer and 19 nieces and nephews.

Anita was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, her parents, Edward H. and Magdalen Wehmer, and her youngest sister, GERALYN. Anita always said, "If you want a friend, be a friend". Anita was a true and loyal friend.

Interment is private. A memorial service in celebration will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to the Brewing Opportunities, Gerry's Cafe, gerryscafe.org

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Marilyn Carol Oblinger

July 22, 1943 - August 29, 2020

JULIAN — Passed away Sat. Aug 29 at her home in Julian, Calif. Born at Mercy Hospital July 22, 1943. Daughter of the late Ernest and Muriel Rubino.

Raised in Chula Vista, CA, she graduated from Chula Vista High School in 1961 and worked as a retail clerk for Von's Grocery Store for 35 years. She had many interests, including Dept. 56, Thai Chi, traveling, and volunteering.

She is survived by her husband Lawrence Oblinger, daughters Darcie Savage and Lacie Hughes, brother Richard Racine, sister Diana Rubino, sister-in-law Margaret Lapham, nephews Cary, Michael, Nathan, Jonathan, and Mathew, niece Chrissy, grandchildren Wyatt,



Winnie, Steel, Colt and Koa, great-grandchildren Waylon & Harlyn.

Viewing will be Sat. Sept. 26, 2020 5-9pm, Aztlan Mortuary, 7856 La Mesa Blvd. La Mesa, Ca 92042 Website: https://www.aztlanmortuary.com/obituaries/Marilyn-Oblinger/

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Dianna Sickler

July 9, 1938 - June 3, 2020

SAN DIEGO — Dianna joined Jesus on June 3!

Dianna was born to Charles and Leona Sickler (Belden) in San Diego. She lived in her South Park home for 50+ years where she entertained family & friends, tended her gorgeous gardens, loved her dogs and read her bible. She also loved to travel, cook, sing, and cheer on her Padres! Dianna was an SDHS Caver ('56) and a San Diego State Aztec ('60). She touched 1,000s of lives as an elementary school teacher, mainly 2nd grade, for 30+ years with Poway Unified School District. A longtime member of Skyline Church, she was always quick to volunteer for anything.

Dianna's niece, Amy, took care of her so she could remain in the home she loved. After Alzheimer's stole so many memories, they moved to Amy's home in Oregon where Dianna ultimately passed. The Sickler Family is grateful



to Amy for taking care of our sister & aunt. Dianna was pre-deceased by her brother, Richard (Joan). She is survived by her brother John (Helen) and sister Nancy of San Diego and brother Irving (Betsy) of Sequim, WA, nieces & nephews and countless friends she held dear!

Her life will be celebrated on Friday, 9/18/20 at 10 a.m. at Skyline Church.
diannasfamily1519@gmail.com.

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Hugh L. Willner

January 15, 1930 - August 5, 2020

SAN DIEGO — Hugh Willner (90) passed away on Wednesday, August 5th from pneumonia after contacting COVID-19. Hugh served 23 ½ years in the Marine Corps and another 20 years as an executive for Hilton Hotels until retiring in 1991. In addition to his careers, Hugh was a long standing Masonic member, a board member of the Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association, a founding board member of the San Diego County Law Enforcement Foundation, and a board member of the San Diego Regional Center. Hugh is survived by his two sons, Michael and Ronald, his four granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren. Hugh is buried together with his wife of 65



years, Elaine (Aldridge) at Miramar National Cemetery. A detailed obituary can be found at Legacy Funeral Care website. Due to current pandemic restrictions, a Celebration of Life reception will be held at a later date to be determined.

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CARLSBAD — Barbara Belle Green (Burns) born January 6, 1930 to E. Robert and Vinita Burns, passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 28, 2020. Barbara grew up directly across the street from the Malaga Cove Library just above Malaga Cove Plaza and attended Malaga Cove School and Redondo Union High School. She made many friends at both schools which set a pattern that led to a lifetime of close friends who adored her. She attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri then USC to complete her education and became a Theta. In January 1952 she married the love of her life, Laurence Andrew Green. They went to Oahu



for their honeymoon where Larry got to surf 18' Makaha while Barbara watched from the beach. Later in life she told her son that she was convinced she would return from her honeymoon as a widow. Barbara was a true native Californian and embraced the Coastal Lifestyle.

Barbara Belle Green

January 6, 1930 - August 28, 2020

Many summers were spent at the San Onofre Surf Club where she was always smiling and having fun. One of her most cherished places on earth was their summer home in Healdsburg on the Russian River. She would spend complete summers there entertaining friends and family yet still found time to bask in the sun on her favorite rock. Barbara loved to ski with family and friends on trips to Mammoth, Aspen and Squaw Valley. She always wore her trademark bright yellow jumpsuit and we all would say, "There goes Yellow Bird," as she swooshed by. In 1963 the Greens moved to Rolling Hills which remained their family home until Barbara moved to La

Costa Glen in Carlsbad in 2014 to be closer to her son after Larry passed away in 2013. And there, as always, Barbara made many new friends. She was a strong supporter of The Peninsula Committee Children's Hospital for sixty-two years. Barbara lived a wonderful life full of worldwide travels. She was a proud mother, adoring grandmother, supportive spouse, and loyal friend. She had the brightest smile in the room and was always the life of the party. She is survived by her son Robert H. Green, her daughter-in-law Cheryl Lemke Green and her granddaughter Laura A. Green.

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Kathleen Sauls Saucier

May 14, 1925 - July 30, 2020

LA MESA — Kathleen Sauls Saucier, age 95, passed away on Thursday, July 30, 2020, from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Kathleen was born on May 14, 1925 in Juneau, Alaska to Marie Grundy Sauls and James Sauls. Kathleen attended college at the University of Redlands then transferred to UCLA where she received a degree in Economics in 1946. After receiving her degree, Kathleen moved to San Diego where she started a teaching career which spanned over 30 years as an elementary school and substitute teacher in the San Diego area.

In the summer of 1952, Kathleen met Jack Saucier on a beautiful Sunday afternoon sailing around San Diego Bay. They were married on July 7, 1953 and were in love for 67 years. They had three children, Karen, Jim and Janet Saucier. Raising their family in Lemon Grove and La Mesa, the Saucier family also enjoyed adventures at the beach, the backcountry, family vacations to Lake



Goodwin in Washington, and many trips to national and state parks. Kathleen loved spending time in Borrego Springs and especially enjoyed the beautiful desert blooms. Kathleen enjoyed sunsets and moonrises from the Saucier home on Mt Helix throughout her life.

Kathleen is survived by her beloved husband of 67 years, Jack; her three children, Karen (Tom), Jim (Patricia) and Janet and her two grandchildren, Taylor and Sophie. She was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in San Diego on August 6, 2020.

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Carole Ann McCown

October 24, 1940 - July 4, 2020



SAN DIEGO — Carole Ann McCown passed July 4, age 79. Her parents: Mary Ann and Fred Litot. Graduated Stephens College, married John McCown, worked in Probation/ Labor Relations, enjoyed travel and art.

Survived by: daughter, Marianne Rebele, Santa Cruz, CA, sister- and brother-in-law, Mary Ellen and Joe Willett, Columbia, MO, nieces Cindy, Lori, Julie, and close friends. Memorial planned post-pandemic.

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Dr. A.L. Sarantinos

April 19, 1928 - August 29, 2020



SAN DIEGO — Angelos Lascos Sarantinos passed away on August 29th, 2020. Please visit: <https://legacyfuneralcare.com/tribute/details/195147/Angelos-Sarantinos/obituary.html#tribute-start>

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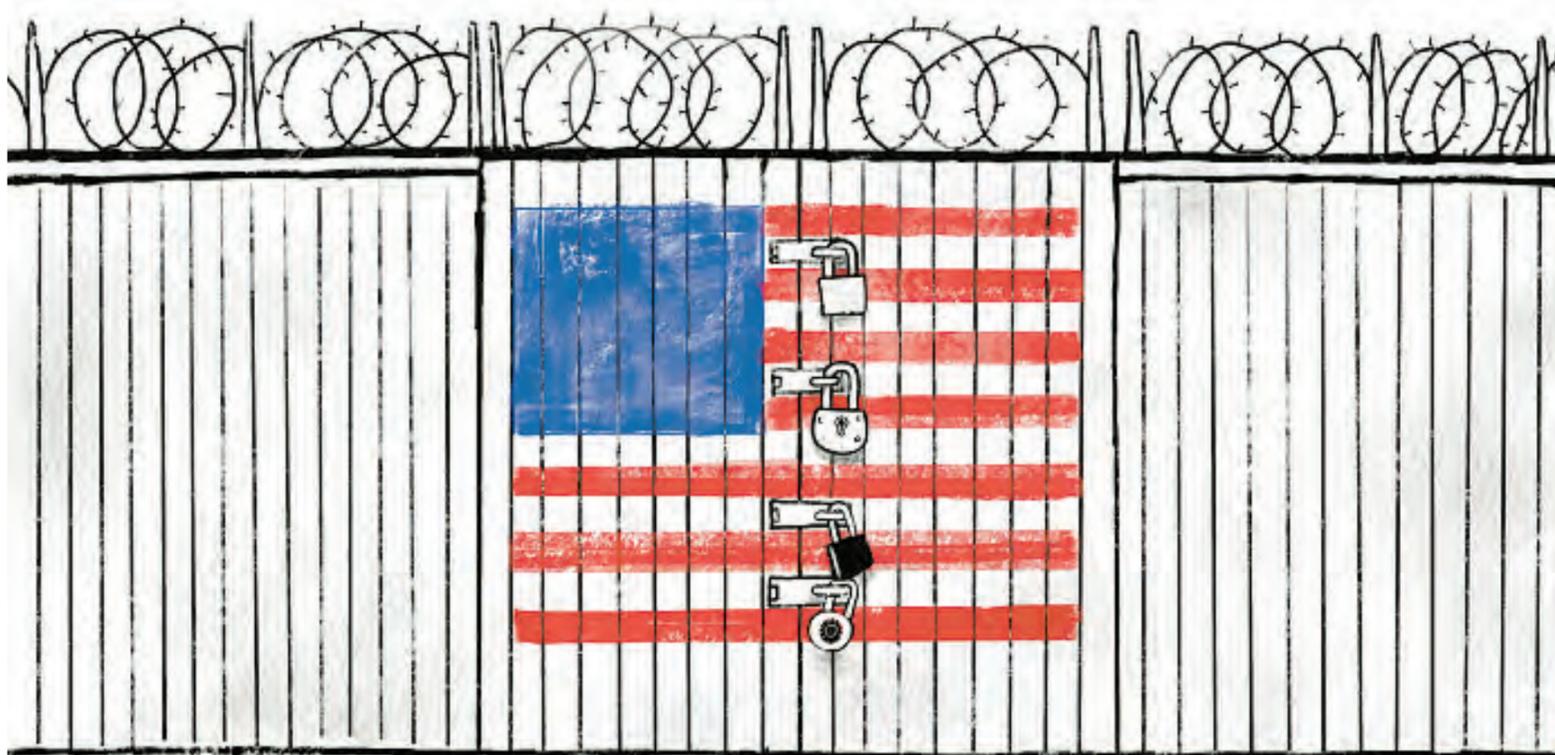
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BROKEN SYSTEM?



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The Trump administration's efforts to lock down the U.S.-Mexico border has included, among other things, radical changes in the country's asylum system for those seeking to escape persecution in their own countries. Below, three attorneys and a professor at the University of San Diego's Kroc School of Peace Studies address what that means for the many would-be immigrants and our nation.

HOSTILE AGENTS WRONG FOR 'CREDIBLE FEAR' INTERVIEW

BY EMMA WINGER & MITRA EBADOLAH

The coronavirus pandemic has shut down most of our country and, along with it, our asylum system. With a March 20 order from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention restricting crossing at our southern border, almost all individuals fleeing violence and persecution have been prevented from seeking safe haven in the United States. But the reshaping of our asylum system was in the works long before the pandemic.

Since 2017, an onslaught of anti-immigrant policies has chipped away at the legally enshrined right to apply for asylum. One of these policies clandestinely changed the very first step of the asylum process: the "credible fear" interview, which determines whether people seeking asylum can continue in their journey to access life-saving protection in the United States or instead be turned away.

For many people, the "credible fear" interview marks the beginning of the lengthy process to seek asylum in the U.S. Only those who pass the interview can present their full claims to an immigration judge. The standard is intentionally low, so that people with a genuine fear are not summarily deported back to persecution or death. In the interview, people seeking asylum must often provide painful details of the persecution they have experienced. These threshold screenings are meant to be conducted in a non-adversarial and safe setting by asylum officers who are experts in asylum law and specially trained to work with victims of trauma. And for decades, that is how these interviews were conducted.

Last year, however, the federal government — acting through officials who were unlawfully appointed — started to allow some U.S. Border Patrol agents to conduct these sensitive interviews. Although it is not clear yet whether Border Patrol agents have conducted "credible fear" interviews everywhere, "pilot programs" like this often expand to become the norm throughout the border region.

The Border Patrol is part of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), an agency that describes itself as "the world's largest law enforcement organization charged with keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the U.S." This is critical: CBP officials (including those with the Border Patrol) are immigration enforcement officers. Such officials should not be tasked with interviewing survivors of violence about their past traumas. Agents with no relevant experience were rushed through an abbreviated training course in an area that is both extremely complex and highly sensitive. Last year, Border Patrol agents were exposed for making violent, hostile comments directed at migrants. This is the group that has been

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AMERICA USED TO HAVE EMPATHY FOR THE PERSECUTED

BY TAMMY LIN

People describe the United States as a "melting pot," an example of a democracy's best attributes. Emma Lazarus' poem, "The New Colossus," at the Statue of Liberty's base, yearns for a beacon of hope for vulnerable populations, the "huddled masses" long before World War II awakened an understanding that it took an international community to protect humanity from our worst inclinations. Lazarus' poem was set in the background of her advocacy for protections for Jewish people fleeing Czarist Russia in the late 1800s. Several decades later, during World War II, the U.S., like much of the rest of the world, was slow to accept Jewish refugees. Some of those refused entry later died in the Holocaust.

Modern-day asylum law was a reactionary solution to the world's failures during World War II to protect the most vulnerable populations targeted for cruelty and persecution solely based on immutable, personal attributes. The United Nations, in another response to World War II atrocities, created an international legal standard, based on "non-refoulement," to protect people who faced persecution. Our commitment to non-refoulement is the basic concept that as a society, we cannot send vulnerable people to a country where they may suffer persecution.

It is no surprise that asylum's protected grounds relate closely to people targeted by the Nazis because of their religion (Jewish), race (Roma, non-White), nationality (Allies and their supporters) and political opinions (opponents to the Third Reich and fascism). A fifth ground of protection was created as a "catch-all" for people in a particular social group, with unifying characteristics that they could not or should not be forced to change (e.g., gender, sexual orientation, mental illness, etc.). From the tragedies of World War II came an agreement in the international community that the least of us deserves the most of our collective protections.

Asylum law as a constant is necessary to ensure a functioning, democratic society so that people who need protection know that it will always be there. All that changes from one year to the next is where asylum seekers originate. Ten years ago, asylum seekers came from East Africa and the Middle East. Pockets of Haitians, Cubans and people from the former Soviet Union sought refuge in the U.S. when their own government's corruption and policies targeted them.

In the last five years, individuals fleeing Central America came to the U.S. to seek asylum. Asylum seekers are often the "canaries in the coal mine" of worsening conditions in their countries long before the media or general public are made aware of these atrocities.

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U.S. ASYLUM A LIFELINE FOR THREATENED MEXICANS

BY EVERARD MEADE

Mexicans are one of the largest groups of asylum seekers in the United States. They also have a slim chance of getting asylum — less than 10% over the last decade.

The Trump administration's assault on asylum and demonization of Mexicans doesn't help. But responsibility runs much deeper. As a government and as a society, we have failed to acknowledge that there's a war going on in Mexico, or that we bear any responsibility for those it has displaced and exiled.

Since declaring war on drug cartels in December 2006, Mexico has been in the grips of a violent conflict that has claimed more lives, sown greater terror, and sabotaged the rule of law on a larger scale than most of the civil wars of the past century. In July, the Mexican government acknowledged 71,688 forced disappearances since 2006 — Syria and Colombia are the only countries with more, and Mexico will soon surpass them. It's a staggering admission that the government has been unable and unwilling to protect people who have been targeted for violence.

The severity of this conflict is often obscured by Mexico's relative economic and cultural success. Here on the border, The New York Times published a lush culinary tour of Tijuana on Feb. 6, 2018, the year it became the most violent city on the world. The juxtaposition underscores that this violence is not random, but highly targeted (and not at foreign visitors).

The biggest challenges in documenting how this targeting works is that neither the victims nor the perpetrators fit conventional categories for armed conflicts. I have served as an expert witness in nearly 100 asylum cases from Mexico in recent years. In some, there's a public record of persecution — a federal law enforcement agent who had helped to arrest dozens of drug traffickers and survived an assassination attempt, or political activists who refused to be co-opted by organized crime in a region where dozens of their colleagues had been threatened and murdered. Other cases depend much more on the testimony of the asylum seeker and circumstantial evidence of the violence they describe — a woman held as a sex slave by a drug cartel, who witnessed dozens of rapes and murders, or a married couple who fled their hometown after the local crime boss decided to take the woman as personal property.

The drafters of the Refugee Convention (1952), the Refugee Act (1980) and the Torture Convention (1984) surely didn't imagine these exact scenarios. But our federal courts have

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OPEN SCHOOLS SAFELY

While President Donald Trump has insisted that schools physically reopen, the private school his son Barron is attending is sticking with remote learning.

Yes, that feels like a double standard, but it's more complicated than that. Barron will have a computer and internet access at home. He'll have adults making sure he does his work, and he'll be able to eat his fill without free school lunches.

In short, affluent children will mostly be fine even without in-person classes. But one study found that almost 17 million American children live in homes without high-speed internet, and more than 7 million don't have a computer at home. For disadvantaged kids, "online learning" is an oxymoron.

Prolonged school closures will worsen dropout rates across the nation, for missing just 10% of class days is associated with a sevenfold increased risk of dropping out. Even in normal times, only 53% of children attending Bureau of Indian Education schools finish high school. Closures after Hurricane Katrina led many students to leave school for good.

I fear that Trump's hyperbolic embrace of reopening schools has led Democrats to be instinctively wary. The risk is that in trying to protect students from the pandemic — especially disadvantaged students — we may permanently damage their futures.

Let's sort through the evidence, which is inconsistent.

It's false to assert, as Trump did, that children are "virtually immune" to the coronavirus, but the direct risk to schoolchildren is small. Those ages 5 through 14 account for fewer than 1 in every 1,000 COVID-19 deaths in the United States. Among all causes of death of children in that age group since February, the coronavirus was responsible less than 1% of the time.

The greater risk is to elderly teachers and to students' grandparents, but advocates of reopening schools note that other countries have successfully operated schools. In most of those places, like Germany, Denmark, Norway and Taiwan, COVID-19 was relatively rare, but Sweden kept its schools open even though it has had a significantly higher per capita death toll than the United States.

I've criticized Sweden's approach to the pandemic, which resulted in very high mortality and substantial economic damage, but it does offer a window into what happens when a country with elevated levels of COVID-19 keeps schools open. Sweden found no increased risk to teachers, compared with those in other jobs.

One review article by a Swedish epidemiologist, Jonas Ludvigsson, concluded: "Children are unlikely to be the main drivers of the pandemic. Opening up schools and kindergartens is unlikely to impact COVID-19 mortality rates in older people."

There's plenty of con-

trary evidence, however. A study in JAMA Pediatrics suggests that children may carry enough virus to spread the pandemic. The coronavirus raced through a sleepaway camp in Georgia so that 76% of campers and staff members for whom test results were available tested positive. Schools in at least five states reopened and then had to close again, at least temporarily, after eruptions of the virus — a particular problem in parts of the country that did not take the pandemic seriously.

Putting aside the health impact, we also know that low-income children suffer disproportionately not only from the virus, but also from school closures. McKinsey has estimated that prolonged closures could cost students up to 14 months of education and lead to 1 million additional high school dropouts. The edu-

Our children are worth it, and the path is straightforward.

cational losses would reduce lifetime earnings of students by \$80,000 each, with Black and Latino students suffering percentage drops in incomes twice as great as those among whites, McKinsey calculated.

Given all this, the advice of the American Academy of Pediatrics seems right, that we do everything possible to allow children to safely resume in-person learning.

That's especially true for special needs students (about 14% of enrollment), as well as low-income pupils and those at risk of dropping out. But this isn't about rashly herding children into schools, but about doing all that can be done to make schools safe. That means aggressive testing, mask-wearing, open windows, outdoor classes when possible and grouping students in pods, and it will require much more federal assistance for schools.

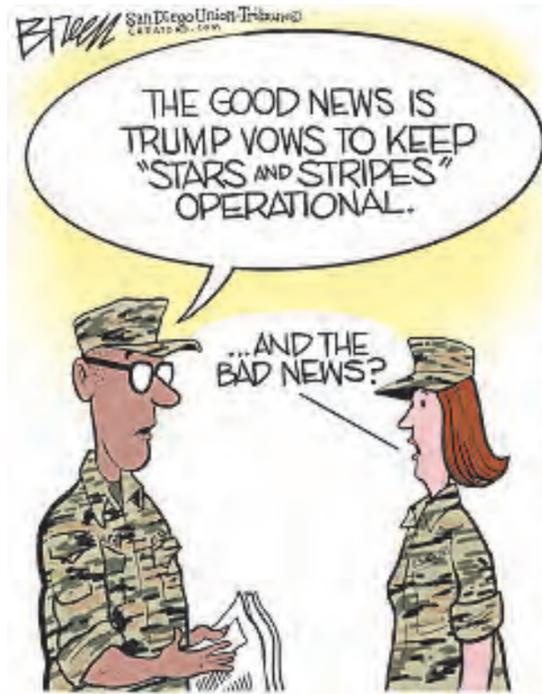
Let's also embrace Bandwidth for All, modeled on rural electrification in the 1930s and '40s. The internet is as essential today as electricity was then.

There will be some places in the United States where coronavirus prevalence is so high that in-person schooling will have to be suspended, but that should be the exception. It's absurd that we have allowed liquor stores, gyms, gun shops, restaurants and marijuana dispensaries to operate while keeping schools shut.

Let's also remember that in a larger sense the best way to reopen schools is to demand responsibility from our leaders and all the rest of us. The path is straightforward: control the virus with masks, business lockdowns, social distancing, aggressive testing and rigorous surveillance (including sewage testing, which gives early warning that the virus is present). If our peer countries can do it, we can, too. Our children are worth it.

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EDITORIAL

LEAVE SPORTS ARENA PLANS TO NEXT MAYOR

In normal times, San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer's announcement that he had accepted the recommendation of his in-house selection panel to task a development team led by Brookfield Properties and ASM Global with planning and building a huge entertainment district on the city's 48-acre sports arena site might have been reason to celebrate. Mayoral aides point out the decision has been months in the making, and the selection panel followed the guidelines it had initially laid out in choosing the companies. Given ASM Global's reputation for developing such first-rate projects as L.A. Live, it has instant credibility. It's exciting to think about what a modern arena and new parks, housing and commercial properties would bring to San Diego.

But these are not normal times. A 19-story-tall shadow hangs over Faulconer: his 2016 rush to enter into a \$127 million, 20-year lease-to-own contract for an office tower at 101 Ash Street without any serious vetting — and the wrenching subsequent discovery that the aging building needs at least \$115 million in improvements before it could be used safely.

Last week, Faulconer decided the city would stop making its monthly lease payment of \$535,000 in an attempt to shift the narrative from how he had abjectly failed his responsibilities to the notion that the city had been snookered by Cisterra Development, the real-estate firm that brokered the "asis" deal. Lawsuits loom, but perhaps this strategy will work and Cisterra will agree to a compromise.

Yet this doesn't change the fact that, as The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board noted a month ago, when it comes to real estate management, "Literally no one in San Diego has less credibility on the subject than Kevin Faulconer."

His mistakes-were-made rhetoric ducking full responsibility for the fiasco makes this plain. With three months left in office, he should leave sports arena development decisions to his successor.

How could there not be questions already? Cybele Thompson, who Faulconer chose to head the real

estate assets department in 2014 — who spoke of getting a "game-changer" for the sports arena site in February — who added, "We want to make sure we get it right" in July — resigned last month amid all the swirling questions about 101 Ash St. *Get it right?* Faulconer himself should want to hit pause.

That's clearly the preference of one of the two remaining mayoral candidates. City Council President Barbara Bry put out a statement denouncing Faulconer's decision and saying the public was not given enough time to examine the city's options and then weigh in. She said that, as a "bare minimum," the city should wait until the November vote on Measure E, which would waive the 30-foot height limit on projects in the Midway area. Bry opposes the measure but makes a good point that its fate will play a key role in the future of the sports arena site.

Assemblyman Todd Gloria, who finished in first place in March's mayoral primary, didn't reject Faulconer's decision in an emailed statement. Gloria, who supports Measure E, said that if elected, he would take a close look at the plan to determine if it "is in the best interests of the city." It is possible that — unlike what happened with the 101 Ash Street contract — the city sweated the details and has a smart plan. We just don't know. And we'd have greater confidence if Faulconer wasn't involved.

Obviously, there is a political context to the two candidates' views. Bry uses Gloria's vote as a councilman for the Ash Street lease as a club against him, saying she would have had the savvy to oppose it. Gloria backers counter that such savvy wasn't evident when Bry was part of a unanimous council vote in 2018 to approve \$30 million in building repairs.

Housing and real estate in general and the fate of the sports arena in particular must be a major focus of the mayoral campaign. But even if, as his staff points out, Faulconer isn't making decisions that would bind the hands of the winner, he should not be guiding current planning in any way. Mistakes that cost truckloads of money have consequences.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Money should not be driving local decisions

Re "Grand jury should probe land deals" (Aug. 28): The noted "outsized influence of developer lobbying and campaign contributions" on career-focused politicians is all too accurate, but only a part of the ugly story.

It starts with highly paid developer consultants, engineers and attorneys utilizing unfettered access to outmatched city planners to either overwhelm them with their "expertise" or apply a carrot ("We'll help get you a good private sector job") or stick ("You want to be stuck here forever?") approach to extract zoning, entitlement and other concessions.

Relying on the resulting tainted recommendations, the City Council — adding Lisa Ross' accurately described 10th-floor lobbying — affixes its approval, with impacted communities and their residents rendered essentially powerless.

Other cities have adopted development approval measures that thwart such process ma-

nipulation and 101 Ash Street debacles. San Diego must elect a business-oriented mayor devoted less to career aspirations and more to process improvement now for the benefit of taxpayers.

Robert Freund
Carmel Valley

El Cajon not doing its residents any favors

Re "I'm the El Cajon mayor. Here's why our police have not been enforcing pandemic-related laws." (Sept. 1): El Cajon already has COVID-19 case rates that are as much as 40% higher than San Diego County as a whole. Not only are deaths from this disease significantly higher than seasonal flu, but there is a "long hauler" syndrome that is being seen in patients who had mild to moderate COVID-19 and then "recovered."

Not enforcing reasonable precautions tells me that El Cajon is not serious about controlling the disease and the health of its business' patrons. As customers who commonly frequent El Cajon stores and attend

church there, my wife and I (both in at-risk categories) will now redirect our shopping to establishments in other communities where reasonable precautions are observed, and the health of both the store employees and patrons is considered important.

Alan C. Burye Sr.
La Mesa

Americans must focus on the real problems

Re "Facebook takes down Russian operation" (Sept. 1): The wild conspiracy theories regurgitated by QAnon supporters only serve to encourage and hearthen the Russian sources who are behind the anonymous internet postings.

The Russians are secure in the Kremlin and must take great satisfaction and pride in their ability to stir up the U.S. political pot with such little risk or expense. Give them credit for their ability to create imaginative narratives that dupe so many Americans.

To those who believe in QAnon, I ask you to consider the possibility that the Russians are playing the U.S. electorate for their own purposes. It is time for

Americans to focus on real issues, like the coronavirus pandemic, widespread unemployment and business failures, health care, structural racism and climate change, not imaginary ones created to sow divisiveness and doubt in our citizenry.

John Stevenson
Del Cerro

Fear campaign is not based on reality

I have two grown children who live in Portland. When protests began, we immediately asked our kids what was happening and if they were safe. They have consistently stated that unless you went downtown to the courthouse, you were unaware of anything happening. We then spent a week visiting them. Driving around it was no different than being in San Diego. No one looting, no anarchy, no vandalism, just another typical American city.

To all you people who are listening to all this talk of anarchy, vandalism and assault going on in Portland, I am here to tell you, as an eyewitness, that it is way overblown. This whole "Joe Biden's America" argument that paints the country as

falling into some kind of dystopian nightmare is false. It is really meant to scare you into voting for them, nothing more.

Jim Veltman
Carlsbad

Trump shouldn't ask fans to break the law

Re "Trump faces push-back for urging people to vote twice as test" (Sept. 3): It was appalling to read that Donald Trump actually exhorted his constituents in North Carolina to vote twice. In short, he is directing his constituents (many of whom seem to rely on him for guidance) to commit felony voter fraud.

This type of felony is specifically enumerated in the election law of at least 34 states, including North Carolina. Donald Trump has shown that he has abso-

lutely no respect for the laws of our nation. This kind of rabble-rousing call for criminal activity clearly indicates that he has no respect for the well-being of his constituents or the "law and order" platform that he says forms the basis of his campaign for re-election.

Paul Chelminiak
East Village

California remains the first choice for many

Re "Nation does not want to be like California" (Aug. 28): I spent 22 years in the Navy. During that time I traveled all over the world.

When I retired, the Navy asked me where I wanted to live. I said, "Send me to California. Do not pass Go. Do not collect \$200 dollars. Go directly to California."

James Nall
Menifee

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WINGER-EBADOLAHY • The cruelty of process is obvious

FROM B9 making determinations that have life or death consequences for people seeking asylum. People who have fled life-threatening violence and are apprehended by Border Patrol are detained and questioned, and then interviewed only a day or two after their dangerous journey. Their trauma is still fresh and the opportunities to prepare for the interview are limited. Many do not have the help of an attorney, and those who do are often prevented by CBP from contacting and consulting with their attorney. Unfamiliar with the U.S. immigration system, often facing a language barrier, and without legal assistance, people seeking asylum are particularly vulnerable to abuse. Within detention centers, people seeking asylum and attorneys report that Border Patrol agents have conducted the “credible fear” interviews like criminal interrogations. People seeking asylum tell of being yelled at, cut off when responding, and scolded if they cry or exhibit other signs of trauma. Instead of being met with trauma-informed, well-trained experts on asylum law, many applicants have been forced to present their cases to aggressive, mostly male immigration enforcement agents. The results are predictable. People have withdrawn their asylum appli-

cations or remained silent, ultimately jeopardizing their ability to access safety in the U.S. And Border Patrol agents have consistently lower credible fear approval rates than asylum officers in the same period. Between last August, when Border Patrol agents began carrying out a significant number of credible fear interviews, and May of this year, Border Patrol agents only granted 35% of all credible fear claims. Over the same period, asylum officers granted 57% of credible fear claims. It seems clear that the goal of this policy is to slam shut the first door people seeking asylum must come through. On Monday, a court ordered a temporary halt to the program. The court found that Border Patrol agents have not been properly trained to conduct these sensitive interviews. The program should never be restarted. CBP officials, including Border Patrol agents, must not be permitted to be gatekeepers to the asylum process. Adversarial by the nature of their enforcement role, such officials cannot substitute the neutral, expert role that professionally trained asylum officers have long filled. It is immoral and illegal to place the fate of survivors and other people seeking asylum in the hands of a law enforcement agency tasked with capturing and detaining immigrants.

LIN • Trump has weaponized asylum, hurting the innocent

FROM B9 These are the people whose own government is a bad actor or fails to protect them. The principles of U.S. asylum law have remained unchanged since World War II and have been among the toughest in the world. Just because you come from a country in disarray does not mean you automatically get asylum; approval rates are low because the legal standard is so high. The U.S. asylum law’s constancy eroded with the Trump administration’s concerted efforts to chip away at the long-held legal precedent of allowing asylum seekers to enter our nation. I look at these asylum seekers in Mexico and wonder how a policy like this would have impacted my mother if it existed in Hong Kong when she fled during World War II, at the age of 2, with my grandmother and uncle, then a year old, from China. My grandfather fought against the Communists, but the Nationalists were losing the civil war. Hong Kong, under British rule, opened its borders to Chinese asylum seekers for limited periods of time daily. My

grandmother always said, “If you did not make it into Hong Kong before they shut the border again, then you likely were fated to be captured and harmed by the Communist Chinese.” The lessons learned from World War II and our country’s attempts to prevent future atrocities are being ignored and even destroyed by the actions of this administration. Not only have we repeated history by preventing asylum seekers to plead their case inside the U.S., we have refused a whole category of people from the possibility of safety much like we did when we turned those ships of Jewish people around and sent them back to their fate in Nazi Germany. This administration’s actions dim the beacon of hope so symbolically embodied by Lady Liberty and illuminated by Lazarus’ poem. My only hope is that Americans, aware of the erosion of our melting pot, push against the political weaponization of asylum law and return to a reverence of our contract to the international community and humanity that the least of us deserves the most of our collective protections.

MEADE • U.S. bears some blame for turmoil in Mexico

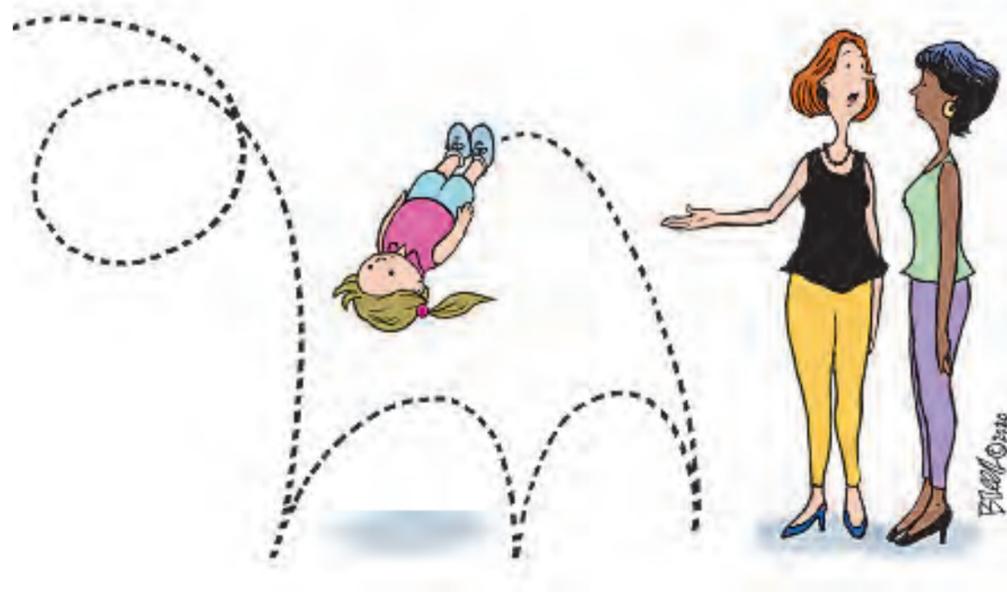
FROM B9 repeatedly shown that the grounds for protection they defined apply in many situations they didn’t anticipate, and persecution need not be at the hands of a military dictatorship or a caricature of the Soviet Union. Taking these cases seriously would not open the floodgates. Undocumented immigration from Mexico is net zero since 2005 and net negative since 2009. More important, most victims of violence in Mexico do not want to leave — even when they have been chased out of their villages and had their houses burned down, when they’ve been kidnapped and tortured, or their spouses and children forcibly disappeared. In more than 250 long-form interviews with victims of violence and their surviving family members, I’ve heard exactly two mentions of seeking protection in the United States. When victims do leave, it’s generally a last resort and often an emergency. A man in Tijuana who had refused recruitment by a drug cartel was in the middle of being handed

over by the police to organized crime when he escaped by jumping off of a pedestrian bridge into traffic, throwing himself at the mercy of a Department of Homeland Security security guard. Protection in the U.S. was a lifeline for a person who was specifically targeted, not a floodgate for anyone who wants to come. The asylum system is admittedly an inefficient way to protect people fleeing such a broad wave of violence. Congress should craft legislation that acknowledges that there’s an unconventional but brutal war going on in Mexico and offer protection to well-defined groups so that we do not need to adjudicate every individual claim. This could help reduce the crushing backlog in our immigration courts and catalyze a broader assessment of why U.S. presidential administrations from both parties have failed to develop an effective policy to reduce violence and defend democracy in Mexico. Until then, asylum remains a critical lifeline for individuals and families fleeing violence in Mexico.

THE CARTOON CAPTION CONTEST

Take a bow, Mr. Bobowski. Tom Bobowski won the contest this week with his timely, well-crafted entry and will receive Steve Breen’s signed original in the mail. Thanks to all those who participated. The art for next week’s contest is below. To enter, email your captions to cartooncontest@sduiontribune.com by 10 a.m. Tuesday. Please remember to limit your submissions to three and keep ‘em brief. Good luck and stay healthy!

THE WINNER



“... and that is why we need to reopen the schools.”
Tom Bobowski, Encinitas

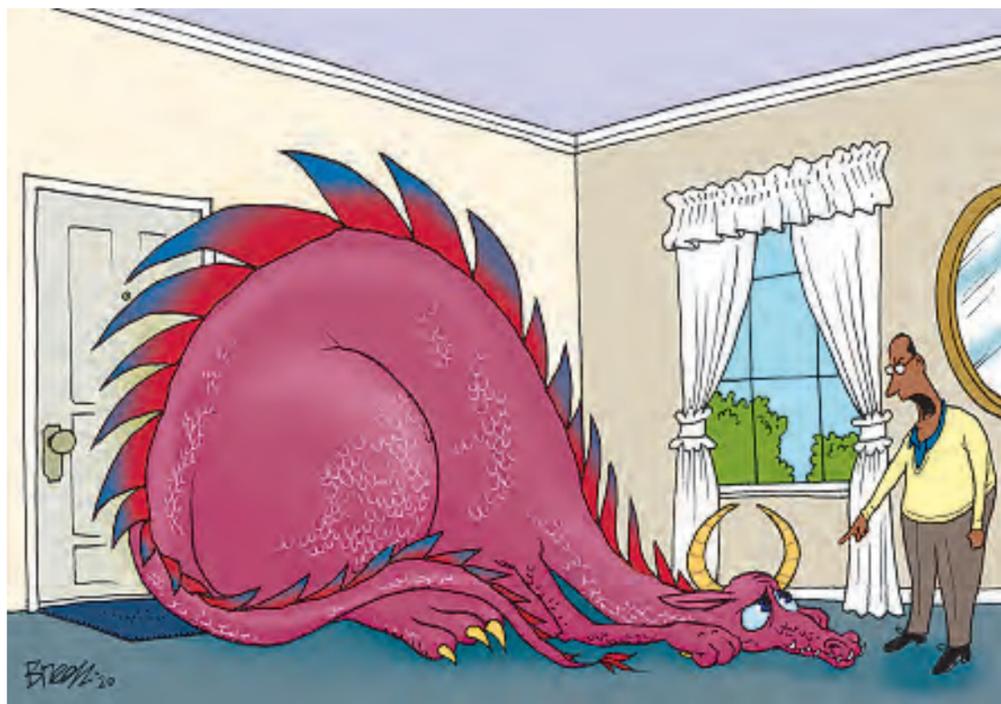
THE FINALISTS

- “She got her first ‘My Little Espresso Maker’ today.”
Kevin Naughton, Spring Valley
- “Sally is really thriving in her virtual gymnastics class.”
Tina Board, San Diego
- “She’s a sleep jumper.”
Marilyn Rudoff, Carlsbad
- “She’s flipping out being in quarantine.”
Kiley Tchang, Chula Vista
- “She’ll make a great politician!”
Mark Collins, La Mesa
- “My daughter, the TikTok star!”
Rob Cohen, Mission Hills
- “Six months quarantined with a trampoline.”
Mechelle Perrott, La Mesa
- “She already found the Halloween candy.”
William Trachta, San Diego
- “She swallowed a super ball.”
John Connolly, San Diego
- “We’re training her to change the light bulbs in the hallway.”
Bernard H. Jackson, Oceanside
- “I’ll give her a 10 if she sticks her landing.”
Goro Kadota, San Diego
- “Life is not about how fast you run or how high you climb but how well you bounce.”
Junior Depositar, San Diego
- “She’s not fitting well into her Irish step dancing class.”
Jennifer Roberts, North Park
- “This is why we named her Joy.”
Jeff Levy, Lakeside

K-12 WINNERS

- “The doctor said the dotted line isn’t permanent.”
Annika Henry, ninth grade, San Diego
- “At every birthday party, this is when the cake and soda kick in”
Kendall Crawford, sixth grade, High Tech Middle North County
- “My husband gave her a sip of Mountain Dew and look what happened.”
Kai Bartee, eighth grade, San Elijo Middle School

NEXT WEEK



GETTING TO KNOW CHEF BRIAN MALARKEY

With quite a few successful restaurants to his name and an appearance on “Top Chef” already on his resume, San Diego chef and restaurateur Brian Malarkey decided to go back on television again to compete in “Top Chef: All Stars” in Los Angeles. Why? “I’m a better chef today than I was the first time I was on there,” Malarkey said of competing on “Top Chef: Miami” in 2007.

It’s also because Malarkey is in a new era of his career, with a slate of new restaurants opened in 2019 including Herb & Sea in Encinitas and Animae — which closed for a few months of the pandemic but recently reopened — in Downtown San Diego with his business partner Chris Puffer. His “All Stars” competition filmed last year but debuted on Bravo in March.

Like other restaurateurs and chefs in San Diego,

Malarkey has been adjusting to new coronavirus-related policies and guidelines and finding ways to cook, teach and raise funds for local charities in the digital space. He recently called in to the Name Drop San Diego podcast from the dining room of Animae. Read excerpts below or listen to the full episode in your favorite listening app.

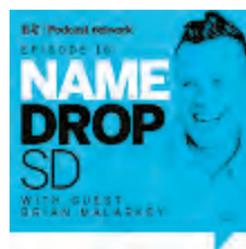
Are you super competitive with these television shows or do you just enjoy the experience?

“Top Chef” is exhausting.

It took me 10 years, I guess, to forget how horrible it was. When you’re locked up in a house, it’s like “The Truman Show.” You’re in a fishbowl and there are cameras everywhere.

They’re watching you brush your teeth. They watch your every move. You get deprived of sleep. You have these insane challenges. It’s exhausting.

I’m a better chef today than I was the first time I was on there. I went on there also for exposure for the new brands. The brands I was



previously representing, I’ve sold and moved on from. ... I would say I went more for a marketing reason than for the joy of it, but when I do get into the competition, I do love it. I’m extremely fast, I’m very quick on my feet and I can tell a good story, also.

You’re from Oregon and have worked and competed in many cities. Why make San Diego your home base?

When I was up in Seattle working at The Oceanaire Seafood Room there, I was in my late 20s and they were opening a brand new restaurant in San Diego and they asked if I wanted to be

the chef-partner. I was like, surf? Yes. Sun? Beautiful. Incredible city. Close to L.A., but so much more relaxed.

I jumped at the opportunity with my wife and we bought a house down here and fell in love with the city and the fact that I did appear on “Top Chef” representing San Diego, I’m very fortunate and happy that the city has essentially adopted me. I’m not going anywhere now.

It’s great when you can get ... a city behind you to support your restaurants and your concepts. I help with the charities and do as much as I can do here to influence new chefs and new restaurateurs. I love this city and I’m just so proud of it and where it’s going and how it’s doing it and, you know, the dining scene in Little Italy and what’s happening in Encinitas, and at the tuna harbor over here ... just a really great community of great chefs and great people really trying to do something special.

BOATERS

FROM B1 them out on a rental, Thomas said.

Bill Edwards, rear commodore of the San Diego Association of Yacht Clubs, was among several boaters who brought up the issue at the Aug. 4 county Board of Supervisors meeting. He noted that county Public Health Officer Dr. Wilma Wooten had acknowledged there had not been a single coronavirus case traced to boating.

Edwards is chair of the association's Boating Freedom Committee, formed this year to address the restriction. The committee has worked with the San Diego Port Tenants Association to create safety protocol that recreational boaters would follow if allowed to sail with non-household members.

The protocols would be distributed and posted on docks and would call for a person in charge of a boat to log the names of all occupants, check people's health and require masks, Edwards said.

After hearing several people speak on the issue Aug. 4, Supervisor Dianne Jacob agreed the rule did appear to be inconsistent, and she questioned whether the county had the authority to amend it.

A staff member said they would have to check with the state.

After recently submitting the proposed protocols to the state, the county is awaiting a response. As of Friday, the county had not heard back.

Edwards acknowledges that the plight of sailors in yacht clubs may not get much sympathy from many people.

"A lot of us are feeling that's part of the problem, that we're just snooty people, and so what that they can't take their boats out?" he said. "It's way more than that."

Besides the fact that not every member of a yacht club is a millionaire with a super yacht, Edwards said the restriction also affects people who live 25 miles from the shore and bring their boats to launches by trailer for a day of fishing with their buddies.

The association represents various boating organizations and eight main clubs, from the Chula Vista Yacht Club in South Bay to the Oceanside Yacht Club in North County.

Thomas said the 135-year-old San Diego Yacht Club, which once won the America's Cup, has canceled almost all its boat races, as have all other clubs in the county.

"Right now we're doing some sailboat racing, but it's all strictly with people from the same household or (on one-person) Sabots, Lasers and Fins," he said.

Lisa Clements, vice commodore of Silvergate Yacht Club, spoke at the Aug. 4 meeting and told supervisors that the public health order had caused her club to cancel its 60-year-old Wheelchair Regatta, an annual event where large power boats gave 90-minute tours to more than 400 disabled people and their caregivers.

The club also had to cancel its America's Schooner Cup regatta, which each year raised between \$30,000 and \$35,000 for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, she said.

Oceanside Yacht Club Commodore Mark Mallaby said the restriction has eliminated many races, including the popular Wednesday night twilight series with full crews.

He said the canceled weekly event meant fewer visitors to the clubhouse, meaning fewer people spending money at the restaurant and bar.

"It is frustrating, because there's not a whole lot of logic to it," he said about the rule. "If I wanted to take my friends out sailing, they could get in the car with me and I could take them to the yacht club. I could sit at a table with them and have a drink. I could walk with them to the dock and then sit on the boat with them. But we can't go sailing."

Mallaby, who grew up in Sydney, Australia, has raced sailboats more than 40 years and owns a 35-foot boat that requires a crew. While he can't race from his own club, he has participated in regattas this summer in Orange County, which doesn't have the same restriction.

"We're not out to create a problem, but what we would like is a modicum of fairness and modicum of common sense," he said.

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A PATH FORWARD

Summer of 2020 marked by tragedy at beginning, end

BY STEVEN P. DINKIN

Never has Labor Day been so welcomed. This has been a summer like no other.

I'm not talking about the weirdness resulting from COVID-19, like basketball played in a giant bubble. Or masked walks on the beach. Or drive-in church services.

I'm talking about the violence. The unofficial start of summer — Memorial Day — was marred by the murder in Minneapolis of George Floyd, a Black man, by a White police officer. Floyd's death sparked outrage across the country. Protests erupted in all 50 states, drawing people of all races and ages.

In the weeks that followed, according to the Pew Research Center, as many as 69 percent of us had a conversation about racial inequality.

Corporations joined the conversation, too, pledging support for the Black Lives Matter movement and promising to do a better job with hiring and promotions. Consumer product companies acknowledged the

offensive origins of beloved household brands — like Uncle Ben's rice and Aunt Jemima syrup — and made changes.

Our frayed nerves gave way to a collective hopefulness — that somehow, we were finally on our way to addressing racial injustice.

Then, with Labor Day — the unofficial end of summer — just around the corner, Kenosha, Wis., police officer Rusten Sheskey shot Jacob Blake seven times in the back as Blake tried to evade arrest.

Blake is Black; Sheskey is White. Blake survived the gunfire, but he is paralyzed from the waist down and unlikely to walk again.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar wrote in *The Guardian* about what seems to be a dying ember of hope: that America was finally committed to the simple idea that being Black shouldn't make it more difficult to survive a run-in with police. The basketball legend describes the popularity of the Black Lives Matter movement that swept through America over the last few months as a small but pow-

erful sun. However, in the wake of Blake's shooting, Abdul-Jabbar says, "The small sun set quickly. The dying ember had been extinguished."

Abdul-Jabbar's former team, the Milwaukee Bucks, boycotted Game 5 of the NBA playoffs to protest the fact that the Wisconsin state Legislature was slow to react to racial injustice in the state. Other NBA teams followed suit. In Major League Baseball, three games were canceled, led by the Milwaukee Brewers.

Perhaps the ember of hope has miraculously flickered back.

Still, we have a long way to go. The twin tragedies of the fates that befell George Floyd and Jacob Blake are the bookends of the ghastly summer of 2020. We must do better. It starts with the uncomfortable conversations so many of us are already having. But it continues with a commitment to move beyond words and take action.

The desire to act was evident on a recent August night. More than 8,000 people — from 15 countries on

six continents — joined the San Diego-based National Conflict Resolution Center for a virtual conversation about systemic racism. The event featured New York Times bestselling authors Robin DiAngelo and Ibram X. Kendi, and it was moderated by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wesley Lowery.

Both authors believe that each of us can play a role in achieving an antiracist society. In his book "How to Be an Antiracist," Kendi defines an antiracist as "one who is supporting an antiracist policy through their actions or expressing an antiracist idea." Simply declaring "I am not a racist" is not enough. Action is required. In fact, Kendi views inaction as inherently racist because it preserves the status quo.

DiAngelo, the author of "White Fragility," frames it this way: Unless you interrupt racism, you collude with it. If you recognize a disparity in an institution or policy, she says, chances are that an organization is already fighting it. You can join that fight, offering your

time, expertise or financial support.

L.A. Clippers coach Doc Rivers recently said in a heartfelt speech, "It's amazing to me why we (Black Americans) keep loving this country and the country doesn't love us back. You don't need to be Black to be outraged. You need to be American."

He's right. All Americans should be outraged. We need to come together and find solutions. We need to talk openly, rationally and respectfully — with curiosity and humility. We need to move beyond unquestioned ideas and think critically. We need to engage and strive for empathy. And we need to share the love.

Those are the lessons of this summer. And, if we take them to heart, we can stop seeing the last few months as a curse and come to accept them as a gift.

Dinkin is president of the National Conflict Resolution Center, a San Diego-based group working to create solutions to challenging issues, including intolerance and incivility. To learn about NCRC's programming, visit ncrconline.com

CAFE

Live music included in September Nights events

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The upcoming September Nights events include dinner from Cori Trattoria on Sept. 10, MAKE Cafe lunch on Sept. 12, and Tribute Pizza and the Rose Wine Bar on Sept. 12.

All the events will feature live music and require reservations on ircmake.org/pop-on-30th. Pop on 30th sits in the middle of the MAKE's urban farm, where it runs its job readiness program, Youth FarmWorks and Cafe. Nearby is St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where MAKE operates its job training cooking and catering program called Project CHOP.

IRC's MAKE Projects serve refugee, immigrant and low-income residents in San Diego. The farming and cafe program is geared toward providing teens ages 16 and older with work experience and skills that can be applied in school, such as public speaking and confidence. Students earn a \$300 stipend.

Project CHOP serves refugee women, mostly mothers, who want work experience while improving their English. Participants work 16 hours a week and are paid \$13 to \$15 an hour.

Produce from the farm is used in the cafe, which serves food prepared by the CHOP participants.

APPRAISAL

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worth \$15 million and a 2016 appraisal for the former owners that said the building was worth up to \$22 million, including \$11 million worth of skydiving equipment and other furnishings.

Faulconer included the specific location of the proposed facility in his speech.

"I've decided on a downtown location at 14th and Imperial," he told the audience inside the Balboa Theater on Jan. 11, 2018. "I'm excited to say that we are ahead of schedule — and the housing navigation center will open this year."

Before escrow closed in 2018, the Mayor's Office told the Union-Tribune that no updated appraisal was needed because the broker's opinion from 2017 and a 2016 appraisal confirmed that the \$7 million purchase price was a good deal for taxpayers.

The sale was approved by the council three weeks later and escrow closed early that February.

The Mayor's Office said Friday that Faulconer was no longer willing to wait to address the city's homelessness problem.

"As the mayor said in his 2018 speech, the days of pursuing consensus and getting nothing done on homelessness are over and swift action would be taken," mayor aide Keely Halsey said in a statement.

The "housing navigation center," which helps homeless people enroll in social service programs, was opened in the building late



ARIANA DREHSLER

Roda Suleiman brings breakfast to customers seated in the outdoor space at the MAKE Cafe in North Park.

Mei said keeping the space busy with the restaurant events and cafe helps give participants real world experience in fast-paced situations, but in a setting where they can fail and turn it into a teachable moment.

"We are really trying to help people who are very vulnerable and are not necessarily ready or able to get a job right away, which is why they come to us," Mei said. "We are an incredibly important space for showing them that they can work and building their confidence to do it."

Roda Suleiman, a refugee from Darfur in western Sudan, is a participant in project CHOP. She arrived in the United States in 2013 with her husband and daughter and moved to City Heights last year. Unlike some of the other participants of CHOP who have little to no work experience, Suleiman used to work as a housekeeper, at a grocery store and a factory.

But this is the first time she feels she is really enjoying the work she does, Suleiman said.

"I like my job," she said, laughing. "I like cooking. I'm

cooking everyday for my home and cooking here, too. We cook different food here. ... American food my boss had to teach me how to cook this kind. Now any kind of food I'm cooking."

About 50 refugees from Somalia, South Sudan, Cambodia, Mexico, Vietnam and Syria participate in MAKE Projects. The programs were recently shortened and cut down in size to protect participants during the pandemic.

Sixteen-year-old Evelyn Arce, a native San Diegan, said she joined the program

because she wanted to earn money and gain skills that will help her get a job in the future. She's interested in pursuing a career as a dietitian, so getting work experience on the farm and learning about healthy food is helpful.

"Apart from the farm work, I've learned how to look for jobs, create a résumé and how to act in an interview," Evelyn said. "Everyone here is really nice and helps you a lot."

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last year — a year and a half later than originally expected.

The new appraisal was performed last month, after the U.S. Housing and Urban Development officials requested an independent review of the property in response to complaints from a former mayoral candidate named Rich Riel.

Riel sought the review after reading about the transaction in the Union-Tribune earlier this year. Federal housing officials were interested because the city used Community Development Block Grants to finance the acquisition.

Mayoral spokesman Craig Gustafson said the new appraisal shows the city paid a fair price for the property.

"The appraisal independently verifies this was an appropriate real estate decision by the city, and those who have questioned the transaction based on nothing but speculation will have to find another reason if they want to stand in the way of taking action on our homeless crisis," he added.

Conducted by the San Diego firm Jones, Roach & Caringella, the 71-page analysis did not evaluate the property as a former indoor skydiving facility. Instead, the appraisers completed the appraisal on the basis of the building being used as office space.

"The good quality construction, elevator-served upper floors, unique atrium design and glass exterior are all features that would attract and support creative office use," they

wrote. "While the open floor areas around the atrium are less functional for traditional office space, an open floor concept is considered functional and desirable for creative office and assembly uses."

The building features a pair of 15-foot-wide wind tunnels that stretch through all three floors. It also includes sales counters, equipment cabinets, foot lockers, classrooms for flight lessons and an industrial kitchen.

Despite the unusual amenities, the appraisal said the "highest and best use" for the property was as an office or similar commercial space. They said the 23,000 square feet of usable floor space would present an attractive option to the right buyer.

Under that scenario, the city paid about \$300 per square foot for the building.

The appraisal included 23 separate assumptions and limiting conditions, including the notion that the property is "readily marketable," meets the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements and that there are "no hidden or unapparent conditions."

"No responsibility is assumed for undisclosed items of record or any unrecorded items that may limit the utility of the property," the appraisal states.

The report also includes five comparison transactions between 2015 and 2017, ranging from \$180 per square foot to \$380 per square foot. The costliest was a 10,500-square-foot office building just north of Little Italy; the lowest cost

was a warehouse just north of Chicano Park.

Riel, a real estate expert who finished sixth out of seven candidates for San Diego mayor in the March primary, said the appraisal does not assuage his concern that city officials acted improperly in purchasing the property which, prior to the city's purchase, had been foreclosed on by financier and political donor David Malcolm.

"Another appraiser might reasonably determine that the highest and best use for 1401 is not 'adaptive reuse for commercial office or similar use,'" Riel said. "Another appraiser might reasonably state the value in the property is in the land and discount the structure for functional obsolescence, resulting in a lower value."

George Mullen, another real estate professional who two years ago criticized the city's purchase of the former skydiving center, also was less than satisfied with the new property valuation.

"Why didn't the mayor just lease this space, or another space for that matter?" he asked. "With no one else looking to buy this one-use building in 2018, why did the mayor rush to purchase it without even an independent appraisal to verify it's true value?"

It is not clear whether the newly completed appraisal will close the federal investigation. The HUD investigators spearheading the review did not respond to a request for comment.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Sept. 6, the 250th day of 2020. There are 116 days left in the year.

Today's highlights

On Sept. 6, 1997, a public funeral was held for Princess Diana at Westminster Abbey in London, six days after her death in a car crash in Paris. In Calcutta, India, weeping masses gathered to pay homage to Mother Teresa, who had died the day before at age 87.

On this date

In 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. (McKinley died eight days later; Czolgosz was executed on Oct. 29.)

In 1995, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig's record by playing his two-thousand-131st consecutive game.

Today's birthdays

Comedian JoAnne Worley is 85. Rock singer-musician Roger Waters (Pink Floyd) is 77. Actor Swoosie Kurtz is 76. Actor Jane Curtin is 73. Comedian Jeff Foxworthy is 62. Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is 58. Actor Rosie Perez is 56. Actor Naomi Harris is 44.

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YOUR MONEY

DEBT RELIEF CAN BE RISKY OPTION

As the pandemic and its economic fallout continues, more cash-strapped consumers could fall into this trap. **C2**



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THE NEXT COVID CHALLENGE?

Our panel of economists and executives considers if employers should require workers to get a COVID-19 vaccine. **C3**



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EYEING A RETURN

As California eases shut down restrictions, what's next for the office crowd in San Diego County?

BY BRITTANY MEILING

After nearly six months of working from home, many white-collar office workers in San Diego are eyeing their old work spaces, wondering when — if ever — they'll return to cubicles, conference rooms and water-cooler chatter.

The state's recent update to reopening rules eased restrictions on many industries, allowing places such as restaurants, salons and pet groomers to reopen their indoor operations (at least partially) in San Diego. But the new rules tightened restrictions on offices.

Back in June, non-essential offices were allowed to reopen, although state officials asked employers to encourage teleworking when feasible. But now, as San Diego County falls into the state's "red tier" rules, non-essential offices must again be closed, with staffers working remotely.

As the year's uncertainty stretches on, some employers are wondering about the future of their office lives. When is it time to start making plans to return? After all, many industries have already gone back to a semblance of normalcy after adjusting to new state guidelines around distancing and sani-



EDUARDO CONTRERAS U-T PHOTOS
The office space has been outfitted with COVID-19 safety measures for employees at Flock Freight. Top: CEO Jeff Hawkins has his temperature read at a kiosk before going in to work at Truvian.

tation. For others, the question is: When is it time to fully embrace remote work, relinquishing office space once and for all?

It's a conversation increasingly pushed by the workers themselves. Part of the workforce is content — even elated — to be working from home. They want to know their freedoms will remain once the threat of COVID-19 softens. Other workers are getting noisy about their dissatisfaction working full time without a proper office space. They're hitting up managers daily, petitioning to get a plan in order to return to the office, once rules allow.

"There's a divide when it comes to how people feel about safety," said Anna Crowe, who owns and runs a communications firm in San Diego called Crowe PR. "I want my people to be safe. But there's something to be said for the emotional toll that working from home has taken on people who do not want that. I want my employees to have a choice, and I want to be respectful of their comfort level."

Increasingly, employers are choosing to survey their workers to see where employees fall on this spectrum. With such information in hand, they can start making plans for how they'll move forward.

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ANALYSIS

INFLATION IS HIGHER THAN THE NUMBERS SAY

Some of the measures don't reflect the higher cost of living caused by COVID-19 pandemic

BY JUSTIN WOLFERS

The latest inflation statistics say prices have risen by only 1 percent over the past year. But there's something wrong with those numbers because the pandemic has made economic life more expensive in ways the official bean counters aren't capturing.

This distortion has led other economic statistics to paint an artificially rosy picture of our current situation. The problem is that measures like real output, real wages and poverty are calculated using inflation adjustments that don't reflect the higher cost of living during a pandemic. This might help explain why measured poverty has fallen even as lines at food banks have grown.

The government's approach to measuring inflation is straightforward enough. The Bureau of Labor Statistics tracks the price of a basket of goods and services that is in-

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KIRSTEN LUCE THE NEW YORK TIMES
Employees sort items at a food pantry in New York city last month. Measured poverty has fallen, but lines at food banks have grown.

LIZ WESTON Money Talk

Retired felons still get Social Security, in case you were wondering

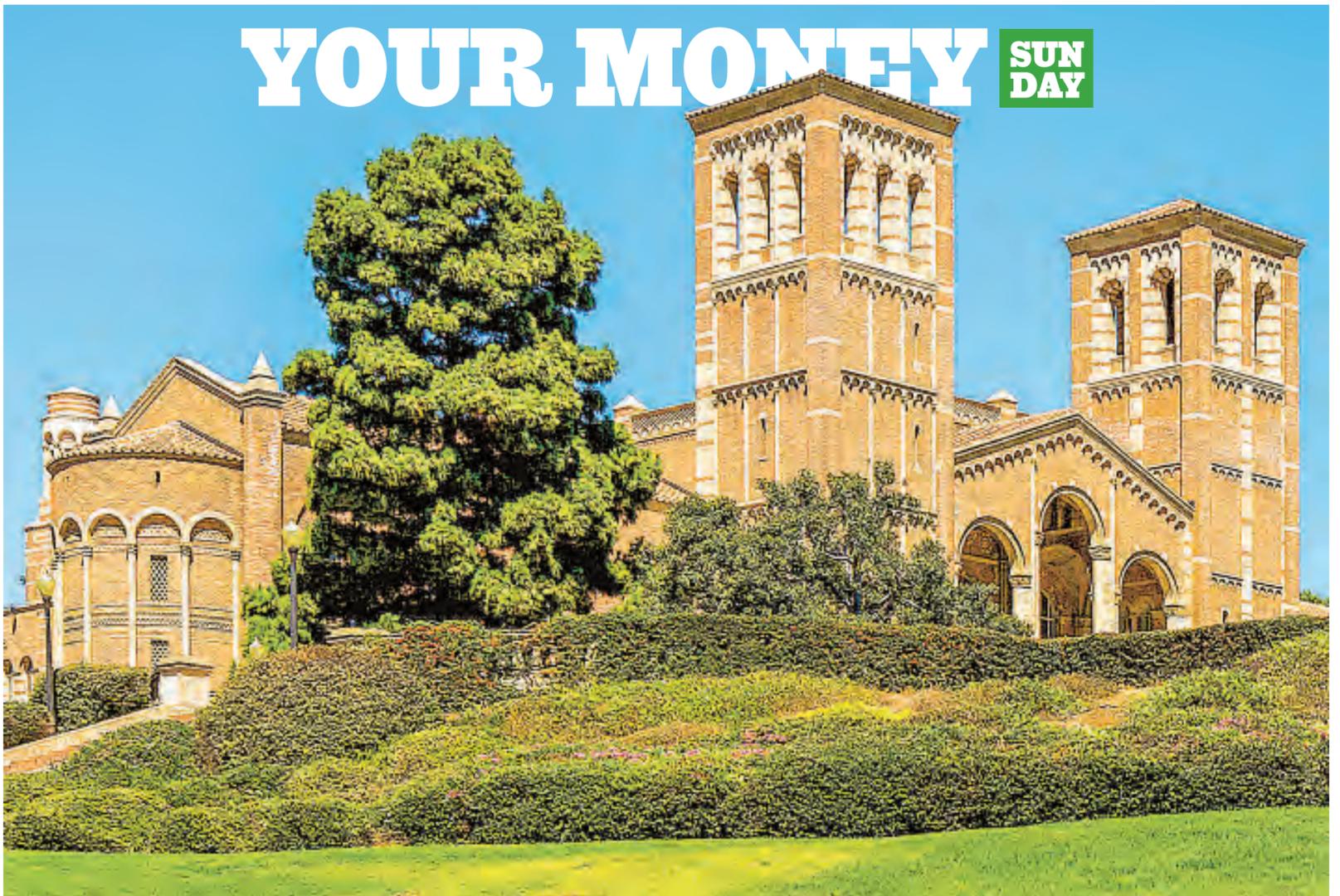
Dear Liz: If someone has a felony, is it true they cannot claim Social Security retirement benefits? If so, what is the best option: a Roth IRA account or a brokerage account? How do they get started without a lot of money?

Answer: A felony does not prevent you from claiming Social Security in the future if you work enough years to qualify for benefits. If you were already receiving retirement benefits when you were convicted, your payments would typically be suspended while you were incarcerated but resumed when you got out.

That said, Social Security usually isn't enough to live on, so you'll want to have money in retirement accounts as well. An IRA or a Roth IRA are both good options. The IRA reduces your taxes upfront while Roth IRAs reduce your taxes in the future. Low- and moderate-income taxpayers also can get a tax credit, called the Savers Credit, for retirement contributions.

If you don't have a lot of money to invest, SEE DEAR LIZ • C5

YOUR MONEY SUN DAY



HUNTER KERHART THE NEW YORK TIMES

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

Many colleges and universities are struggling to reopen safely and offer in-person classes during the pandemic. At risk is not just the health and safety of their students, faculty and staff, but in many cases the financial viability of the institutions themselves if they have to go to remote learning, which could prompt students and their families to demand reductions.

Financial hardships are inevitable for all but the largest universities with multi-billion-dollar endowments, and a lack of paying students could force some closings.

That raises questions for supporters who have made donations to these colleges using the most popular planned giving tool: a charitable gift annuity.

These annuities are similar to commercial annuities, with one key difference. In a typical annuity, you would invest a sum and in return receive a regular payment until your death. After that, what's left goes to the insurance company as profit.

With charitable gift annuities, donors still receive regular annuity payments, but whatever is left over goes to the nonprofit as a gift. They have been working this way since 1843, when the American Bible Society underwrote the first such charitable annuity.

Michele Murphy, a retired lawyer in Palm Desert, who has set up charitable gift annuities at two of the University of California campuses — Los Angeles and Riverside — as well as Loyola Law School, said she was worried about their fate.

"We felt comfortable with the risk at that time," she said. "We understood we

While larger schools are on sounder financial footing, many are struggling during the pandemic. Above, the University of California, Los Angeles.

WEIGHING RISKS WHEN DONATING

A charitable gift annuity is a way to ensure regular income while also leaving a donation behind, but the coronavirus is squeezing some previously solvent schools

were 'first in line' creditors if anything happened to these institutions, but felt that if the entire University of California system and/or Loyola Marymount University were in trouble, we would have a lot more to worry about."

But with colleges and universities struggling during the pandemic, Murphy worries that her annuities may not provide guaranteed retirement income. "In my wildest dreams and speaking as an extremely risk-averse person, I would never have expected that the future of these schools or our CGAs could be in danger because of a pandemic," she said, using shorthand for charitable gift annuities.

With all of the things to be concerned about right now, one bit of reassurance is

that experts say these annuities should be relatively safe. Few nonprofits have defaulted on their annuity obligations. Experts say that donors should remain vigilant in how they select the nonprofits that will set up these annuities, but that the risk is still low.

"Generally speaking, donors still don't have anything to worry about," said Bryan Clontz, founder and president of Charitable Solutions, which manages complicated charitable donations. "They have more to worry about today than they did a year ago. But it's more of an acceleration of a trend."

What ensures that the annuity payments will be made is the nonprofit itself, and more specifically the unrestricted

cash and marketable investments that it has. Just as a commercial annuity is only as good as the solvency of the insurance company that created it, the same holds true with a charitable annuity and the nonprofit organization receiving the gift.

Regulations of nonprofits that offer these annuities vary by state. California, New York and New Jersey are considered the most restrictive, with California requiring nonprofits to establish trusts to hold the annuity money, said Stephanie Buckley, senior regional fiduciary manager for philanthropic services at Wells Fargo Private Bank. That trust ensures that the annuity assets are kept separate from the general assets of the nonprofit.

Most nonprofits are also guided by the American Council on Gift Annuities, which establishes ethical guidelines but also sets the rates that annuities pay. Those rates ensure that the donors will be paid an annuity stream based on actuarial calculations of their age. That rate presumes that about half of the donation will be left for the nonprofit when the donor dies.

A recent survey from Crescendo Associates, which creates software for charities, found that over 80 percent of nonprofits followed the recommended rates.

The other rate that matters is the investment return; the recession has driven those rates down. That could be bad for donors expecting a tax deduction on what is eventually left to the nonprofit because a lower assumed rate of return means more money that needs to be paid back as an annuity and less left over at the end, said Russell James, a professor of personal financial planning at Texas Tech University.

Sullivan writes for The New York Times.

WHEN DEBT RELIEF DOES MORE HARM THAN GOOD

BY SEAN PYLES

In a crisis, long-term planning may lose out to quick and dirty solutions — regardless of the consequences.

As the pandemic and its economic fallout continues, more cash-strapped consumers could fall into this trap if the Great Recession is any indicator.

A recent report by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau found that from 2007 through 2010, debt settlements — which can be financially risky — increased. Meanwhile, credit counseling, a debt relief option that keeps consumers in good standing with their creditors, declined.

Before you hit a moment of crisis decision-making, understand how to think through debt relief options.

Why debt settlement isn't all it's marketed to be

You've probably heard the radio ads or maybe received a robocall promising a solution to your debt that can cut what you owe by 50 percent or more.

Debt settlement claims are as lofty as the industry's marketing budget. But these programs aren't all they're hyped up to be — and the ads gloss over the downsides.

With debt settlement, you stop making payments to creditors and instead direct your money to the debt settlement company, which holds it in an escrow account. Then, typically after several months, the company contacts your creditors and haggles to cut a deal where the creditor accepts less than originally owed. This period of waiting between when you stop paying creditors and the debt is settled (which isn't guaranteed) is where things can go awry.

"There's no free lunch," says Glenn Downing, a Miami certified financial planner. "There really are some significant trade-offs with debt settlement. I'd try to



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In the current economic crisis, some consumers will turn to debt settlement, a risky debt relief option, rather than credit counseling, which keeps them in good standing with creditors.

make it a last resort."

Debt settlement risks include:

Leaving yourself open to lawsuits: When you stop making payments to creditors and debts go delinquent, you can be sued by the original creditor or by a debt collector who purchases the debt. Until the debt is resolved, either through full payment, settlement or bankruptcy, you're at risk of being sued.

Owing a tax bill: The IRS considers any amount of debt settled as taxable income.

Saving less than what was advertised: Debt settlement companies often take a fee of around 30 percent of your original debt balance. So even if you did settle for 50 percent of what you originally owed, you won't come out as far ahead as you might expect after you pay the fee to the settlement company. Additionally, your debt can continue to grow when you stop making payments, as late fees and interest are added to your balance.

Credit damage: Missing pay-

ments and defaulting on your debts are among the worst things you can do to your credit. These marks stay on your credit reports for around seven years and will make you look risky to future creditors, which can result in you not being approved for credit or having to pay higher interest rates.

A better choice for long-term financial health

What if there was a way to roll multiple credit card payments into one, at a lower interest rate — while preserving your good standing with your creditors?

That's what credit counseling from nonprofit credit counseling agencies offer. These organizations have arrangements with many credit card companies that provide a lower interest rate in exchange for regular monthly payments over three to five years to resolve your debt.

But many consumers aren't aware of these benefits, according to a 2018 Harris Poll survey commissioned by Money Manage-

ment International, a nonprofit credit counseling agency. It found that 62 percent of the 2,012 respondents didn't know credit counseling can roll multiple credit card debts into one payment. And 73 percent weren't aware that credit counseling offers lower interest rates on credit card debt.

Credit counseling does have drawbacks. You typically need a regular income to qualify, and if you miss a payment, the agreement can be dissolved, leaving you to manage on your own.

But for the long-term health of your credit profile, credit counseling is the clear winner. This debt relief tool generally keeps consumers in good standing with creditors since they're making good on their obligations. The only harm to their credit profile would come from closing credit accounts, which some agencies require.

To find a reputable nonprofit credit counseling agency, look for one that has been certified by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling or the Financial Counseling Association of America.

Know when a third option might be best

Before choosing debt settlement or credit counseling, consider whether:

- You're barely able to make regular debt payments.
- Your monthly debt payments — excluding student loans and housing costs — exceed 40 percent of your take-home pay.
- Your debt burden is interfering with your quality of life, for instance keeping you up at night.

If so, you might want to consider bankruptcy. Although it's been stigmatized, this debt relief tool can resolve what you owe faster than credit counseling or debt settlement. In addition, credit scores can start to rebound quickly in the months after filing.

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BLACK-WHITE JOB GAP WIDENS; NARROWS AMONG WOMEN AND MEN

BLOOMBERG NEWS

Employment disparities between Black and White Americans widened in August but narrowed between men and women, even as jobless rates came down across the board.

The Black unemployment rate in August was 13 percent, down from 14.6 percent in July. This put the unemployment rate at about 1.8 times that of White Americans, which dropped to 7.3 percent last month, according to a Bureau of Labor Statistics report released Friday. The unemployment rate for White Americans was below the overall rate, which fell to 8.4 percent in August from 10.2 percent.

The gap between the female and male jobless rate narrowed to 0.3 percentage point as the female unemployment rate declined to 8.6 percent from 10.6 percent the prior month. The male rate fell to 8.3 percent. Before the pandemic, fewer women were unemployed than men.

The large drop in the female jobless rate coincided with an increase in the participation rate for women of a tenth of a percentage point, to 56.1 percent. The rate for men rose to 67.7 percent from 67.1 percent.

The biggest decrease in unemployment was seen by Latino Americans. The Latino jobless rate, which was the highest among the biggest race groups during the pandemic, fell by 2.4 percentage points to 10.5 percent. The drop was even greater for Latina women ages 20 and over, with a decline of 3.5 percentage points to 10.5 percent.

The Asian unemployment rate, which before the pandemic was the lowest among the race groups, fell to 10.7 percent from 12 percent the previous month.



NATACHA PISARENKO AP

Many medical experts say a vaccine will be available by the end of this year or early next year. This might present a challenge for some employers. Journalists and legal experts are already questioning what will happen if some employees don't want to take the vaccine. In a recent USA Today article, several experts say the vaccine should be legally required but others say forcing employees to take it might create a pushback.

U-T ECONOMETER

IF IT IS DEVELOPED, SHOULD COMPANIES REQUIRE WORKERS TO TAKE A COVID-19 VACCINE?

ECONOMISTS



Kelly Cunningham
San Diego Institute for Economic Research

NO It could be ill-advised for companies to require employees to accept a rushed-to-the-public vaccine of unproven effectiveness, safety, or long-term outcome potentially causing other unknown health issues. This is not what proponents of quarantine call for in those infected with a disease, instead they call for remaining isolated until they no longer are able to infect others. Demanding those not infected to undergo a medical procedure minimizing their chance of becoming infected is intrusive and potentially dangerous.



Alan Gin
University of San Diego

NO There is currently too much uncertainty surrounding the vaccine. It is being pushed out rapidly with shortcuts being taken in terms of testing. There is already a large portion of the population that is wary of other vaccinations that have a far longer history of efficacy. If it proves to be effective over time, then businesses can move to

requiring workers to take the vaccine. Requiring it too soon risks alienating workers and casting doubt on the effectiveness of future vaccines.



Gary London
London Moeder Advisors

YES I think that it is not much to ask of all of us to take a vaccine. I would first want assurances that it is safe (not rushed and not fully tested for political expediency). Employers require lots of things: wear shoes to work, wash your hands, don't carry a firearm, etc. To ask for a mask and a vaccine fit along those lines.

An alternative approach would be to require non-compliant employees to attend an education program which teaches the costs and benefits of vaccination.



Lynn Reaser
Point Loma Nazarene University

YES If scientists develop a safe and effective vaccine, companies should generally require vaccination to protect the health of their workers and their customers. Firms could allow an opt-out for employees to work remotely where feasible. Hospitals, schools, senior-living facilities, meat-packing plants, and many other high-contact organizations should make vaccination a work condition. All 50 states require schoolchildren to be vaccinated against polio and other diseases. Safeguarding our workplaces against COVID-19 is not too much to ask.

David Ely
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NO

James Hamilton
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NO

Norm Miller
University of San Diego

YES

Ray Major
SANDAG

YES

EXECUTIVES



Jamie Moraga
IntelliSolutions

NO It's a slippery slope for employers to require certain vaccines like COVID-19 for their employees as a condition of employment. This is especially true in this unprecedented situation when the vaccine is being rushed and it hasn't been thoroughly tested over a long period of time. Employers could lose valuable employees or

be unable to recruit talent who choose not to take the vaccination at this time. There also could be legal, ethical, and liability ramifications for the employer. Like the flu shot, it should be voluntary and not mandated by an employer.



Austin Neudecker
Weave Growth

YES Assuming employers cover the cost (or the cost is extremely low), the vaccine is readily available, and has been adequately tested, company mandates would indeed speed adoption. Vaccines only work if a significant percentage of the population is effectively immunized.



Bob Rauch
R.A. Rauch & Associates

NO There will be concern about the speed with which this vaccine is coming to market and the fact that this is not smallpox. Perhaps some hospitals or meatpacking plants will mandate the vaccine for those returning to work. China and Russia are oligarchies that will more likely mandate it. Very few companies in the United States will take

the risk of a mandate though some may require it for those returning to their corporate offices.



Chris Van Gorder
Scripps Health

NO I think this is a public health responsibility — not a corporate responsibility. Vaccines shouldn't be mandatory until research indicates their effectiveness and that they'll create herd immunity. Corporations should act responsibly by requiring employees and customers to wear masks, physically distance, avoid groups

and wash their hands until herd immunity from a combination of vaccinations and immunity from the virus is confirmed. And we still won't know for some time how long immunity from a vaccine or infection will last.

Phil Blair
Manpower

Not participating this week

Reginald Jones
Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation

Not participating this week

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THE FOOL'S TAKE

Index funds in ETF form

If you don't have the time, interest or skills to research and invest in individual stocks, consider index funds, which track various stock (or bond) indexes and generally sport low annual fees. Over the 15 years ending in December 2019, the S&P 500 index of 500 of America's largest companies outperformed fully 90 percent of U.S. large-cap stock mutual funds.

Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) make index-fund investing extra easy. They trade like stocks, and you can buy as few or as many shares as you want through your brokerage. Here are a few promising ones with low fees:

- The SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY) tracks the S&P 500 itself.
- The Invesco QQQ Trust ETF (QQQ) tracks the Nasdaq 100, so it invests in the 100 largest mostly nonfinancial companies in the world; these include technology giants such as Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Facebook, and Google parent company Alphabet.
- The Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF (VTI) tracks an index of more than 3,500 stocks, with small, medium and large companies included.
- The SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 Growth ETF (SPYG) tracks the S&P 500 Growth Index, featuring S&P 500 companies with the best growth characteristics based on sales growth, price-to-earnings ratio and momentum.

Consider parking at least some (and perhaps many) of your long-term dollars in index funds.

FOOL'S SCHOOL

Know what you're getting with IPOs

It can be exciting when a company first starts trading on the stock exchange via an initial public offering (IPO), and investors are often eager to rush in and snap up shares. That frequently turns out to be a mistake, though. Learn more about IPOs before you invest in any.

An IPO involves a company selling part of itself to investors by issuing shares. (Alternatively, it might raise money via banks or private investors, or by issuing bonds.) Some big-name IPOs last year were Pinterest, Zoom Video Communications, Uber Technologies, Lyft, Slack Technologies and Peloton Interactive. Airbnb is looking to hold an IPO this year.

One problem with IPOs is that most investors can't buy shares at their initial prices.

It's often big clients of the underwriting investment banks — such as pension funds, mutual funds, private equity firms and high-net-worth individuals — who get that privilege. With a hot IPO, the early investors get in at the low initial price, and then stock begins trading at a higher price due to great demand.

Also, IPOs tend to be volatile. Often the companies are relatively young, without long track records of profitability. The IPO process itself also contributes to volatility, with the price often surging initially and then sinking back to earth after a few days, weeks or months.

Consider Pinterest. It was initially priced at \$19 per share when it debuted in April of 2019, but due to heavy demand, it opened trading 25 percent higher, at \$23.75. It closed that day at \$24.40. Shares fell to a bit above \$18 in early January 2020, dropped nearly to \$10 at one point in March, and recently climbed above \$36.

It's often best to steer clear of IPOs in order to let the dust settle and give management a chance to operate as a public company for a while, issuing required quarterly and annual reports. There are usually plenty of other great and more established companies to invest in — at attractive prices.

ASK THE FOOL

Yields and P/E ratios

Q • Are the best stocks to look for the ones with high dividend yields and low P/E ratios? — *B.W., Toledo, Ohio*

A • Not necessarily. Remember that a dividend yield is the result of dividing the annual dividend amount by the current stock price, so if the stock plunges, the yield will soar. Looking for solid yields of, say, 2 percent to 4 percent (or even more) is fine, but do extra research before grabbing an ultrahigh yield. It's also good to seek out dividends that are being increased regularly and significantly over time.

Many great and growing companies don't pay dividends, though, so don't write off nonpayers. (Current nonpayers include Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, Amazon.com, Netflix, PayPal, Facebook, and Google parent Alphabet.)

As for the price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio: While a low P/E suggests a better value than a high one, remember that P/Es vary by company and industry (and that companies with no current earnings will have no P/E).

Do some digging and compare a company's recent P/E ratio with its five-year average to see if it's now relatively high or low. Compare it with peers in its industry, too. The "forward" P/E ratio, based on the coming year's expected earnings instead of the past year's earnings, is also good to check out. You can research companies at sites such as Fool.com, Morningstar.com, and Finance.Yahoo.com — and look at many more numbers than just the yield and P/E ratio.

Q • What does it mean if investors are "long" on a stock? — *F.H., Scottsdale, Ariz.*

A • It means they've bought shares, expecting them to rise in value — as opposed to shorting a stock, where they'd aim to profit if its price fell.

MY SMARTEST INVESTMENT

Friended Facebook

My smartest investment was buying shares of Facebook when they were only at \$19 apiece, in 2012. — *H.H., online*

The Fool responds: The Fool responds: You did well — the stock never spent much time near such a low price.

Here's hoping that you've hung on since then, as the shares were recently trading above \$280 apiece, having risen nearly 1,400 percent. That's enough to turn a \$1,000 investment (of about 52 shares) into a stake worth almost \$15,000. It's a terrific gain, but what matters most at this point is where the stock is headed from here. If you think the shares are very overvalued, you no longer have confidence in management, or you don't expect the company to grow robustly, consider selling. (You might sell all your shares — or compromise and just sell some.) If you're still a long-term believer and you expect the company to be much bigger in the future, with revenue, earnings and user numbers continuing to grow, hang on. Bulls today see great potential for the company, given Facebook's 1.8 billion daily active users, and they're impressed with its Instagram business as well. Bears worry about advertisers boycotting Facebook due to its handling of political content, and wonder whether many users will depart. Do your own research and thinking, and make your own call.

FOOLISH TRIVIA

Name that company

I trace my roots back to 1972, when two guys noticed a storage business that had a waiting list for customers. They invested \$25,000 each and opened a storage facility in California — and agreed to keep opening more facilities until there was no more demand. Today, based in Glendale, I boast more than 2,500 locations, and I'm still growing. I'm the world's largest owner, operator and developer of self-storage facilities, with a market value recently near \$36 billion. I serve about 1.5 million customers, with roughly 1 million moving in or out of units annually. Who am I?

Last week's trivia answer: Take-Two Interactive Software

INFLATION • Cost of living has risen faster than official numbers

FROM C1
tended to represent average American patterns. The inflation rate is the monthly percentage change in that price.

But no economic statistic can perfectly track the cost of living. In normal times, the government's numbers are thought to overstate the true rate of inflation. But the pandemic has upended the economy in ways that have reversed these biases, so that the official statistics are now an underestimate.

Buying more goods whose prices are rising the fastest

The Consumer Price Index tracks the cost of a fixed basket of goods, but people constantly change what they buy. This "substitution bias" usually leads inflation statistics to overstate changes in the cost of living, because people tend to substitute lower-cost alternatives when prices rise.

But since the coronavirus hit, people are buying more of the essentials, like groceries, forcing their prices up. And they're buying fewer airline tickets and less gasoline and clothing, pushing those prices down.

Alberto Cavallo, an economist at Harvard Business School, has mined credit and debit card data and found that these changing buying patterns are especially important for low-income households, which devote a larger share of their spending to food.

While poorer people often try to keep the cost of living down by buying which-ever brand happens to be



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The risks associated with in-person shopping have led many people to shop around less, or to switch to more expensive online or delivery options.

discounted that week, the pandemic appears to have reduced the number of discounts.

Pandemic has changed where and how people shop

The price that Costco charges for Cheerios has not changed much, but during the pandemic my family is visiting Costco less and relying on Instacart instead, which charges a premium for delivery.

The Cheerios are identical — Instacart even picks them up from Costco! — but Instacart charges a premium over Costco's low prices. While my weekly box of Cheerios has become more expensive, the government statistics infer that if

neither the price of Cheerios at Costco nor the price of Cheerios from Instacart has changed, there must be no Cheerios-related inflation. My wallet disagrees.

In general, the risks associated with in-person shopping have led many people to shop around less, or to switch to more expensive online or delivery options, and they're often also adding a healthy tip. As a result, the cost of living for many families has risen in ways that the Consumer Price Index fails to capture. (By contrast, in normal times people tend to flock to cheaper outlets, so this "outlet bias" usually leads official statistics to understate inflation.)

Quality of many services has gotten worse

Typically, many businesses add new features, or improve the quality of their products. Government statisticians try to make adjustments for how the changing quality of goods affects the price. It's hard to account for every change, so these unmeasured quality improvements often lead the statistical authorities to overstate how fast the cost of living is rising.

But the pandemic has forced many businesses to switch to producing lower-quality products. That restaurant meal you might have enjoyed with table service and mood lighting is now offered in a foam container to eat at your

kitchen counter. Your therapist might be available over Zoom, but is it really an adequate substitute? And few colleges are offering discounts this year, even as they're moving to largely online instruction, which my students tell me is a vastly inferior product.

Even as the price tags on these products haven't changed much, their quality has declined, which is a hidden form of price increase ignored by the official inflation numbers.

Sharp reduction in variety in goods and services

We're living in a time of shortages. Bikes, dumbbells, bread makers (or even just yeast), camping equipment or Nintendos are hard to find at any price.

While you might wish this as an effective price hike (to infinity and beyond!), the government statisticians don't see it this way. They impute the price of what a sold-out good would have been if available, effectively ignoring the inflationary costs of pandemic-fueled shortages. The problem is that fewer choices give you fewer options for achieving a given quality of life.

In normal times, businesses continually introduce new varieties that the inflation numbers fail to capture, creating a "variety bias," which overstates the true rise in the cost of living. But the pandemic has led to a sharp reduction in the number of goods and services available — including child care — which effectively amounts to a hidden increase in the cost of living.

The true inflation rate has risen

Put these biases together and it appears that the cost of living has risen substantially faster than the official inflation numbers. These numbers directly affect people's lives, because Social Security benefits and other programs are tied to inflation numbers that aren't keeping pace with the higher cost of living.

Peter Klenow, a Stanford economist, told me by email that much of this distortion was "likely to be transitory." Once the pandemic recedes, he said, "most of the lost varieties will eventually be regained," and "spending patterns will largely revert" to their earlier patterns.

But this temporary shift matters because it changes the diagnosis of our current economic ills. If inflation were falling — as the official statistics suggest — that would be read as evidence of insufficient demand, as people cut back on their spending. But if inflation is really rising, that suggests that supply-side disruptions are a bigger problem than is widely appreciated. The source of these supply disruptions is in plain sight: It's the virus.

This diagnosis says that fiscal and monetary policies to bolster demand will be most effective when paired with effective public health measures that make it safe for suppliers to get back to business. The payoff to beating the bug isn't just that it'll save lives. It may also save the economy.

Wolters writes for The New York Times.

Most widely held

Includes the top 125 companies based on market capitalization. Bold stocks rose or fell 10 percent or more during the week. Arrows indicate a weekly high or low.

Stock	High	Low	Wk. Vol. (000s)	Close	Wk. Chg.	Wk. %Chg.
ASML Hld	401.15	352.86	4544	367.42	-12.05	-3.2
AT&T Inc	30.18	29.26	214863	29.42	-.62	-2.1
Abbott Lab	111.74	102.42	32885	104.16	-6.63	-6.0
Abbvie	96.01	90.58	54544	91.87	-2.30	-2.4
Accenture	247.32	231.91	10986	238.07	-6.50	-2.8
Academe	536.88	471.71	18076	481.94	-24.50	-4.7
AMD	94.28	76.33	370237	82.01	-3.54	-4.1
Alibaba	299.00	267.39	78762	281.39	-7.61	-2.6
Alphabet A	1733.18	1547.61	13334	1591.04	-53.37	-3.2
Alphabet C	1726.10	1537.97	11667	1581.21	-58.22	-3.6
Altria	44.78	42.78	44877	43.49	-.44	-1.0
Amazon	3552.25	3111.13	29079	3294.62	-107.18	-3.2
AmExp	109.03	100.16	25135	105.67	+3.13	+3.1
AmTower	257.29	246.63	9712	249.98	-.39	-0.2
Amgen	260.06	244.58	17778	248.40	-4.72	-1.9
ABInBev	60.85	57.38	8933	58.44	-7.72	-1.2
Anthem	284.37	270.50	7044	276.22	-1.06	-.4
Apple Inc	137.98	110.89	1163036	120.96	-3.85	-3.1
AstraZen	56.34	52.57	20519	53.58	-2.11	-3.8
BHP Billit	56.95	52.49	10984	53.71	-2.12	-3.8
BHP Billit plc	47.15	43.15	8751	44.31	-1.69	-3.7
BP PLC	21.42	20.31	56704	20.54	-.84	-3.9
BkofAm	26.76	25.40	344249	26.54	-.42	-1.6
BkAM pfl	24.69	24.24	303	24.38	+1.13	+4.5
BKNYM pfc	25.98	25.44	200	25.52	+.01	0.0
BechtDc	246.68	232.43	8437	234.08	-8.72	-3.6
BerkH A	334960	323364	2	327401	-.30	-.1
BerkH B	223.24	215.06	29895	215.23	-.23	-.1
BlackRock	609.89	557.86	3253	564.63	-32.80	-5.5
Boeing	180.85	164.00	98597	171.05	-4.75	-2.7
BookingH	196.82	189.65	1932	191.74	-2.75	-1.4
BrlmS	62.80	59.25	72813	59.95	-2.42	-3.9
BrkA	34.80	33.65	9933	34.14	-.20	-.6
BrkB	34.80	33.65	9933	34.14	-.20	-.6
BroadcIn	378.96	343.52	20078	362.95	-18.13	-5.3
CVS Health	63.05	59.29	54275	60.24	-2.97	-4.7
CdnNc	106.54	102.83	3983	103.63	-2.71	-2.5
CharCm	629.52	592.09	4999	604.22	-11.69	-1.9
China	85.90	80.90	56749	81.93	-3.70	-4.3
ChinaLife	12.22	11.62	2643	11.85	-.47	-3.8
ChinaMble	35.24	33.82	5524	34.36	-.20	-0.5
Cisco	42.69	40.44	154495	40.82	-1.38	-3.3
Citigroup	53.64	50.54	100260	52.52	-.24	-.5
CocaCola	52.14	48.83	105598	51.04	+1.21	+2.4
Comcast	45.94	43.90	102105	44.43	-1.13	-2.5
Costco	363.67	340.40	12417	346.57	-1.80	-.5
CwrnStle	166.82	157.01	8758	160.59	-3.20	-2.0
Danaher	210.58	192.51	14437	196.58	-9.06	-4.4
Diageo	138.11	130.39	3278	133.10	-2.79	-2.1
Disney	137.24	129.42	53264	131.99	-5.35	-2.6
ElIilly	153.37	146.51	19761	150.91	+3.57	+2.4
Equinix	801.98	737.87	2311	752.18	-34.84	-4.4
ExonMbl	40.72	38.65	131473	39.08	-1.61	-4.0
Facebook	303.60	271.14	124413	282.73	-10.93	-3.7
FidNatrl	156.73	145.85	16394	148.00	-4.47	-2.9
GileadSci	103.63	98.03	26708	99.03	-1.13	-1.1
GileadSci	67.43	64.91	50722	66.01	-.75	-1.1
GlancoSkn	39.69	37.98	15267	38.47	-1.18	-2.9
GoldmanS	215.23	203.01	6383	210.94	-4.43	-2.2
HDFC Bk s	51.92	49.31	6131	50.10	-.99	-1.9
HSBC	21.99	20.99	16989	21.37	-0.67	-3.0
HSBC prA	26.28	25.71	389	25.75	-.53	-2.0
Intel	52.68	49.49	226967	50.08	-.35	-.7
IntJSur	778.83	717.75	4420	735.28	+8.27	+1.1
J.D.com	86.58	75.40	80358	80.00	+4.11	+4.8
JPMorgCh	105.21	99.04	95921	103.52	-.65	-0.7
JohnJn	155.47	147.13	42255	148.59	-5.05	-3.3
Linde	260.49	243.49	14186	247.90	-4.91	-1.9
LockhM	401.88	379.58	4602	385.02	-8.17	-2.1
Lowe's	170.83	153.44	24305	156.39	-9.12	-5.5
MasterCrd	366.63	326.55	25938	335.01	-31.11	-8.5
McDnlDs	218.11	210.58	17718	211.73	-1.93	-.9
Medtrnc	109.16	104.23	27583	105.74	-1.22	-2.0
Merck	87.80	83.92	49125	85.24	-.41	-.5
Microsoft	232.86	205.19	235521	214.25	-14.66	-6.4
Mondelez	59.72	57.08	37839	57.88	-.43	-.7
MorgStan	54.38	51.69	42510	52.71	-.18	-.3
NetEase	504.31	466.84	3313	485.25	-18.92	-3.8
Netflix	557.39	485.98	38934	516.05	-7.84	-1.5
NextEraEn	291.09	272.79	9521	277.32	-2.23	-.8
NikeB	117.41	110.21	29390	112.40	-.11	-.1
Novartis	89.23	85.44	10325	86.68	-.08	-.1
NovoNord	66.91	64.18	4836	65.11	-.72	-1.1
Nvidia	589.07	468.19	112074	504.20	-80.85	-4.0
Oracle	59.92	55.16	75567	57.73	-2.15	-3.7
PayPal	212.45	182.85	55554	191.84	-12.64	-6.2
PepsCo	144.04	136.94	21769	138.76	-1.61	-.1
Pfizer	38.02	35.87	165212	36.36	-1.55	-4.1
PhilipMor	81.61	78.35	18810	79.15	-1.59	-2.0
Pinduoduo	93.91	80.57	42547	85.04	-4.16	-4.7
ProLabs	104.66	98.19	13796	100.76	-1.73	-1.7
ProctGam	141.70	136.12	33861	137.96	-.81	-.6
RaythTch	63.57	59.94	43366	61.17	-1.07	-1.7
RioTinto	62.78	59.48	9759	61.50	-.48	-.8
RoyalBk g	77.36	73.72	3779	74.22	-2.98	-3.9
RoyDShll	26.70	27.07	20349	27.44	-1.20	-4.2
RoyDShlA	30.35	28.59	30722	28.91	-1.28	-4.2
S&P Bkl	379.87	337.79	4887	345.18	-21.65	-5.9
SAP SE	169.30	153.94	2639	159.43	-7.29	-4.4
Salesforce	284.50	243.20	71020	254.70	-16.40	-6.0
Sanofi	50.96	48.69	4771	49.47	-.73	-1.5
Sea Ltd	165.23	137.89	28312	144.15	-8.52	-5.6
Shopyr	1146.91	896.48	12397	973.02	-69.04	-6.6
Shopify	202.74	194.66	6477	197.62	-.59	-.3
T-MobileUS	119.20	112.21	60230	114.29	-1.97	-1.7
TaiwSem	82.71	77.41	26336	78.91	-1.53	-1.9
Target	151.01	143.89	20056	147.23	-3.62	-2.4
Tesla Inc s	502.49	377.22	49850	418.32	-24.36	-5.5
TextIn	148.97	132.01	24385	140.47	-3.02	-2.1
ThermoFis	141.96	101.67	8803	109.78	-14.50	-3.4
3M Co	170.42	161.64	16884	165.99	-1.11	-.1
TorDBk	50.29	48.01	8003	48.57	-1.63	-3.2
Total SA	40.08	38.46	17538	39.13	-.83	-2.1
Toyota	133.75	129.59	829	133.17	-.75	-.6
Unilever	59.76	57.10	6347	57.87	-1.70	-2.8
Unilever	61.21	58.46	3828	59.16	-.99	-1.6
UnionPac	197.96	188.67	16831	191.14	-3.99	-2.0
UPS B	162.00	154.63	19563	160.78	-1.58	-1.0
UthlthGp	323.82	306.63	17957	312.00	-2.37	-.8
VerizonC	61.50	58.78	97350	60.48	-1.22	-2.1
VertxPm	283.45	263.01	7250	266.50	-3.46	-1.3
Via	217.35	200.15	50269	204.66	-11.03	-5.1
WallMart	151.33	135.53	96706	142.83	-2.05	-1.8
WellsFargo	25.36	23.74	190435	24.79	-1.10	-4.4
Zoetis	165.82	155.29	14689	157.24	-2.76	-1.7
ZoomVid	478.00	301.27	128246	369.89	-70.62	-23.6



NYSE gainers

Stock	Close	Chg.	%Chg.
Genworth	3.46	+1.09	+46.0
GameStop	7.65	+2.26	+41.9
Tuppre	20.98	+6.07	+40.7
BlDBea	3.23	+82	+34.0
TortAc	50.35	+12.35	+32.5
FBL Fn	48.87	+10.81	+28.4
LibOilSv	8.67	+1.86	+21.7
Caleres	9.86	+2.49	+27.1
Tillys	7.32	+1.06	+16.9
Navistar	37.35	+5.00	+15.5

NYSE losers

Stock	Close	Chg.	%Chg.
Regis Cp	6.97	-2.11	-23.2
Zuora	10.42	-3.04	-22.6
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OFFICE

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Does anyone want to return to the office?

Some larger surveys, spanning several companies, see a near 50/50 split on worker opinions. Half want to return to the office, and the other half prefer to stay at home. But each company will have a different breakdown.

Sony, which employs thousands of people in San Diego, surveyed its entire workforce, said Mike Fasulo, president of Sony North America. Two big questions put to workers focused on productivity and happiness. About 75 percent of Sony's workforce was both happy and productive at home, while 25 percent were unhappy, stressed and less productive at home.

"We've been laser-focused on that 25 percent," Fasulo said, explaining that it's a significant chunk of the company's workforce who are now dissatisfied and unproductive.

Due to its massive size, Sony isn't able to address each employee's individual concerns. But it's finding clusters of similar issues shared by lots of workers, and is forming groups to solve the common problems. Fasulo said Sony has made an effort to include leaders in those groups who are experiencing the problems personally, as it's hard to make decisions from a place of ignorance.

"I'm older, my children are out of the house, and I have an office at home," Fasulo said. "My biggest distraction is my dog. I wouldn't be the right guy to express his opinion on a working parent with school-age children, or a single parent with daycare needs. I'm not in that situation."

Doug Walker, who manages human resource services in San Diego for HR company Insperty, said the COVID-19 pandemic has created a whole slew of new problems for many of his corporate clients. Employee concerns, he's finding, are widening well beyond the conventional HR issues. Some workers struggle more than others with health and safety concerns, while others face unique issues with merging home and work life. His advice is to remain flexible, Walker said.

"Some companies are even allowing employees not to work regular hours, for example, allowing them to work weekends instead of



Sales representative Patrick O'Rourke works behind a plexiglass shield Friday at Flock Freight in San Diego. EDUARDO CONTRERAS U-T PHOTOS

weekdays because of childcare issues," Walker said.

But for those wanting to return to a physical office space, complications abound.

How exactly are companies returning to the office?

Office parks in San Diego are looking livelier these days compared to the earliest months of the pandemic, indicating that at least a trickle of in-person, white-collar work is returning.

How is that possible while in-person office work is still banned by the state? It gets complicated, but basically many local companies fit into one of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors that deem them "essential." Think biotech, medical device, energy, telecommunications, and more — all big industries in San Diego and all considered essential.

Some of these offices never shut down at all. Others reduced their in-person capacity to the bare minimum, but have allowed workers back inside slowly based on evolving company and employee needs.

In many ways, these offices are paving the way for the rest of the white-collar workforce, as they've been muscling through new pandemic-inspired problems for months now. Solutions are being worked out in-person while the rest of us Zoom from home.

Walker, the HR pro, said safety has to be the first pri-



A meeting room at Truvian Sciences in San Diego has distanced seats and sanitizers for workers.

ority for companies returning to the office.

"Companies will want to make sure they've taken every precaution they can to make the workspace as safe as possible," Walker said.

Solana Beach-based Flock Freight, which makes supply chain shipping software, is one such company. Although most of its workforce worked remotely in the early days of the pandemic, about 25 percent of staffers are now back in person. The office space has been outfitted with all the COVID-19 gear, such as temperature-taking stations at the doors, sneeze guard barriers between work stations, and

hands-free foot pulls on bathroom doors.

But returning to the office brought fresh, unexpected issues to work out, said Jeff Lerner, vice president of marketing for Flock Freight.

"One of the big questions that kept coming up was, 'What are the rules of the break room?'" Lerner said. "Do we continue supplying coffee and kombucha and all the perks people used to enjoy? Do we allow people to wash personal dishes in the sink?"

For now, the company has decided to limit touch points, instead offering grab-and-go snacks and drinks.

At Truvian Sciences, a San Diego company working on technology for a rapid blood test, leaders have purchased new patio furniture and thrown open a large garage door conveniently located in the break room.

"Now, people can go outside to work or safely social distance while on break, and that is big," said Katherine Atkinson, chief commercial officer at Truvian.

Executives also installed a piece of technology at the front door called the Meridian Personnel Management Kiosk. The equipment looks like a camera-enabled tablet on a pedestal, which scans employees' body tempera-

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look for brokerages that have low fees and no account minimums, such as Fidelity, ETrade, TD Ameritrade and Charles Schwab, among others.

Once you open the account, you'll need to figure out how to invest.

If you're new to investing, consider using target date funds. These investments are labeled by year, and you pick the year that's closest to your future retirement. The fund does the rest of the work such as picking the stocks and bonds, rebalancing the mix and getting more conservative as the retirement date approaches.

Robo-advisors such as Betterment or SoFi are another low-cost solution that do most of the work for you.

Backdoor Roth IRA contributions

Dear Liz: You mentioned in a previous column that a backdoor Roth contribution could be expensive if you have a large pre-tax IRA. I was in that situation, and opted to first roll my IRA into my employer's 401(k). I then made a non-deductible contribution to a new IRA and shortly afterward converted it to a Roth. This allowed me to get money into a Roth without a big tax bill.

Answer: That's a great solution for those who have access to 401(k) plans that accept such transfers, and many do.

For those who don't know, backdoor Roths are a two-step process for people whose incomes are too high to contribute directly to a Roth. Instead, they contribute to a regular IRA and then convert that money to a Roth because there's no income limit on conversions.

Taxes are usually owed on Roth conversions, based on how much pre-tax money you have in IRAs. But the conversion can be tax free if the contribution was non-deductible, you convert shortly after the contribution and you don't already

have a pre-tax money IRA.

Some questioned the legality of this loophole, but Congress blessed it in 2017 as part of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017.

2020 taxes bring another stimulus shot

Dear Liz: My 2019 tax return was electronically submitted May 11 and my income was low enough to qualify for a stimulus payment. I got my refund at the end of July but was told I wouldn't get a stimulus check because my 2018 income was too high. The IRS agent on the phone said I could request the money when I filed my 2020 taxes. But isn't that past the deadline? The agent sounded like he was just trying to get me off the phone.

Answer: He probably

was, but he gave you the correct information. The IRS used the tax returns they had on hand this spring when they started sending out stimulus payments.

Since your 2019 return hadn't been filed, they used your 2018 income to determine how much, if anything, to send you.

People who didn't get checks or got too little aren't out of luck. The stimulus checks were an advance payment of a credit that will be added to people's 2020 tax returns. If you should have received a check but didn't, you'll get the full credit added to your refund next year.

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THE ARAMCO REPORT

San Diego stands alone as only county building more homes

By Mehran Aram, Real Estate and Mortgage Analyst

While the rest of Southern California slowed down its construction of new homes during the coronavirus pandemic, San Diego County has managed to beat its 2019 construction figures. While the increase is a mere 64 more homes than last summer, the uptick shows resilience as the pandemic wages on.

There were nearly 4,000 new housing units constructed in the first half of 2020 in San Diego according to the Real Estate Research Council of Southern California.

Do you have a question for Real Estate and Mortgage Analyst Mehran Aram? Submit your queries about a home purchase, refinance or reverse mortgage via aramco.biz, social media (#AramcoReport), or over the phone at (866) 381-8888 and your question could be featured in an upcoming article.

This represents a year-over-year increase of 1.6 percent — compared to an average decline of 12.5 percent for the seven other counties in Southern California.

The positive construction news is a small consolation to a region in desperate need of more housing and is likely to make a small dent in the tens-of-thousands of new units needed to meet demand.

Today, conforming no-point 30-year fixed mortgage rates are averaging 2.875 percent and 15-year rates are near 2.5 percent.

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Homeowners have a short window to avoid new refinancing fee

By Sabrina Karl

Earlier this month, a new fee for refinanced mortgages was announced, which would have added more than a thousand dollars to the average homeowner's refinance costs. But after a backlash, the fee has been modified and delayed.

Government-backed mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac announced the new fee on Aug. 12 to help combat more than \$6 billion in estimated losses they'll face as a result of Covid-19 impacts to the housing market.

The fee was set to begin just three weeks later, on Sep. 1, and would have added a 0.50% charge on the loan amount. As a result, lenders immediately moved to significantly raise their fees to refinancing homeowners.

But criticism came hard and fast from industry stakeholders, with a group of 20 trade organizations and public interest groups urging the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) to reverse their approval of Fannie and Freddie's fee request.

As a result, the FHFA is requiring Fannie and Freddie to postpone the starting date for the fee, as well reduce its impact on lower-income owners, those with lower-value loans, and some first-time homebuyers.

The new start date for the fee is now Dec. 1. In addition, refinanced mortgages with a loan size of \$125,000 or less will not incur the fee, nor will loans made through Fannie Mae's HomeReady and Freddie Mac's Home Possible affordable refinance programs.

A key criticism of the fee is that it is levied only on refinanced mortgages, not new purchase loans. So far, the FHFA has made no change in that regard.

Tacking on a fee during economically uncertain times is not unprecedented for Fannie and Freddie. As the financial crisis gathered steam in late 2007, the two mortgage giants assessed a similar 0.25% "adverse market" fee, which was later upped to 0.50%.

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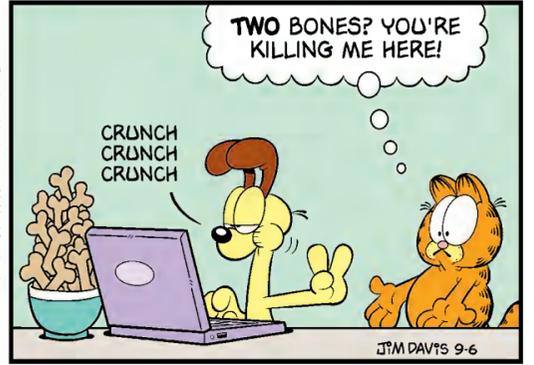
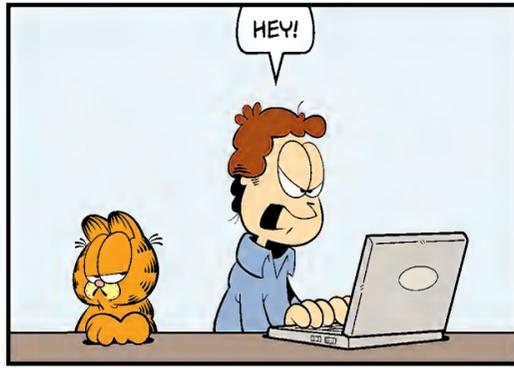
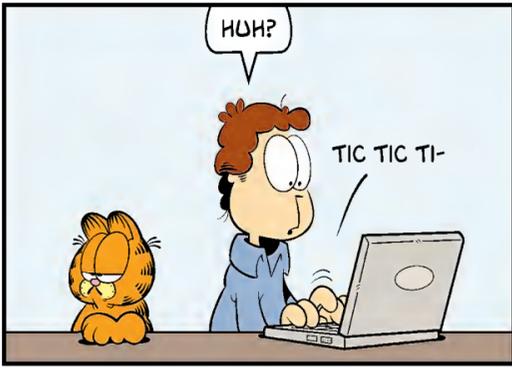
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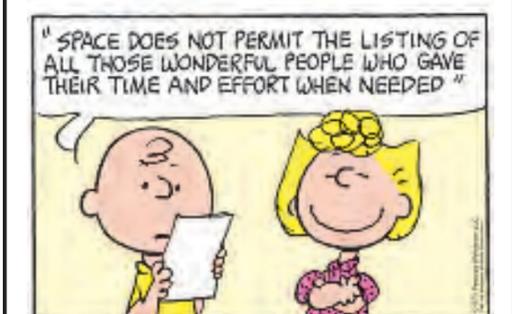
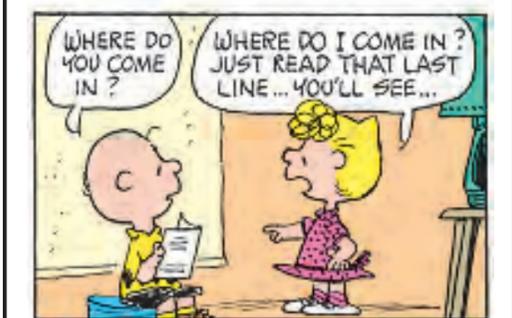
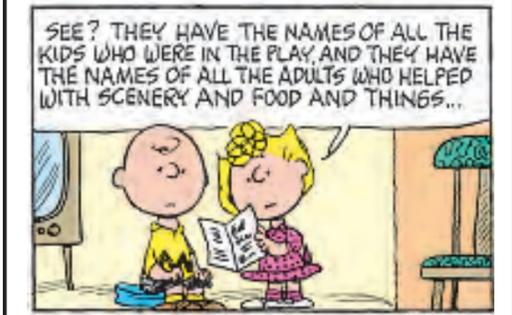
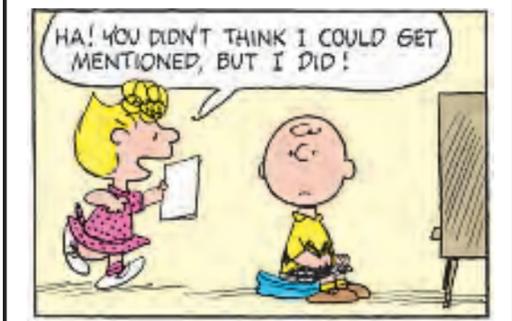
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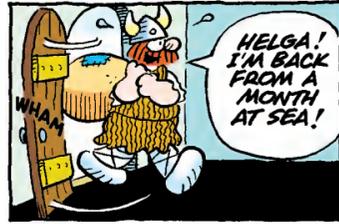
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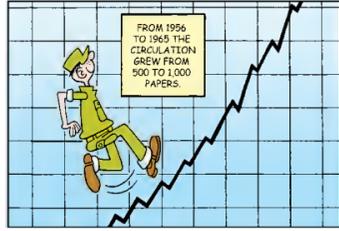
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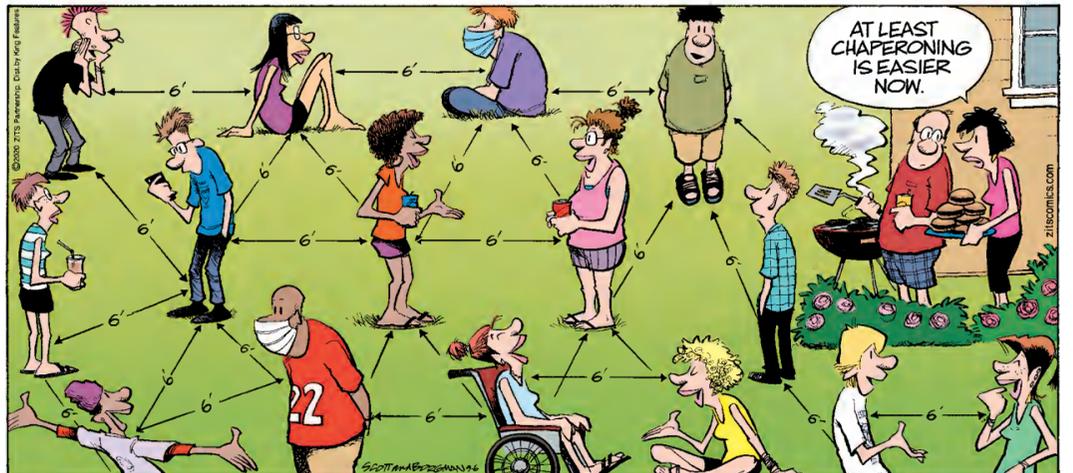
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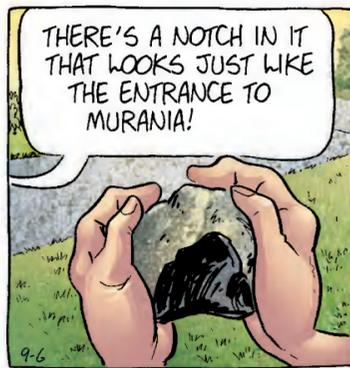
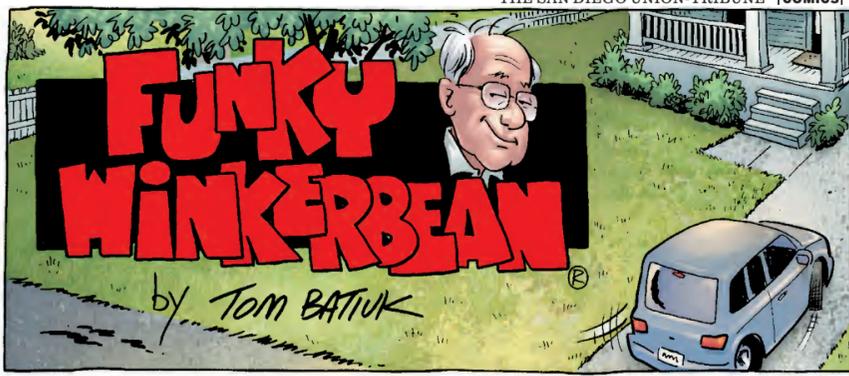
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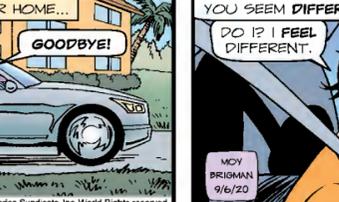
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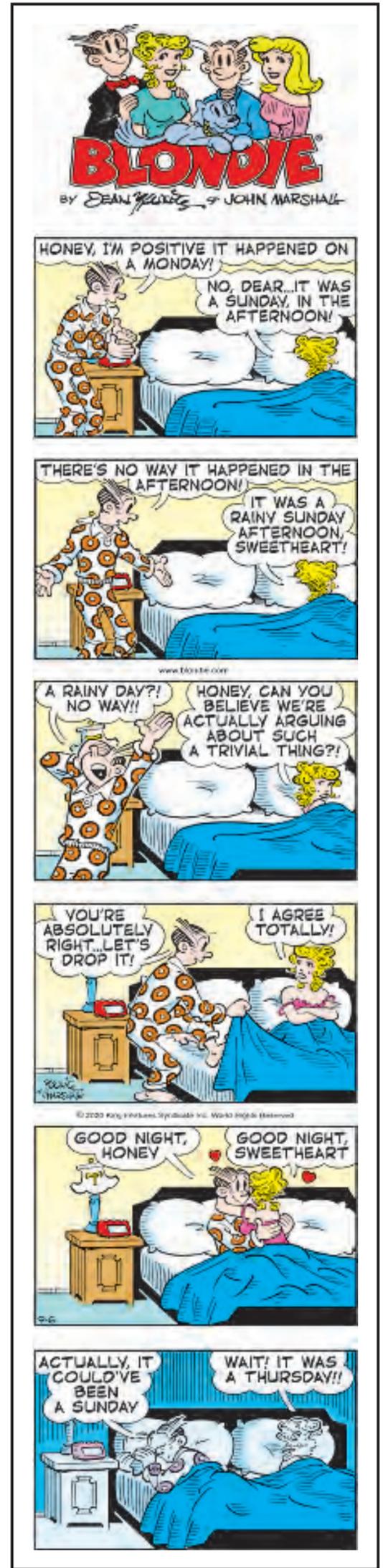
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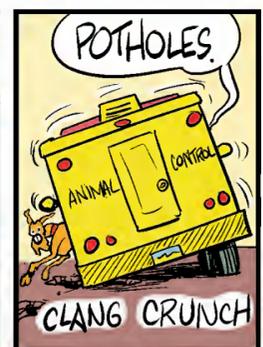
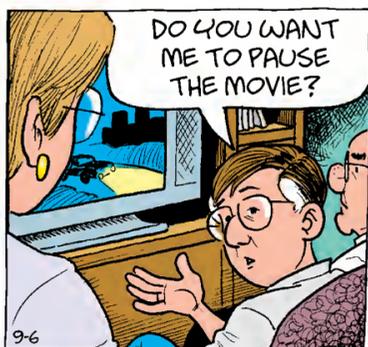
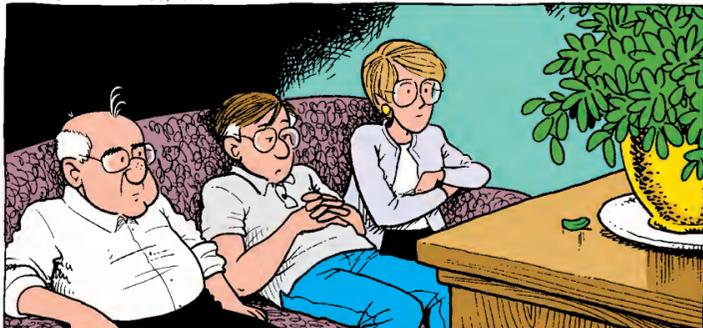


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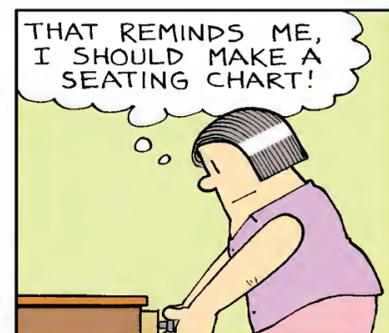
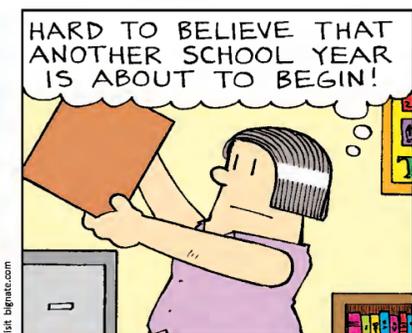
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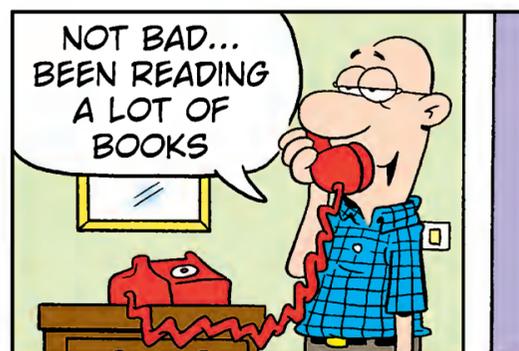


DOG GONE FUNNY SAN MARCOS, CA
 KINSEY, A BLACK LAB MEMBER OF THE KREMIS FAMILY, CAME HOME FROM THE VET WITH A **CONE** AROUND HER HEAD. WHEN THEY GOT HOME, KINSEY WANTED TO GO TO HER HIDEAWAY UPSTAIRS. THE **CAUGHT** ON THE STAIRS. THEN KINSEY TRIED SIDWAYS. NO LUCK. THEN SHE TRIED GOING UP **BACKWARDS**. **SUCCESS AT LAST!**

BIG NATE/ by Lincoln Peirce



MARVIN/ by Tom Armstrong



HAL FOSTER'S **Prince Valiant**

THIS IS THE VILLAGE HOME OF PRINCE VALIANT. HE PURCHASED IT, YEARS AGO, TO REMOVE HIS GROWING FAMILY FROM CAMELOT'S CASTLE QUARTERS. IT HAS BEEN LITTLE USED IN RECENT YEARS ...

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

... EXCEPT BY THE HOUSEHOLD STAFF. BUT ONE DAY, A MESSENGER: "THE PRINCE AND HIS FAMILY ARE RETURNING! THEY ARE SLIGHTLY DELAYED - BY A PLAGUE OF WITCHES RIDING COLOSSAL BATS, I HAVE BEEN TOLD..."

"... BUT WILL BE HERE SOON!" AT LAST! A CALL TO ACTION! THE MASTER AND MISTRESS ARE COMING HOME! THERE IS SUDDENLY THE REALIZATION THAT MUCH NEEDS TO BE SPRUCED UP...

... AND WASHED AND REPAIRED. HULBERT AND MILLICENT WOULD NOT BE CAUGHT WITH BUT ONE COBWEB REMAINING IN ONE DARK CORNER. THEN, EXHAUSTED ...

... THEY WAIT TO WELCOME THE FAMILY IN. PATIENTLY THEY WAIT - AND WAIT. BUT IT IS NOT UNTIL THE DARK HOUR BEFORE DAWN ...

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... THAT VAL, ALETA AND NATHAN FINALLY ARRIVE, HAVING RIDDEN THROUGH THE NIGHT. THEIR POOR HOUSEHOLD STAFF IS DEEP ASLEEP BY THEN.

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NEXT: Camelot's walls

BOB WEBER JR.'S and Sr.'S

Slylock Fox

and COMICS for KIDS

Which two scenes are exactly alike?

Answer -- Numbers one and three.

Rachel Rabbit says that 20 minutes ago Count Weirdly aimed a laser blaster attached to his castle roof to scorch her vegetable garden. Weirdly insists he's innocent and claims he arrived home from an afternoon of bowling just moments ago. What evidence led Slylock Fox to suspect Count Weirdly is lying?

Solution -- Slylock observed liquid in the lab flask would not be boiling if Weirdly had just arrived moments ago.

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Spaceship, owl, wood, door handle, antenna and tree.

Read more Slylock Fox and Comics for Kids online! On Instagram @spotsixdifferences www.facebook.com/SlylockFox

HOW TO DRAW an angry bear

9-6 BOB WEBER JR. and SR.

It has been announced that skateboarding will make its Olympic debut at the 2021 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

SHERMAN'S LAGOON

by Jim Toomey

HERE COMES THE SAWFISH FAMILY.

HELLO, SUGAN. OUT FOR A SWIM ON THIS LOVELY DAY?

YEP.

LET'S GET A MOVE ON!!

THAT LAST ONE LOOKED MORE LIKE A CORDLESS DRILL.

THERE'S ONE IN EVERY LITTER.

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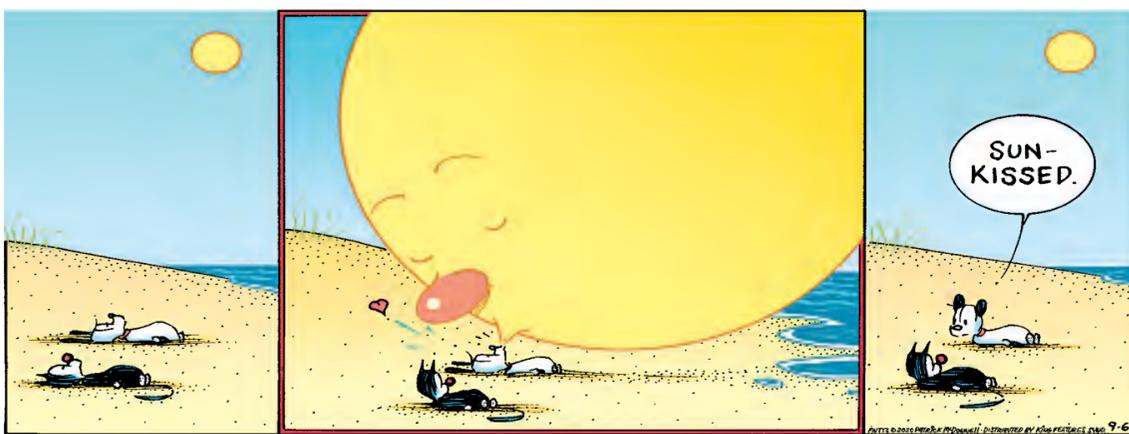
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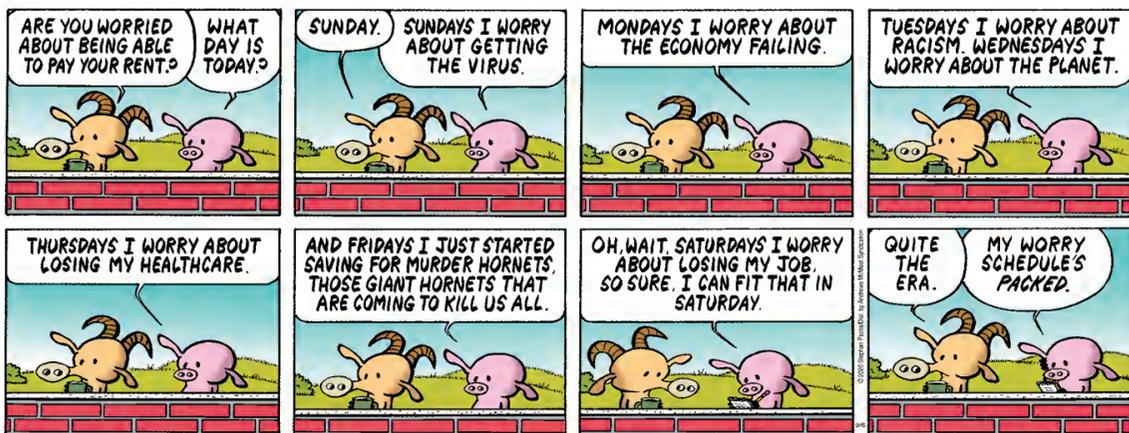
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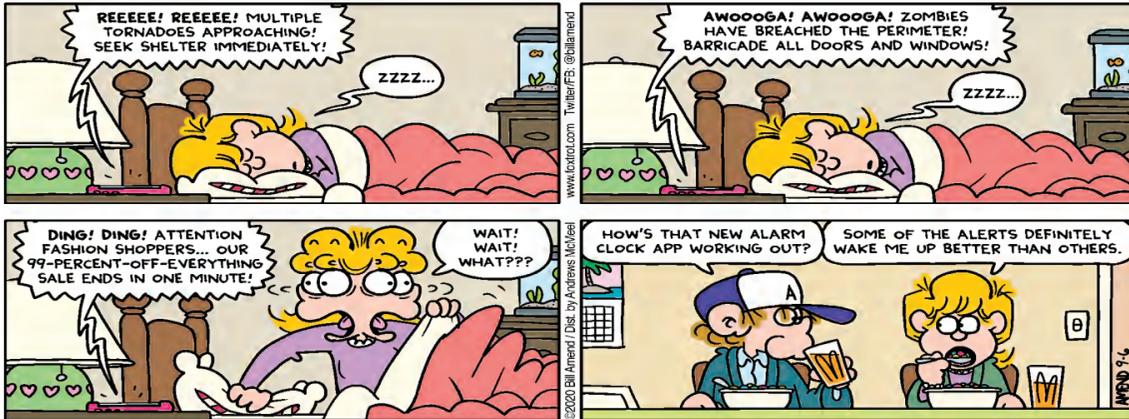


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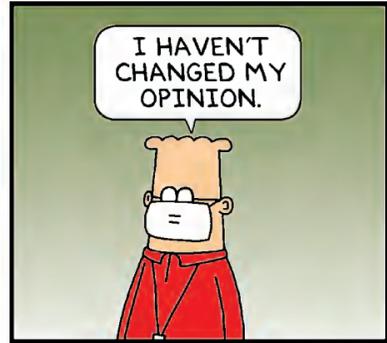
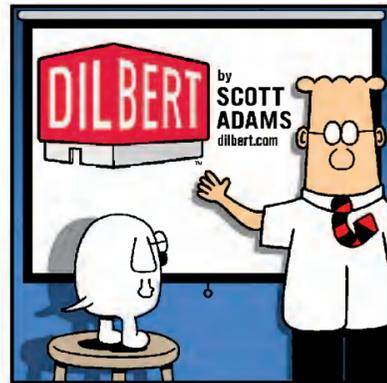
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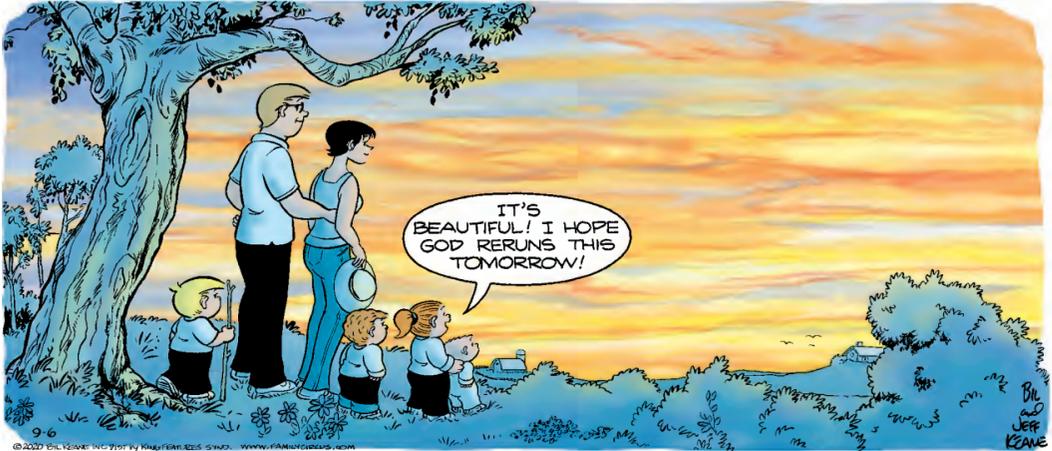
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

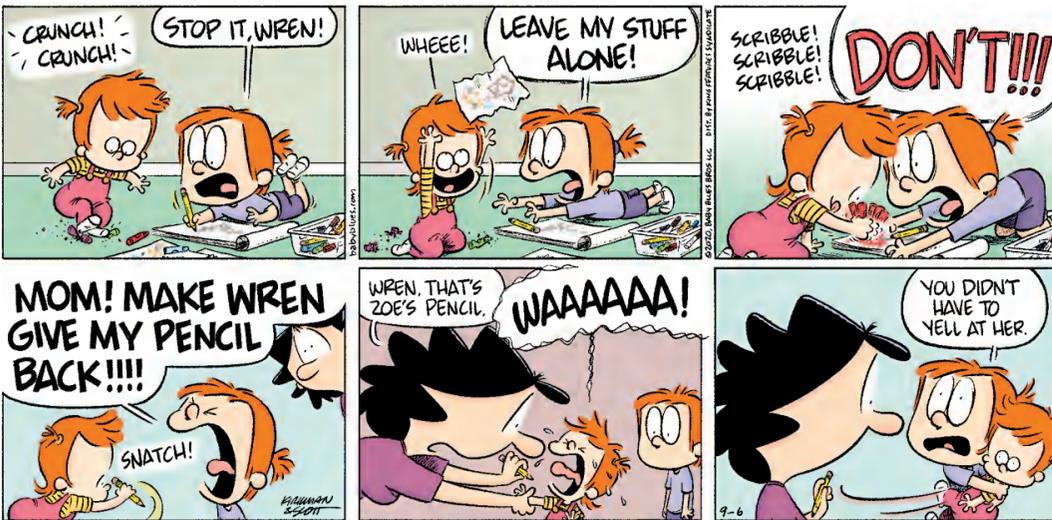
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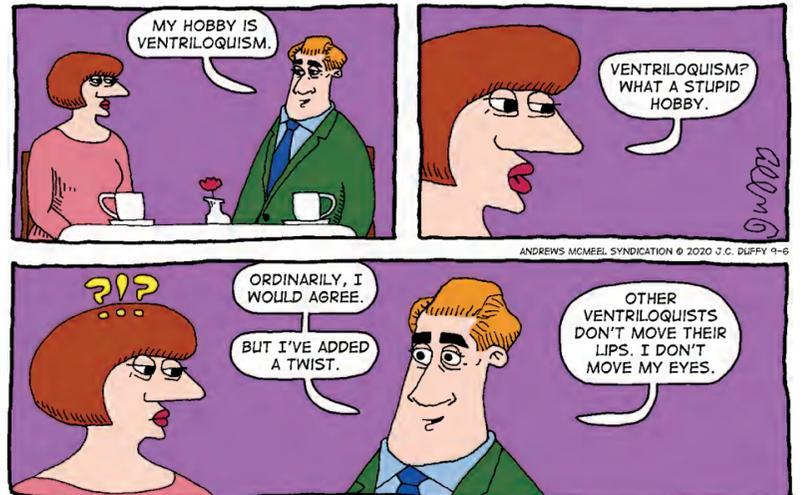
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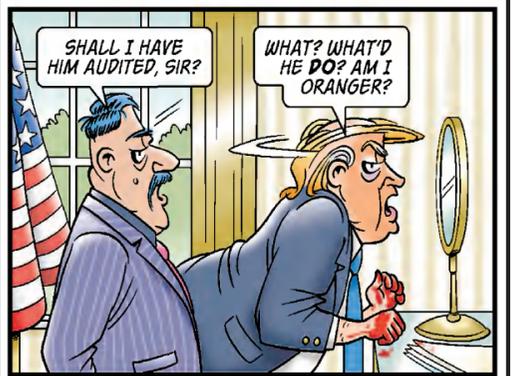
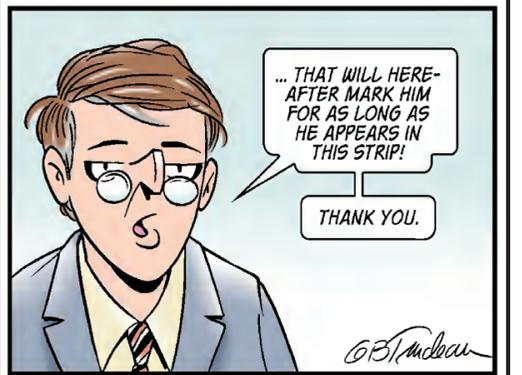
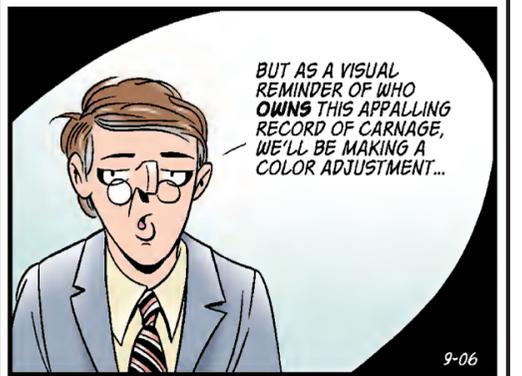
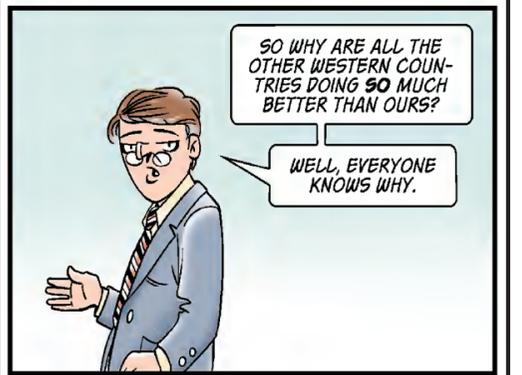
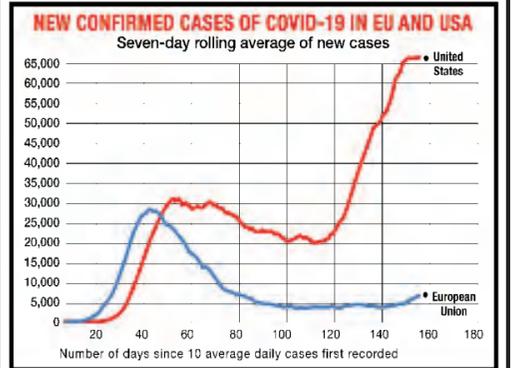


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DOONESBURY

by G.B. Trudeau



COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NOT A GREAT START

First Saturday of college football season is underwhelming. Blame COVID-19. **D7**



NFL

READY TO GO

Previewing the upcoming season, we take a look at the Chargers and Rams, their new stadium, fantasy and the rest of the NFL. **Inside today's paper**



WHEELS

ALL IN FOR PLUG-IN

Toyota ignores all-electric trend, introduces hybrid RAV4 Prime instead. **D9**

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DAVID 'SMOKEY' GAINES 1940-2020

FORMER SDSU HEAD COACH WAS SO MUCH MORE

BY MARK ZEIGLER

Former San Diego State basketball coach David "Smokey" Gaines has died.

His family announced his death Saturday morning. Gaines suffered a stroke in June 2018 and spent the last month in the hospital with complications from liver and brain cancer. Most internet databases list him at 78 years old, but his family's Facebook post said he was 80.

He will be remembered in these parts as head coach of the Aztecs from 1979 to 1987 and the first Black man to hold that position at an NCAA Division I program in

California. But he was more than that: a Harlem Globetrotter, a pro basketball player, an NBA scout, an athletic director, a nightclub owner, a real estate investor, a comedian, a promoter, a single-digit handicap golfer, even a furniture salesman.

"He relates to people," ESPN announcer Dick Vitale, who hired Gaines as an assistant coach at the University of Detroit Mercy in the 1970s, told the Union-Tribune two years ago. "People really enjoy his company. A loyal, dedicated guy. Just a good friend, a friend for life."

"The consummate entrepreneur," said Michael Bruner, an assistant coach

at SDSU under Gaines and now the vice president for mission advancement at San Diego County's YMCA. "He did more than coach basketball."

Gaines was promoted to head coach after Vitale left Detroit in 1977 and amassed a 47-10 record in two seasons before heading west to a SDSU program trying to raise the profile of an athletic department that had elevated to Div. I only nine years earlier.

The Aztecs went 6-21 in his first season, then had five straight winning seasons culminating in a 23-8 record and a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 1984-85 when

Gaines was the Western Athletic Conference coach of the year. The Aztecs would have only one winning season in the 12 years after Gaines left (and that was 15-14) and wouldn't reach the Big Dance again until Steve Fisher took them in 2002.

Known for his tailored suits, silk ties and one-liners, Gaines was equal parts tactician, salesman and showman. He immediately sensed SDSU athletics had an image problem and set out to change that with numerous community appearances. He called it "the nation's fastest-rising basketball program." He talked

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Rob Miehle
Smokey Gaines, here in 2018 in Las Vegas, played for the Harlem Globetrotters and in the ABA and NBA.

146TH KENTUCKY DERBY



JEFF ROBERSON AP

Jockey John Velazquez and Authentic (right) cross the finish line to win the 146th running of the Kentucky Derby over favored Tiz the Law and jockey Manny Franco (left) at Churchill Downs on Saturday.

AUTHENTIC UPSET

Trainer Baffert wins sixth Derby as his colt beats heavily favored Tiz the Law in stirring stretch drive

BY JOHN CHERWA

First, one of trainer Bob Baffert's two horses took a tumble in the paddock before the start of the Kentucky Derby. Then, after the race, Baffert went to the ground after his other horse got fractious in the winner's circle. In between was a history-making performance by front-running Authentic to win the 146th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

Authentic's win over heavily favored Tiz the Law gave Baffert his sixth Kentucky Derby win, tying him with Ben Jones for the most all time.

As the 8-1 third choice and starting from the farthest outside post, Authentic didn't break immediately on top but conserved energy while getting to the lead by the clubhouse turn. The early pace for the 1 1/4-mile race was sharp — 6 furlongs in 1:10.23 — and Tiz the Law was always within striking distance. Exiting the far turn, the race appeared to be Tiz the Law's to win but Authentic dug in and even extended his lead to win by 1 1/4 lengths in 2:00.61.

"It's always a concern that you let the horse do too much early in the race," said jockey John Velazquez, who won the Derby for the third time. "You like to save ground and save some horse for the end. ... Bob

Baffert's Pick Six

Trainer Bob Baffert tied Ben Jones for the most Kentucky Derby winners with six:

- 1997:** Silver Charm (\$10)
- 1998:** Real Quiet (\$18.80)
- 2002:** War Emblem (\$43)
- 2015:** American Pharoah (\$7.80)
- 2018:** Justify (\$7.80)
- 2020:** Authentic (\$18.80)

kept telling me to make sure I saved (something for) that last eighth of a mile."

And that's what happened.

It ended the second fairy-tale story of 82-year-old trainer Barclay Tagg and an ownership group called Sackatoga Stable. It was 17 years earlier that this combination went into the Derby and pulled a shocking upset with Funny Cide. This time, with an upside-down racing year, they had the winner of the Belmont Stakes and also the Travers Stakes, which is normally held after the Triple Crown races. But the Kentucky Derby was beyond their reach.

"Bob, he's got the magic touch," said Jack Knowlton of Sackatoga Stable. "He had this horse ready at the right time and he beat us. Hopefully, we'll get some more shots at him and we'll turn the table on him."

Saturday's drama for Baffert started before the race when Thousand Words, the fourth betting choice, had to be scratched after he reared up in the paddock and fell, hitting his head and shoulder. During the incident, Baffert said his longtime assistant, Jimmy Barnes, broke his arm in a fall.

"I have a lot of emotions running through my mind right now with Jimmy not being able to be here," Baffert said, his voice cracking. "... This is so emotional, the ups and downs in this game. Unbelievable."

Authentic paid \$18.80 to win. Tiz the Law, at 3-5 the first odds-on Derby favorite since Arazi in 1992, was second, two lengths ahead of 45-1 long shot Mr. Big News. Honor A. P., the second choice at 7-1, rallied after a slow beginning to finish fourth in the 15-horse field.

The remainder of the field, in order, were Max Player, Storm the Court, Enforceable, Ny Traffic, Necker Island, Major Fed, Sole Volante, Winning Impression, Money Moves, Attachment Rate and

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PADDACK'S STRUGGLES CONTINUE

Padres right-hander still searching for answer: Is he tipping his pitches?

BY KEVIN ACEE

OAKLAND

Chris Paddack kept his team in the game. It was not enough. It is not enough. "It's frustrating," Paddack said. "I want to go out there and have seven shutout innings every time I grab the ball."

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After an 8-4 loss to the Oakland A's on Saturday afternoon in a game in which Paddack again struggled in the early innings, manager Jayce Tingler was steadfast in his confidence Paddack will be whom they expected this season.

"I thought he was all right today," Tingler said. "Maybe unlike the last outing, he didn't dominate the bottom of the zone. I still thought he made some good pitches ... They were off, but not by a lot. I also think he settled in and was pitching stronger, better as it went."

One issue that has the Padres' antennae up is that for the third time in four starts, it seemed like

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Padres at Athletics



Today: 1:10 p.m., Oakland Coliseum

Pitchers: Padres RHP Garrett Richards (1-2 4.43 ERA) vs. A's RHP Mike Fiers (4-1, 4.86)

On the air: FSSD; 97.3-FM, 860-AM (Spanish)

Orsillo and Grant infuse playfulness into Friars games



BYRCE MILLER
Columnist

Watching Don Orsillo and Mark Grant steer Padres games on TV can be a little like catching soda-soaked teenagers tearing up a basement during a sleepover.

They dare each other to chew 29-year-old gum from a pack of dusty trading cards. They hit each other with baseballs. They swap barbs about expanding waistlines. Giggling gathers unsustainable steam,

reducing one or both to joyful fits of wheezing as faces turn tomato-red.

They're also baseball's pitch-perfect combination of fun and function during a Padres season unfolding like no other.

When Orsillo arrived in 2016 after a 15-year run with the Red Sox, he was delighted to find instant chemistry in the booth.

"I was like, 'Oh my God. This is my brother from another mother,'" Orsillo, 51, said of Grant. "He's 56, but he's really like 12."

The pair kept us watching through the malaise of some truly awful baseball, offering a

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NICK CANEPA Columnist

Preller's inspiring bloodless coup

Sez Me ...
The Padres are to be feared. They have weapons. They have become the hunters.

They have taken over the chase by guile and with supreme knowledge of what drives them, what's under their skin.

Without fear of reprisal. Without derring-do.

Rarely in their half-century ride have they taken on the challenge and purposely driven rapidly around the curves.

Rarely have they dared to be great.

So there has been a bit of a misconception surrounding their recent bit of importing and exporting.

The album rock group A.J. Preller and his Scouts recorded in a matter of hours — probably wilder than any contending franchise has ever done — was music to our ears, but not daring to be great. Striving for greatness, yes.

It was terrific. Relentless. Inspiring. So well thought out. But if you dare to be great, there must be something at least a little dangerous to dare for, and there wasn't any danger to this. No gamble.

GM Preller led a safe, bloodless coup.

Even if it doesn't work out, he pitched a shutout, because Preller couldn't walk off the mound on worse ground than he was before the tornado he formed hit the ground with 500 mph winds.

You see? Lost in all of this is that, as the Padres roll into September, they can be better, but not worse — because of this, anyway.

When Preller broke in, he tried to make a splash in 2015, and it became a swamp. But *that* was daring to be great.

This business was not.

He traded away 16 players, including both starting catchers (getting two catchers in return who might be able to hit .200). He gave up a few good prospects — shortstop Gabriel Arias and third outfielder Taylor Trammell — among them.

I can't say Preller traded away one player who absolutely fits into their future. Amazing, and without risk.

The players they traded for — including an ace in Mike Clevinger, starting catchers in Austin Nola/Jason Castro, a seasoned DH in Mitch Moreland, and a closer in Trevor Rosenthal — are better than anything they had.

They went from encouraging to authentic in a matter of hours.

This roster almost entirely is made up with guys from somewhere else (no everyday player is home-grown), but they're here because Preller's put together perhaps the top farm system in baseball. So he



HAYNE PALMOUR IV U-T

Padres GM A.J. Preller was able to acquire an ace pitcher, help for the backend of the bullpen and two catchers who can hit without giving up team's top prospects.

was overstocked with young players he wasn't going to need. He sold just a bit of his farm's acreage.

Who cares how they became Padres, as long as they can play?

And, you can look at the haul and easily ask: Where's the money coming from to pay all these guys?

That's the second important thing. Peter Seidler, the team's bank, didn't have to open the vault to buy treasure. So, real gold or iron pyrite, there is little hit to take.

"Not much," Seidler says. "Clevinger isn't overly expensive (and not a free agent until 2023), and the players we acquired weren't really expensive. The discipline in the trade room was impressive. Maybe we added a few million dollars, that's it."

Most GMs have slept through this COVID season. A.J. is an insomniac.

This was the safest, most productive in-season ride in their history. Never took it out of fifth gear.

The Slam Diego Stalkers ... Aug. 31, 1992. Fire sale roaring. Padres arsonists trade **Craig Lefferts**, who has 13 wins. They are seven games back, contenders. ...

Other than not returning my phone calls, people are asking what it is Preller does well. What he just did. ...

I wonder if A.J. would return my call if I left a message in Spanish. ...

The Padres are getting excellent years from players who are supposed to have excellent years. A rarity around here, where former ballers come to retire. ...

I always thought this

pitcher-catcher familiarity thing was overdone. Closer meets his catcher for the first time after he finishes off the game. Padres. ...

Following the trade frenzy, one betting service lowered the Pads' odds to win the World Series from 33-1 to 10-1. ...

Baseball is a game without a watch. ...

Roger Goodell says the NFL's Competition Committee can find no home-field advantage to a team with stands full or empty. When going to a loud place, coaches pump in noise during practice and go to silent counts. For what reason, Roger? ...

Rog, what if a team plays at home before a crowd in which 90 percent of the fans are supporting the visitors? Does that factor into home-field advantage. ...

It's hard to intentionally tank in the NFL when so many others unintentionally seem to be, but the Jaguars may succeed. Rog, this is good for the game? ...

Leonard Fournette couldn't block me on =Twitter. ...

Did anyone other than those who think it's wise not to wear a mask really believe **Jarrett Stidham** actually was beating out **Cam Newton**? ...

Pete Carroll: "White people need to be coached up." I assume he means the previously uncoachable owners? ...

Judases/L.A. Dodgers/Backup Singers extend **Keenan Allen**. I think their one PSL buyer is giving them great advice. ...

Kids go to college to learn, party, or do both, not necessarily in that order. Opening up universities is a sophomoric,

dangerous mistake. ...

But ... General Without Portfolio **Lou Holtz** will get the Presidential Medal of Freedom for saying that, because our troops stormed Normandy, there should be no fear playing college football during the pandemic. ...

If there was anyone SDSU had to lock up, it was **Brian Dutcher**, no longer Head Coach Waiting to Get a Raise. ...

I covered **Smokey Gaines** from his first day on State's campus. Recruiting out of a trailer, he got top kids to visit. Only one Smokey. There couldn't be two. RIP. ...

All-time classic Smokey line after a loss: "Look, Nick. **Jerry Brown**. One rebound. One more than a dead man." ...

RIP, **John Thompson**. I once sat with John and **Paul Silas** at Superstars camp. Amazing day with two men of great presence and principle. ...

Stink 'O The Week Segment: Baseball revenge. Sour, not sweet. Best served apprehensively. Sixteen teams have more hit batsmen than the Astros. ...

North Dakota has 10 people per square mile, South Dakota 11, Iowa 55. They are COVID hot spots. What in the hell are these people doing? ...

Again, Wall Street and the Economy Toll Road do not run parallel. There wouldn't be two if they were the same. ...

"Morality, like art, means drawing a line someplace." — **Oscar Wilde**

I will not vote twice. Once is taxing enough.

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OFF THE WALL

We just couldn't let this stuff go ...

But who wants to see Browns and Bengals?

The Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals will be allowed to have up to 6,000 fans at two home games this season.

Ohio Gov. **Mike DeWine** announced Saturday that the teams have been granted a variance for a "two-game trial" on a state requirement limiting 1,500 people at outdoor gatherings.

The variance allows for no more than 1,500 fans in each side of the stadium. Fans will be required to wear masks.

Cleveland will be permitted to have fans for its opener on Sept. 17 against Cincinnati and rookie quarterback **Joe Burrow** (above), the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft. The Browns can also have fans on Sept. 27 against Washington.

The Bengals home dates are Oct. 4 against Jacksonville and Oct. 25 against the Browns.

Only Dallas, Indianapolis, Miami, Jacksonville and Kansas City also have definite plans for fans to attend.



Trivia question

Happy birthday to former Padres player **Derrek Lee**, who turns 45 today. How many career homers did he hit?

They're tops

The Topps Company will create women's professional softball cards for the first time in its 82-year history.

Athletes Unlimited announced an agreement with Topps on Friday to create an online exclusive trading card set commemorating its new league. The cards will be produced during the season and shipped when the set is completed.

The set will include cards for 56 of the world's top players, including 17 Olympians from the United States, Canada, Mexico and Italy. **Cat Osterman**, **Jazmyn Jackson**, **AJ Andrews**, **Victoria Hayward**, **Amanda Chidester**, **Aleshia Ocasio**, **Haylie Wagner**, **Samantha Show**, **Tori Vidales** and **Jessica Warren** are among the players who will be featured.

They said it

- From **Dwight Perry** of The Seattle Times: "Giants manager **Gabe Kapler** challenged a play at first base with his team ahead 18-2 in the seventh inning. So why isn't there an unwritten rule about that?"

- Tweet from **Sara Stock**, wife of Red Sox relief pitcher **Robert Stock**: "0 times divorced, but if he keeps walking the leadoff batter, I'll consider filing."

- From **Greg Cote** of the Miami Herald, on the belated start to the Tour de France: "It was more fun when all the bike tires were being punctured because discarded steroid needles were everywhere."

- From **Bob Molinaro**, in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, on the Red Sox boasting one of the AL's worst records: "They are irrelevant, in other words. Somebody remind ESPN's programming department."

Trivia answer

Lee had 331 career homers over 15 seasons, one in his first season with the Padres before being traded. He had a high of 46 in 2005 with the Chicago Cubs. He was third in NL MVP voting that season.

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GOLF REPORT

D.J. BIRDIES 18, CLINGS TO ONE-SHOT LEAD

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The final hole at East Lake brought two strange sights Saturday at the Tour Championship in Atlanta.

First, Rory McIlroy hit a shot that toppled out of thick rough right into the water in front of him, a distance laser cameras estimated at 85 feet, 8 inches, not accounting for how far it sank to the bottom.

Then, Dustin Johnson reached his drive and could see the entire golf ball in the grass. It was in the first cut, sure, but a relief considering he didn't hit a fairway over the final three holes.

It was a rare green light for Johnson, and he hit 5-iron to 30 feet for a two-putt birdie and an even-round 70, allowing him to escape with a one-shot lead over Sungjae Im at the halfway point of the chase for the FedEx Cup and the \$15 million prize.

Johnson headed straight to the range to try to figure out why he hit only two fairways, though he was satisfied to have so few chances and still stay in front.

"Two different golf courses



JOHN BAZEMORE AP

Dustin Johnson struggles off the tee in the second round of the Tour Championship but still leads by one shot.

if you're playing from the fairway or playing from the rough," Johnson said. "Playing from the fairway you can attack the course, you can shoot a good score. Playing from where I did, it's not so much fun. But I managed my game pretty well, and pleased with the score that I shot, especially the way I drove the ball."

McIlroy also shrugged off

his shot, in which he tried to do too much with a gnarly lie, not so much to get over the water but a bunker on the right side. It cost him a bogey for a 71 that left him five behind, though he could see a bigger picture.

"It doesn't look like I'm going to lose any ground today anyway, which is some sort of consolation," he said.

That might have been the

best take after a second round filled with birdies and blunders. The next 36 holes are all about opportunity for the nine player separated by just five shots.

Johnson, with rounds of 67-70 along with starting at 10 under as the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup, was at 13 under.

Im, the budding star from South Korea whose game had gone lukewarm coming out of the three-month shutdown, birdied three of his last four holes for a 64 and will be in the final group with Johnson.

San Diegan Xander Schauffele, who won the Tour Championship as a rookie in 2017, ran off three straight birdies late in his round for a 65 and was two shots behind. Another big move came from PGA champion Collin Morikawa, whose 66 put him four shots out of the lead.

Elsewhere

American **John Catlin** shot a 2 over in the third round of the Andalucia Masters at Valderama in Spain and took a two-shot lead over **Martin Kaymer** into today's final round.

What to watch

Australian rules football
AFL, Fremantle at Melbourne, 1 a.m. (Mon.), **FS2**

Auto racing
Formula One, Italian Grand Prix, 6:05 a.m., **ESPN2**
NHRA: U.S. Nationals, 8 a.m., **FS1**, 10 a.m., **5/69**
NASCAR Truck Series, Education Lottery 200, 11 a.m., **FS1**
NASCAR Cup Series, Southern 500, 3 p.m., **NBCSN**

Boxing

PBC Prelims, undercard bouts, 3 p.m., **FS1**
PBC Fight Night, Yordenis Ugas vs. Abel Ramos (welterweights), 5 p.m., **5/69**

Cycling
Tour de France, Stage 9, 4:30 a.m., **NBCSN**; 10 a.m. (taped), **7/39**

Golf
EPGA, Estrella Damm N.A. Andalucia Masters, final round, 4:30 a.m., **GOLF**

PGA, Tour Championship, third round, 10 a.m., **GOLF**, noon, **7/39**

Horse racing
Trackside Live, 9 a.m., **TVG**
NYRA: Saratoga Live, 9:30 a.m., **FS2**, 1:30 p.m., **FS1**, 3 p.m., **FS2**
Del Mar, 1 p.m., **TVG**

Men's soccer
UEFA Nations League, Republic of Ireland vs. Finland, 8:50 a.m., **ESPNNEWS**

UEFA Nations League, Serbia vs. Turkey, 11:30 a.m., **ESPN-NEWS**
MLS, Nashville SC at Inter Miami, 5 p.m., **FS1**

MLB
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 10 a.m., **ESPN2**
Washington at Atlanta, 10 a.m., **MLB**
Padres at Oakland, 1 p.m., **FSSD**
Houston at L.A. Angels, 1 p.m., **TBS**

St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 4 p.m., **ESPN**
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 7 p.m., **MLB**

NBA playoffs
Milwaukee vs. Miami, Game 4, 12:30 p.m., **10**
Houston vs. L.A. Lakers, Game 2, 5:30 p.m., **10**

NHL playoffs
Dallas vs. Vegas, Game 1, 5 p.m., **7/39**

Tennis
U.S. Open: Round of 16, 8 a.m., noon, **ESPN**, 4 p.m., **ESPN2**

Women's soccer
FA WSL, Chelsea at Manchester United, 9 a.m., **NBCSN**

WNBA
Chicago vs. Los Angeles, 5 p.m., **CBSN**

PADRES

PADRES REPORT

TINGLER HOPEFUL PHAM WILL RETURN

BY KEVIN ACEE

OAKLAND

Injured Padres outfielder Tommy Pham is catching fly balls in the outfield and working on strengthening his grip as he progresses toward a return from hamate bone surgery.

The pregame work Pham does helps keep his legs in shape and his ability to track the ball intact. The Padres believe he'll need those things sooner than later.

"I'm definitely optimistic," manager Jayce Tingler said Friday when asked whether he expected Pham to return later this month.

Pham, who had surgery on his left hand Aug. 17, has over the past two days been able to open and close his glove. Virtually every day, his hand gets a little stronger. Being able to grip the bat and swing will be the ultimate test.

"He's got to get his grip strength up to a certain degree before he can start to swing the bat with both hands," Tingler said. "After that, it's a pain tolerance deal."

Tingler chuckled at that notion.

The hook of the hamate bone, which is what Pham fractured, is at the outer part of the wrist and sustains a good amount of pressure with every swing. Typical recovery time is at least five weeks.

Based on what they have seen — and the fact he played the final two months of last season with a tear in



Tommy Pham is shagging balls after his broken hamate bone on Aug. 15 and subsequent surgery.

his UCL and a fracture in his hand — the Padres are confident Pham will grit his teeth and do everything he can to be in left field for them by the postseason.

The Padres believe they are a more formidable offense with Pham in the lineup.

He was hitting just .207 with a .608 OPS (on-base-plus-slugging percentage) at the time of his injury. But he was acquired in the off-season due to his production the previous three seasons, when he hit .284 with a .856 OPS.

Late scratch

Luis Campusano's first season began with a bang Friday night. Just as it was about to get going in earnest, there is concern within the organization it might be over.

The Padres' No. 4 prospect, who was called up

and homered in his debut while serving as designated hitter Friday, was slated to catch Saturday. But he was scratched about an hour before first pitch due to "soreness" in his left hand after feeling a twinge when he swung in batting practice.

"Something didn't feel right," Tingler said after the 8-4 loss. "... We'll have more information once we get some tests back."

Should Campusano be OK to resume playing, then plan is to get all three catchers playing time, likely based on the opposing pitcher. Campusano and Austin Nola bat right-handed, Jason Castro from the left side.

"They're all going to catch, they're all going to play," Tingler said. "We're going to keep them sharp. We're going to keep them fresh. But all three guys are going to catch and get at-

bats."

Tingler has used two catchers in 16 of the Padres' 41 games.

Nola, who was initially the designated hitter in Saturday's lineup started at catcher. Jorge Mateo replaced Campusano in the lineup at DH.

Nola doubled off the wall in right-center field in the sixth inning and homered to virtually the same spot, just about 20 feet higher, in the eighth. He came within five feet of a three-run homer that would have tied the game 4-4 on a fly ball to the center field wall in the third inning.

Mitch Moreland, who has a 1.142 OPS against righties and a .657 OPS against lefties, sat against A's left-hander Sean Manaea until called on to play first base in the ninth inning when Eric Hosmer was ejected for yelling at home plate umpire Quinn Wolcott.

Not utilizing the utility yet

Nola has caught four of the Padres' five games since he was acquired in a trade Sunday.

The converted infielder has taken ground balls at second and third base before games and could sub in there, but it seems the Padres have decided that will be a rarity this season.

He has played first, second, third and catcher in both the majors and minors. He also played shortstop in the minors. He didn't start playing catcher until 2017 in

Double-A.

"We feel he can play all four (infield) positions if needed," Tingler said. "Right now, Manny (Machado) is feeling pretty good, Tatis is feeling pretty good as far as their legs and feet. Obviously, Hos and Moreland over there (at first base). So right now we're going to stick with those guys. But I can definitely see Nola getting action at some point at one of those infield spots."

Missing everybody

Tingler smiled at the question.

Yes, it was an oddity that Fernando Tatis Jr. was being interviewed while playing shortstop in the bottom of the second inning. But that's how it goes on Fox's nationally televised broadcasts this year.

And, well, 2020.

"I'd say it's normally weird," Tingler said. "But is there really anything weird in 2020? I think this: hearing conversation in our clubhouse, the one thing, whether it's myself or the staff or the players, the one thing that hurts the most is that as well as we're playing and as fun and energized as this team is, the constant discussion in there is not being able to share that with the fanbase. ... So is it a little weird? Yeah. But being able to give them access to somebody with an opportunity to grow the game, we can take an inning or two of weirdness any day of the week."

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the other team often had an idea what was coming from Paddack.

The Padres suspect the young right-hander is somehow tipping his pitches, as the A's joined the Mariners and Dodgers in being able to hold back from swinging at a number of good change-ups at the bottom of (or just below) the zone.

"There are a lot of teams that will swing over the top of it," Tingler said. "... They did a really good job of laying off that pitch today."

Paddack, ever the proud Texan, was defiant after the game.

"I feel like a lot of people, they're not on my side right now — fans and that side of the world," Paddack said. "But hey, I'm just letting 'em know I never left. This game is very difficult. I know that. This is my second year in the big leagues. With the technology these days, with tipping pitches possibly. That's a good lineup over there. I'm sure they had a good game plan going into today's game."

That plan, according to A's manager Bob Melvin, was this: "Make him work. He's got a good fastball. He likes to pitch up and down



Chris Paddack allows two runs in each of the first two innings Saturday.

with the fastball and down with the change-up. Guys had pretty good approaches and were pretty aware of what he was going to try to do to them. Made him work. I've said often, the first inning is when you can make a starter uncomfortable before he gets into his rhythm. We did exactly that. He's got good stuff. He's got a heck of a career in front of him."

The A's had a 4-0 lead by

the second inning, and the Padres only briefly threatened against Oakland starter Sean Manaea and then mounted a too-little, too-late rally in the final two innings.

The A's added four runs against Matt Strahm (two) and Luis Patiño (two).

That became particularly haunting.

The Padres scored twice in the eighth inning on Austin Nola's first home run

with the team, Wil Myers' double and Jake Cronenworth's single. They added a run in the ninth on Trent Grisham's single, Fernando Tatis Jr.'s double and a sacrifice fly by Manny Machado.

Certainly, the bullpen bears some blame for letting the game get out of range, even for a club that has 15 comeback victories.

But this one seemed to drift away before that.

"The frustrating part for me has been the first couple innings," said Paddack, who fell to 3-4 with a 4.75 ERA.

Saturday was just the second time this season he hasn't completed at least five innings.

Consistently surviving is a dubious achievement, however. Battling is not what an aspiring ace is supposed to spend an abundance of time doing.

The fact the 25-year-old Paddack generally holds off an avalanche, that he can often last in games where his fastball leaks and his change-up occasionally floats (and the other team has a good idea when the two pitches are coming) would seem to demonstrate just how good his stuff is and/or how relentless he is.

But the Padres would prefer to see that ability to grind on a rarer basis.

Paddack's next start is scheduled for Thursday against the Giants. He'll have a bullpen session before that to work on whatever is betraying him.

"I'm still going to be Chris Paddack," he said. "I'm not changing anything. I know what I'm capable of. I'm going to toe the rubber every time I get the ball and go out there and give it my all."

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THIS DATE IN PADRES HISTORY

EARLY MARK FOR SEASON VICTORIES

BY JEFF SANDERS

The Padres had never won more than 63 games when a San Diegoan took the mound on this date — Sept. 6 — in 1975.

Left-hander Brent Strom pitched the Padres to a franchise-record 64th victory with nine innings strong innings in a 2-1 win in Houston.

Strom struck out four and allowed one run on six hits and a walk in the second of a string of three straight complete games.

A San Diego native who pitched at San Diego High School and San Diego City College, Strom was 8-8 with a 2.54 ERA, 56 strikeouts and a 1.13 WHIP in 120½ innings that year.

Strom pitched three years in San Diego (20-26, 3.47 ERA). The Padres went on to win 71 games in 1975, eight more than they won in 1970.

Also on this date

2006: Pinch-hitter Paul McNulty hit a walk-off home run, the first of his career, to lift the Padres to a 2-0 victory over the visiting Rockies. A 12th-rounder out of Long Beach State, McNulty hit six home runs in 133 games over five years in the majors.

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bridge to a season when the on-field product finally lived up to the colorful, engaging pair explaining it from above.

In a recent phone conversation, Orsillo learned someone had spent 40 minutes clicking through YouTube videos of the enthused duo.

"You went down that rabbit hole?" he said. "Wow. You can't get that out of your head."

Orsillo and Grant remain sensitive to the responsibility of calling the game itself — "I guarantee you, 90 percent of what we say on the air is baseball," Grant maintains — in hopes they're not perceived as open-mic night regulars.

The rise of the Padres, considered a contender for a deep playoff run after a stunning trade-deadline spree, added baseball substance to the slapstick.

"Let's face it, we've been starved for years to talk about a good team," Grant said. "It sucked for how many years, you know? Now, I can honestly say I can't be more excited to come back (to the booth)."

But make no mistake: The fun is the fuel.

Grant, the former big-league pitcher who spent parts of four seasons with the Padres, traced the roots of the relationship to a San Francisco road trip during their maiden season.

As the former fidgeter with a tie, he asked: "Does this tie make me look fat?" Orsillo, a mischievous smile creating his face, barely could utter the cutting response: "I think it does. *Very fat!*" They've been laughing ever since.

"Who can say I get to go to work with one of my best friends?" Grant said.

A 2-hour, 37-minute rain delay two

years ago in Cincinnati lifted the veil on the playfulness Orsillo and Grant stir in with information and insight. Grant conspired with production co-workers to create a graphic of everything his partner ate during the weather-related pause.

Without warning, an image popped on the screen to outline the carnage: brisket, mac and cheese, ribs, chicken, pizza, hot dog, ice cream, peanuts, cauliflower and broccoli (oddly, at this point) ... and tater tots. The list would have tested the stomach of Joey Chestnut.

Orsillo howled. "That is so uncool," he said. Grant offered a well-placed jab: "This guy is going to the electric chair."

Orsillo plotted his revenge. He recruited Fox Sports San Diego colleague Mark Sweeney to discuss a flyover happening at Petco Park. The pair heard Grant had been offered a chance to fly with the Air Force demonstration squadron known as the Thunderbirds. There was a weight requirement related to the ejection seat. Grant was, um, disqualified.

The retractable pointer Grant uses to routinely harass his boothmate became part of the gag.

As Grant explained the failed negotiations, Orsillo gleefully extended the pointer, aimed it at his partner's stomach and barked, "Maybe because of this area ... *right here!*" as he melted in laughter.

"He's all over me about my 'boiler,'" Orsillo said. "We got wind of the Thunderbirds thing earlier in the day. I stole the pointer from his bag and Sweeney set it up. It just worked." Grant whacks Orsillo's wrist with a baseball and channels his inner umpire: "Take your base!" He once called Orsillo's conservative footwear, "Straight out of the Peter Boyle, 'Young Frankenstein' collection." They joined forces to make fun of the

Braves' broadcast team, good-naturedly ribbing their counterparts as the "boring," "no fun" zone.

Orsillo placed a piece of tape on the desk between the men when Grant's "toys" spilled over into his area. He likened the line of demarcation to the "fake Les Nessman office" in the old sitcom "WKRP in Cincinnati." When the boundary was disrespected, Orsillo frog-napped one of Grant's prized keepsakes ... and left a ransom note.

"When I met 'Mud,' I was like, 'Whoa, this guy has the same broadcast philosophy I've had for 15 years,'" Orsillo said. "Baseball is fun and we're going to have fun. And we're not going to miss anything. When the game gets serious, we're serious."

Last season, social media chatter and a few letters to the editor in the Union-Tribune questioned whether the broadcast team had drifted too far from traditional coverage. Grumbling rose from those accustomed to the buttoned-down approach of late, iconic veteran Dick Enberg.

"I respected it because I know I'm not going to please everybody," Grant recalled. "I learned a long time ago that you're not going to be everybody's cup of tea. To me, it boils down to being true to yourself. I'm not going to try to be somebody I'm not."

They've found a rhythm amid the raucousness.

"A guy like Don, he's great at what he does," Grant said. "He has a great sense of humor. He's serious about his job, but he doesn't take himself too seriously, which I love. That's a great combination."

Then Grant, well, couldn't help himself.

"Going to work every day is a slice of heaven, working with Don," said Grant, intentionally laying it on thick. "You can quote me on that."

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Athletics 8, Padres 4

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Tatis Jr. ss	4	0	1	0	1	2	.307
Machado 3b	4	0	2	1	0	1	.306
Hosmer 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.286
Moreland 1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Nola c	4	1	2	1	0	0	.286
Myers rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.289
Cronenworth 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.330	
Mateo dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.150
Profar lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.223
Grisham cf	4	1	3	0	0	0	.261
Totals	37	4	11	4	1	13	

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Laureano cf	5	1	2	0	2	.227	
La Stella 2b	4	1	2	1	1	.182	
1-Kemp pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	.250	
Chapman 3b	5	0	0	0	5	.236	
Canha dh	1	2	0	2	0	.265	
Olson 1b	4	0	3	2	0	.186	
Grossman lf	4	0	0	0	1	.255	
Piscotty rf	3	2	2	1	0	.265	
Machin ss	4	0	1	0	0	.172	
Heim c	4	2	2	0	0	.333	
Totals	34	8	11	8	4	10	

San Diego	001	000	021	4	11	1
Oakland	220	003	10x	8	11	1

I-ran for La Stella in the 8th.

E—Myers (1), Chapman (5). LOB—San Diego 8, Oakland 7. 2B—Nola (2), Myers (10), Tatis Jr. (10), La Stella (1). 3B—Olson (1). HR—Nola (1), off Sobera; Laureano (5), off Patino. RBIs—Hosmer (3), Nola (1), Cronenworth (18), Machado (34), Olson (2), La Stella (2), La Stella (2), Laureano (2) (5), Piscotty (27). SB—Piscotty (3), Hosmer (3), SF—Machado.

Runners left in scoring position—San Diego 5 (Nola 2, Cronenworth, Moreland); Athletics 3 (Grossman, Chapman, Machin). RISP—San Diego 2 for 10; Athletics 5 for 11.

Runners moved up—Laureano. GDP—Laureano.

DP—San Diego 1 (Machado, Cronenworth, Hosmer).

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Paddack, L, 3-4	4 1/3	7	4	4	1	6	82	4.75
Strahm	1	2	2	1	1	25	3.00	
Patino	1 1/3	3	2	2	1	28	5.52	
Rosenthal	1	0	0	1	2	17	0.00	

Oakland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Manaea, W, 3-2	5	4	1	1	5	64	5.09	
Petit, H, 7	1	0	0	0	1	17	1.80	
Diekman	1	1	0	0	2	15	0.00	
Soria	1	3	2	2	0	23	2.70	
Hendriks	1	2	1	1	0	2	1.56	

Inherited runners-scored—Strahm 1-0, Patino 1-1. HBP—Paddack (Canha). PB—Nola (1). Umpires—Home, Quinn Wolcott; First, Nick Mahrley; Second, Adrian Johnson; Third, Mark Ripberger. T—3:00.

How they scored

Athletics first. Ramon Laureano called out on strikes. Tommy La Stella singles to left center field. Matt Chapman strikes out swinging. Mark Canha walks. Tommy La Stella to second. Matt Olson triples to deep right field. Mark Canha scores. Tommy La Stella scores. Robbie Grossman grounds out to shallow infield. Fernando Tatis Jr. to Eric Hosmer. **Athletics 2, Padres 0.**

Athletics second. Stephen Piscotty singles to center field. Vimal Machin lines out to deep center field to Trent Grisham. Jonah Heim singles to shallow right field, advances to 2nd. Stephen Piscotty scores. Fielding error by Wil Myers. Ramon Laureano grounds out to shallow right field. Eric Hosmer to Chris Paddack. Jonah Heim to third. Tommy La Stella doubles to deep right field. Jonah Heim scores. Matt Chapman strikes out swinging. **Athletics 3, Padres 0.**

Padres third. Jurickson Profar singles to center field. Trent Grisham singles to shallow infield. Jurickson Profar to second. Fernando Tatis Jr. strikes out swinging. Manny Machado singles to right field. Trent Grisham to second. Jurickson Profar to third. Eric Hosmer reaches on a fielder's choice to shallow right field. Manny Machado out at second. Trent Grisham to third. Jurickson Profar scores. Austin Nola lines out to deep center field to Ramon Laureano. **Athletics 4, Padres 1.**

Athletics sixth. Robbie Grossman grounds out to shallow infield, Jake Cronenworth to Eric Hosmer. Stephen Piscotty walks. Vimal Machin lines out to third base to Manny Machado. Jonah Heim singles to center field. Stephen Piscotty scores. Ramon Laureano homers to left field. Jonah Heim scores. Tommy La Stella pops out to shallow infield to Fernando Tatis Jr. **Athletics 7, Padres 1.**

Athletics seventh. Matt Chapman strikes out swinging. Mark Canha walks. Matt Olson singles to shortstop. Mark Canha to second. Robbie Grossman reaches on a fielder's choice to second base. Matt Olson out at second. Mark Canha to third. Stephen Piscotty singles to shallow infield. Robbie Grossman to third. Mark Canha scores. Vimal Machin flies out to Jurickson Profar. **Athletics 8, Padres 1.**

Padres eighth. Manny Machado strikes out swinging. Eric Hosmer called out on strikes. Austin Nola homers to center field. Wil Myers doubles to deep left center field. Jake Cronenworth singles to shallow infield. Wil Myers scores. Jorge Mateo strikes out swinging. **Athletics 8, Padres 3.**

Padres ninth. Jurickson Profar strikes out swinging. Trent Grisham singles to right center field. Fernando Tatis Jr. doubles to right center field. Trent Grisham to third. Manny Machado out on a sacrifice fly to deep center field to Ramon Laureano. Trent Grisham scores. Mitch Moreland strikes out swinging. **Athletics 8, Padres 4.**

FRIDAY'S LATE SUMMARY

Padres 7, Athletics 0

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Tatis Jr. ss	5	2	3	0	0	3	.308
Machado 3b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.301
Garcia 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Hosmer 1b	5	0	1	0	2	2	.296
Nola c	5	0	1	0	0	1	.200
Myers rf	5	1	0	0	0	2	.290
Cronenworth 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.333

National League

Standings and roundups

West	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	30	11	.732	—	8-2	L-1	15-6	15-5
PADRES	24	17	.585	6	6-4	L-1	12-6	12-11
Colorado	19	20	.487	10	5-5	W-1	9-12	10-8
San Francisco	18	21	.462	11	5-5	L-2	9-9	9-12
Arizona	15	24	.385	14	2-8	W-1	9-9	6-15
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	23	17	.575	—	5-5	L-2	11-9	12-8
St. Louis	16	15	.516	2½	5-5	W-2	9-9	7-6
Milwaukee	18	20	.474	4	5-5	L-1	8-10	10-10
Cincinnati	18	22	.450	5	5-5	W-1	8-12	10-10
Pittsburgh	12	26	.316	10	3-7	L-1	6-13	6-13
East	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Atlanta	23	16	.590	—	6-4	L-2	13-6	10-10
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	2	8-2	L-1	13-9	6-7
Miami	17	17	.500	3½	4-6	W-1	6-9	11-8
New York	18	22	.450	5½	4-6	W-1	9-11	9-11
Washington	14	24	.368	8½	3-7	W-2	4-12	10-12

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Reds 6, Pirates 2: Eugenio Suarez hit three homers in a game for the first time in his career, driving in five runs and leading Cincinnati to a win at Pittsburgh.

Nationals 10, Braves 4: Victor Robles' third hit, a bunt single in the sixth inning, gave Washington the lead. Brock Holt had four hits and the Nationals leaned on their bullpen to win at Atlanta. After hitting three homers in Friday's doubleheader split, Ronald Acuna Jr. made Braves history by leading off the first with a homer off Erick Fedde. The 22-year-old Acuna set the Braves record with 18 career leadoff homers.

Mets 5, Phillies 1: Seth Lugo (2-2) got the Mets' rotation its first win in more than three weeks, and New York beat visiting Philadelphia.

Cardinals 4-5, Cubs 2-1: Tyler O'Neill and Paul DeJong homered, and five St. Louis pitchers combined on a three-hitter to beat host Chicago and sweep a doubleheader. In the opener, Adam Wainwright (4-0) pitched into the seventh for the victory.

Rockies 5, Dodgers 2: Nolan Arenado drove in the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning, pinch-hitter Josh Fuentes added a two-run double and visiting Colorado snapped Los Angeles' six-game winning streak.

Diamondbacks at Giants: Late

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Dodgers 10, Rockies 6: AJ Pollock, Joc Pederson and Mookie Betts homered in the eighth inning, and Los Angeles claimed its sixth straight victory.

Diamondbacks 6, Giants 5: Ketel Marte homered, doubled twice and singled as Arizona won at San Francisco to snap a five-game losing streak.

TODAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia (Nola 4-2) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 2-1), 10:10 a.m.	Washington (Corbin 2-3) at Atlanta (Tomlin 1-2), 10:10 a.m.
Cincinnati (Gray 5-2) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 1-1), 10:35 a.m.	Arizona (Young 1-2) at San Francisco (Cueto 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (TBD) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 2-1), 4:08 p.m.	Colorado (Castellani 1-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Urias 3-0), 7:10 p.m.

American League

Standings and roundups

West	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Oakland	23	13	.639	—	5-5	W-1	14-5	9-8
Houston	21	17	.553	3	6-4	L-2	16-6	5-11
Seattle	17	22	.436	7½	7-3	W-4	9-8	8-14
Los Angeles	15	25	.375	10	6-4	W-3	10-12	5-13
Texas	13	25	.342	11	2-8	L-4	9-10	4-15
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	25	15	.625	—	7-3	W-3	11-9	14-6
Cleveland	24	15	.615	½	7-3	W-1	10-8	14-7
Minnesota	25	16	.610	½	5-5	W-5	16-4	9-12
Detroit	17	20	.459	6½	6-4	L-4	9-11	8-9
Kansas City	14	26	.350	11	2-8	L-5	7-12	7-14
East	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Tampa Bay	27	13	.675	—	8-2	L-1	13-6	14-7
New York	21	18	.538	5½	5-5	L-2	13-7	8-11
Toronto	21	18	.538	5½	6-4	L-2	8-8	13-10
Baltimore	18	21	.462	8½	4-6	W-2	9-13	9-8
Boston	14	27	.341	13½	4-6	W-2	7-16	7-11

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Angels 10, Astros 9: Mike Trout became the Angels' career home run leader and Jo Adell celebrated with a game-ending, two-run single in the seventh, lifting Los Angeles to a victory over visiting Houston in the first game of a doubleheader.

Twins 4, Tigers 3: Miguel Sano led Minnesota's rally against visiting Detroit's bullpen with a home run and the tying single in the ninth inning, before Byron Buxton beat out an infield single for the game-winning RBI.

Orioles 6, Yankees 1: New York ace Gerrit Cole (4-3) had a dominating start go awry during a nightmarish sixth inning against host Baltimore. The Orioles received a slump-breaking homer from DJ Stewart before tacking on four unearned runs.

White Sox 5, Royals 3: Jose Abreu hit his 13th home run of the season in the first inning, Yasmani Grandal added a two-run shot, and Chicago won at Kansas City.

Red Sox 9, Blue Jays 8: Xander Bogaerts hit a home run in the bottom of the ninth to tie the game and Christian Vazquez scored on a fielder's choice to clinch it for Boston.

Mariners 5, Rangers 3: Justus Sheffield pitched seven solid innings with six strikeouts to help Seattle beat visiting Texas.

(IL) Indians 4, Brewers 3: Milwaukee closer Josh Hader (0-1) allowed his first hit of the season, and then gave up Cesar Hernandez's game-winning single in the ninth inning to help host Cleveland win.

(IL) Marlins 7, Rays 3: Sandy Alcantara (2-1) allowed one run over six innings, Corey Dickerson homered for the second consecutive game and Miami won at Tampa Bay.

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Mariners 6, Rangers 3: Yusei Kikuchi (2-2) struck out seven, and J.P. Crawford hit a three-run home run to help host Seattle win. Texas has lost five of six and 15 of 18.

Angels 6, Astros 5 (11): Mike Trout tied the Angels' record for career home runs in the first inning and scored the winning run in the 11th as Los Angeles beat visiting Houston. Trout drove a sinker from Lance McCullers Jr. over the wall in center for a two-run shot in the first inning for No. 299 of his 10-year career, matching Tim Salmon for the franchise mark.

TODAY'S GAMES

PADRES (Richards 1-2) at Oakland (Fiers 4-1), 1:10 p.m.	N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 1-1) at B'more (Wojciechowski 1-3), 10:05 a.m.
Miami (Rogers 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Glasnow 2-1), 10:10 a.m.	Milwaukee (Anderson 2-2) at Cleveland (Bieber 6-0), 10:10 a.m.
Toronto (TBD) at Boston (Weber 0-2), 10:35 a.m.	Chicago White Sox (Keuchel 5-2) at Kansas City (Keller 3-1), 11:05 a.m.
Detroit (Mize 0-1) at Minnesota (Hill 1-1), 11:10 a.m.	Houston (Valdez 3-2) at L.A. Angels (Barria 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (Lyles 1-3) at Seattle (Dunn 2-1), 1:10 p.m.	

MLB REPORT

NATS FINALLY REWARD GM RIZZO

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Washington Nationals and General Manager Mike Rizzo finalized a multi-year contract extension Saturday.

Manager Dave Martinez hopes he is next up.

The 59-year-old Rizzo, who also holds the title of president of baseball operations, built the team that won the 2019 World Series championship. The Nationals have won four NL East titles, most recently in 2017. They won the last season's World Series after making the playoffs as a wild card.

Rizzo's contract was set to expire at the end of this season. Martinez said his boss earned his new deal.

"He deserves it," Martinez said. "He built this organization and good for him. He gets more years to

build this up again and do it again."

This year, the Nationals are in last place in the division in the pandemic-shortened season, but the 2020 struggles have not affected Nationals owner Mark Lerner's confidence in Rizzo.



Mike Rizzo

"We are thrilled that Mike will continue to lead our club," Lerner said in a statement released by the team.

"He guided us through the early years of building this franchise into what it is today — a perennial contender that brought a World Series championship home to Washington, D.C., last season. I look forward to

continuing our strong working relationship for years to come."

Martinez is in the final year of a three-year contract that includes a club option for 2021. So far, there has been no announcement from the team about next season and beyond.

"Mike's is done. Mine should be coming around the corner pretty soon," Martinez said. "We'll see what happens."

Martinez insisted he doesn't worry about his contract status.

"For me I never really think about it, honestly," Martinez said. "I know they're going to do the right thing. I do believe that. I have a good relationship with the Lerner family. They know how I feel about being here and I don't want to go anywhere else."

Altuve on IL

Astros star Jose Altuve was placed on the 10-day injured list before Saturday's doubleheader against the Angels.

The move is retroactive to Friday after the second baseman sprained his right knee while sliding into third base during Thursday's game against Texas.

The 2017 AL MVP is batting only .224 this season, but he was 16-for-48 over his last 14 games, including six multi-hit games. He recorded his 1,600th hit on Thursday, becoming the sixth player in franchise history to reach that milestone.

Notable

Orioles outfielder Anthony Santander has a strained oblique and likely will miss the remainder of the season.

CHARGERS REPORT

WR ALLEN GETS EXTENSION

BY JEFF MILLER

COSTA MESA

On the day NFL rosters shrank, the Chargers' commitment to Keenan Allen expanded.

The team and its No. 1 wide receiver agreed Saturday on a four-year extension worth up to \$80 million, \$50 million of which is guaranteed.

Allen, 28, has made the Pro Bowl each of the last three seasons, a stretch during which he has caught 303 passes for 3,788 yards and 18 touchdowns.

He was unsigned beyond 2020, entering the final season of a four-year, \$45 million deal signed in June 2016.

"I don't think he gets a lot of recognition," Chargers cornerback Casey Hayward said of Allen last month. "He should have made a couple All-Pro's, if you're looking at the numbers and things like that."

The annual average of Allen's extension (\$20 million) trails only Atlanta's Julio Jones (\$22 million) among NFL wide receivers.

The Chargers announced that Allen had signed his new contract about 90 minutes before submitting their list of roster cuts to reach the NFL-mandated 53-player limit Saturday afternoon.

The most prominent among those released were offensive lineman Trent Scott and wide receiver Darius Jennings.

Scott started 10 games the last two years because of injuries to others after being undrafted out of Grambling State in 2018.

Jennings, who was entering his fourth season, signed a one-year deal with the Chargers in March.

He was expected to add speed and kickoff-return ability but ended up losing out to younger receivers Joe Reed, K.J. Hill, Jalen Guyton



JAE C. HONG AP

Receiver Keenan Allen agrees to a four-year extension worth up to \$80 million.

and Jason Moore.

The position is one of uncertainty for the Chargers before the Sept. 13 opener at Cincinnati. A shoulder injury has clouded the status of Mike Williams, a 1,000-yard receiver last season.

Offensive coordinator Shane Steichen on Thursday voiced optimism that Williams could be ready for Week 1 but nothing is certain.

The Chargers' receiver group is headed by Allen, a third-round pick out of Cal in 2013, who had a 1,000-yard season as a rookie and then caught 77 passes his second year.

But a pair of significant injuries — a lacerated kidney and a torn knee ligament — limited him to nine games total in the 2015 and 2016 seasons.

Since then, Allen has appeared in all 48 regular-season games the Chargers have played, establishing himself as one of the NFL's most consistent offensive producers.

He has built his career on precise route-running, sure hands and a willingness to block.

Allen also has emerged in recent years as a walking tutorial for the Chargers' other receivers.

"The way he dissects defenses, how smart he is," said Reed, when asked what he has observed about Allen the last few weeks. "It's very easy to learn from him."

Reed was a fifth-round pick out of Virginia in April. Hill, a seventh-round pick from Ohio State, explained last week that he has "tried to stay on his hip" in regard to learning from Allen.

Roster cuts

In setting their initial 53-man roster, the Chargers placed safety Derwin James on injured reserve. He recently underwent surgery to repair a meniscus tear in his right knee, the team announcing last week that he should be ready for the start of the 2021 season.

The other Chargers who were released included several veterans: offensive lineman Ryan Groy and Cole Toner, running back Derrick Gore, linebacker Malik Jefferson, wide receiver Tyrone Johnson and defensive back Quenton Meeks.

Several of the players released could be brought back today to the Chargers' practice squad, which has been expanded this year.

Miller writes for the L.A. Times.

NFL REPORT

WATSON AGREES TO \$160 MILLION EXTENSION

U-T NEWS SERVICES

Deshaun Watson has agreed to a four-year, \$160 million contract extension with the Houston Texans.

Watson announced the signing on Twitter on Saturday.

"As a child growing up in Georgia, it was always my dream to play in the NFL," Watson wrote in the post. "Today, I couldn't be more honored and humbled to sign a long-term deal in Houston, the city that I've grown to love so much and now call my home."

The deal makes Watson the second-highest paid quarterback in the league, behind Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes, who signed a 10-year deal worth up to \$503 million in July.

In his post Watson thanked Texans coach and GM Bill O'Brien and many members of the team's staffs as well as his mother and other family members before sending a message to Texans fans.

"I promise to do everything I can to not only bring a championship to this great city but also leave a legacy of helping positively impact this community," he wrote in the post. "Now back to the work"

The 24-year-old threw for 3,852 yards and 26 touchdowns last season when he led the Texans to the divisional round of the playoffs. Watson has thrown for 9,716 yards and 71 touchdowns and has run for 1,233 yards and 14 scores in his three-year career.

Smith makes roster

Alex Smith told coaches he wanted to play again, showed them it was possible and earned a roster spot to prove it.

Smith (Helix High) made Washington's initial 53-man roster after final cuts were made, another significant step in his remarkable comeback 22 months since breaking his right leg.

Coach Ron Rivera said the veteran quarterback is on the team and there's no plan to put Smith on injured reserve in the coming days. Smith might even be Dwayne Haskins' backup in the season opener Sept. 13 against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Another player coming back from injury, linebacker Reuben Foster, landed on injured reserve after not looking like himself during training camp.

QBs sent packing

The theory that NFL teams would go with three quarterbacks to start the pandemic-impacted season

took a hit.

Lots of third-stringers were sent packing as the 32 teams got down to the 53-man limit. The season opens Thursday night with Houston at Super Bowl champion Kansas City.

Perhaps most noteworthy was Miami releasing Josh Rosen, a first-round selection by Arizona in 2018 who was dealt to the Dolphins last year after the Cardinals took Kyle Murray with the top overall selection.

Other quarterbacks released were veteran Mike Glennon and Josh Dobbs of the Jaguars, David Blough of the Lions, who lost all five of his starts substituting for the injured Matthew Stafford in 2019; Paxton Lynch of the Steelers; Cooper Rush and Alex Tanney of the Giants; Kurt Benkert and Kyle Lauletta of the Falcons; Chad Kelly of the Colts; and David Fales and Mike White of the Jets, who said veteran Joe Flacco passed his physical after neck surgery.

Making the Giants was Mr. Irrelevant. Georgia linebacker Tae Crowder, the final player taken in April's draft, is on the roster. Miami kept Malcolm Perry, a star QB at Navy and now a wideout.

More testing protocols

Players and coaches will have their eligibility for games determined by testing for the

novel coronavirus performed on the days before, with a follow-up point-of-care test on game days possible for those who have an inconclusive result.

Players and coaches also will in most cases be barred from being in team facilities on days after games under updated coronavirus protocols for the season completed via an agreement between the league and the NFL Players Association.

Notable

Cornerback Luq Barcoo, an undrafted free agent from San Diego State and Castle Park High, made the Jaguars' 53-man roster.

The Bills locked up starting cornerback Tre'Davious White through the 2025 season by signing him to a four-year, \$70 million contract extension.

The Raiders moved on from one of their three third-round draft picks before he even played a snap for the team. The Raiders dealt the versatile Lynn Bowden Jr. to the Dolphins just over four months after drafting him 80th overall. Las Vegas also sent a 2021 sixth-round pick to Miami in the deal and got a fourth-rounder in return.

The Patriots released both placekickers, veteran Nick Folk and rookie fifth-round draft pick Justin Rohrtwasser.

Del Mar Handicap MIKE SUPERSTEIN

Today's Del Mar Handicap at 1 p.m. (25th day of a 27-day meeting). \$2 Win, Place and Show; \$1 Exacta, \$2 Quinella, 50-Cent Trifecta. \$2 Rolling Doubles, \$1 Rolling Pick 3s; 10-Cent Superfecta; 50-Cent Pick 4 races 2-5 and last 4 races; 50-Cent Players Pick 5 first 5 races and last 5 races; \$2 Pick 6 with single ticket jackpot last 6 races; \$1 Place Pick All; \$1.5 High Five last race; \$2 Win-Place-Show Parlay (all except last). Trifecta needs 4 betting interests; Superfecta needs 6.

FIRST RACE - 6 furlongs. Fillies and Mares, Three Year Olds & Up. Claiming Price \$20,000. Purse \$27,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Madame Barbarian, Eternal Endeavor, Uno Trouble Maker, etc.

SECOND RACE - One Mile Turf. Fillies and Mares, Three Year Olds & Up. Claiming Price \$25,000. Purse \$31,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Sugary, Seaside Dancer, Clearly Gone, etc.

THIRD RACE - 5 1/2 furlongs. Allowance/Optional Claiming. Fillies and Mares, Three Year Olds & Up. Purse \$59,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Bulletproof One, Suggy, Seaside Dancer, etc.

FOURTH RACE - One Mile Turf. Maiden Special Weight. Two Year Old Fillies. Purse \$55,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Cielo d'Oro, Consternation, Queen Of the Temple, etc.

FIFTH RACE - 5 1/2 furlongs. Maidens, Three Year Olds & Up. Claiming Price \$20,000. Purse \$19,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Lepirino, Babael, Kenjilookslucky, etc.

SIXTH RACE - 5 Furlongs Turf. Allowance/Optional Claiming. Fillies and Mares, Three Year Olds & Up. Purse \$57,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Greg's Diva, Woke Up to Aces, Devils Dance, etc.

SEVENTH RACE - 5 1/2 furlongs. Maiden Special Weight. Two Year Olds. Purse \$55,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Superman Shaq, Risk and Reward, Tenor, etc.

EIGHTH RACE - One Mile Turf. "THE DEL MAR JUVENILE FILLIES TURF" Two Year Old Fillies. Purse \$75,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Madame, Ivy League, Nimbostratus, etc.

NINTH RACE - 7 furlongs. "THE DEL MAR DEBUTANTE" Grade I. Two Year Old Fillies. Purse \$250,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Princess Noor, My Girl Red, Forest Caraway, etc.

TENTH RACE - 1 1/8 Miles Turf. "THE DEL MAR DERBY" Grade II. Three Year Olds. Purse \$200,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Pixelate, California Kook, K P All Systems Go, etc.

11TH RACE - 6 furlongs. Maiden Special Weight. Two Year Olds. Bred in California. Purse \$55,000.

Table with 6 columns: Index, Horse (Jockey), Wt, Post, Comment, Odds. Lists horses like Big Flame, Big Story, Alpine Thunder, etc.

Jeff Nahill's Del Mar opinions

FIRST RACE: 1. Crown Kitten, 2. Uno Trouble Maker, 3. Madame Barbarian. LONG SHOT: Red Livy.

SECOND RACE: 1. Clearly Gone, 2. Kittyhawk Lass, 3. Seaside Dancer. LONG SHOT: Tammy's Window.

THIRD RACE: 1. Quality Response, 2. Bulletproof One, 3. Road Rager. LONG SHOT: Biddy Duke.

FOURTH RACE: 1. Floral Essence, 2. Cielo d'Oro, 3. Miss Peaky Blinder. LONG SHOT: Queen Of the Temple.

FIFTH RACE: 1. Babael, 2. Kenjilookslucky, 3. Lepirino. LONG SHOT: Rossman.

SIXTH RACE: 1. Woke Up to Aces, 2. Greg's Diva, 3. Blue Sky Baby.

SEVENTH RACE: 1. Risk and Reward, 2. Tenor, 3. Superman Shaq. LONG SHOT: Labor Union.

EIGHTH RACE: 1. Madone (best bet), 2. Ivy League, 3. Canoodling. LONG SHOT: Nimbostratus.

NINTH RACE: 1. Princess Noor, 2. Illumination, 3. My Girl Red. LONG SHOT: Get On the Bus.

TENTH RACE: 1. Pixelate, 2. California Kook, 3. K P All Systems Go. LONG SHOT: Kiss Today Goodbye.

11TH RACE: 1. Big Story, 2. Lil Nas, 3. Big Flame. LONG SHOT: Gates of Heaven.

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DEL MAR REPORT

FIRST RACING FATALITY OCCURS

BY BILL CENTER

DEL MAR

The first racing fatality at Del Mar's summer meeting since 2018 occurred Saturday when the 3-year-old filly Mean Sophia was euthanized after sustaining a fractured leg when she stumbled coming out of the gate in the seventh race.

Truck veterinarians determined the filly, trained by Peter Miller, could not be saved.

Mean Sophia was making her eighth career start. She won her debut in April 19 at Keeneland in Lexington, Ky., but was winless since. Purchased for \$90,000 as a 2-year-old by the Sinnott Family Trust, her career earnings were \$55,773.

Jockey Ricardo Gonzalez twisted his ankle when he jumped off the filly and was replaced on his remaining mounts Saturday. He is scheduled to ride today.

Del Mar had two fatalities in training incidents earlier in the meeting, the filly Lucky Lilia on July 11 and the 4-year-old gelding Irreproachable on Aug. 24. Both were euthanized after suffering unspecified injuries during morning workouts.

Del Mar did not have a fatality during a race in the 2019 summer season. There were four deaths in training, two of those coming in a freak collision. There were two racing deaths in the fall meeting last year.

In both 2018 and 2019, Del Mar was named the safest major racetrack in the country by The Jockey Club Equine Injury Database, which is based only on racing deaths, not those that occur in training.

Prat ties stakes record Flavian Prat rode four



BENOIT PHOTO

Raymundos Secret and jockey Flavien Prat (right) hold off Lady Prancelot.

winners Saturday — including Raymundos Secret in the Grade II John C. Mabee Stakes — to tie Rafael Bejarano's record of 13 stakes wins in a summer meeting and move past Umberto Rispoli in the jockey race entering the final two days.

Two of Prat's wins were by narrow margins over Rispoli, who was blanked.

Raymundos Secret led wire-to-wire in the \$150,000 Mabee Stakes — finishing a neck in front of Rispoli's fast-closing Lady Prancelot at the finish of the 1 1/8-mile, \$150,000 turf race for older fillies and mares.

Prat's earlier wins came in the first (Queengol), sixth (Jamming Eddy) and seventh (Stormin Ranger). In the seventh, Prat finished a half-length ahead of Rispoli on Run Like Kona.

The four-win afternoon left Prat with 46-45 edge.

"The riding title means a lot to me," said Prat, who is the defending summer meeting champion and winner of two of the last three summer titles. "But there are a lot of races to go and Umberto is an excellent rider."

As for tying the record for stakes wins set by Bejarano

in 2012, Prat said: "It's a big accomplishment to share the record. I'm glad for it. To own the record would be great. I've got one or two more before we're done here."

Starting from the far outside post in the turf chute for the Mabee, Prat immediately shot the favored Raymundos Secret (\$4.80) into the lead, angled sharply to the rail and was never headed.

"The plan wasn't necessarily to go to the front ... just to break her out of there and see what happens," said Prat.

"She broke super sharp. From there, I just tried to get her to relax and slow it down as best I could.

"Then, when we went for home, she gave me a good kick. She just had enough at the end."

Lady Prancelot was last in the field of six at the three-quarters pole and closed quickly down the stretch, falling just short of catching the leader.

There are three more stakes races on today's card — paced by the Grade I Del Mar Debutante for 2-year-old fillies and the Grade II Del Mar Derby.

Sorrento Stakes winner My Girl Red and the Bob Baffert-trained duo of Princess Noor and Illumination head the field for the 7-furlong Debutante — the fifth of six Grade I stakes races of the summer meeting.

Princess Noor, an impressive 2 1/2-length winner in her Aug. 22 debut, is the morning-line 7-8 1/2 favorite in the \$250,000, 1 1/8-mile sprint for 2-year-old fillies. She was purchased by the Zedan Racing Stables at the Keeneland sales for \$1.3 million and will have Victor Espinoza up.

But the Keith Desoemeaux-trained My Girl Red has a more impressive results résumé with two wins in as many starts, topped by the Grade II Sorrento on Aug. 7. Prat will ride My Girl Red, who is a 3-1 morning-line pick.

The Del Mar Derby is for 3-year-olds at 1 1/8 miles on the turf.

Notable

Mario Gutierrez was back on his six mounts Saturday after being thrown from Queen Stormborn in Friday's ninth and final race.

Center is a freelance writer.

SATURDAY'S DEL MAR RESULTS

(25th day of a 28-day meeting) 1270 - FIRST RACE. 5 1/2 furlongs. Maiden Special Weight. Fillies. 2 year olds. Purse \$55,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Queengol, Kalypsu, Beautiful Gift.

Also Ran: Isn't She Lovely, Royal Blend, Agree2disagree, You're All Talk.

Time: 22.22, 45.41, 58.01, 1:04.68. Clear & Fast. Trainer: John W. Sadler. Owner: Saragol Stable Corp. and Viana, Johana.

Exotics: \$1 Exacta (6-5) paid \$29.00, \$2 Quinella (5-6) paid \$24.80, 10-Cent Trifecta (6-5-4-7) paid \$33.72, 50-Cent Trifecta (6-5-4) paid \$61.85.

1711 - SECOND RACE. 1 mile turf. Allowance Optional Claiming. Fillies and Mares. 3 year olds and up. Claiming Price \$62,500. Purse \$59,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Tonahtu, She's Our Charm, Heathers Grey.

Also Ran: Tapwater, Miss Flawless (FR). Time: 23.01, 46.89, 1:11.55, 1:23.02, 1:35.28. Clear & Firm. Trainer: Doug F. O'Neil. Owner: ERJ Racing, LLC, Kenney, Dave and the Strauss, William.

Scratched: Shines Her Light (IRE). Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (6-2) paid \$63.00, \$1 Exacta (2-3) paid \$6.00, \$2 Quinella (2-3) paid \$8.40, 10-Cent Superfecta (2-3-6-5) paid \$21.13, 50-Cent Trifecta (2-3-6) paid \$7.40.

1272 - THIRD RACE. 1 mile. Maiden Special Weight. 3 year olds and up. Purse \$55,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Divine Armor, Seiche, Charlotto.

Also Ran: Tapitunion, A. P. Pharoah, Munnings' Pilot, Whirl Candy, Garth. Time: 21.99, 45.96, 1:11.96, 1:25.48, 1:38.51. Clear & Fast. Trainer: John W. Sadler. Owner: Hronis Racing LLC and West Point Thoroughbreds.

Scratched: none. Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (2-6) paid \$25.60, \$1 Exacta (6-1) paid \$24.50, \$2 Quinella (1-6) paid \$24.00, 10-Cent Superfecta (6-1-2-7) paid \$34.70, 50-Cent Trifecta (6-1-2) paid \$40.45, 50-Cent Pick Three (6-2-6) paid \$91.30.

1273 - FOURTH RACE. 1 mile turf. Allowance Optional Claiming. 3 year olds and up. Claiming Price \$20,000. Purse \$57,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Cali Caliente, Doc Tommy, DH-Antithetical.

Also Ran: Golden Doughnut, Push Through, Incredible Luck, Tejon, Bench Jockey, Silver Summer, Suances Secret. Time: 23.28, 46.64, 1:11.53, 1:23.14, 1:35.53. Clear & Firm. Trainer: J. Eric Kruijac. Owner: Grenier, Dennis and Norie.

Scratched: none. Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (6-8) paid \$77.60, \$1 Exacta (8-3) paid \$24.00, \$2 Quinella (8-3) paid \$41.80, 10-Cent Superfecta (8-3-6-5) paid \$41.80, 50-Cent Pick Three (2-6-8) paid \$30.85.

\$24.00, \$2 Quinella (8-3) paid \$24.00, 10-Cent Superfecta (8-3-6-5) paid \$120.24, 10-Cent Superfecta (8-3-6-5) paid \$91.49, 50-Cent Trifecta (8-3-6) paid \$101.60, 50-Cent Trifecta (8-3-6) paid \$41.80, 50-Cent Pick Three (2-6-8) paid \$30.85.

1274 - FIFTH RACE. 5 1/2 furlongs. Maiden Claiming. 2 year olds. Claiming Price \$50,000. Purse \$28,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Mister Bold, Wedding Room, Detective Bernardo.

Also Ran: Cozy Bear, Proud Muskiet, Paisano, Gordy's Boy, Red Hot Cat, Stone's River, Swissgrubblimus. Time: 22.61, 46.30, 59.39, 1:05.96. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Jeff Bonde. Owner: Edward J. Brown, Jr.

Scratched: From the Get Go, Lemon Drop Shot. Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (8-7) paid \$34.80, \$1 Exacta (7-3) paid \$19.80, \$2 Quinella (3-7) paid \$17.60, 10-Cent Superfecta (7-3-8-9) paid \$317.24, 50-Cent Trifecta (7-3-8) paid \$250.35, 50-Cent Pick Three (6-8-7) paid \$112.20, 50-Cent Pick Four (1/2-6-8-7) 4 correct paid \$186.15, 50-Cent Pick Five (6/1-2-6-8-7) 5 correct paid \$2,461.25.

1275 - SIXTH RACE. 5 furlongs turf. Allowance Optional Claiming. 3 year olds and up. Claiming Price \$20,000. Purse \$57,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Jamming Eddy, Hit the Seam, Johnny Podres.

Also Ran: Brix, Zipper Mischief, Cali Dude, Offshore Affair, Severin, Foster Boy, Dreamer's Reality, Older Brother. Time: 22.82, 44.57, 56.82. Clear & Firm. Trainer: Peter Miller. Owner: Altamira Racing Stable, Barber, Gary and Wellman, Michael.

Scratched: Billy the Hott, Rick's Dream, Portlando. Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (7-12) paid \$42.00, \$1 Exacta (12-10) paid \$13.80, \$2 Quinella (10-12) paid \$19.20, 10-Cent Superfecta (12-10-2-3) paid \$53.25, 50-Cent Trifecta (12-10-2) paid \$45.35, 50-Cent Pick Three (8-7-12) paid \$49.85.

1276 - SEVENTH RACE. 6 furlongs. Claiming. Fillies and Mares. 3 year olds and up. Claiming Price \$16,000-\$14,000. Purse \$19,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Stormin Ranger, Run Like Kona, Blazing Charm.

Also Ran: Canadian Ginger, Festito, Marressa, Kallinkii, Thunder Woman, Mucho Macho Woman, Musically, Awesome Amanda, Mean Sophia. Time: 22.24, 46.16, 58.95, 1:12.21. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Brian J. Korner. Owner: Jay Em Ess Stable. Scratched: Magnificent Q, T. Daniel the Dreamer. Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (12-11) paid \$27.00, \$1 Exacta (11-9) paid \$19.50, \$2 Quinella (9-11) paid \$19.80, 10-Cent Superfecta (11-9-6-4) paid \$496.21, 50-Cent Trifecta (11-9-6) paid \$193.00, 50-Cent Pick Three (7-12-11) paid \$43.50.

1277 - EIGHTH RACE. 1 1/8 mile turf. Allowance Optional Claiming. 3 year olds and up. Claiming Price \$50,000. Purse \$57,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Fivestar Lynch, Whoooping Jay, Cupid's Claws.

Also Ran: Go Daddy Go, Storm the Bastille (FR), Liberal (IRE),

Muralist, Rocky Tough, Unbroken Star. Time: 24.71, 49.59, 1:14.49, 1:37.14, 1:49.21. Clear & Firm. Trainer: Richard Baltas. Owner: CVBT, Neentwig, Michael and Weiner, Daniel.

Scratched: Dubby Dubbie. Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (11-6) paid \$104.40, \$1 Exacta (6-9) paid \$53.10, \$2 Quinella (6-9) paid \$30.40, 10-Cent Superfecta (6-9-10-8) paid \$98.65, 50-Cent Trifecta (6-9-10) paid \$157.05, 50-Cent Pick Three (12-11-6) paid \$81.95.

1278 - NINTH RACE. 6 1/2 furlongs. Claiming. 3 year olds and up. Claiming Price \$20,000-\$18,000. Purse \$22,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Tobacco Road, Octopus, Caymans Cobra.

Also Ran: Street Image, Wild Bean, Camby, Baby Gronk, Surfside Sunset, Botero, Red Valor, Mister McLean, Real Master (FR). Time: 22.17, 44.95, 1:10.38, 1:17.12. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Kristin Mulhall. Owner: 47 Roses, LLC. Scratched: none.

Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (6-7) paid \$209.80, \$1 Exacta (7-5) paid \$20.60, \$2 Quinella (5-7) paid \$17.00, 10-Cent Superfecta (7-5-3-4) paid \$72.24, 50-Cent Trifecta (7-5-3) paid \$87.40, 50-Cent Pick Three (11-6-7) paid \$127.75.

1279 - TENTH RACE. 1 1/8 mile turf. (and hash) 2018: John C. Mabee Stakes. Fillies and Mares. 3 year olds and up. Purse \$150,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Raymundos Secret, Lady Prancelot (IRE), Diaz, Jr.

Also Ran: Zeo Duro, Don't Blame Judy, Quick (GB), Pulpit Rider, Meat Ticket. Time: 24.87, 48.60, 1:12.52, 1:36.16, 1:48.60. Clear & Firm. Trainer: Phillip D'Amato. Owner: Sierra Racing and Sterling Stables, LLC. Scratched: none.

Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (7-8) paid \$26.60, \$1 Exacta (8-2) paid \$6.00, \$2 Quinella (2-8) paid \$6.40, 10-Cent Superfecta (8-2-1-5) paid \$32.05, 50-Cent Trifecta (8-2-1) paid \$27.25, 50-Cent Pick Three (6-7-8) paid \$120.70.

1280 - 11TH RACE. 1 mile. Allowance Optional Claiming. 3 year olds and up. Claiming Price \$40,000. Purse \$57,000.

Table with 6 columns: #, Horse, Jockey, Win, Place, Show. Lists horses like Tizmagician, Nolo Contesto, Strong Constitution.

Also Ran: Adare, The Street Fighter, Musawaat (GB), Ronamo, Friar's Road, Mongolian Legend, Royal Act. Time: 22.35, 46.80, 1:11.66, 1:24.03, 1:36.56. Clear & Fast. Trainer: Richard E. Mandella. Owner: MyRacehorse.com and Spendthrift Farm LLC. Scratched: Race Home.

Exotics: \$2 Daily Double (8-1) paid \$81.00, \$1 Exacta (1-2) paid \$46.80, \$2 Quinella (1-2) paid \$37.00, 10-Cent Superfecta (1-2-3-9) paid \$554.21, \$1 Super High Five (1-2-3-9-7) paid \$14940.90, 50-Cent Trifecta (1-2-3) paid \$154.25, 50-Cent Pick Three (7-8-1) paid \$79.55, 50-Cent Pick Four (6-7-8-1) 4 correct paid \$1,350.40, 50-Cent Pick Five (11-6-7-8-1) 5 correct paid \$3,901.95, \$2 Pick Six (12/13-11-6-7-8-1) 5 out of 6 paid \$316.60, \$2 Pick Six Jackpot (12/13-11-6-7-8-1) 6 correct paid \$57,340.00, \$1 Place Pick All 10 out of 11 paid \$13,340.00.

On-Track Attendance-NA; Mutuel handle-\$315,103 Inter-Track Attendance-NA; Mutuel handle-\$8,626,343 Out of State Attendance-NA; Mutuel handle-\$12,913,347 Total Attendance-NA; Mutuel handle-\$21,854,793

DERBY

FROM D1 South Bend.

"The key to this race was the break," Baffert said. "We knew we had to get away from there. We talked about where certain people would be. Johnny is a world-class jockey and knows where everyone should be. I told him what I thought and he told me what he thought. I said, 'I like your plan.'"

"(Velazquez) earned this. He beat a really good horse. Tiz the Law is a top-notch horse. I feel bad for the connections. I've been there. But this never gets old."

It has been a difficult Triple Crown season for Baffert. If the Derby were held on its usual first Saturday in May, Baffert would have had two of the favorites in Nadal and Charlatan, but both were injured and taken off the trail when the race was postponed. Meanwhile, Baffert went through a series of talented but inexperienced colts, such as Uncle Chuck and Cezanne, but they faltered. In the end, though, he still had Authentic, who debuted last fall at Del Mar and had won four of five career starts, losing only to Honor A. P. in the Santa Anita Derby.

His most recent victory came July 18 in the Haskell Stakes, over 1 1/8 miles at Mon-

KENTUCKY DERBY CHART

14TH RACE — Churchill Downs Saturday Set. 5, 2020; 1 1/4-Miles. Purse Paid \$3,000,000 Open 3-Year-Olds: The Kentucky Derby Grade I 146th Running.

Table with 12 columns: Horse, Wgt, PP, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 1M, Strch, Fin, Jockey, Odds. Lists horses like Authentic, Tiz the Law, Mr. Big News, Honor A.P., Max Player, Storm the Court, Enforceable, Ny Traffic, Necker Island, Major Fed, Sole Volante, Winning Impression, Money Moves, Attachment Race, South Bend, Time.

15-AUTHENTIC18.80 6.00 5.00 14-TIZ THE LAW3.40 3.20 7-MR. BIG NEWS16.80

\$0.2 Pick 6 Jackpot (9-2-6-4-4-18) 6 correct paid \$278,513.32; Pick 6 (OAKS/DERBY P6 6-8-7-4-4-18) 6 correct paid \$10,679.40 \$0.5 Pick 5 (2-6-4-4-18) 5 correct paid \$76,653.45; \$0.5 Pick 4 (6-4-4-18) 4 correct paid \$2,789.30 \$0.5 Pick 3 (4-4-18) 3 correct paid \$272.85; \$0.5 Pick 3 (OAKS/FRSTR/DERBY 7-4-18) 3 correct paid \$789.55 \$1 Daily Double (OAKS/DERBY 7-18) paid \$161.00; \$1 Daily Double (4-18) paid \$127.00; Exacts (18-17) paid \$41.00

Future Wager (SIRE WAGER - 11) paid \$36.20; Future Wager (SIRE EXACTA 11-5) paid \$212.00; Future Wager (EXACTA POOL 3 - 1-22) paid \$72.00 Future Wager (EXACTA POOL 1 - 4-21) paid \$3,959.60; Future Wager (POOL 4 - 1) paid \$22.60; Future Wager (POOL 1 - 4) paid \$103.60 Future Wager (EXACTA POOL 4 - 1-22) paid \$123.00; Future Wager (EXACTA POOL 2 - 2-22) paid \$205.60; Future Wager (POOL 3 - 1) paid \$14.80 Future Wager (POOL 2 - 2) paid \$32.20; \$1 Superfecta (18-17-9-16) paid \$792.58; \$1 Super High Five (18-17-9-16-2) paid \$77,251.20 \$0.5 Trifecta (18-17-9) paid \$655.90

Trainer: Bob Baffert. Winner: Authentic C, byInttoMischiefout of Flawless, by Mr. Greeley. Scratched: Finnick the Pierce, King Guillermo, Thousand Words. (c) 2019 Equibase Company LLC, all rights reserved.

mouth, but the son of Into Mischief gave up a huge lead in the stretch and beat Ny Traffic only by a nose. It made most believe that Authentic could not handle the extra furlong of the Derby. But Baffert trained him hard last month at Del Mar, putting Authentic through a series of six workouts ranging from 4 furlongs to a mile.

The race was held without fans and under a cloud of protests in Louisville after police shot and killed Breonna Taylor, a Black medical worker, on March 13, after utilizing a no-knock warrant believing

her home was used for selling drugs. No drugs were found at the home located six miles from Churchill Downs. One officer was fired and two are still on the force. The case is still under investigation with no charges having been filed.

KIRK KENNEY On college football

Season opens not with bang, but COVID whimper

Week 1 of the college football season did not begin with a compelling matchup that featured national brands.

And it did not end with fireworks.

That's how it would have been any other Saturday, one not turned upside down and inside out by a pandemic.

The highlight was to be USC vs. Alabama at the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium.

Instead, the big game was Eastern Kentucky at Marshall. Or maybe it was Middle Tennessee at Army. Or SMU at Texas State. Or Arkansas State at Memphis.

Spoiler alert. I wouldn't have set the DVR, even if I owned one.

Locally, San Diego State fans would have been able to whet their appetites all morning and early afternoon before tailgating at SDCCU Stadium and then enjoying the Aztecs' season opener against Sacramento State.

The crowd would have swelled to more than 40,000 by the game's conclusion, with casual fans (and a good number of non-fans) joining the diehards to watch the evening conclude with the KGB SkyShow, a fireworks spectacular set to music.

Nope. Not this fall.

Not with SDSU, and the Mountain West and the Pac-12 and the Big Ten and others sitting on the sidelines. They watched Saturday from dorm rooms and dens, living rooms and lounges — hoping against hope their time will come in the spring — while others somehow were still allowed to take the field.

The day was "not completely devoid of interest," as a former

colleague who has been in my thoughts this week used to say when editing a story.

It is faint but fitting praise for a Saturday that felt nothing like it would have under normal circumstances.

The day's most notable moment came before kickoff.

ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit spoke emotionally during the network's "College GameDay" show on Saturday morning. Herbstreit, Lee Corso and Co., discussed from a distance the impact of COVID-19 on the season, but the most powerful portion came when the discussion turned to racial injustice.

"The Black community is hurting," Herbstreit began.

He spoke of "empathy" and "compassion" given events of the past four months that were triggered with the killing of George Floyd.

"How do you listen to these stories and not feel pain, and not want to help?" said Herbstreit, his voice breaking. "You know what I mean? It's like, wearing a hoodie and putting your hands at 10 and 2 (on a steering wheel). 'Oh, god, I better look out because I'm wearing Nike gear.'

"Like, what? What are we talking about? You can't relate to that if you're White, but you can listen and you can try to help, because this is not OK. It's just not.... We've got to do better."

You knew it was a Saturday unlike any other when:

- The stands at Marshall's Edwards Stadium in Huntington, W.Va., had just a sprinkling of fans in the stands and, to viewers from California, it still seemed like too many.
- Sideline personnel wore

masks but players on the field — who were actually coming in contact with each other again and again — did not.

• Coaches wore shirts that were distinctive not for school logos but sayings like "Black Lives Matter," "Enough is enough" and "Say their names." • ESPN's first graphic was not five "Keys to the Game" but instead seven "Team COVID-19 Protocols."

The list included: daily health screenings & temperature checks; COVID-19 testing three times this week; virtual meetings; reduced bus capacity; masks on sidelines; team box extended from 25-yard lines to 15-yard lines; only one captain per team for coin toss.

Marshall led 7-0 within three minutes, 21-0 after the first quarter and 38-0 at halftime (final score: 59-0).

Watching the movie "We Are Marshall" — even if it is 14 years old — would have been more compelling viewing.

ESPN's halftime report had only one other game to update viewers on, letting us know that Army led Middle Tennessee 21-0 midway through the second quarter (final score: 42-0).

Noting the absence of jam-packed stadiums, bands and cheerleaders, ESPN studio co-host Jesse Palmer said: "The energy is not quite what we're used to seeing,"

You think?

The ACC and Big 12 kick off next week and the SEC the week after that — if something hasn't gone dreadfully wrong in a year dripping with dreadful developments.

ESPN announced Saturday

morning that next week's "College GameDay" site will be the Clemson at Wake Forest contest, where fans will not be allowed on the GameDay set that morning or inside Wake Forest's Truist Field that evening (cutouts notwithstanding).

So much for atmosphere. GameDay has never been to Winston-Salem, N.C., nor would it have been on this occasion.

Where it would have been in Week 2 is Eugene, Ore., where No. 2 Ohio State was to meet No. 9 Oregon.

Maybe GameDay can still make the trip when the Buckeyes and Ducks do get together. In February.

With SMU and Texas State tied 14-14 after two quarters as afternoon headed toward evening, ESPN went back into the studio for another halftime report.

Breaking news was that Tennessee had canceled that day's scrimmage because 44 players were sidelined with either positive COVID-19 tests, contact tracing precautions or injuries.

The Volunteers, who originally would have opened the season Saturday against Charlotte, have three weeks to get healthy for their first game, Sept. 26 at South Carolina.

The Gamecocks have received approval to allow 20,000 fans in the stands for home games at Williams-Brice Stadium (which seats 80,000).

All South Carolina fans will be required to wear masks. Perhaps more importantly, they also will be more than 6 feet away from the Tennessee players.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL REPORT

ARMY GRINDS UP OPPONENT

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sandon McCoy ran for three first-half touchdowns and Army opened its season with a 42-0 victory over visiting Middle Tennessee on Saturday.

McCoy scored on runs of 1, 2 and 4 yards, twice finishing drives that began after Blue Raiders turnovers.

Army 42, Middle Tennessee 0

Quarterback Christian Anderson added a 24-yard run up the middle in the third quarter and Anthony Adkins' 22-yard run completed a 99-yard drive for the Black Knights' final score in the fourth quarter. Army's longest touchdown came on a 43-yard interception return by Jon Rhattigan.

Army's triple-option offense rushed for 340 yards on an average of 5.5 yards per carry on 62 attempts.

The shutout was the first since a 21-0 win at Air Force in 2017 and the largest shutout win over an FBS team since a 47-0 victory over Wake Forest in 1963.

Middle Tennessee quarterback Asher O'Hara, who rushed for 1,058 yards last season, ran for just 37 yards on 10 carries and was 9-of-14 passing for 46 yards and two interceptions before being replaced.

Marshall 59, Eastern Kentucky 0: Grant Wells threw for 307 yards and four touchdowns to set and tie school records for a debut quarterback and host Marshall rolled past Eastern Kentucky.

SMU 31, Texas State 24: Shane Buechele threw for 367 yards and a touchdown and SMU held on despite two second-half turnovers to win its first game at Texas State.

North Texas 57, Houston Baptist 31: Jason Bean threw three TD passes and ran for another score in his first start for host North Texas, and the Mean Green set a school record with 721 total yards.

SERENA DROPS FIRST SET TO STEPHENS, TURNS IT AROUND

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

NEW YORK

In danger of her earliest exit at the U.S. Open since her debut 22 years ago, Serena Williams turned things around and took over against Sloane Stephens.

Williams emerged from the third-round matchup between two Americans who are past champions at Flushing Meadows — she's won six of her 23 Grand Slam singles titles at the place — with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory over 2017 titlist Stephens on Saturday.

Afterward, Williams' 3-year-old daughter, Olympia, wore a mask and waved at Mom while sitting on her father's lap in a front-row seat. On her way to the locker room, Williams waved back.

"I hope," Williams said, "that she saw her mama fighting."

Williams did it, as she so often does, with her best-in-game serve, hitting 12 aces at up to 122 mph as it got



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Serena Williams reacts after defeating Sloane Stephens during the third round of the U.S. Open.

really dialed in midway through the second set, and an ability to re-calibrate her groundstrokes that were so

awry early and so superb down the stretch. "She served a lot better," said Stephens, now 1-6

against Williams, although they hadn't played each other since 2015. "Obviously she has one of the greatest serves in the game. It's really difficult to read."

Williams collected 10 of the last 12 games by lifting her level, to be sure. But it helped that Stephens went from playing nearly perfectly to missing more and more. Following mistakes, Stephens would look over at her coach, Kamau Murray, or smack her right thigh with her palm so loudly that it echoed through a nearly empty Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"In that first set, I don't think she made any errors, honestly. She was playing so clean. I said, 'I don't want to lose in straight sets,'" said Williams, whose only career U.S. Open loss before the fourth round came in the third against Irina Spirlea in 1998 at age 16.

Williams, who turns 39 in three weeks, said she told herself Saturday: "OK, Ser-

ena, just get a game. Get a game."

There were, of course, no fans — banned because of the coronavirus pandemic — and so the whole thing was flush with the feel of a practice session, rather than a high-stakes contest on a Grand Slam stage.

There were some other players on hand to watch, including 15th-seeded Maria Sakkari, who sipped orange juice and ate lunch while on her player suite's balcony. Sakkari had a vested interest: She faces Williams for a berth in the quarterfinals.

Other women into the fourth round: No. 2 Sofia Kenin, No. 16 Elise Mertens, No. 20 Karolina Muchova, Tsvetana Pironkova and Alize Cornet. Pironkova defeated No. 18 Donna Vekic 6-4, 6-1. Cornet led 7-6 (4), 3-2 when No. 7 Madison Keys retired because of a neck injury.

"Unfortunately I felt that something was off with my neck" Friday, Keys said in a

statement.

Keys, the runner-up in 2017, said she didn't think her injury was serious.

In men's action, 2019 runner-up Daniil Medvedev and another semifinalist from a year ago, No. 6 Matteo Berrettini, moved on, as did No. 10 Andrey Rublev, No. 15 Felix Auger-Aliassime, No. 21 Alex de Minaur and Vasek Pospisil, who's been in the news lately because he teamed up with Novak Djokovic to set up a new association to represent players.

Pospisil eliminated No. 8 Roberto Bautista Agut 7-5, 2-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, and next faced another five-set winner, de Minaur, who defeated No. 11 Karen Khachanov 6-4, 0-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Frances Tiafoe, the last American man in the field, is into the fourth round for the first time, defeating Marton Fucsovics 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Fendrich writes for The Associated Press.

NBA

PLAYOFFS GLANCE

All games in Orlando, Fla. (Best-of-7) **Saturday's Results**

Toronto 100, Boston 93, series tied 2-2
Denver 110, L.A. Clippers 101, series tied 1-1

Today's Games

Milwaukee vs. Miami, 12:30 p.m., Miami leads series 3-0
Houston vs. L.A. Lakers, 5:30 p.m., Houston leads series 1-0

SATURDAY'S SUMMARIES

Nuggets 110, Clippers 101

DENVER (110)
Grant 1-9 3-4 5, Millsap 5-11 1-1 13, Jokic 10-17 2-2 26, Harris 4-8 1-2 13, Murray 10-21 4-5 27, Craig 1-0 2-2, Porter Jr. 5-10 0-0 11, Plumlee 1-2 0-0 2, Morris 4-9 1-1 10, Totals 41-91 13-17 10

L.A. CLIPPERS (101)
Leonard 4-17 5-13, Morris Sr. 3-9 3-4 11, Zubac 6-8 3-4 15, Beverley 1-2 0-0 2, George 7-19 4-5 22, Mann 0-0 0-0 0, Green 4-6 0-0 10, Harrell 3-6 4-8 10, Jackson 1-3 0-0 3, Shamet 1-2 2-2 4, Williams 6-16 1-1 13, Totals 36-88 20-29 101

Denver 44 28 17 21 — 110
L.A. Clippers 25 31 21 24 — 101

3-Point Goals—Denver 15-40 (Jokic 4-5, Harris 4-7, Murray 3-8, Millsap 2-5, Morris 1-3, Porter Jr. 1-5, Craig 0-2, Grant 0-5), L.A. Clippers 9-32 (George 4-10, Green 2-3, Morris Sr. 2-5, Jackson 1-3, Leonard 0-3, Williams 0-6), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 45 (Jokic 18), L.A. Clippers 52 (Green 11), Assists—Denver 18 (Murray 6), L.A. Clippers 20 (Leonard 8), Total Fouls—Denver 23, L.A. Clippers 17.

Raptors 100, Celtics 93

TORONTO (100)
Anunoby 3-7 3-4 11, Siakam 10-23 1-2 23, Gasol 2-5 0-1 4, Lowry 5-16 8-22, VanVleet 6-19 0-1 17, Ibaka 7-9 0-0 18, Powell 1-6 3-3 5, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 34-86 15-19 100

BOSTON (93)
Brown 4-8 4-4 14, Tatum 11-18 3-5 24, Ojeleye 4-7 0-2 8, Smart 2-8 3-5 8, Walker 4-9 6-15 15, Ohlson 4-2 2-2 7, Williams 1-2 2-2 4, Williams III 3-0 0-2 6, Wanamaker 3-5 0-0 7, Totals 33-75 20-37 93

3-Point Goals—Toronto 17-44 (VanVleet 5-11, Ibaka 4-4, Lowry 4-10, Anunoby 2-4, Siakam 2-13), Boston 7-35 (Brown 2-11, Wanamaker 1-2, Ojeleye 1-3, Smart 1-6, Tatum 1-6, Walker 1-6), Fouled Out—Toronto 1 (Gasol), Boston None. Rebounds—Toronto 41 (Lowry, Siakam 11), Boston 45 (Tatum 10), Assists—Toronto 23 (Lowry 7), Boston 18 (Walker 8), Total Fouls—Toronto 21, Boston 20.

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Western W L Pct. GB

x-Seattle 15 3 833 —
x-Las Vegas 14 4 778 1
x-Minnesota 13 5 722 2
x-Los Angeles 13 5 722 2
x-Phoenix 12 7 632 3½
Dallas 6 12 333 9

x-Chicago 11 8 579 —
Connecticut 9 10 474 2
Washington 5 12 294 5
Atlanta 5 14 263 6
Indiana 5 14 263 6
New York 2 16 111 8½

x-clinched playoff spot
Saturday's Results

Connecticut 96, Indiana 77
Las Vegas 83, Atlanta 79
Phoenix 89, New York 67

Today's Games

Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 5 p.m.

NHL

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7, w-if necessary) (Seeding in parentheses; home team listed last)

Eastern Conference

At Toronto

(6) **N.Y. Islanders 4, (1) Philadelphia 3**

Game 1: N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 0
Game 2: Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Game 3: N.Y. Islanders 3, Philadelphia 1
Game 4: N.Y. Islanders 3, Philadelphia 2

Game 5: Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Game 6: Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, 2OT
Saturday: N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 0

(2) **Tampa Bay 4, (4) Boston 1**

Game 1: Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2
Game 2: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3, OT
Game 3: Tampa Bay 7, Boston 1
Game 4: Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1

Game 5: Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2, 2OT

Western Conference

At Edmonton, Alberta

(1) **Las Vegas 4, (5) Vancouver 3**

Game 1: Las Vegas 5, Vancouver 0
Game 2: Vancouver 5, Las Vegas 2
Game 3: Las Vegas 3, Vancouver 0
Game 4: Las Vegas 5, Vancouver 3

Game 5: Vancouver 2, Las Vegas 1
Game 6: Vancouver 4, Las Vegas 0
Game 7: Las Vegas 3, Vancouver 0

(3) **Dallas 4, (2) Colorado 3**

Game 1: Dallas 5, Colorado 3
Game 2: Dallas 5, Colorado 2
Game 3: Colorado 6, Dallas 4
Game 4: Dallas 5, Colorado 4

Game 5: Colorado 6, Dallas 3
Game 6: Colorado 4, Dallas 1
Game 7: Dallas 5, Colorado 4, OT

SOCCER

MLS STANDINGS

Western W L T Pts GF GA

Portland K.C. 5 3 2 17 20 15
Seattle 4 1 3 15 15 7
Houston 3 2 4 13 16 14
Los Angeles FC 3 3 12 16 16
L.A. Galaxy 3 3 2 11 15 15
Minnesota United 3 3 2 11 14 14
Portland 3 3 2 11 14 17
Real Salt Lake 2 1 5 11 13 10
FC Dallas 2 1 4 10 8 15
Vancouver 3 6 0 9 10 18

Eastern W L T Pts GF GA

San Jose 2 3 2 8 13 18
Colorado 2 3 2 8 10 14
Columbus 6 1 2 20 13 2
Toronto FC 5 2 3 18 16 11
Orlando City 4 2 4 16 17 12
Philadelphia 4 2 3 15 12 9
Montreal 4 3 1 13 9 9
New York City FC 4 5 0 12 8 8
New England 2 2 5 11 7 8
New York 3 4 2 11 7 10
Atlanta 3 4 2 11 8 9
D.C. United 2 4 3 9 9 13
Cincinnati 2 4 3 9 6 12
Chicago 2 5 2 8 14 14
Nashville SC 2 4 2 8 5 9
Inter Miami CF 1 6 1 4 6 11

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

Saturday's Results

Houston 2, Sporting Kansas City 1
Atlanta 1, Orlando City 1, tie
Vancouver 3, Toronto FC 2
Colorado at San Jose, late

Today's Matches

New York City FC at D.C. United, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 4:30 p.m.
New York at Miami, 5 p.m.
Nashville at Miami, 5 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at L.A. Galaxy, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9
FC Dallas at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Toronto FC at Montreal, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 5 p.m.
Houston at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Real Salt Lake, 6:30 p.m.

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE

Eight Stage Results
(An 8-mile ride from Cazerres to Loudenvielle)

1. Nans Peters, France, AG2R la Mondiale, 04:21.2. Toms Skujins, Latvia, Trek-Segafredo, 04:27.3. Carlos Verona Quintanilla, Spain, Movistar Team, same time. 4. Ilnur Zakarin, Russia, CCC Team, 01:09.5. Neilson Powless, United States, EF Pro Cycling, 01:41.6. Ben Hermans, Belgium, Israel Start-Up Nation, 03:42.7. Quentin Pacher, France, B&B Hotels-Vital Concept, same time. 8. Soren Kragh Andersen, Denmark, Team Sunweb, 04:04.9. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia, UAE Team Emirates, 06:00.10. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R la Mondiale, 06:38.

11. Miguel Angel Lopez Moreno, Colombia, Astana Pro Team, 06:40.12. Adam Yates, Britain, Mitchelton-Scott, same time. 13. Egan Arley Bernal Gomez, Colombia, Ineos Grenadiers, same time. 14. Mikel Landa Meana, Spain, Bahrain McLaren, same time. 15. Guillaume Martin, France, Cofidis, same time. 16. Primož Roglic, Slovenia, Team Jumbo-Visma, same time. 17. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Team Arkea-Samsic, same time. 18. Rigoberto Urán, Colombia, EF Pro Cycling, same time. 19. Richie Porte, Australia, Trek-Segafredo, same time. 20. Emeric Mas Nicolau, Spain, Movistar Team, 07:18.

21. Damiano Caruso, Italy, Bahrain McLaren, same time. 22. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek-Segafredo, same time. 23. Richard Carax, Ecuador, Ineos Grenadiers, same time. 24. Pierre Rolland, France, B&B Hotels-Vital Concept, same time.

Overall Standings (Through eight stages)

1. Adam Yates, Britain, Mitchelton-Scott, 24:44:52. 2. Primož Roglic, Slovenia, Team Jumbo-Visma, 24:53. 3. Guillaume Martin, France, Cofidis, 24:4. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R la Mondiale, 21.5. Egan Arley Bernal Gomez, Colombia, Ineos Grenadiers, 23.6. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Team Arkea-Samsic, 23.7. Miguel Angel Lopez Moreno, Colombia, Astana Pro Team, 23.8. Rigoberto Urán, Colombia, EF Pro Cycling, 24.9. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia, UAE Team Emirates, 24.8.10. Emeric Mas, Spain, Movistar Team, 1:00.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR XFINITY VFW 200

At Darlington, S.C.
Lap length: 1.37 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (6) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 147 laps, 54 points. 2. (9) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 147 51. 3. (11) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 147, 41. 4. (6) Riley Herbst, Toyota, 147, 34. 5. (37) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 147, 0.6. (3) Harrison Burton, Toyota, 147, 37. 7. (14) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 147, 36. 8. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 147, 35. 9. (26) Austin Hill, Toyota, 147, 0.10. (20) Myatt Snider, Chevrolet, 147, 27.

11. (2) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 147, 41. 12. (4) Austin Cindric, Ford, 147, 37. 13. (1) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 147, 24. 14. (27) BJ McLeod, Toyota, 147, 23. 15. (9) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 147, 22. 16. (24) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 147, 21. 17. (17) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 147, 20. 18. (10) Jesse Little, Chevrolet, 147, 19. 19. (18) Colby Howard, Chevrolet, 147, 18. 20. (23) Chad Finchem, Toyota, 146, 17. 21. (25) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 146,

NBA REPORT

NUGGETS ROLL IN GAME 2

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla.

Jamal Murray scored 27 points, Nikola Jokic had 26 points and 18 rebounds and the Denver Nuggets never trailed on the way to beating the Los Angeles Clippers 110-101 in Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinal series Saturday night.

Nuggets 110, Clippers 101

Gary Harris and Paul Millsap each added 13 points to help Denver knot the series at a game apiece.

Paul George scored 22 points for the Clippers, who got 15 from Ivica Zubac and endured a rare off night offensively from Kawhi Leonard. The two-time NBA Finals MVP had 13 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists, but shot only 4 for 17.

Leonard had scored at least 20 points in 27 of his last 28 playoff games — and had at least 29 in all seven playoff games this season.

The Clippers trailed by 23 and got as close as five in the fourth quarter, but no closer. Murray and Harris made 3-pointers on consecutive possessions down the stretch to help keep the Nuggets on top, and Patrick Beverley getting ejected with a pair of technicals with 1:04 left helped seal matters.

Murray made two free throws for the technicals, Grant added another for a personal that was called and the lead was 11. George dribbled the ball off his knee on the next Clippers' possession and the outcome was academic from there.

Denver set the tone from the outset, starting off on a 14-2 run and eventually going up 44-23 before the first quarter was even complete. Jokic and Murray outscored the Clippers by themselves in the opening 12 minutes, 26-25.

It was 72-56 at the half, the Clippers' third-largest intermission deficit of the season.

The Clippers just couldn't string enough points together at enough key times.

A big stretch came in the third quarter when Leonard got fouled and went to the line with a chance to get the Clippers within 11. He missed both free throws, Murray made a jumper on the next Denver possession, Millsap scored about a minute later and just like that Denver's



The Nuggets' Nikola Jokic, who had 26 points and 18 rebounds, shoots over the Clippers' Kawhi Leonard during the second half of Game 2 on Saturday.

MARK J. TERRILL AP

lead was up to 83-66.

The Clippers' best run eventually came in the fourth, with George going on a personal 7-0 spurt to get the Clippers within 91-86 — the smallest lead for the Nuggets since it was 7-2.

Denver immediately responded with the 10-0 run, pushing the lead back out to 15 on a pair of free throws by Jerami Grant with 5:22 left.

Raptors 100, Celtics 93: No need for any big shots this time. Not the way Toronto just kept getting stops.

Pascal Siakam had 23 points and 11 rebounds, Kyle Lowry added 22 points and 11

boards and the Raptors evened the Eastern Conference semifinal at two games apiece.

Two days after winning Game 3 on OG Anunoby's 3-pointer as time expired, the Raptors shut down most of Boston's perimeter shooters and Jaylen Brown in particular.

Serge Ibaka had 18 points off the bench on 7-of-9 shooting and Fred VanVleet finished with 17 points, six rebounds and six assists. The Raptors shot only 39.5 percent but believe they'll eventually put their offense and defense together on the same

night.

"I think we can always get to another level. I feel like we can always do that and obviously everyone clicking at the right time, and once we have that we're a pretty special team," Siakam said.

Jayson Tatum had 24 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics. They won their first six postseason games before dropping the last two. Kemba Walker had 15 points and eight assists.

"Obviously, we didn't play that well, I didn't play that well," Brown said. "We've got to bounce back and be ready to fight."

definitely been one of the biggest tests I feel like I've been through."

Jones wins late
Brandon Jones swept past leaders Ross Chastain and Hamlin two laps from the end to take the Xfinity Series event at Darlington Raceway on Saturday.

Jones looked like he'd simply be a spectator to the up-front battle over the final 20 laps between Chastain and Hamlin, who had moved up from starting last to contend for the victory.

Hamlin had cleared Chastain two laps from the end when Chastain bumped him from behind, opening things up for Jones to slide in front.

Chastain was limited by facilities (his office was a cramped trailer next to Peterson Gym) and resources (the program's \$300,000 budget was couch change compared with college basketball's blue bloods).

In an interview with freelance journalist Rob Mieh in 2018 for a story in the Union-Tribune, Gaines predicted he would have won three NCAA titles with Viejas Arena after it was built.

"If I had that (building), Woooo," he said. "I came so close to getting big-time ball players. I woulda gotten them if we had the facilities."

Gaines wound up with a 112-117 record in eight seasons as Aztecs coach, the fourth-most victories in school history.

"I knew Smokey from our Midwest days, when he was in Detroit," Fisher said in a statement released by SDSU. "I watched from a distance as he developed some great teams at San Diego

State led by the likes of Michael Cage and Tony Gwynn. He was a man who loved his profession and genuinely cared about people. He followed the Aztecs long after his coaching days ended and was proud of what San Diego State accomplished. He will be fondly remembered by all of us that were fortunate enough to know him."

Gaines grew up in inner-city Detroit, one of nine children predominantly raised by his mother, a housekeeper who, he once said, made \$5 a day. He was raised during the Motown era and told people he once dated Detroit singer Diana Ross. With few opportunities for Black basketball players at higher-profile universities, he attended LeMoyné-Owen College, an HBCU in Memphis. He left as its all-time leading scorer and later became the school's first player to have his number retired.

He was a sixth-round draft pick by his hometown Detroit Pistons but opted to attend a tryout camp for the Harlem Globetrotters, with 117 players vying for four spots. He was selected and traveled to more than 60 countries over the next year.

He spent four years with the Globetrotters, and in 2006 he became the 24th person inducted into their "Legends Ring."

He played the next season with the Kentucky Colonels of the American Basketball Association, then the rival league of the NBA. Following that, he worked as a furniture salesman and got his master's degree at Eastern Michigan University before returning to basketball as a high school coach.

After SDSU, Gaines briefly coached the San Diego State Stingrays in the International Basketball League, worked as a scout for the NBA's Denver Nuggets and ran a Mission Valley nightclub called "Smokey's." He returned to LeMoyné-Owen as basketball coach and athletic director from 2005-08, then spent four years as athletic director for Memphis City Schools before retiring.

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NHL REPORT

ISLES BOUND FOR EASTERN FINALS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thomas Greiss stopped 16 shots and the New York Islanders advanced to the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since 1993, beating the Philadelphia Flyers 4-0 in Game 7 of the second-round series Saturday night at Toronto.

The Islanders advanced to face the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Brock Nelson had a goal and two assists, and defensemen Scott Mayfield and Andy Greene scored 3:46 apart in the first period. Anthony Beauvillier had an empty-netter with 6:18 left and New York bounced back after failing to close out the series in losing the previous two games in overtime.

Greiss posted his first career playoff shutout in his first Game 7. He was making his third appearance of the series, and second start, in place of Semyon Varlamov, who allowed nine goals on 63 shots in losing the past two games in overtime, including a 5-4 double-overtime loss in Game 6.

"It's awesome. It's the guys in the room. We all compete for each other. It's a great achievement for the whole team, for fans. I'm happy to help," Greiss said. "It was an unreal game. It was the best defensive game I've seen the team play."

Coach Barry Trotz said he went with Greiss because he was fresh, and felt Varlamov needed a break. In crediting Greiss, Trotz was impressed by the focus his entire team showed.

"We didn't get small by the moment, we got big by the moment," Trotz said. "I

Islanders 4, Flyers 0

liked the fact that we recognized when we're at our best. And when we're at our best, there's a real sharp focus."

Greiss picked up the New York's final two wins of the series, after a 26-save outing in a 3-2 win in Game 4.

The Islanders face a short turnaround in having to travel to Edmonton, Alberta, to face the well-rested Tampa Bay Lightning in a conference final series that opens Monday. The Lightning have been off since a 3-2 double-overtime win over Boston in Game 5 on Monday.

It's the third meeting between the two teams, with Tampa Bay winning the previous two in five games, including a second-round series in 2016.

The Flyers ran out of gas in a game they fell behind 3-0, which led to coach Alain Vigneault pulling Carter Hart for an extra attacker with seven minutes remaining. Hart stopped 22 shots.

Vegas' Reaves suspended

Golden Knights forward Ryan Reaves will miss the opener of Western Conference final against Dallas after the NHL suspended him a game for an illegal check to the head of Vancouver's Tyler Motte.

Reaves hit Motte in the jaw with a check late in the second period of Game 7 on Friday night and was penalized and ejected. The league suspended him Saturday for Game 1 after a hit it considered avoidable but not intentional.



ELSA GETTY IMAGES

New York's Brock Nelson scores a goal on Philadelphia goalie Carter Hart in the second period.

MOTORSPORTS REPORT

EVERYONE CHASING TOP TWO IN PLAYOFFS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kevin Harvick and Denny Hamlin are expected to race head-to-head for the NASCAR Cup title when the 10-week playoff series begins today at Darlington Raceway.

The duo heads to the South Carolina track with a combined 13 regular-season wins between them — they each won a race at Darlington in May when racing resumed during the coronavirus pandemic — and they've accumulated enough playoff points to practically coast into the championship-deciding finale. That theoretically leaves the 14 other drivers racing for just two spots in

NASCAR Southern 500

Today: 3 p.m., Darlington (S.C.) Raceway

On the air: NBCSN

the winner-take-all race.

"I met with my team and I told them at the end of this 10 weeks someone will be holding the championship trophy. Why not us?" said Brad Keselowski. "We can do it just as well as anybody and I'm ready for that challenge."

The field consists of six former champions including Kyle Busch, the current holder of the Bill France

Cup. Busch is a two-time Cup champion but has had a terrible 2020 by his standards and is still seeking his first win of the season.

"Certainly we're not a title front-runner, we're not a favorite," Busch said. "We are on the bottom of the spectrum and we're on the outside looking in."

At stake is a winning streak of at least one victory a year since his 2005 rookie season, a source of pride for Busch and one his Joe Gibbs Racing team doesn't want to end.

"It's a 16-year investment that we've placed on being able to win a race in 16 consecutive seasons, so hopefully we can keep that going," Busch said. "This year has

DIGEST

PETERS WINS STAGE IN PYRENEES, PINOT DONE

On a day of mixed feelings for the home nation, rookie Nans Peters won the eighth stage of the Tour de France following a long breakaway in the Pyrenees, while fellow Frenchman Thibaut Pinot saw his hopes of winning the race vanish.

Peters was part of a group of 13 riders who broke away Saturday in the early stages of the 141-kilometer (87.5-mile) stage featuring three punishing ascents to the town of Loudenvielle.

Peters and Ilnur Zakarin moved away from their breakaway companions in the grueling Port de Bales climb. The Frenchman then used his downhill abilities to drop his Russian rival in the descent and never looked back.

"It's crazy for my first Tour," said Peters, who rides for French outfit AG2R-Les Mondiales. "I realized he was really bad in the downhill, I played on my strengths."

Yellow jersey holder Adam Yates and other Tour contenders, including de-

fending champion Egan Bernal and favorite Primoz Roglic, crossed the finish line 6 minutes, 40 seconds later.

Yates came under a series of attacks in the final climb, the Col de Peyresourde, but hung on to the overall lead after Roglic did not seem interested in taking the coveted shirt this early in the race. Roglic responded to every attack in the last 4 kilometers and gave the impression he could have gone solo.

Overall, Yates has a three-second lead over Roglic, with Frenchman Guillaume Martin completing the podium six seconds further back.

The stage destroyed Pinot, who cracked in the Port de Bales. Riding at the back with other contenders, Pinot was dropped in the

day's second ascent.

Soccer

Kylian Mbappe and Raheem Sterling have started their new seasons a lot better than they finished their last. With an individual goal that combined fortune and inspired impudence, Mbappe earned France a 1-0 win at Sweden in the Nations League.

Earlier, Sterling converted a penalty in second-half stoppage time to give England a 1-0 victory at Iceland in their first meeting since the tiny Nordic nation's shocking win at the European Championship four years ago.

• Midge Purce scored in stoppage time to give Sky Blue a 2-1 victory over Washington Spirit in the opening game of the National Women's Soccer League fall series.

• Mauro Manotas scored on header in the 85th minute and the host Houston Dynamo beat Sporting Kansas City 2-1 in MLS action.

The Dynamo (3-2-4) have a four-match undefeated streak, outscoring opponents 10-3. Sporting KC (5-3-2) is winless in its last four.

• Adam Jahn scored on header in the final minutes of second-half stoppage time to give Atlanta United (3-4-2) a 1-1 MLS draw with Orlando City (4-2-4).

• The New York Red Bulls of MLS promoted Bradley Carnell to interim head coach.

WNBA

DeWanna Bonner scored 26 points and Alyssa Thomas and Brianna Jones added 20 each to lead the Connecticut Sun (9-10) to a 96-77 victory over the Indiana Fever (5-14) at Bradenton, Fla.

• Skylar Diggins-Smith scored a season-high 30 points and Phoenix (12-7) beat New York (2-16), 83-67, for its sixth straight victory.

• A'ja Wilson scored 13 of her 21 points in the second half to help Las Vegas (14-4) beat Atlanta (5-14), 89-79.

U-T NEWS SERVICES

WHEELS SUN DAY

Toyota snubs electric vehicle trend with another new hybrid

BY MARK PHELAN

Toyota dips a cautious toe into the electric-vehicle pool — again — with the capable 2021 RAV4 Prime plug-in hybrid that just went on sale. Jump in. The electrons are fine.

As brands like Audi, Cadillac, GMC, Ford and Volkswagen dive into the market for all-electric vehicles, Toyota instead continues to refine and improve the hybrid technology that powered its massive sales surge in the early 2000s. The other giants see hybrids largely as a rest stop on the highway toward a future of 100% electric vehicles — a nice place to stretch your legs, with hybrids now receding in the rearview. Toyota is enjoying a picnic there, confident it'll catch up later.

For those of you who don't follow EV technology, the world's automakers have largely split into two camps as they work to reduce petroleum consumption and greenhouse gases:

Some, led by Toyota, continue to invest heavily developing new hybrids, vehicles that have both a gasoline engine and electric motors and batteries. Plug-in hybrids, like the RAV4 Prime, get a bigger battery you can charge from an outlet to drive farther on electricity before you start burning gasoline. (Toyota has one vehicle powered by a hydrogen fuel cell, but it's an asterisk in a conversation about currently available technologies.) Other automakers have moved on to electric vehicles powered solely by batteries. Battery electric vehicles — BEVs to auto execs who can turn anything into an acronym — don't have a gasoline engine. They run purely on electricity, from a charging station or regular household current, though the latter takes 12 hours for a full charge.

Plug-in hybrids — PHEVs, don't ya know? — like the RAV4 Prime are a midpoint between conven-



REVIEW

PLUG-IN PRIME

MAGROUND

The 2021 Toyota RAV4 Prime can travel 42 miles on a single charge before the gasoline engine kicks in.

tional hybrids and EVs. Their batteries are big enough to go farther on electricity alone — 42 miles in the RAV4 Prime, a distance that covers many people's daily need. The gasoline engine kicks in for longer trips, or when charging from the regular power grid isn't available.

The RAV4 Prime is Toyota's second plug-in. The first, the Prius Prime, enjoyed modest success, with a correspondingly modest 25-mile battery range.

Toyota is developing BEVs, but conservatively, as is its wont.

Driving impressions

The RAV4 Prime is one of Toyota's quickest vehicles. Its 5.7-second 0-60 mph time is tops among Toyota's four-door models. That's thanks to 302 total horsepower from its gasoline engine and electric motors. That's 99 hp more than the gasoline-only RAV4. The Prime also has more torque

than the gasoline model, though Toyota doesn't provide a specific figure on the grounds that it's hard to figure out because of the complex interaction between gasoline engine and electric motors.

The RAV4 is Toyota's best-selling vehicle in the U.S. by a wide margin, and the country's top selling nonpickup, so the Prime is kind of a big deal. Acceleration is strong, either in battery-only EV mode or using hybrid power when the engine and motors work together seamlessly.

The steering is responsive and the brakes feel natural and are easy to modulate as they perform the complex ballet of combining conventional brakes and the electricity producing regenerative braking that keeps the battery able to boost power and fuel economy after the all-electric range is exhausted.

The batteries and motors add about 810 pounds

to the weight of a well-equipped model like the XSE Premium I tested. Luggage space behind the rear seat decreases about 4 cubic feet to make room for the batteries, but remains useful at 33.4 cubic feet with the large sun roof.

In addition to its 42-mile EV range, the RAV4 Prime gets an EPA rating of 54 mpg in combined city/highway driving using the gasoline engine. A complicated measure that aims to compare carbon emissions in all-EV mode to a traditional internal combustion engine checks in at a pretty good 133 MPGe.

A full charge will take 2.5 hours at 240v with the optional 6.6kW fast charger. A 3.3kW charger is standard.

The RAV4 Prime is comfortable and roomy, despite sacrificing a few cubic feet of cargo space to add batteries. Head and leg room are good.

The interior of my top-

2021 Toyota RAV4 Prime

Base price: \$38,100. RAV4 Prime XSE Premium as tested: \$47,185 (excluding destination charges)

Power: 2.5L gasoline engine, hybrid system with electrically powered rear axle

Transmission: Continuously variable automatic

EPA fuel rating: 42-mile EV range, 54 mpg combined city/highway with gasoline engine, 133 MPGe

Wheelbase: 105.9 inches

Length: 180.9 inches

Width: 73 inches

Height: 67.2 inches

of-the-line test car was trimmed in soft black materials with red accent stitching. The controls were easy

to use, traditional buttons and dials and a 9-inch touch screen.

Electric vehicles are required to emit a sound to alert pedestrians to their presence. Automakers are experimenting with different tones.

Toyota settled on a whale-song-in-distress note for the RAV4 Prime. Maybe it'll grow on you.

How much?

Prices for the RAV4 Prime start at \$38,100 for an SE model. All Primes come with a 2.5L engine and a hybrid system that uses an electric rear axle to deliver all-wheel drive. A continuously variable transmission is standard.

The upper trim level is XSE. It starts at \$41,425. I tested a loaded RAV4 Prime XSE with the weather and audio premium package. It stickered at \$47,185.

Phelan writes for Tribune News Service.

HONDA, GM SIGN DEAL TO WORK TOGETHER

ASSOCIATED PRESS

General Motors and Honda are moving toward an alliance in North America to share vehicle development and technology costs as the industry moves toward electric and autonomous vehicles.

The nonbinding memorandum of understanding was announced Thursday, and the companies say they plan to share vehicle underpinnings as well as engines and transmissions.

It's another sign of increasing consolidation in the automotive business as companies face huge capital outlays to develop current products as well as battery-powered and self-driving vehicles.

"The auto industry has a long history of being pressured by costs and lower (profit) margins," said Edward Jones analyst Jeff Windau. "They're trying to get to the other side here on an expensive vehicle development process, and being able to do that as efficiently as possible."

No details were given on what vehicles would be developed jointly, but the companies said in a statement that planning work will start immediately and include vehicles powered by both electricity and internal combustion engines. Engineering work would begin early next year. They also will cooper-

ate on manufacturing, parts purchasing, research and connected services.

Earlier this year, crosstown rival Ford finalized a similar deal with Germany's Volkswagen, while Italian-American automaker Fiat Chrysler is heading toward a merger with France's PSA Peugeot early in 2021.

In the GM-Honda deal, the companies say they'll collaborate on a "range of vehicles sold under each company's distinct brands."

The announcement builds on work the companies have been doing jointly on electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, as well as an autonomous vehicle. In April the companies announced they would jointly develop two electric vehicles for Honda based on GM's global electric vehicle platform. Windau said the fuel cell work started in 2013, so it's no surprise that the cooperation would be broadened.

"The alliance will help both companies accelerate investment in future mobility innovation by freeing up additional resources," GM President Mark Reuss said Thursday in a statement. He said the companies would get "significant synergies" in developing vehicles.

The alliance would be governed by a joint committee of senior executives from both companies, the statement said.

Car Calendar

Sept. 11: Barona Friday Night Street Legal Drags, 5-11 p.m. Barona 8th Mile, 1750 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside. Spectators \$10, kids 10 and under free. Info: baronadrags.com or (619) 607-5449.

Sept 12: Summit Race Series Test and Tune, 4-10 p.m. Barona 8th Mile, 1750 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside. Spectators \$15, kids 11-17 \$10, kids 10 and under free. Info: baronadrags.com or (619) 607-5449.

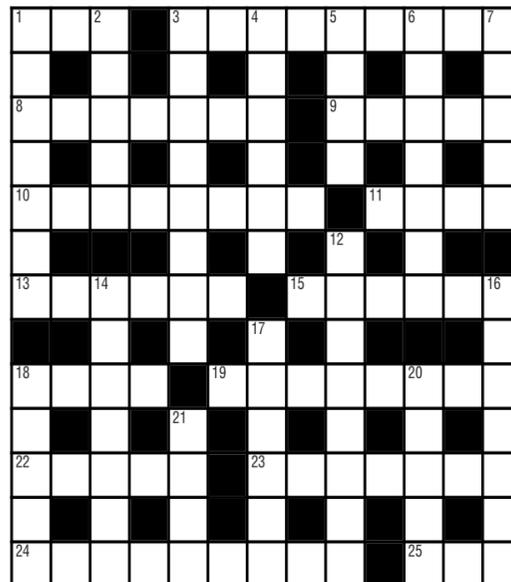
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Car Clubs

The North Coast Vettes, an all-Corvette car club, meets the first Tuesday of each month at The Green Dragon Tavern & Museum, 6115 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad. Visitors are welcome. Proper social distancing and dining protocols will be practiced. Dinner at 5:30 p.m., business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Call (619) 701-5408 for more information.

Send listings to carcalendar@sduniontribune.com.

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ACROSS

- Jam ingredient
- '30s-'90s car parts catalog (1,17)
- "Smokey and the Bandit" trucker
- '32 Ford, slangily
- Vintage vehicle rebuilder
- City street layout, sometimes
- Fully optioned
- Harry Potter flying Ford
- Fishtail, for example
- Catera and Cimarron brand
- Sporty '89-'97 Ford coupe
- Georgia's Motor Speedway
- Tech's diagnostic devices (4,5)

- "Cheers" 'Vette driver Malone

DOWN

- Valvoline and Pennzoil rival
- Retractable items, sometimes
- Jeep owners' gathering
- Snowplow season
- Famous 500 mile race
- Shifter's N
- Triangular sign
- Oval tracks' middles
- "Grand Canyon State" tags home
- '89-'95 Plymouth mid-size
- '80s IROC Z model
- Grippy tire tread slits
- Road markings
- Parking lot damage

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CLICK AND CLACK RAY MAGLIOZZI

Black, white, gray: What's with all the boring car colors?

Dear Car Talk:

A casual look at traffic shows you that almost all cars are either gray, black or white — with a few red vehicles sprinkled in. OK, some people call their gray cars "silver," but we know better.

My second car was a two-tone copper and cream 1956 Bel Air. A later one was a two-tone Buick Regal. Such imaginative color combinations were the rule as much as the exception.

What happened? Why are our colors so boring and washed out? Are the manufacturers cheap, or have they lost their imagination?

— Paul

I'm actually colorblind, Paul. So no one's listened to a word I say about car colors since that time I came home with a purple AMC Pacer in 1976. The answer is fashion. Fashion is something that's so ridiculous that we have to throw it out every six months and start all over.

And when it comes to less expensive purchases, some people can throw stuff out every six months. You can buy a powder-blue

leisure suit with white piping one day because it seems fashionable. And then, six months later, when you realize you look bad, you can leave it in the closet and go buy something else.

But as we go up the expense ladder, people tend to get more conservative. So you might take a chance on a loud shirt for \$50 and see how you like it over time, figuring you can always stop wearing it. But when you're

buying a house or a car, you're likely to feel more risk-averse.

You'd hate to spend \$30,000 on a new car and decide it looks ridiculous six months from now, with 78 months of payments still to make. So people tend to stick with (a) muted colors and (b) colors that lots of other people have already chosen, because that makes them feel that they're making a safe choice. Safety in numbers, right? We can't all look ridiculous.

The truth is, if people wanted to buy lime green cars, the carmakers would be happy to paint them that color. It's more or less the same to them in terms of cost. But what they don't want is a lime green car sitting on the lot for two years waiting for a color blind buyer like me to think

it's gray.

Still, you can find some fringe colors out there. You just might have to special order them. Dodge, in fact, makes a Day-Glo lime green Charger. Honda makes a bright orange Fit. You can get a Ford Transit Connect in school bus yellow. You can order your Jeep Renegade in metallic aqua. And you can get pretty much any Mini you want in two-tone paint.

As for me, I drive a "silver" car. But in my closet, just waiting for it to come back into fashion, I have a spectacular, double-breasted, pin-striped suit. Any day now it's going to be stylish again. I just have to hope it's actually black, and not dark purple.

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STORIES BY MICHAEL JAMES ROCHA & GEORGE VARGA
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In the wings, in backstages, in sound booths and in dressing rooms are stage managers, sound designers, makeup artists, costumers and music arrangers. Since March, we have been telling the stories of actors and singers and artistic directors — people whose names often appear prominently in programs and get the lion's share of the spotlight. The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees estimates that as many as 95 percent of its members — about 135,000 people — have lost their jobs due to COVID-19. This Labor Day weekend, we focus on the people behind the scenes — people who quietly do their work, often in the shadows and in the dark. Here, in the light, are the stagehands, and these are their pandemic stories. **SEE PAGES E2-E7**

\$877.8 BILLION

How much the arts and culture sector contributed to the nation's gross domestic product in 2017

\$12.5 BILLION

As of Aug. 24, financial losses to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in the United States

Source: Americans for the Arts (findings based on 17,900 survey responses)



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LAURA ZINGLE STAGE MANAGER

'It just makes me cry'

BY MICHAEL JAMES ROCHA

When the pandemic began in mid-March, Laura Zingle thought she'd better keep a running list of which jobs were still happening and which jobs were canceled. As a freelance stage manager for various arts organizations around town, she had enough jobs to keep her busy through the spring. "I had all these things lined up," recalled Zingle, a 39-year-old mother of two who, for most of her adult working life, has been able to make a living through a patchwork of stagehand gigs. "I had a spreadsheet of all the jobs — the dates for them, the number of hours and the fee. It helps me keep track of things for 1099s and W-2s."

In early spring, Zingle had a few dates scheduled with the La Jolla Music Society, followed by a short job with the San Diego Gay Men's Chorus, which was putting on its annual spring concert, "Return to Broadway." Then, she said, "I started to get email after email: 'This one's canceled. This one's on hold.' And I would just highlight things in red as they got canceled. I thought, 'Oh, it'll be like this for just a couple of weeks.' But then I suddenly had a big chunk of the list highlighted in red."

Soon, Zingle realized the world she knew — the arts world — was about to be turned upside down.

"I began to ask myself, 'Just how long could this last?' All of the organizations I relied on were suddenly shut down. I had a lot of questions: How long is this going to last? Are we even going to have jobs to go back to when this is over?"

Nearly four months later, in late July, Zingle wasn't any closer to getting answers to any of her questions. And it was beginning to take its toll.

"I have a lot of emotions," said Zingle, who lives in the College Area with her husband and two children, a 4½-year-old son and 9-month-old daughter. "There's the

despair of not being able to work, not seeing the people I work with and not being able to do what we love. It's overwhelming. Many people and many organizations are struggling. I know many are trying to replace live performances with streaming, and they're trying very hard. It just reminds me how much I miss it so much. It just makes me cry."

Zingle's husband is a nurse and manages a just a couple of departments at a local hospital. She knows "how incredibly lucky I am to have a spouse who has a job," she said. The financial impact, Zingle said, "was less dramatic for me" because of that, but she did apply for and was approved for unemployment.

Since moving to San Diego from Philadelphia a decade ago, Zingle has made a living as a stage manager, working one-day stints to some as long as six months. She's worked for arts organizations all over town, from La Jolla Playhouse and the Old Globe to San Diego Opera and Cygnet Theatre.

In her role as a stage manager, she does a little of everything, from working with the director and actors to helping map out detailed instructions during rehearsals.

"Basically, making sure

everything runs smoothly. I started out performing as a kid. I was a dancer. Toward the end of high school, one of my teachers thought I might be a good stage manager. He kinda taught me the job. I continued stage managing and acting in college," said Zingle, who received her Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of California San Diego.

These days, she misses all that and more. But all's not lost. She's enjoying spending time with her children and working on improving her skills. Doing all those things — non-theater-related things — helps her mentally.

"I try to find things to do outside of theater with my family," Zingle said. "Initially, I was finding different ways to stay connected with the theater community — taking online classes and webinars. But I can only do so much of that. So I've been learning Spanish on Duolingo, trying to learn American Sign Language, finding new recipes, and cook-

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ing with my son — we make a lot of muffins!"

Speaking of her son, he was in pre-kindergarten when the pandemic hit, and "I briefly tried home learning by practicing writing and tracing and counting with him," she said. "I was very aware that it was home schooling, but not even close to what it needed to be. That was tough. He didn't like me trying to teach him."

Things are slightly better now, she said. "We try to find something to do every day. We do things in the backyard. We take little walks. We read books. We did Broadway Babysitters storytime with some actors."

All this, she admitted, to while away the time in anticipation of everything opening back up again. But every now and then, she falls back down emotionally.

"I miss the work and the people and the community," she said. "I'm upset that it's all gone. We're not producing things that other people can enjoy. I miss calling shows. I miss being in the moment with the artists and the audience. I miss that incredible feeling of running a show and watching people enjoy it and watching everything come together every day."

She longs for that one day — in the near future, she hopes — when she can do all of that again.

"I'm looking forward to the joy of being able to come together and create something and work on something together," she said. "It's really important for people to be in the same room together to create something, and there's nothing that can replace that. The magic of everyone getting together for that first rehearsal or on opening night. I miss that, and I can't wait to be a part of it again."

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'I just felt like there was absolutely no purpose to my life'

BY MICHAEL JAMES ROCHA

Jim Tompkins-MacLaine considers himself lucky. He still has a full-time job as a music teacher at Eastlake High School in Chula Vista and a part-time job as music director for United Church of Christ in La Mesa. But when the arts world shut down in mid-March, a big part of his life disappeared, and that's been hard to deal with.

Besides his school and church gigs, Tompkins-MacLaine had several musical-theater-related jobs he did after school and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons with area arts groups — J Company, San Diego Junior Theatre and Young Actors' Theatre, to name a few.

At 62, he's used to living an active life — "I'm always busy!" he exclaimed. But with COVID-19, "I just felt like there was absolutely no purpose to my life. It frightened me a little bit. I've never been an unhappy person. I messed with my routine. I live by routine. I know where I'm going to be on Thursday night every week. I'm going to be at church choir. I know on Wednesday night, I'll be at Baja Betty's with friends. Almost every night, I have a place to be, especially when doing a show.

"All of a sudden that was all taken away."

"It kind of brought along a little depression," he said from his Kensington home. "The perfect word is malaise. All of a sudden, I'm home all day teaching from the computer and then not going anywhere at night for rehearsal, I didn't know what to do with myself."

Quickly, out of necessity, he found things to do. He cleaned the house. He worked on woodworking projects he'd been putting off. He worked on jigsaw puzzles — "a lot of jigsaw puzzles!" He watched movies. He cataloged his entire music library at church. And he worked on a new arrangement for a four-piano quartet.

A diabetic, Tompkins-MacLaine found a silver lining in the pandemic: "I'm overweight. I have taken this time to plan my meals better, to measure my glucose on a regular basis. I've lost some weight. I've learned how to eat more responsibly. I haven't been to a fast-food place in four months, and I haven't missed it."

And "luckily," he said, "when all this happened, I was still taking my paycheck from church and school. I used my musical theater money to pay down my student loans — a lot of student loans."

The new school year started in early August, and his biggest worry was "how the heck am I going to teach choir over the computer?" Now in his second year at Eastlake, he has about 140 students in show choir, concert choir and guitar classes.

"In the 42 years I've been teaching," he said, "this has been one of the most challenging things I've gone through. I'm gonna lose some students, especially in the choir, because none of us have ever done this before. Some people are scared by change. I'm not. I'm anxious but excited at the same time. But like any other teacher, I miss that real-life interaction with students in the classroom. I definitely miss that."

Never one to dwell on the negatives, Tompkins-MacLaine turned philosophical when asked what he's hoping for in the near future.

"I would say for everything to go back to normal, but let's face it, we don't have a normal anymore. But I want everything to come back and be better," he said. "I feel like this whole time we've been secluded, a giant rain has washed all over us. Look at us as a society. We are dealing with some things that we've been brushing aside for years. Now we have time to sit and talk and change things. I think some of that change is very good. Some of it is upheaval, but I think we're gonna come out on the right side of this. I just think it will take longer than we want it to take."

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FACES OF THE ARTS SHUTDOWN THE STAGEHANDS

96%

Number of arts and culture organizations that have canceled events since March



61%

Number of arts and culture organizations that have canceled through September 2020

Source: Americans for the Arts (findings based on 17,900 survey responses)



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CHANEL MAHONEY COSTUME DESIGNER

'I wondered what I was going to do to survive'

BY MICHAEL JAMES ROCHA

To put it simply, Chanel Mahoney has one concern with everything shut down in the performing arts: "How am I going to keep the lights on?" ■ Mahoney and the cast and crew of Cygnet Theatre's "House of Joy" had just wrapped up opening night in March when the coronavirus pandemic shuttered everything, from theatrical productions to classical music concerts. ■ Luckily, Cygnet, unlike many arts organizations, kept the entire cast and crew of "House of Joy" on the payroll until the end of the run. After that, "we were all laid off."

Theater workers "already don't make a lot to begin with. I was living essentially paycheck to paycheck. I wondered what I was going to do to survive," said Mahoney, who was wardrobe supervisor for "House of Joy." "I have student loans. I have rent."

"Working in theater is my passion," said the 32-year-old Mahoney, who's attending San Diego Mesa College pursuing a fashion design degree that she hopes to one day parlay into a career in costume design. "It was devastating to see a professional production have its opening night and then be

forced to close. Of all the shows I've had the opportunity to work on, I have never seen a more beautiful project than 'House of Joy,' the Madhuri Shekar play about an elite squad of female guards who protect the emperor's imperial harem in 17th-century India.

She doesn't have health insurance, so she's applied for Medi-Cal. And her application for unemployment got approved, but she still feared the short-term ramifications of the shutdown: "I was living on 25 percent of what I was originally making. How was that going to work?"

Mahoney, who lives in

National City, admits she had a "delayed reaction" to the harsh reality of being unemployed in the middle of a pandemic. "Originally, when everything shut down and we were told to shut down 'House of Joy,' all I wanted was to keep busy, so I told myself: 'I'll just sew. It'll make me feel better.'"

So she sewed. A lot. Masks — for friends and for her father and his co-workers, who went back to work much sooner than many. "But everyone was doing the same thing," she said, adding that long lines at Joann Fabric and a shortage of elastic for masks "just ended up stressing me out. The one thing that was supposed to make me happy was stressing me out."

So she found other ways to deal with stress.

"I used to go to 24 Hour Fitness to train for 5Ks," said Mahoney, who also is a certified cosmetologist and makeup artist. "Last year, I signed up for 5Ks this year, but all of them were canceled. So now I'm hula hooping. I also started learning more about photography. I read a lot and play video games with my boyfriend. I'm baking like a psycho. I've

baked everything on my Pinterest board."

All that has helped, she said, but then on some days, worry creeps back in.

As a costume designer, Mahoney has a couple of San Diego productions under her belt: "Marie and Rosetta" at Cygnet and last year's Opera NEO summer productions. But, she said, "honestly, I'm worried if I will get to work in my field again. Everything is going to be so different. I know Broadway won't be back until 2021. It's already challenging enough to be a costume designer in San Diego. When everything reopens — whenever that is — everyone is going to be vying for the same jobs. You know when they say, 'If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life?' That was my life. I loved waking up every day and designing and making beautiful things. After all this, with debt and bills piling up, is that going to be enough?"

As quickly as she rattles off a list of concerns, though, Mahoney admits "I don't have time to be depressed about all this," she said, adding that with the \$600-a-

week federal unemployment benefit gone, things will be more difficult. "But I need solutions, and being depressed just takes time away from finding answers."

So, like many others, she's focusing on the future — and on things she can control.

"I have learned different ways to cope," she said. "I guess a lot of times, especially in theater, there are many things that are just out of your control. Many things right now are out of my control. So I just have to find different ways to let go. I can't control everything. It

sounds a little self-centered, but through all this, I have learned to take care of me first. I have also realized the importance and value of certain friendships and relationships. People who have reached out and said that we are all in this together. People who call and check in just to say they care."

Through it all, she said, she can't help but miss theater.

"I miss working with my crew," she said. "I miss the camaraderie and the family unit and just being there — together. And being backstage. We were really hands-on for 'House of Joy.' There weren't wigs, so I had to style the women's hair. I miss having those moments and talking to them — and helping them tell a story. ..."

"I don't want to lose sight of my dreams and my goals," she added. "I don't want to give up my passion for creativity and settle. ... Settle because of this pandemic? No."

Someday soon, Mahoney said, there will once again be time "to create something beautiful."

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FACES OF THE ARTS SHUTDOWN THE STAGEHANDS

94%

Number of artists and creative workers who report loss of income



63%

Number of artists and creative workers who have become fully unemployed

Source: Americans for the Arts (findings based on 24,200 survey responses)



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BRANDON BOOMIZAD AUDIO ASSISTANT

‘We need to make the best of it’

BY MICHAEL JAMES ROCHA

Brandon Boomizad knows things haven't been easy for many in the arts world. Careers were upended and wages were lost — all cloaked in uncertainty. But he's grateful. ■ “In some weird way,” he said, “and I feel bad for feeling this, I kind of feel a lot better about myself as a result of all this. With a lot of time in my hands, I got to know myself a lot better. I got to know my girlfriend a lot better, and that we're a really good match. I spend more time with my roommates.”

Don't get him wrong, though. He still has a lot of concerns: With the \$600 weekly unemployment benefit from the federal government gone, things will be tighter on unemployment. Because he's 26 now, he no longer has health insurance through his parents. And, he wonders, will he ever be able to return to his job as part of the house crew at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, where he also served an apprenticeship for two years before becoming an audio assistant a year and a half ago?

“When it first happened, I

wasn't really concerned much about it, so I didn't acknowledge that it could be this long,” the Oceanside resident said, recalling when the center shut down in mid-March. “We were two minutes from clocking in when our boss walked in and said the show was canceled. I just thought it was just going to be this one show because everyone was really scared. In my head I was OK, but as the weeks progressed, some stress started to kick in.”

Luckily, he said, the additional \$600 unemployment benefit, which ended in late July, helped him save some money.

“I feel blessed that they gave it to us for as long as they did,” he said. “I'm sorry it's gone, but it was nice to have it when we did.”

He's grateful, too, for the staff at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, especially technical director Robert Collier: “They have been the best during all this — patient and communicating with us.”

The California Center for the Arts occasionally called in its staff for maintenance chores — a day here and there — in anticipation of things coming back. But that all ended when San Diego shut down again in mid-July as coronavirus numbers surged.

For the most part, Boomizad has been unemployed, and he's chosen to use the downtime to do a pandemic pivot.

“I'm hopeful that our jobs will be there when this is all over,” said Boomizad, a member of Local 122 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. “But let's face it, it may not, or if it does, it may not be the same. Our culture is going to change about how it deals with events and large gatherings. So that made me think

I maybe need to rethink my career choice.

“When this all started, I got into cooking a lot more,” he said. “I started exercising more when I got bored or played video games. Then the stress kicked in. I knew I need to find something if my job doesn't return. So I just started researching and learning things on my own, and I found a lot of

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communities that can help me figure it all out.”

He would still like to remain in a line of work that involves sound or sound design — perhaps for video games and movies. He worked in audio-visual for hotels for eight years, so sound work has always been an interest.

Even though things have not been easy — a relative passed away recently, and his grandfather had a stroke and tested positive for the coronavirus — he chooses to remain hopeful.

“I would like to see performances come back,” he said. “We just have to think of new and creative ways to bring them back in a way that's safe for everybody and fits the guidelines. But I am in the camp that there is a possibility that the way it was may not be how it comes back, and we will have to adapt to it. I hope that we as a society won't have too much of an attachment to how things were and be open to what it could be.”

“I feel like if this is how life is, we need to make the best of it.”

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SAMANTHA MCLAUGHLIN
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

‘I miss it. I miss it all’

BY MICHAEL JAMES ROCHA

It didn't take long for Samantha McLaughlin to figure out why she was being called to the city of Vista's human resources office.

As the technical director at Moonlight Amphitheatre, a venue run by the city, McLaughlin oversaw a staff of nearly 70. Audio engineers, hairstylists, carpenters, costumers, makeup artists — people behind the scenes who are never in the spotlight but keep productions running like a well-oiled machine.

When the pandemic hit, many immediately felt the impact.

“Because I employed so many people, they were affected long before I was,” she said. “I was one of the few remaining stagehands left. I kept going in, even though we didn't have any shows. I was helping with ticketing. There are thousands of refunds and donations that have to be processed, so I was helping with that.”

But months after many of her colleagues were let go, McLaughlin received the call.

Officially laid off July 1,

McLaughlin said: “For months, there had already been a parade of people before me, so I just kind of knew.”

As a result, McLaughlin has joined the thousands of stagehands across the country who have been furloughed or laid off as arts venues have shut down. Now, the reality of the news has hit her, followed by many questions and concerns.

She and her husband, Dallas, live in Temecula with their 6-year-old daughter. With her husband still employed in July — he's an actor and performer whose full-time job is managing YouTube talent — her biggest concern had been how they'll manage paying \$1,859 a month to keep health insurance coverage. She also found out she was pregnant. Happy news, she said, but bad timing.

As a journeyman with Local 122 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, she can work at other venues around San Diego County, places like Balboa Theatre and the San Diego Civic Theatre. But all those venues are dark, too. She's applied for unemployment and got approved.

“This sounds like a cliché,” she said, “but I was finally seeing what many of my friends and colleagues had gone through. Initially, when the shutdown happened in March, you thought it would be a month or so. Then a couple of months. But when I got laid off in July — four months later — I thought, ‘Oh crap, this is going to be for a long time.’”

In August, things changed drastically when her husband got laid off. Health insurance isn't as big a worry anymore — “Now with my husband laid off, we can apply for Covered California and all have the same coverage, which makes that aspect a little easier.”

McLaughlin added: “I think now our biggest worry is figuring out what to do next. We can't just hang on for this to all end with a baby on the way and both of us on unemployment. So I think a big career shift is in our futures.”

She admits that for many people, especially those in the arts like her, making it work isn't easy. That's why McLaughlin — who worked at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, for 12 years before joining Moonlight about a year ago —



made it a point to help friends who have been laid off. When she and her husband sold their home in San Diego County and moved to Temecula in late April, she hired a few stagehands to help them pack and clear out the house for the move.

“The mama bear in me kicked in,” she said. “I've kind of always been that way. I want to help anyone get through whatever they're going through.”

She knows that for countless stagehands, especially in theater, times

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are tough — tough enough to make her question about her future.

“The biggest question on my mind right now is what else I should be doing for a career,” she said. “What else can I do that's going to be back before theater? The performing arts was the first to go, and it will be the last to come back. Should I be doing something else?”

What's keeping her spirits up these days? Hope.

“In March,” she said, “I knew there was no way anything was happening through the summer. There was no way. It wasn't realistic. But I'm hopeful that when things settle down, Moonlight will open again. Because of its outdoor venue, it's set up the best to reopen sooner than others.”

This would have been the busiest time of the year for Moonlight, which mounts musicals in its outdoor amphitheater. And it's not lost on McLaughlin just how easy it was to take all of that for granted.

“I miss it,” she said. “I miss it all. I miss the last tech rehearsal before the show comes up. When it's almost there and we're making final tweaks to get it perfect. I miss the audience enjoying it. Yes, there are Zoom shows, but it's not the same. Theater is meant to be experienced live, and I'm hopeful someday soon, we will get to experience that again.”

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FACES OF THE ARTS SHUTDOWN THE STAGEHANDS

10%

Number of arts and cultural organizations that are “not confident” they will survive the pandemic (a potential loss of 12,000 organizations)

29%

Number of arts and cultural organizations that have laid off or furloughed staff (38 percent expect to make permanent staff reductions)

Source: Americans for the Arts (findings based on 17,900 survey responses)



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UBALDO SALVADOR STAGE MANAGER

‘It can wear on you, and you get depressed’

BY GEORGE VARGA

Ubaldo Salvador is upbeat and gregarious by nature. But as the coronavirus pandemic that brought the local and global live-events industry to a halt in March stretches on, staying optimistic has become more challenging for this dedicated concert and festival stage crew veteran. ■ “I just feel like it’s a really crappy time,” said Salvador, a 47-year-old Chula Vista native, who recently lost an uncle to the virus.

“I wish it was better,” he said. “I wish it was like normal. Dealing with so many things at once — COVID-19, the work situation, the heat — makes it really hard. But I’m staying positive as much as I can.”

Salvador’s main job as the stage manager at Observatory North Park has been, much like the venue itself, dormant for nearly six months now. His biggest gig this year outside of San Diego fell through not once, but twice.

“I was supposed to work

the Coachella festival in Indio this spring,” he said. “Then they moved it to October, which also won’t happen. Right now, I don’t see anything happening until next summer with the kind of work I do. It makes it hard to keep your spirits up, but you do what you have to do.”

As the stage manager at the Observatory, Salvador was employed as a seasonal worker by concert-industry giant Live Nation, which bought the 1,100-capacity venue in the heart

of North Park in 2019.

The company, which announced mass layoffs and furloughs this spring, subsequently saw its second-quarter earnings for 2020 plunge dramatically. Live Nation reported a loss of \$431.9 million, compared with the \$3.16 billion it earned in 2019’s second quarter.

Working at the Live Nation-owned Observatory alone, even in the pivotal role as the venue’s stage manager, did not pay all of Salvador’s bills. He regularly augmented his income by working corporate events and concerts in venues small (Casbah) and large (Petco Park).

All his freelance gigs disappeared in the wake of the pandemic. For Salvador — whose stage manager position saw him happily work 10- to 14-hour days — the sudden transition to joblessness was as unexpected as it was initially disorienting.

“It’s pretty weird from being on the go, all the time,

to all of a sudden being at home, all the time. It can wear on you, and you get depressed,” said Salvador, who with his former wife shares custody of their daughter, Ryder, 18, and son, Cash, 16.

“I was the first one at work each day and the last to leave, and I loved it,” he continued. “I’m used to seeing at least 1,000 people a day at each show. And now, it’s my girlfriend and my daughter and son. I love having more time with them, but it was like: ‘Boom!’ Now I know what it’s like when the artists who are on tour say they’re all alone in their hotel room.”

With far more free time on his hands than he ever imagined or wanted, Salvador is doing his best to look to the future.

“I don’t sit around and mope about a situation,” he stressed. “I do something about it. If there’s no live-event work by the fall, I’ll look for something else. I have no idea what that might be. I’m open.”

In the meantime, Salvador networks weekly with concert-industry colleagues and drives by his parents’ home to say hello. He also rehearses once a week in Tijuana with his punk-rock quartet, Bumbklatt, named after a 1998 song by the heavy-metal band Soulfly.

“I’m constantly spraying disinfectant everywhere,” Salvador said. “Not just on my hands, but my whole body, the microphones, guitars, and everywhere. I go crazy with that.”

Salvador is not a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture

Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States. He was aided greatly by the \$600-a-week pandemic unemployment assistance he received from the federal government, but that funding ended in late July.

“It’s a big difference, and I’m worried about making rent again,” Salvador said. “I live very simply and try not to accumulate big bills, like I did when I was in my 20s.”

“So we’ll wait until rent gets paid, buy some food, and then see how much money we have left for the month. My son just started 10th grade and my daughter just started at Southwestern College. Luckily, I don’t have to buy my kids new school clothes this year because their classes are all online.”

“The situation now is like fish when the water runs out. It hasn’t happened, not yet. But if we don’t do something soon, we’ll be dry.”

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\$4 BILLION

Total economic impact of organizational and audience-spending losses in lost government revenue

Source: Americans for the Arts (findings based on 17,900 survey responses)

KEVIN & CHANDRA ANTHENILL SOUND DESIGNER, STAGE MANAGER

'It's hard to plan for the future when you just don't know'

BY MICHAEL JAMES ROCHA

On March 12, Chandra Anthenill and her La Jolla Playhouse crew were en route to Barnett Elementary in Ramona for one of the theater's Performance Outreach Program (POP) Tour performances when it happened. ■ "We were right in front of Barona Casino," said Anthenill, a freelance stage manager. "The street was flooded, and we were on the side of the road. I called someone back at the Playhouse to tell that I didn't think we were going to make it in time. They said, 'Come back, we have to talk to you.'"

She and her crew drove back to La Jolla, and there, amid cupcakes — it was her birthday — the news came: Gov. Gavin Newsom had just issued an order that said gatherings of 250 or more were no longer allowed, essentially shutting down the Playhouse's POP Tour and countless other productions across the state.

"A lot of people in the room were very sad," said Anthenill, who received one week's pay after the tour's abrupt closure. "I was pretty numb to the news. The show was ending in three weeks anyway, so I didn't see it as a big deal. It didn't really dawn on me how big of a deal it was until later that day when I got an email from Cygnet that they would be postponing my contract, too."

Meanwhile, her husband, Kevin, got word, too, that the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, where he was on contract, would be closing for three weeks. The school's production of "In the Heights," for which Kevin was doing some sound and video work, was postponed.

"But I saw the writing on the wall," Kevin, 33, said. "I had my doubts about the timing. From the beginning, we were both in the camp that expected the closures to be longer than that."

In the weeks that followed, Chandra and Kevin quickly realized that the COVID-19-induced shutdown was indeed a big deal — and it would definitely be longer than three weeks.

Nearly six months later, the biggest concern they had early on is still the biggest concern today:



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"The uncertainty," Kevin said. "The back and forth of it's open, it's not open, it won't be open for a while. That uncertainty — it's hard to plan for the future when you just don't know."

Because of Kevin's status as a sole proprietor, he did not qualify for unemployment. Chandra, thanks to her Actors' Equity membership, qualified for unemployment and the \$600-a-week federal unemployment benefit.

What's the biggest worry now? Bills? Health insurance?

"I was lucky enough to not have health insurance be my immediate worry," said Chandra, who added that she had enough weeks through Actors' Equity to keep her health insurance through the end of the year. "But it's becoming more of a worry now we know many theaters won't be opening until 2021. In addition to that, there's just this general worry of how are we going to pay the bills."

"For me," Kevin said, "the biggest worry is, how long is this going to go?"

In the meantime, like many, they've altered their lifestyle. "We've stopped eating out," Chandra said. "I'm trying to avoid going to the grocery store several times a week. And we used to have our friends come over a lot. Obviously, that's not happening anymore."

In March, the couple adopted a dog, a Havanese mix they named Jerry. Chandra has taken to the kitchen and has been doing most of the cooking and housework in their Chula Vista home, allowing Kevin to do "whatever work he's able to get."

"I hate it," she said with a chuckle, quickly adding: "But I've mastered making my own sourdough starter. So I usually make one to two loaves a week. That has been lovely."

They already had a garden,

Kevin said, "but it's definitely expanded" since the pandemic began. They've mostly sheltered in place, but recently ventured out for a bike ride on the Bayshore Bikeway along San Diego Bay.

When they're not keeping themselves busy in quarantine, there are those moments when they remember what they've lost.

"I miss the process of creating

theater," said Chandra, who's worked for many theaters all over town, including the Old Globe, San Diego Repertory Theatre and San Diego Musical Theatre. "Being the stage manager, I got to watch so many shows and so many actors in the middle of that creative process. ... I don't really get to see that anymore, and I miss that."

"My hope is that we get through this and are able to go back into theaters and do the traditional live plays," she said. "But I also hope that once we get back to that, we don't forget about online presence. Going digitally during this pandemic has really helped theaters reach audiences they would otherwise not be able to reach."

As for Kevin, "I definitely miss the audience," he said. "When this is all over, I hope and pray for the survival of theater — as much of it as possible."

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HEATHER SVELAN PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

'There doesn't seem to be a light at the end of the tunnel'

BY GEORGE VARGA

Heather Svelan was 33 when she landed her dream job six years ago, working behind the scenes at rock concerts. Now, with her work at a standstill because of the coronavirus pandemic, that dream has been indefinitely deferred.

"I finally found something I love to do," said Svelan, who has been unemployed since the live-music industry shut down in mid-March. As a production assistant at Observatory North Park and — since 2019 — the Magnolia Performing Arts Center in El Cajon, she prepared and maintained backstage dressing rooms for performers, transported them to and from their hotels, helped with their shopping and did advance work with their managers prior to each concert.

A San Diego native, Svelan lives in Golden Hill with her boyfriend, Dayne. His work as a traveling production crew member for touring bands also came to a sudden halt in March. With concerts and festivals not expected to resume until sometime next year at the earliest, Svelan is dismayed about the prospects for her industry.

"There doesn't seem to be a light at the end of the tun-

nel," she lamented. "It's unknown when, or if, anything will change or improve. I know people are trying to do drive-in shows and livestreamed concerts, which is great. But in my line of work, we're still screwed out of our jobs because we don't have any role with those kind of events."

"I'm not happy. I'm not happy about any of this. You almost get delirious."

Svelan had previously spent 10 years in the corporate world, working in purchasing and logistics. After becoming a production assistant at the Live Nation-owned Observatory North Park, where she was a seasonal employee, she landed regular freelance gigs at other venues booked or operated by Live Nation, including Viejas Arena at San Diego State University and Pechanga Arena San Diego.

"We worked all over the place, and we had to do that. Since there was not a show every day at the same venue, we had to bounce around," Svelan said.

"It just sucks now because we can't bounce around anymore. ... We're seasonal employees, so we work for Live Nation, but we don't reap the benefits of full-time employees, and they don't have to give us health insurance."



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Health coverage is a bigger concern than ever for Svelan, who turned 40 on Aug. 26.

In the last week of August, her son, Kane, a 21-year-old student at Cal State San Marcos, was tested for COVID-19 after showing symptoms. He was subsequently diagnosed with

strep throat.

"Because he's at my house, and I'm at my boyfriend's house, I'm now quarantined from my son," Svelan said in late August. "Until we hear the results of the test, he has to quarantine. It's scary."

Happily, by Sept. 1, the scare had passed. "Luckily, the results were negative, and the strep is slowly going away," Svelan said. "Thank God for Medi-Cal! They covered the visit, steroid shot and antibiotics."

Svelan's son is living in the Mira Mesa home owned by her mother. Svelan, who lived with her son there until last year, is covering the \$1,500 monthly mortgage payments, at least for now.

"My mom is the landlord," she said. "And she has told me, multiple times, that if I need to skip (paying) a month now and then, it's OK, because the house she and her husband live in is paid off. My son also gets help from his dad."

Mindful of expenses, Svelan has reduced her budget as much as possible. Since she and her son have little need to drive anywhere, she reduced their monthly joint car insurance payments from \$213 to \$102.

Not all spending reductions have been voluntary. After work ended in

March, Svelan qualified for the \$600 weekly unemployment benefit. In August, that was reduced to \$350 per week. And \$236 worth of monthly food stamps got slashed to \$6.

"I talked to two friends and their food stamp amounts have gone down to \$17 and \$12, respectively," Svelan said. "It's going to be tough. I saved as much as I could from the \$600 payments. I don't know what we'll do when what I saved runs out."

Svelan is grateful for the extra time with her son, until his recent quarantine. And she values having more time with her boyfriend, who was sometimes away on concert tours for weeks, or even months, at a time.

But not working has been soul-sapping for Svelan, who loves music and thrived on her 10- to 15-hour workdays. And while she enthusiastically took up making cross-stitch family and pet portraits earlier this summer to earn some money, by late August enthusiasm waned.

"I feel like my spirit is dying, so I'm not into it," she said. "I want my real job. I love my real job. We've got to do something, but cross-stitching is not going to pay my bills."

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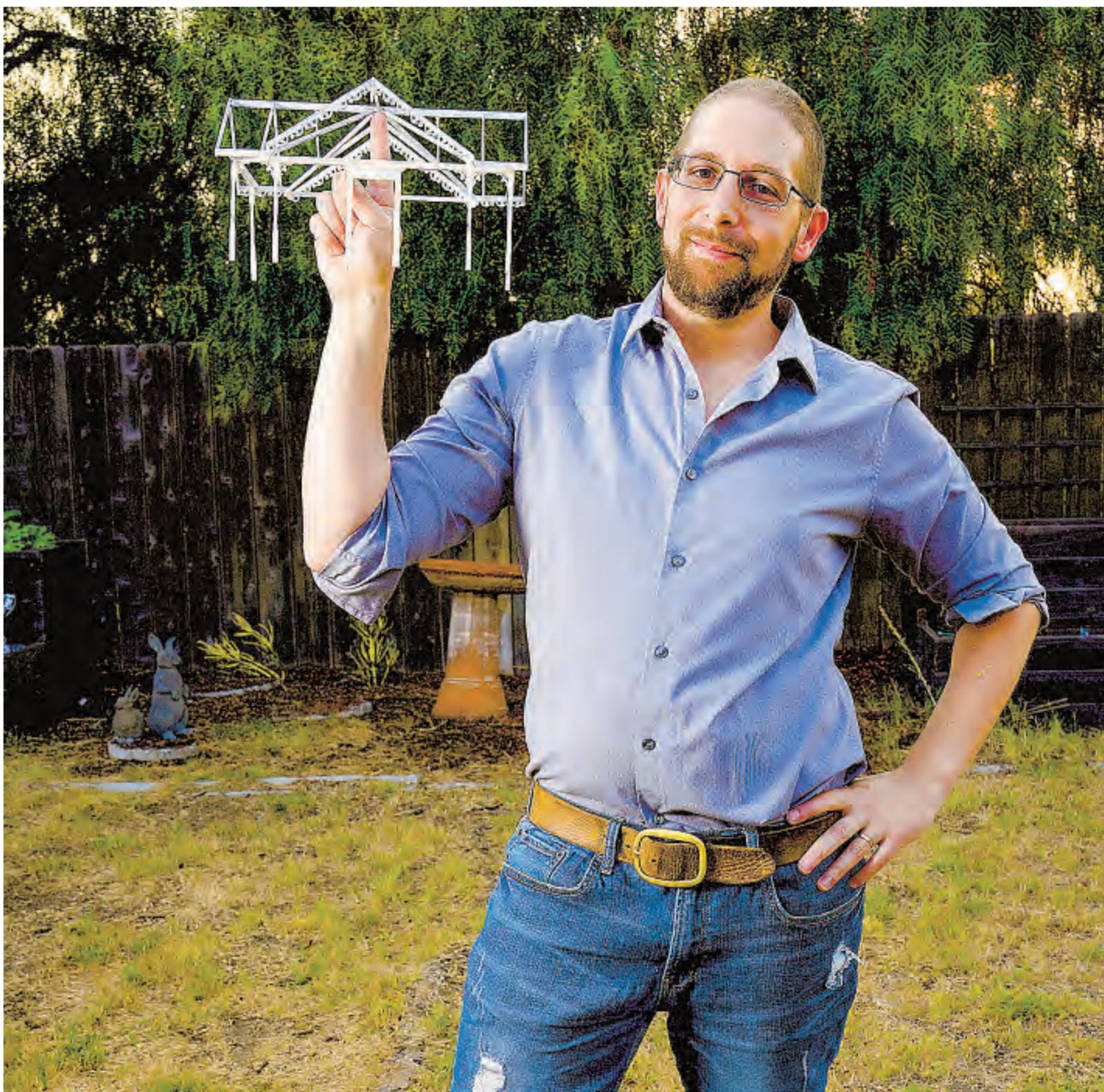
701,000

Number of jobs no longer being supported in the arts and cultural sector

69% vs. 60%

Black, Indigenous and artists of color have higher rates of unemployment than White artists due to the pandemic

Source: Americans for the Arts



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SEAN FANNING SCENIC DESIGNER

'Past five months have been a total emotional roller coaster'

BY MICHAEL JAMES ROCHA

Six months after everything shut down in the arts world, Sean Fanning still cannot believe what the coronavirus has done to the industry he loves so much. ■ "Everything just stopped dead in its tracks," said Fanning, a freelance scenic designer whose work has been seen in countless theatrical and live entertainment productions in San Diego County. "It's absolutely bizarre to go from this pressurized system of collaboration and creation — which for me, had been a nonstop job for over a decade — to a complete halt." ■ The harsh reality of the shutdown hit him hard and fast.

"In addition to the obvious financial strain of losing all the jobs, March brought a roller coaster of depression, anxiety and grief about our field, and a feeling that I had spent much of my life training for a job that seemed to no longer be essential," said Fanning, who answered questions via email because he is hard of hearing.

Since March, Fanning, 37, has been among the legions of arts workers whose lives were upended by the pandemic, leaving lifelong careers in tatters and lives hanging in the balance. As a freelancer, Fanning is mostly under contract on a show-by-show basis and not considered a full-time employee. He was, however, able to get unemployment — plus the \$600 federal benefit — because one of the jobs he was under contract for classified him as an employee, as required by the "gig worker bill," popularly known as AB5.

"Of course, personal

finances were the biggest initial worry," he said, adding that the anxiety is compounded by the "many lingering questions about the future of the theater industry and the fate of the companies around which I've formed my entire career."

In mid-March, Fanning and his fellow crew members were one day away from opening "La Cage Aux Folles" at Cygnet Theatre, where he had been on contract as scenic and project designer for the production. At the same time, also at Cygnet, he was in the last phase of creating the scenic design for August Wilson's "Two Trains Running." Not too far away, at San Diego REP, he was in the early stages of design work for what would have been the theater's summer musical, "On Your Feet."

All that — and more — evaporated. Just like that. "The past five months have been a total emotional roller coaster," he said via email in August. "The com-

bination of my field being utterly eviscerated by this pandemic, the worries about the future, events in the news and media, and the feeling of isolation and communication barriers have all created this perfect storm. The only way I've found forward is to take things one day at a time, one challenge at a time, and try and hang onto hope in places I never thought to look. Painting provides me with joy. Being out in nature, and getting away from screens, helps me see a larger picture than myself or my problems. Reconnecting with family, all of those things are deeply important."

It helps, too, that he's had support from friends and family, especially his wife, a research coordinator at the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute whose job has been deemed "essential."

"Together, and with the help of our respective families, we have somehow been holding it all together," said Fanning, a Mira Mesa resident who moved to San Diego from San Francisco in 2005 to pursue a master's degree in scenic design for theater, TV and film at San Diego State University.

A big part of "holding it all together" has been keeping busy.

"I feel like I've been several different people during this pandemic," he said. "In the beginning of the shutdown, I focused on restoring and archiving my scale models from the 'project graveyard' and did a bit of remodeling and repair I had been putting off in the studio.

"While some businesses

were still hanging on in March and April, I did some part-time freelance drafting for architectural lighting and residential projects. Once those jobs began to dry up, I shifted my focus towards a passion that I haven't had time to pursue in almost 20 years: fine art and painting. I've since created five canvas pieces — two of which were commissioned works. Similarly, I'm a guitarist as a hobby and have used some of my time to get more practice in. Now I'm working to prepare for an adjunct teaching job at Mesa College and keep the house together for the essential worker when she comes home. Finding a routine and focus has been absolutely imperative to get through this bizarre time."

For someone who's used to working all the time, this down time has left him with many things racing through his mind.

"The first concern is the future, and the hardest part has been planning for that future," Fanning said. "I'm so used to having design jobs lined up six to 10 months in advance, and normally, I can look at a calendar and know pretty much what I'm going to be doing a half year at a time. When I first started freelancing full-time, after leaving my job as Resident Design Assistant at the Old Globe some five and a half years ago, I wanted to find a way to live solely on the income from my art. I would juggle anywhere from two to five shows in my head at a time, all with staggered deadlines, in perpetuity. A dozen or so shows per year.

It sounds a little nuts, but I had gotten it down to a healthy routine. Living and working in the moment, but always looking ahead, and pushing forward. This pandemic has cut all of that short."

If he had to look for a silver lining, Fanning said, he's learned a lot about himself and has found a new way to look at life.

"I found an inner well of resilience I didn't know I had until it was put to the test," he said. "I grew to appreciate my wife, my family and my friends at a much deeper level. I discovered that for all the things I love about theater, I'm not entirely happy with the economic inequality that comes with it. When I was stuck home for months, I realized in the flurry of projects how much gas I was using, how much I was spending on design material, and how little I had really saved from theater jobs. Somehow, I would like to find a way to change this."

For now, though, he

longs for the day he can return to theater and all the things he misses about it.

"I really miss the collaboration with directors and other designers," he said. "I miss bringing a rendering or a scale model of an idea into a discussion and feeling this power of being able to affect how a production will take hold of an audience. ... I miss the smell of lumber, of opening a can of slightly old paint, the sound of sizzling bacon when someone welds a set piece together. I miss being in an actual theater, dressing a set, watching it light up, hearing an orchestra or an original score play for the first time. I miss getting beers with the creative team after a hard weekend of second guessing ourselves and realizing we had it right the first time. I guess it's not any one thing I miss, it's the whole experience."

All that talk makes him hopeful of the day it all returns to normal, whatever that is.

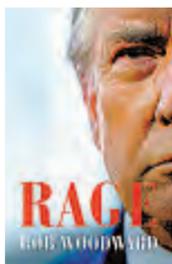
"I absolutely hope that theater comes back. I dream that when it does, we also see the manifestation of many important conversations that have been happening about equity in our field — both economic but also about race and representation. I hope that I can continue to diversify my skill set, and continue expanding into other fields so that I can plan for the future. I hope I can continue to grow as an artist and human being."

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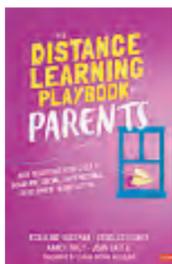
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WHAT'S NEW IN STORES



"Rage" by Bob Woodward (Simon & Schuster). From his perch as an associate editor at The Washington Post, Woodward has "worked for 49 years and reported on every American president from Nixon to Trump." In this new book, out Sept. 15, the Pulitzer Prize-winning

journalist "goes behind the scenes like never before, with stunning new details about early national security decisions and operations and Trump's moves as he faces a global pandemic, economic disaster and racial unrest." This book "draws from hundreds of hours of interviews with firsthand witnesses, as well as participants' notes, emails, diaries, calendars and confidential documents."



"The Distance Learning Playbook for Parents: How to Support Your Child's Academic, Social, and Emotional Development in Any Setting" by Rosalind Wiseman, Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey and John Hattie (Corwin). Just in time for the new school year, these four

educators (Fisher and Frey are SDSU professors) and parenting experts join forces to help guide parents as they dive into distance learning. The book promises to offer useful tips, including how to "create an environment conducive to learning, establish routines, and most importantly, take care of yourself." The goal? To "help your child develop the mental attitudes and habits that foster creativity, critical thinking, and increased responsibility for their learning."

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERS

Fiction

1. **"Where the Crawdads Sing"** by Delia Owens (Putnam)
2. **"Royal"** by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
3. **"The Vanishing Half"** by Brit Bennett (Riverhead)
4. **"The Guest List"** by Lucy Foley (Morrow)
5. **"28 Summers"** by Elin Hilderbrand (Little, Brown)
6. **"The Order"** by Daniel Silva (Harper)
7. **"American Dirt"** by Jeanine Cummins (Flatiron)
8. **"The Jackal"** by J.R. Ward (Gallery)
9. **"1st Case"** by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts (Little, Brown)
10. **"Mexican Gothic"** by Silvia Moreno-Garcia (Del Rey)

Nonfiction

1. **"Untamed"** by Glennon Doyle (Dial)
2. **"Live Free or Die"** by Sean Hannity (Threshold Editions)
3. **"Caste"** by Isabel Wilkerson (Random House)
4. **"Too Much and Never Enough"** by Mary L. Trump (Simon & Schuster)
5. **"How to Be an Antiracist"** by Ibram X. Kendi (One World)
6. **"Live in Love"** by Lauren Akins with Mark Dagostino (Ballantine)
7. **"The Answer Is ..."** by Alex Trebek (Simon & Schuster)
8. **"Becoming"** by Michelle Obama (Crown)
9. **"Between the World and Me"** by Ta-Nehisi Coates (One World)
10. **"Educated"** by Tara Westover (Random House)

WARWICK'S TOP SELLERS

1. **"The Vanishing Half"** by Brit Bennett
2. **"Caste"** by Isabel Wilkerson
3. **"Squeeze Me"** by Carl Hiaasen
4. **"The Splendid and the Vile"** by Erik Larson
5. **"The Pull of the Stars"** by Emma Donoghue
6. **"How to Be an Antiracist"** by Ibram X. Kendi
7. **"Migrations"** by Charlotte McConaghy
8. **"Midnight Sun"** by Stephenie Meyer
9. **"The Lions of Fifth Avenue"** by Fiona Davis
10. **"The Beekeeper of Aleppo"** by Christy Lefteri

CALENDAR

ADVENTURES BY THE BOOK, (619) 300-2532

Pairings and Prose: a Virtual Adventure by the Book: **Christina Baker Kline** ("The Exiles") in conversation with author Heather Morris. 5 p.m. Monday. adventuresbythebook.com/event/pairings-and-prose-virtual-adventure

MYSTERIOUS GALAXY, (619) 539-7137

Virtual event with **Kacey Ezell and Griffin Barber** ("Second Chance Angel"), 7 p.m. Monday. mysteriousgalaxy.com/event/virtual-event-kacey-ezell-griffin-barber-discuss-second-chance-angel

Virtual event with **Julian Winters** ("The Summer of Everything") in conversation with **CB Lee**, 5 p.m. Friday. mysteriousgalaxy.com/event/virtual-event-julian-winters-conversation-cb-lee

WARWICK'S, (858) 454-0347

Virtual event with **Hank Phillippi Ryan** in conversation with **Liz Fenton and Lisa Steinke**, "The First to Lie," 4 p.m. Tuesday. warwicks.com/event/ryan-2020

Ticketed virtual event with **Jenna Bush Hager**, "Everything Beautiful in Its Time," 5 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. Wednesday, 3 p.m. Wednesday and 6 p.m. Sept. 15. warwicks.com

Virtual event with **Adam O. Davis** in conversation with **Kazim Ali**, "Index of Haunted Houses," 4 p.m. Wednesday. warwicks.com/event/davis-2020

Virtual event with **Sigrid Nunez** in conversation with **Jennifer Thompson**, 4 p.m. Thursday. warwicks.com/event/nunez-2020



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Odetta, who moved audiences and influenced musicians for half a century, at the New Orleans Jazz Festival in 1978.

When a powerful voice met a profound moment

Two new books chronicle the life and legacy of Odetta, a unique talent in American music

BY DWIGHT GARNER

In the biography of nearly every White rock performer of a certain vintage, there's a pivotal moment — more pivotal than signing the ill-advised first contract that leads to decades of litigation, and more pivotal than the first social disease. The moment is when the subject watched Elvis Presley's appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" on Sept. 9, 1956.

For Black audiences and many future musicians, the crucial moment came three years later. On Dec. 10, 1959, CBS, in partnership with Revlon, broadcast a prime-time special called "Tonight With Belafonte," produced and hosted by Harry Belafonte, the debonair and rawboned Jamaican-American singer.

These weren't easy years for Black families to gather around the television. As Margo Jefferson wrote in her memoir "Negroland," they turned on the set "waiting to be entertained and hoping not to be denigrated."

Belafonte was given artistic control over his program. He told executives he wanted a largely unknown folk singer named Odetta to perform prominently. One executive asked, "Excuse me, Harry, but what is an Odetta?" Revlon was bemused to learn she did not wear makeup.

The hourlong show was commercial-free except for a Revlon spot at the beginning and end. At the start, Belafonte sang two songs. In what is, amazingly, the first in-depth biography of this performer, "Odetta: A Life in Music and Protest," the music writer Ian Zack picks up the story.

"Next a lone spotlight shone on Odetta wearing a dark loose-fitting dress, and she began singing 'Water Boy,' or, rather, she unleashed it. Accompanying herself with her large National acoustic guitar, eyes closed, brows knitted in concentration, she brought the full tragedy and anger of chain gang life to bear."

It was a mesmerizing performance. Odetta was drawing on spiritual patrons that in-



"Odetta: A Life in Music and Protest" by Ian Zack (Beacon Press, 276 pages)

cluded not just Bessie Smith and Ma Rainey and Lead Belly. With her classically trained voice, she put listeners in mind of the contralto Marian Anderson.

There was a second mesmerizing aspect to Odetta's performance: her natural hair. This was years before the "Black is beautiful" movement, and unstraightened hair was a real rarity — so much so that, for a time, the cut was called "an Odetta." Zack's biography, a solid work of reportage and writing, is one of two new books that assess Odetta's life and legacy. "One Grain of Sand," by Matthew Frye Jacobson, is an essayistic exploration of the songs on Odetta's 1963 album of the same title.

Jacobson's book is part of the estimable 33 1/3 series of short books about individual albums. He teaches American Studies and African American Studies at Yale, and his book expands the context of Odetta's songs, setting her alongside figures like Zora Neale Hurston, W.E.B. Du Bois and many others.

It would not be correct to say that Odetta has been forgotten. In Ava DuVernay's 2014 movie "Selma," for example, the singer's ill-boding cover of Bob Dylan's "Masters of War" plays during the climactic scene, as marchers are beaten while trying to cross



"One Grain of Sand" by Matthew Frye Jacobson (Bloomsbury Academic, 148 pages)

the Edmund Pettus Bridge. But she's closer to being erased from mainstream cultural memory than she should be.

Odetta Holmes (1930-2008) was born in Birmingham, Ala. She never knew her biological father. She was given the surname Felious after her stepfather, a steelworker. When he developed black lung disease, the family moved to Los Angeles to find cleaner air. There, both parents worked as janitors.

Odetta was a large person from birth, and she was acutely aware of that fact. (Early in her career, Zack notes, "writers would wear out thesauri describing her hair and weight.") She was the kind of girl who tended not to come to school on photo day.

She was recognized early for her voice, and took lessons with good instructors, often singing German lieder. She traveled to San Francisco in 1951 with a theater group and discovered the folk scene there. The songs she heard and later went in search of — convict songs, spirituals, slave songs — provided a political awakening.

Of this awakening, she would say: "It straightened my back and it kinked my hair." She realized early that "society's foot is on your throat" and "every which way you turn you can't get from under that foot." About singing these old songs, she said: "I could get my rocks off, being furious."

Odetta began playing clubs in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York, where she ultimately moved. Her early manager was Albert Grossman (she was his first client), who helped put together the first Newport Folk Festival largely as a platform for her. She hollered and clapped her way through her songs, and hammered on the side of her guitar. She was self-deprecating about her guitar style. She once called it mere "self-defense." Before long, to her dismay, Grossman's better-known White clients — Dylan; Joan Baez; Peter, Paul and Mary — vastly eclipsed her in popularity. Her albums did not spin off hit singles.

Odetta's career was intertwined with the civil rights movement. She sang at the March on Washington in August 1963, the day the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. She was rarely a front-line protester. "There was no way I could say the things I was thinking, but I could sing them," she said. But she was Rosa Parks' favorite performer, and the two of them briefly linked arms when Odetta joined her on the final leg of the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery.

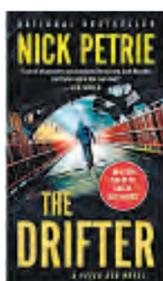
Odetta had her critics. She could overpower some songs; at other times she could sound remote and steely. She became known as a diva, so much so that trumpeter Clark Terry nicknamed her "Odacious." One sign of Odetta's abiding stature came the week after Sept. 11. David Letterman's "Late Show" went back on the air, and he sought the right tone in the wake of tragedy. Was it OK to be funny?

His second musical guest that week was Odetta, who sang a medley of "We Shall Overcome" and "This Little Light of Mine" followed, during a commercial break, by a goosebump-inducing version of "Amazing Grace." Odetta did not live long enough to perform at Barack Obama's inaugural, as she had hoped. She died on Dec. 2, 2008, having hung on to see him elected.

Garner writes for The New York Times.

RECOMMENDED READS

Welcome to our literary circle, in which San Diegans pass the (printed) word on books



Jana Beck

Job: Library Technician II, Headquarters, San Diego County Library

She recommends: "The Drifter" by Nick Petrie (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2015; 375 pages)

Why? The first two titles in the entertaining Peter Ash series are "The Drifter" and "Burning Bright." Peter is a veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder after his many overseas deployments. Due to his condition, Peter struggles to live indoors and spends his days drifting across the country. When Peter learns his best friend has tragically committed suicide, he returns to civilization and finds his friend's widow and two children in dire straits. He bravely risks his life to keep them safe. The story continues in "Burning Bright": Peter is still roaming wild and finds himself in the Pacific Northwest. While hiding from a hungry bear, Peter discovers a woman, also in hiding, but from much more nefarious predators. He again puts his life on the line for the safety of others. These thrilling, adrenaline-packed titles are reminiscent of Lee Child's Jack Reacher series, but unlike Jack, Peter builds and maintains personal relationships along the way. I especially love his friendship with his once-archnemesis, Lewis. I look forward to reading the next three titles in this series, adventuring with Peter Ash on his wild quest to survive in a world stuck indoors.



Mimi Hannan

Job: Book buyer and assistant manager, La Playa Books

She recommends: "Skunk and Badger" by Amy Timberlake, illustrated by Jon Klassen (Algonquin, 136 pages)

Why? "Skunk and Badger" is everything I want in an early reader book (for grades 2 to 5): madcap silliness, fun science facts about geology and chickens, and a heartfelt lesson about the mistakes Badger makes on a bumpy road to friendship with Skunk that lead him to reckoning and atonement. Also, Jon Klassen's artwork is beautiful and adds so much to the story. A new take on a pair of odd couple roommates by Newbery Honor author Amy Timberlake. I loved it!

ARTS

Inaugural San Diego Design week aimed at unifying, raising profile of the industry

Celebrating design

BY G. JAMES DAICHENDT

Design is a broad term that can pertain to a multitude of disciplines and processes — from graphic design and architecture to interior design, fashion, technology and many other practices. But design is also about creating solutions or abstract systems to discover underlying causes, solve problems, or address specific needs. And although San Diego's organized design community is still developing, several institutions, key partners and designers have collaborated to launch the inaugural San Diego Design Week: a five-day series of talks, tours and workshops that is a citywide celebration of design at large.

Don Norman, director of the Design Lab at the University of California San Diego and author of "The Design of Everyday Things," enlarges our idea of design: "Everyone is a designer. We design when we change the world to benefit ourselves or the world. Design is a way of thinking — a way to change things for good. Design is often confused with art, but it is not art. Art is an expression of the individual artist, but design is about making something that impacts you. Something that is designed for an individual. It's a different mindset."

When Norman began his tenure as director in 2014, he was told there wasn't a group of designers in San Diego. However, after some searching, he started to find different groups of designers all around the county. Too often these folks felt isolated and they, too, often assumed that San Diego didn't have a design community, even though there were thousands of designers throughout the area.

Elena Pacenti, dean of the School of Design at NewSchool of Architecture & Design, had a similar impression of San Diego in 2013: "The community was a bit fragmented and the different professionals' enclaves — architects, product designers, interiors, graphics, UX (user experience), etc. — weren't dialoguing enough across borders."

Erwin Hines, creative director at BASIC Agency, an independent branding and experience design company in San Diego, confirms this early suspicion that San Diego is "definitely viewed as a non-creative town. ... I think most people have the idea that San Diego is just beaches, beer and surfing, but it is so much more than that. San Diego is home to a very diverse collection of communities and creators."

As with design, problems like this often become opportunities for brand new solutions. Norman started to organize events like Design Forward Summit in 2016 that sought to bring the design community together. Over 600 people attended the first event, and it was followed by another in 2017. Initially, this was about making San Diego the global capital in the field of human-centered design.



DARREN BRADLEY



KEVIN J. MIYAZAKI

San Diego Design week kicks off Wednesday and will feature talks, tours and workshops, including conversations about midcentury-modern architecture (such as the Lloyd Ruocco-designed building at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, above), podcasts featuring artists (including Wendy Maruyama, left) and "Get Out the Vote" campaigns (including a poster by Arzu Ozkal, right).

San Diego Design Week

When: Sept. 9-13

Online: sddesignweek.org



ARZU OZKAL

Besides the influx of opportunities to study design at institutions of higher education in San Diego, organizations like the Design Forward Alliance were established to promote and facilitate design-driven innovation in the San Diego region.

Design has evolved to become a way of thinking and solving societal issues, and San Diego has no shortage of major issues that require the help of designers.

"The main thing about designers is that the first thing we have to do is to understand who we are building for," Norman says. "Secondly, we don't want to come in and tell them, 'Here's your problem, here is what you should do. ...' What we do instead is watch and find the creative people in every community and ask how we can help."

Design plays a particularly important role in San Diego, and events like Design Week help bring attention to this work. Pacenti has seen growth during her tenure in San Diego: "I have observed the design community growing and evolving, and Design Week is the perfect example of an

initiative that will strengthen the design culture in San Diego and make it accessible and visible to the community at large."

Hines feels there is truly something unique about San Diego design.

"I feel like San Diego has a very special place in the world as it relates to design," he says. "It's a space that is undefined, which means people are not creating based on a predefined formula of success. I see so many creative solutions across all industries within San Diego that I just don't see happening in other places."

Stacy Kelley, program director for Design Week, says Design Week aims to go beyond the present-day impact of design on America's Finest City.

"With the 2020 theme of Design+, we are considering not only how design shapes the region and our everyday life," she says, "but also design's potential to envision a new future. ... It's an opportunity for conversation and connection, which feels more important now than ever."

As San Diego develops and grows into its role as a design

hub, Hines hopes that "the design community in San Diego will maintain its local richness and uniqueness, yet become part of the global conversation on design and contribute with solutions that show how design can improve people's lives and the planet."

Norman's goal is to make San Diego the World Design Capital in 2024, which will require a substantial effort by the design community to make San Diego a better place to live and work. To be the capital, it's essential that San Diego demonstrate how design impacts every aspect of the city. The combined efforts of the this community will have an opportunity at Design Week to showcase their recent work and potentials in design, he said.

"This is just the first chapter, and the hope is that the projects and collaborations initiated this summer will continue to build in the months and years ahead."

Daichendt, vice provost for undergraduate studies and professor of art history at Point Loma Nazarene University, is a freelance writer.

DISCO RIOT'S 'MOVE AMERICAN' HAS A MESSAGE: VOTE

BY MARCIA MANNA

In an election year plagued by a cacophony of accusations and explanations, Disco Riot, a non-profit that supports the dance community, is offering a creative, but nonverbal, public service announcement.

To emphasize the importance of voting, the organization has gathered civic-minded movement artists to participate in nine weeks of online dance videos. Titled "Move American," the series begins Monday and continues on Mondays through Nov. 2.

"One of the ways we get to exercise our voice in this country is through voting, and we really wanted to do our part — to create art that inspires people," says Zaquia Mahler Salinas, Disco Riot's artistic director.

"It's important to communicate this year, especially with all the challenges of mail-in voting and how voting will happen in the time of a pandemic," she says. "What we want to convey with this project is that we all have issues that concern us about the state of the country, whether you are experiencing extreme challenges due to COVID-19, or whether you are involved in the Black Lives Matter movement or concerned about education."

"Move American" includes works by nine choreographers who are committed to inspiring change. Salinas, for instance, has created a dance centered on the idea of detention. "The concept relates to liberty and justice in



ZAQUIA MAHLER SALINAS

In "Move American," violinist Shayla James is collaborating with Disco Riot's artistic director Zaquia Mahler Salinas.

America," Salinas says. "It explores the detention of children who misbehave, the incarceration of adults and the detention of immigrants."

Salinas is collaborating with violinist Shayla James, who will accompany Salinas by performing the classic Mexican song "Cielito Lindo," with a bitter-sweet lyric that translates to "sing, don't cry."

"There's this sense of keeping positive," Salinas explains. "And there is something interesting in the juxtaposition of the piece in regards to the tension and the pursuit of freedom, justice and liberty that so many are experiencing now — whether it is coming to or living in America."

James also has composed a song to accompany Oceanside-based dancer Alyssa Junas, who has created a work that brings awareness to the vulnerability of Black women exposed to sexism and classism.

San Diego classical dancer and instructor Trystan Merrick, dressed in colors of red, white and blue, offers a satirical dance that has, himers mischievously terrorizing a neighborhood to the music of "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy." The theme of his work, he says, asks the question, "What, (not who), are you voting for?"

Palestinian American artist Leila Awadallah is a choreographer who spends her time

between Minneapolis and Beirut. Her video evokes the rage of Palestinians and Black lives under attack, and she imagines a response that encompasses dancing, laughter, rage and breathing life into the rawness.

Participating artists also include former San Diegan Angel Acuña, now based in New York City; San Diego's Desiree Cuizon; the choreographic team of Nhu Nguyen and Zack King in collaboration with Los Angeles-based Derion Loman ("World of Dance") and Texan Sarah Annie Navarrete.

Dance is an art form that offers a wide range of expression, capable of connecting us with what moves us as individuals. Salinas says she wanted to choose dancers who have a common interest in activism and who are committed to using dance as a tool for storytelling and creating change.

"It's a hard time for a lot of artists who are struggling to make ends meet, and I wanted to offer a platform for artists with similar interests to come together," she says.

"Everyone is making their own work and in charge of figuring out what they want to communicate and what their message is — and everyone agreed that it was a good opportunity to do the work we care about and want to be doing at this time."

To watch "Move American," go to discoriot.org/move-american/

Manna is a freelance writer.

CAKEWATCH

Today: Comedian JoAnne Worley is 84. Country singer David Allan Coe is 81. Singer-bassist Roger Waters (Pink Floyd) is 77. Actor Swosie Kurtz is 76. Comedian-actor Jane Curtin is 73. Country singer Buddy Miller is 68. Actor James Martin Kelly ("Mob City," "Magic Mike") is 66. Drummer Joe Smyth of Sawyer Brown is 63. Actor-comedian Jeff Foxworthy is 62. Actor-comedian Michael Winslow ("Police Academy") is 62. Guitarist Pal Waaktaar of A-ha is 59. News correspondent Elizabeth Vargas is 58. Country singer Mark Chesnut is 57. Actor Betsy Russell ("Saw") is 57.

Actor Rosie Perez is 56. Singer Macy Gray is 53. Singer CeCe Peniston is 51. Singer Darryl Anthony (Az Yet) is 51. Actor Daniele Gaither ("MADtv") is 50. Actor Dylan Bruno ("Numb3rs") is 48. Actor Idris Elba is 48. Actor Justina Machado (Netflix's "One Day at a Time," "Jane the Virgin") is 48. Actor Anika Noni Rose ("The Princess and the Frog," "Dreamgirls") is 48. Actor Justin Whalin ("Lois and Clark") is 46. Singer Nina Persson (The Cardigans) is 46. Actor Naomie Harris ("Moonlight," "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies) is 44. Rapper Noreaga is 43. Rapper Foxy Brown is 42.

Monday: Jazz saxophonist Sonny Rollins is 90. Singer Gloria Gaynor is 77. Singer Alfa Anderson of Chic is 74. Actor Susan Blakely ("The Towering Inferno," "The Concorde: Airport '79") is 72. Drummer Dennis Thompson of MC5 is 71. Actor Julie Kavner ("The Simpsons") is 70. Singer Chrissie Hynde of The Pretenders is 69. Keyboardist Benmont Tench of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers is 67. Actor Corbin Bernsen is 66. Actor Michael Emerson ("Lost") is 66. Pianist Michael Feinstein is 64. Songwriter Diane Warren is 64. Singer Margot Chapman (Starland Vocal Band) is 63. Actor W. Earl Brown ("Deadwood") is 57. Comedian Leslie Jones (2016's "Ghostbusters," "Saturday Night Live") is 53. Model Angie Everhart is 51. Actor Diane Farr ("Numb3rs," "Rescue Me") is 51. Actor Monique Gabriela Curnen ("The Dark Knight") is 50. Actor Tom Everett Scott ("Southland," "That Thing You Do!") is 50. Drummer Chad Sexton of 311 (three-eleven) is 50. Actor Shannon Elizabeth ("American Pie") is 47. Actor Oliver Hudson ("Nashville") is 44. Actor Devon Sawa ("Slackers," "Final Destination") is 42. Actor Benjamin Hollingsworth ("Code Black") is 36. Actor Alyssa Diaz ("The Rookie") is 35. Contemporary Christian musician Wes Willis of Rush of Fools is 34. Actor Evan Rachel Wood ("Westworld," "Thirteen") is 33. Actor Jonathan Majors ("Lovecraft Country") is 31. Actor Ian Chen ("Fresh off the Boat") is 14.

Tuesday: Ventriloquist Willie Tyler (with Lester) is 80. Actor Alan Feinstein is 79. Singer Sal Valentino of The Beau Brummels is 78. Bassist Will Lee of the CBS Orchestra ("Late Show With David Letterman") is 68. Actor Heather Thomas ("The Fall Guy") is 63. Singer Aimee Mann is 60. Bassist David Steele of Fine Young Cannibals is 60. Actor Thomas Kretschmann ("The Pianist") is 58. Singer Marc Gordon of Levert is 56. Gospel singer Darlene Zschech is 55. Singer Neko Case is 50. Actor David Arquette is 49. Actor Martin Freeman ("Black Panther," "The Hobbit") is 49. TV personality Kennedy is 48. Actor Larenz Tate is 45. Actor Nathan Corrdry ("Mom") is 43. Singer Pink is 41. Actor Jonathan Taylor Thomas ("Home Improvement") is 39. Rapper Wiz Khalifa is 33. Actor Gaten Matarazzo ("Stranger Things") is 18.

Wednesday: Actor Topol ("Fiddler on the Roof") is 85. Singer Inez Fox is 78. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 75. Guitarist John McFee of The Doobie Brothers is 70. Actor Tom Wopat is 69. Musician-producer Dave Stewart (Eurythmics) is 68. Actor Angela Cartwright ("The Danny Thomas Show," "Lost In Space") is 68. Actor Hugh Grant is 60. Actor Charles Esten ("Nashville") is 55. Actor Constance Marie ("George Lopez") is 55. Actor-comedian Adam Sandler is 54. Model Rachel Hunter is 51. Actor Eric Stonestreet ("Modern Family") is 49. Actor Henry Thomas ("E.T.") is 49. Actor Goran Visnjic ("ER") is 48. Jazz singer Michael Buble is 45. Actor Michelle Williams ("Brokeback Mountain," "Dawson's Creek") is 40. Country singer Hunter Hayes is 29.

Thursday: Actor Philip Baker Hall ("Bruce Almighty," "The Insider") is 89. Actor Greg Mullavey ("Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman") is 87. Jazz vibraphonist Roy Ayers is 80. Actor Tom Ligon ("Oz," "Another World") is 80. Singer Danny Hutton of Three Dog Night is 78. Singer Jose Feliciano is 75. Actor Judy Geeson ("Mad About You") is 72. Guitarist Joe Perry of Aerosmith is 70. Actor Amy Irving is 67. Actor Clark Johnson ("Homicide: Life on the Street") is 66. Actor Kate Burton ("Scandal") is 63. Director Chris Columbus is 62. Singer Siobhan Fahey of Bananarama is 62. Actor Colin Firth is 60. Singer-guitarist David Lowery of Cracker is 60. Actor Sean O'Bryan ("The Princess Diaries" films) is 57. Drummer Robin Goodridge of Bush is 55. Guitarist Stevie D. of Buckcherry is 54. Singer-guitarist Miles Zuniga of Fastball is 54. Rapper Big Daddy Kane is 52. Director Guy Ritchie is 52. Actor Johnathan Schaech ("To Appomattox," "That Thing You Do!") is 51. Contemporary Christian singer Sara Groves is 48. Actor Ryan Phillippe is 46. Actor Jacob Young ("The Bold and the Beautiful," "All My Children") is 41. Ballerina Misty Copeland is 38.

Friday: Actor Earl Holliman is 92. Comedian Tom Dreesen is 81. Movie director Brian De Palma is 80. Actor Lola Falana is 78. Drummer Mickey Hart of the Grateful Dead is 77. Guitarist Leo Kottke is 75. Actor Phillip Alford ("To Kill a Mockingbird") is 72. Actor Amy Madigan is 70. Guitarist Tommy Shaw of Styx is 67. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 67. Drummer Jon Moss of Culture Club is 63. Actor-director Roxann Dawson ("Star Trek: Voyager") is 62. Keyboardist Mick Talbot (The Style Council, Dexys Midnight Runners) is 62. Actor John Hawkes ("Deadwood") is 61. Actor Anne Ramsay ("Mad About You," "A League of Their Own") is 60. Actor Virginia Madsen ("Sideways," "American Dreams") is 59. Actor Kristy McNichol is 58. Musician Moby is 55. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 53. Actor Taraji P. Henson ("Empire") is 50. Actor Laura Wright ("Guiding Light") is 50. Guitarist Jeremy Popoff of Lit is 49. Singer Brad Fichetti of LFO is 45. Rapper Mr. Black is 43. Guitarist Jon Buckland of Coldplay is 43. Rapper Ludacris is 43. Singer Charles Kelley of Lady A is 39. Actor Elizabeth Henstridge ("Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.") is 33. Actor Tyler Hoechlin (TV's "Teen Wolf") is 33.

Saturday: Actor Linda Gray ("Dallas") is 80. Singer Maria Muldaur is 78. Actor Joe Pantoliano ("The Sopranos") is 69. Singer-guitarist Gerry Beckley of America is 68. Original MTV VJ Nina Blackwood is 68. Actor Peter Scolar ("Newhart," "Bosom Buddies") is 65. Actor Rachel Ward is 63. Actor Darren E. Burrows ("Northern Exposure") is 54. Singer Ben Folds (Ben Folds Five) is 54. Comedian Louis C.K. is 53. Guitarist Larry LaLonde of Primus is 52. Actor Will Chase ("Nashville") is 50. Country singer Jennifer Nettles of Sugarland is 46. Actor Lauren Stamile ("Complications," "Grey's Anatomy") is 44. Rapper 2 Chainz is 43. Actor Kelly Jenrette ("The Handmaid's Tale") is 42. Actor Ben McKenzie ("The O.C.") is 42. Singer Ruben Studdard ("American Idol") is 42. Singer-actor Jennifer Hudson is 39. Actor Alfie Allen ("Game of Thrones") is 34. Actor Emmy Rossum ("Phantom of the Opera") is 34. Country singer Kelsea Ballerini is 27. Actor Colin Ford ("Under the Dome") is 24.

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Sunday

“Fox NFL Sunday 2020 Season Preview”: Fox, 7 p.m. Join Terry Bradshaw, Howie Long, Jimmy Johnson, Michael Strahan, Curt Menefee and the rest of the Fox NFL Sunday crew as they preview the upcoming NFL season.

“Top Gear”: BBC America, 8 p.m. One of many thrills in this new season of car-crazy British import “Top Gear” is a speed contest that pits test driver and journalist Chris Harris, in a McLaren Speedtail, against a Royal Air Force fighter jet. “Top Gear” packs in lots of superlative and silly moments, with nonstop jokes and banter from Harris and his fellow co-hosts, athlete Freddie Flintoff and comedian Paddy McGuinness. Tonight, a British summer holiday in used convertibles somehow lands Harris in a T. rex suit on a golf driving range. And in one of the series’s daring stunts, they attempt to bungee jump a car off a 540-foot dam in Switzerland — with Flintoff at the wheel. Buckle up.

“Air Disasters”: Smithsonian Channel, 8 p.m. Season premiere. Tonight on the addictive series, now in its 15th season: Interviews with investigators and detailed reenactments piece together the human error that caused a 1992 Pakistan International Airlines flight to crash into the Himalayas during the difficult descent into Kathmandu.

“The Real Housewives of Potomac”: Bravo, 9 p.m. The ladies host a pageant to help pass the time at Monique’s lake house. Meanwhile, Monique’s frustration with her husband Chris’ lack of support grows. Wendy and Ashley make amends, but Wendy’s sudden turn leaves Karen questioning her authenticity. Candace’s world is turned upside down when she receives a shocking text about one of the ladies’ husbands, leaving her contemplating

**“Life Below Zero”:** Nat Geo, 8 p.m. Monday

Season premiere. It’s time for Season 15 of the series that offers an inside look at just how tough it is to live off the grid in Alaska. Follow the stories of Sue Aikens (who lives for nine months of the year north of the Arctic Circle); hunter and trapper Ricko DeWilde; Chip and Agnes Hailstone and their kids; Andy Bassich, a longtime resident of the Yukon Territory, who’s isolated as the Yukon River freezes until he’s able to cross the ice; and Jessie Holmes, who lives without electricity and running water. They have endured white-out snowstorms, frozen terrain and man-eating carnivores, with the crew capturing it all in temperatures as low as minus 50.

whether or not to break the news.

“Carnival Eats”: Cooking Channel, 9 p.m. Noah Cappe discovers brand-new carnival eats in the orange groves of California at the Cloverdale Citrus Fair. The Bacon Churro Cheeseburger is a meaty mouthful, and Spicy Ramen Fries combine crispy fries, crispy noodles and all the Japanese toppings you love. Two sweet treats round out the day. Next, it’s across the country to Florida to visit the Highlands County Fair. Bourbon Street meets the midway with the Bourbon Street Sammie, and a fairground staple gets a hit of Florida flavor with the Key Lime Funnel.

Monday

“The Bachelor: The Greatest Seasons — Ever.”: ABC, 8 p.m. Season finale. Juan Pablo, the charming soccer player and single dad from

Venezuela, went from being the sexiest man alive to one of the most controversial Bachelors in franchise history. Simultaneously, Bachelor Nation was introduced to Clare Crawley, the upcoming Bachelorette. Her search for love with Juan Pablo not only changed her life but also promises to make her own romantic journey to find her soulmate a memorable one.

“Killing Michael Jackson”: Bounce TV, 8 p.m. This documentary makes its exclusive U.S. premiere tonight on Bounce TV. It features never-before-seen images of the fateful day that legendary pop icon Michael Jackson died, and is told through the eyes of detectives Orlando Martinez, Dan Myers and Scott Smith — all three of whom were involved in the investigation that ultimately led to the arrest and conviction of Jackson’s doctor, Conrad Murray, for involuntary

manslaughter.

“Biography: The Nine Lives of Ozzy Osbourne”: A&E, 9 p.m. This two-hour documentary traces Ozzy Osbourne’s life from his childhood in poverty and time in prison, to fronting Black Sabbath and his successful solo career, to becoming one of rock’s elder statesmen and a lovable 21st-century television dad. As Ozzy turns 70, he reflects on the intimate details of his successes and failures, and his unique ability for survival and perseverance — including never-before-seen interviews about his recent Parkinson’s diagnosis.

“Below Deck Mediterranean”: Bravo, 9 p.m. While Jess deals with a scary medical condition, Rob draws Malia’s ire by continuing to underperform on deck. Tom looks to polish off a perfect charter for the demanding Damons, while Aesha deals with a bout of homesick-

ness. And during a wild crew night out in Ibiza, one relationship deepens while another goes off the rails.

Tuesday

“Ocean’s 11”: TCM, 3:45 p.m. Catch a classic. The Rat Pack was at the pinnacle of their film appearances in this very enjoyable heist comedy about World War II vets Danny Ocean (Frank Sinatra) and Jimmy Foster (Peter Lawford), who recruit nine of their former military comrades to help them rob five Las Vegas casinos on New Year’s Eve. The fun ensemble cast also includes Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Joey Bishop, Angie Dickinson, Cesar Romero, Norman Fell and plenty more.

“Love, Romance & Chocolate”: Hallmark Channel, 8 p.m. Original film. An American accountant enters a contest to become the chocolatier for the royal family of Belgium. Stars Lacey Chabert, Will Kemp, Maarten Ketels, Kevin Van Doorslaer, Loriane Klupsch, Brittany Bristow, Charlotte Bongaerts, Floriane Bibauw and Guillaume Dolmans.

“America’s Got Talent”: NBC, 8 p.m. Live from Universal Studios Hollywood, 11 semi-finalists perform for a chance to win \$1 million and be named the most talented act in America. The episode will re-air this Friday.

“Biography: I Want My MTV”: A&E, 9 p.m. This documentary, which premiered at Tribeca Film Festival in 2019 and became a crowd favorite at festivals around the world, details the story of a network that evokes youth for a generation now grown, and influenced the global media landscape for decades to come. It weaves together exclusive interviews with the network’s founders and VJs, artists and journalists, along with rarely seen archival footage and outtakes, including an interview with the late David Bowie that was never broadcast on television.

Wednesday

“The 100”: The CW, 8 p.m. The last time that the planet Sanctum saw a solar eclipse, it drove everyone under its red sun insane. The ominous event strikes again — just as hero Clarke (Eliza Taylor) is setting her latest plan in motion.

“America’s Got Talent”: NBC, 8 p.m. Live. Only five of last night’s 11 Semifinals performers will move on to the Finals. Tonight, viewers will have one last chance to send their favorite performer to the next round by participating in the Dunkin’ Save by using the “America’s Got Talent” official app or going to nbc.com. Tonight’s show will also feature a surprise guest performance.

“The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills”: Bravo, 9 p.m. Kyle takes a turn in the hot seat when she is left to answer for her attitude toward Dorit and Erika. When her daughters are brought up in conversation, Lisa bares all and addresses Garcelle’s implication that she has a need for attention. A defiant Denise comes under fire for her connection to Brandi Glanville, but Garcelle and Dorit maintain their loyalty and quickly come to her defense.

“Food Paradise”: Cooking Channel, 9 p.m. We’re going eight rounds with the craziest mashups in America, starting with a heavyweight beast known as the Pizzarito in New York and a delicious German restaurant in the middle of Los Angeles’ Koreatown. They’re combining nachos with macaroni and cheese in Wisconsin, Mexican and Asian in Arizona, and low-country boils with pizza in Chicago. Next, a restaurant dedicated to fries in Los Angeles is doing amazing things with s’mores, and there’s a brunch burger that has it all in Chicago. Finally, a creative spot in Philadelphia is mashing up dumplings with the classic Philly cheesesteak.

Thursday

“The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air”: VH1, 8 a.m. Thirty years ago today, the sitcom starring Will Smith as a fun-loving West Philadelphia teen who moves in with a family in California debuted on NBC. VH1 airs eight episodes this morning, plus a 15-hour marathon

Saturday. You’ll smile at the awesome theme song every time.

“The Song — Recorded Live @ TGL Farms”: AXS TV, 8 p.m. Season finale. This hourlong Season 1 finale special co-hosted by CeeLo Green highlights the best moments and outstanding performances from across the season.

“TCM Spotlight: Honoring Our Medical Heroes”: TCM, beginning at 8 p.m. Catch a classic. Tonight’s lineup of medical-themed films features movies about medical heroics among military doctors and nurses, often during wartime. Featured titles are “So Proudly We Hail” (1943), the classic satire “M*A*S*H” (1970), “The Story of Dr. Wassell” (1944), “Cry Havoc” (1944) and “Battle Circus” (1953).

“The Real Housewives of New York City”: Bravo, 9 p.m. The cast relive some of the most outrageous moments from the season, but first they express their frustrations with one of the ladies’ behavior during quarantine. Leah revisits the highs and lows of her first season, and spills the tea on how the uptown ladies reacted to her downtown attitude. A very glowing Tinsley updates the girls on her relationship with Scott and life in Chicago, but things quickly heat up when Dorinda calls her out for not being transparent with the group and finishing the season early.

Friday

“Matching Hearts”: Hallmark Channel, 6 p.m. Original film. A matchmaker must find a mate for an entrepreneur who believes staying single is the key to success. Stars Taylor Cole, Ryan Paevey, Ashley Alexander, Donna Benedicto, Lara Gilchrist, Latonya Williams and Milo Shandel.

“9/11: The Final Minutes of Flight 93”: History, 8 p.m. On Sept. 11, 2001, one hijacked plane never reached its target when United 93 crashed in rural Pennsylvania. Now, for the first time, previously classified streams of evidence are combined to piece together what really happened in a gripping minute-by-minute account. Evidence includes Secret Service documents, air traffic control transmissions, phone records, voicemails, first person testimony and a top-secret audio recording that may reveal the details of Flight 93’s crucial final moments. It’s the story of heroism in the face of tragedy, and it sheds new light on the biggest mysteries of that fateful flight.

Saturday

“Disney Weekend”: Freeform, 8:30 a.m. Every weekend this month, Freeform salutes the wonderful world of Disney with classic movie marathons. Today’s bill: the 2003 “Freaky Friday,” Glenn Close’s “101 Dalmatians,” “Hercules,” “WALL-E,” “Finding Nemo,” “Finding Dory,” “Toy Story 3” and “Bolt.”

“Secret State”: Ovation TV, 7 p.m. Miniseries premiere. This four-part political thriller is based on the Chris Mullin novel “A Very British Coup,” and explores the relationship between a democratically elected government, big business and the banks. Gabriel Byrne stars as Deputy Prime Minister Tom Dawkins, who’s thrust to the forefront by catastrophic events and ends up forced to take on the might of the establishment.

“Animal Babies”: BBC America, 8 p.m. New series. This three-part series about baby animals growing up in some incredibly challenging environments joins BBC America’s Saturday “Wonderstruck” programming block. The premiere episode, “Safari Babies,” follows youngsters striving to survive in the African plains.

“Coastal Elites”: HBO, 8 p.m. Playwright and screenwriter Paul Rudnick created this satirical comedy originally conceived for the stage but updated for TV during the COVID-19 crisis. Bette Midler, Kaitlyn Dever, Dan Levy, Sarah Paulson and Issa Rae star in this study of characters in physical isolation who are looking to connect with people in a world that has seemingly gone mad.

SU	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
ABC	NBA Basketball		America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Castle Beckett's ex-partner is murdered. (CC)		The Listener The source of a virus must be found. (CC)		10News at 11pm (N)	Sports XTRA
CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		Big Brother Two guests are put up for eviction. (N) (CC)		Love Island The islanders must couple up. (N) (CC)		NCIS: New Orleans Sebastian poses as a new recruit.		CBS News 8 at 11PM (N)	NCIS: New Orleans
NBC	NHL Hockey (5:00) Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.		NBC 7 News Special Edition		Politically Speaking	Hope is Home	To Be Announced		NBC 7 News at 11 (N)	NBC 7 Sportswrap
FOX	FOX NFL Sunday 2020 Season Preview (N) (CC)		Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Paid Program	Explore San Diego	FOX 5 News at 10:00pm	FOX 5 Sports Final (N)	FOX 5 News at 11:00pm	The Issue Is
CW	News 8 at 7pm	2 Broke Girls (CC)	Fridge Wars Earthy eaters; giving grandma time off. (N)		Celebration of Service to America Awards		Seinfeld "The Fire" (CC)	Friends (CC)	American Ninja Warrior "Military Qualifying" (CC)	
MYTV	Pure Outdoor	The Immortals	The Big Bang Theory (CC)	The Big Bang Theory (CC)	The Big Bang Theory (CC)	The Big Bang Theory (CC)	Seinfeld "The Seven" (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Whacked Out Sports (CC)	
KPBS	Change Your Brain, Heal Your Mind With Daniel		Secrets of Scotland Yard Trailblazing techniques. (CC)		Spies of Warsaw Betrayal leaves Mercier in danger.		Spies of Warsaw Tale of spying, intrigue and romance.		KPBS Presents: A Conversation with Jason Mraz	
KUSI	The Big Bang Theory (CC)	The Big Bang Theory (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Pawn Stars (CC)	Pawn Stars "You're Out"	KUSI News at Ten (N)		KUSI News at TMZ (N) (CC) 11:00PM (N)	
UCSD	The Perspective from Africa		Remembrance of Things Past: La Jolla Symphony and Chorus			The Deep Learning Revolution			Trauma, Memory, and the Art of Survival	
AZTC	Pelicula: "El encuentro de un hombre solo" (1973, Drama) Jorge Luke, Patricia Aspillaga. (NR)		La Resolana			En sus batallas "Juan Gabriel"			El oscuro paseo de la fama	
TELE	Exatión Estados Unidos (N) (SS)					The wall (SS)			Noticias Tele-mundo FDS	TYM Zona mixta (N)
UNIV	Aquí y ahora (N)		¿Quién es la máscara? (N)				Vecinos (N)		Maria de Todos	Noticiero: Fin de Semana
A&E	Movie: "Jack Reacher: Never Go Back" (5:30) ★★		Movie: "Pacific Rim" ★★ (2013, Science Fiction) Charlie Hunnam, Diego Klattenhoff. Humans pilot giant robots to fight monstrous creatures. (PG-13) (CC)						Movie: "Salt" (11:04) ★★ (2010) Angelina Jolie. (PG-13)	
AMC	The Walking Dead (6:37)	The Walking Dead (7:41) "The World Before" The Alexandrians set out on a mission.			The Walking Dead The group is in danger. (CC)		The Walking Dead (10:04) Alexandria is threatened. (CC)		Movie: "Bad Boys" (11:10) ★★ (1995) Martin Lawrence.	
ANIM	Lone Star Law Deer carcasses are found.		Lone Star Law: Bigger and Better (N)		Lone Star Law "Caught By Surprise" (N)		Lone Star Law (10:01) "Deadly Conduct"		Lone Star Law (11:01) A venomous rattlesnake.	
BET	Movie: "Blue Streak" (5:30) ★ (1999) Martin Lawrence.		Movie: "Waist Deep" ★ (2006, Action) Tyrese Gibson, Meagan Good. A man's son is inside his hijacked car. (R) (CC)				Martin (CC)		Martin (CC)	Martin "Variety Show"
BRAVO	The Real Housewives of Potomac (CC)		The Real Housewives of Potomac (CC)		The Real Housewives of Potomac (N) (CC)		The Real Housewives of Potomac (CC)		Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Best
CMT	Movie: "Fried Green Tomatoes" (6:00) ★★ (1991, Drama) Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy. (PG-13) (CC)		Movie: "Hope Floats" ★ (1998, Romance) Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr. A newly divorced woman finds love in her hometown. (PG-13) (Adult situations) (CC)							
COM	Movie: "Step Brothers" (5:30) ★★ (2008) (R) (CC)		Movie: "Step Brothers" ★★ (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry. (R) (CC)				Movie: "Old School" ★★ (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell. (NR) (CC)			
CTN	County Connection		County Connection		Board of Supervisors					
DISC	Alaskan Bush People: Off the Grid (N) (CC)		Alaskan Bush People "Range Ridin'" (N) (CC)		Expedition to the Edge (9:02) "No Turning Back" (N)		Naked and Afraid: Foreign Exchange (10:03) (N) (CC)		Naked and Afraid (11:10) "Category 5 Survival" (CC)	
E!	Friday Night Lights Vince is persuaded to seek revenge.		Friday Night Lights "Thanksgiving" (CC)		Friday Night Lights "Expectations" (CC)		Friday Night Lights "On the Outside Looking In" (CC)		Friday Night Lights "The Right Hand of the Father"	
ESPN	SportsCenter (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (N) (CC)			SportsCenter (CC)			To Be Announced	
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games "Clearance Wars" (CC)		Guy's Grocery Games "All-Star Vegetarian Games"		Chopped Tournament finale brings winners back. (N)		Beat Bobby Flay (CC)	Beat Bobby Flay (CC)	Beat Bobby Flay (CC)	Beat Bobby Flay (CC)
FX	"Fast and Furious" "Drift" seeks revenge on the Toretto gang. (PG-13) (CC)		Movie: "Furious 7" ★★ (2015, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang. (PG-13) (CC)				Movie: "The Fate of the Furious" ★★ (2017, Action) Vin Diesel. (PG-13) (CC)			
HGTV	Renovation Island "Our First Year: The Deep End" (N)		Renovation Inc "Balancing Act" (N) (CC)		Welcome to the Jungle	Mexico Life (9:31) (N)	Caribbean Life (N) (CC)	Caribbean Life (N) (CC)	Hawaii Life (11:01) (CC)	Hawaii Life (CC)
HIST	American Pickers "The Lost Tapes: Part 1" (CC)		American Pickers A VW with a Hollywood pedigree.		Apocalypse Earth "Hurricanes: Storms of Destruction" (N)				American Pickers (11:05) "The Lost Tapes: Part 1"	
ION	NCIS: Los Angeles "Predator" (CC)		NCIS: Los Angeles An Iraqi businessman is murdered.		Chicago P.D. Two teenage girls disappear. (CC)		Chicago P.D. Voight is attacked and abducted. (CC)		Chicago P.D. "Prison Ball" (CC)	
ITV	Academic League		Arts in Every Classroom: Workshop		Bridging World History	Destinos: Introduction	GED Connection (CC)	Arts 21	DW Newshour: Late Night Edition	
LAND	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men
LIFE	Movie: "Petals on the Wind" (6:00) (2014) (NR) (CC)		Movie: "If There Be Thorns" (2015) Heather Graham. Brothers are unaware of the nature of their parents' bond.				Movie: "Seeds of Yesterday" (10:03) (2015) Rachael Carpani. Two siblings maintain a love-hate relationship. (NR)			
NATG	Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks "Hard Times at Sea" (CC)		Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks or Bust "Hard Luck" (N)		Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks "Graveyard Shift" (N) (CC)		Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks (10:18) "Pinwheel Pride" (N)		Life Below Zero (N) (CC)	
OWN	20/20 on OWN A detective helps break a cold case.		20/20 on OWN A drifter kills Gianni Versace.		20/20 on OWN An heiress' body is found in a closet.		20/20 on OWN Presents: Homicide (CC)		20/20 on OWN A man confesses to murder.	
OXY	Betty Broderick: Ex with a Vengeance (N)		Snapped A man goes missing in Tennessee. (CC)		Snapped Detectives expose diabolical conspiracy. (CC)		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered Detectives uncover mom's secretive life. (CC)		"Someone Was Waiting"	
PARMT	Bar Rescue An unruly staff threatens a bar. (CC)		Bar Rescue Customers cooking their own food. (CC)		Bar Rescue Jon tries to rescue a sports bar. (CC)		Bar Rescue An owner tries to save a failing bar. (N)		Bar Rescue Jon helps a couple a second time. (CC)	
TCM	"Song Remains"		Movie: "Jimi Hendrix" ★★ (1973, Documentary) Arthur Allen, Albert Allen. (R) (CC)		Jimi Plays Monterey (9:15) Jimi Hendrix performs.		Shake! Otis at Monterey		Movie: "Fade to Black" (10:45) ★★ (2004, Documentary) (R)	
TNT	Movie: "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi" (5:32) ★★ (1983) Mark Hamill. (PG)		Movie: "Solo: A Star Wars Story" ★★ (2018, Science Fiction) Alden Ehrenreich, Emilia Clarke. Young Han Solo finds adventure with a band of smugglers. (PG-13) (CC)						"Star Wars: A New Hope"	
TRAVEL	The Osbournes Want to Believe "Crazy Babies" (CC)		The Osbournes Want to Believe (CC)		The Osbournes Want to Believe "Back on Earth" (CC)		The Osbournes Want to Believe "Bark at the Moon" (N)		The Osbournes Want to Believe "Fairies Wear Boots"	
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (CC)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Broken Rhymes"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Alta Kockers"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Diss"		Modern Family	Modern Family

TRAVEL

RETURN TO SKIES UPS CHANCES FOR VIRUS SPREAD

Plan on carry-on and heed other precautions if you've booked flight

BY NATALIE B. COMPTON

Before the pandemic, packing for a flight had a lot to do with your travel style and destination. A carry-on bag for a beach vacation might include a sun hat and a beach read. You could count on business travelers to wear noise-canceling headphones and pull out laptops right after takeoff.

Now, packing considerations should start with coronavirus precautions.

With the number of coronavirus cases continuing to climb, public health experts and the U.S. State Department are discouraging nonessential travel.

"I would really encourage people to think about whether or not they need to be flying right now," said Brian Garibaldi, medical director of the Johns Hopkins Biocontainment Unit. The new state-of-the-art facility at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, cares for patients with highly infectious diseases, such as Ebola, SARS and more.

"There are very few states in the country right now where infections are low enough that I feel comfortable getting on a plane," Garibaldi said.

But Americans are on the move. The number of people passing through airport security checkpoints has been rising steadily since April, and the Transportation Security Administration reported daily figures exceeding 700,000 many times throughout July.

If you are traveling in the near future, here are some things to keep in mind while you pack.

Opt for carry-on, to limit contact

Health experts recommend using carry-on luggage instead of checking a bag during the pandemic.

Garibaldi says risks are highest for contracting or spreading the coronavirus when you're in enclosed spaces with other people. One perk of carrying on a bag is that you can avoid lingering around a potentially crowded luggage carousel when you land.

"If you have your bag with you, you're going to minimize the amount of time you have to spend waiting for your bag on the other end," he said.

Norman Beatty, assistant professor of medicine in the University of Florida division of infectious disease and global medicine, says a traveler's decision should be made based on whether they need to check a bag. However, he added, "it would theoretically be safer to carry on your luggage; that way, it would be less direct contact with others who may be infected."

Nahid Bhadelia, the medical director of the Special Pathogens Unit at the Boston University School of Medicine, echoed the advice in an email.

"If you carry the bag, you have a better sense of where it's been and who has touched it, so one could say that's slightly safer," she said.

Although they recommend carry-on bags, health experts aren't strongly warning against checking luggage at this time.

"In general, as the (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) suggests, it looks like it's harder to get this disease from surfaces than from face-to-face interactions, so luggage handling is probably a lower-risk aspect of travel," Bhadelia said.

Her recommendation to travelers checking a bag is to wipe down hard-case luggage with disinfecting wipes after picking it up in baggage claim.

Pack PPE, disinfectants in bag

Bhadelia says what's more important than your luggage situation is to wear your mask, avoid full flights and maintain good hand hygiene. Those precautions can be made possible with smart packing.

You don't have to go as far as wearing a hazmat suit on a plane — in fact, experts warn against the practice — but you do need to wear a mask now that major airlines and some airports are mandating the procedure. And while masks are mandatory, face shields are optional on most flights. For some travelers, particularly those that are high-risk, Beatty says it's not an unreasonable precaution.

And while once considered extreme before the pandemic, cleaning your airplane seat area is strongly recommended by health experts, so stock your carry-on

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Tomasa Gonzalez Sánchez makes clay masks and figurines at her workshop in Ocumicho in the Michoacán region of Mexico.

CULTURE, CRAFTS KEEP TRADITIONS ALIVE

In Michoacán, Mexico, artisan villages thrive on creative spirit amid ever-changing times

BY MICHAEL SNYDER

Editor's note: Because of changing travel restrictions related to the pandemic, check with your destinations when making and finalizing plans.

Clambering down into the half-buried ruins of San Juan Paringuricutiro, past stone archways subsumed in lava less than 80 years ago, I glanced up over jagged spires of black basalt to the ash cone of Paricutín, one of the world's youngest volcanoes, hovering like a specter on the horizon. ■ I'd seen views like this one before, rendered in expressionist shades of cobalt and eggplant gashed with dazzling flares of orange by the painter known as Dr. Atl. Starting in 1943, when the volcano emerged from a cornfield here in the western Mexican state of Michoacán, Atl, along with dozens of artists and scientists from around the world, spent years recording this geological miracle. Yet none of his paintings had prepared me for the hallucinatory strangeness of the real thing: a place that inverts geological time, where the ground underfoot is younger than the orphaned church spires rising above it, where a mountain — an immovable part of any ordinary landscape — is only a few decades old.

Paricutín, it occurred to me while contemplating the church's miraculously preserved, fern-garlanded altar, makes a fine metaphor for the surrounding region of the Tarascan Plateau (known in Spanish as the *Meseta Purhepecha*), an area known for its fiercely protected indigenous communities and the unparalleled craft traditions that thrive within them. While urban Mexicans and foreigners often treat those traditions as static relics, in the region, they're dynamic and ever changing, producing new icons with the same spontaneous creative energy that forced Paricutín up through the earth's crust.

The last few years have also seen several new projects — a cultural center, an exciting new restaurant — that, in their own modest

way, had begun to redefine Uruapan, an industrial town of about 330,000 people. In the surrounding countryside, dotted with craft villages less well known than their counterparts near Lake Pátzcuaro to the east, perceptions of insecurity had taken a toll on artisans, too, who relied on tourism for an important part of their modest annual incomes.

On the road to Uruapan

On a cool August morning, I drove west out of Mexico City, stopping in Michoacán's grand pink-sandstone capital of Morelia, at the powerful ruins in Tzintzuntzan, and in the graceful lakeside town Pátzcuaro, arriving in Uruapan a few days later.

Unlike Morelia and Pátzcuaro, colonial showstoppers both, Uruapan's pleasures are humble: evenings spent people-watching on the broad central plaza; snacking on sweet corn tamales, called *uchepos*, at the Mercado de Antojitos, or snack market; and sipping dark, fragrant coffee at Café Tradicional, a dim, wood-paneled coffeehouse with atmosphere as dense as cigar smoke.

It was here that I met historian and teacher Arturo Ávila on my first evening in town. "Uruapan, throughout the centuries, has always been a crossroads," he told me. An indigenous town before the arrival of the Spanish, the modern city of Uruapan was established by Franciscan monks in 1533 and

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FROM E11 declared a settlement for indigenous peoples in 1540. A communal garden and public hospice formed the center of the town, where weavers would come to trade cotton shawls for clay bowls thrown in ceramics towns farther north or woven mats from the lakeshore.

The products we think of as *artesanía*, or craft, Ávila told me, were initially developed out of necessity, using available materials and binding communities through mutual reliance. More than art objects, they were known, Ávila said, as “the skill and destiny” of each town, a division of labor consolidated under colonial rule.

Uruapan’s “skill and destiny” was mercantile, first as a center of trade for surrounding artisans who flocked to the town in particularly large numbers during Holy Week. Vestiges of that tradition remain during the city’s Easter celebrations, when artisans from across the state sell their wares in the central plaza and under the squat stone arches of the old hospice, now the Huatapera Indigenous Museum. On Palm Sunday, easily the best day of the year to visit, Uruapan puts on the finest of Michoacán’s more than 20 craft competitions, gathering all the state’s most accomplished artisans in one place.

The morning after meeting Ávila, I took a short taxi ride to the hilltop Hotel Mansión Cupatitzio, a throwback to 1960s hacienda-style glamour, where I sipped a coffee in the flower-draped gardens, then wandered into the Cupatitzio Canyon National Park, one of Mexico’s most beautiful urban parks, established in 1938. I spent the better part of an hour wandering down stone paths damp with mist kicked up from waterfalls. I followed the river as it poured itself into iridescent blue plunge basins, rushed under arching bridges and slipped over geometric fountains designed in the pre-Columbian revival style.

Where the park ended, the river emerged into a sudden shock of light bouncing off the high stone walls of the San Pedro textile factory — the other reason I’d decided to visit Uruapan. For the first half of the 20th century, the Fabrica San Pedro, powered by the Cupatitzio River, had been one of the city’s largest employers. Four years ago, in March 2016, the factory, in decline for decades since World War II, reopened as a cultural center, operated by the foundation of Mexico City-based artist Javier Marín (he was born in Uruapan) and the Illsley family, which bought the factory in 1995 to save it from developers.

Walter and Bundy Illsley first moved to Mexico in the 1950s. Over decades in Michoacán, Walter introduced irrigation systems in small towns and was among the founders of the Faculty of Agrobiology at Michoacán’s state university. Together, he and Bundy founded a boutique textile company, Telares Uruapan, and collaborated over the years with luminaries of American modernism like Alexander Girard and Francine Knoll on custom designs. Though the Fabrica no longer operates at an industrial scale, it still produces textiles through the looms of Telares Uruapan, now run by Walter and Bundy’s children, Susana and her brother Rewi Illsley, out of the factory’s former storage spaces.

On the day I visited, Bundy Illsley, along with Rewi and Rewi’s daughter Clara, showed me through the Fabrica’s vast central gallery — high and narrow and suffused with tropical warmth — then down into the basement, among rows of obsolete machinery lined up under bending rays of dusty light: a museum to a dead industry. Upstairs, we visited the Fabrica’s small shop, selling a rainbow of napkins and tablecloths made on the Illsley handlooms, and garments by Japanese designer Minoru Kobayashi, who came to Uruapan in the 1970s and never left. We flipped through the swatches of fabrics that Bundy Illsley had developed and produced for Knoll and Herman Miller. “Design,” Illsley said, “has always been part of our world.”

For dinner that night, I went, at the Illsleys’ recommendation, to Cocina M, where chef Mariana Valencia turns out surprising dishes like crisp petals of cecina (dried beef) to dip in a blazing sauce of Manzano chilies and dashi, and a decadent avocado mousse tempered with a bracing yuzu sorbet. Valencia, who grew up in Uruapan in a family of Lebanese origin, opened the restaurant with her Colombian husband,



Artisans and students gather daily at the Huatapera Indigenous Museum in Uruapan to practice “maque,” or Mexican lacquerware in Michoacán, Mexico.



Antique handlooms are still being used by Telares Uruapan, a boutique textiles company started by Walter and Bundy Illsley in Michoacán.

Marino Collazos, in April 2016, after several years working in restaurants in Miami, where the couple met.

Since then, they have traveled extensively around Michoacán to learn its regional ingredients and indigenous cooking techniques, still relatively unknown outside the communities that practice them. “In the process, we’ve really fallen in love with this place and its traditions,” Valencia told me. “Like the whole world, Michoacán needs love and care and connection, which is what we’re trying to do here.”

To the craft villages

The next morning, armed with a list of craft villages and names of artisans gathered over the previous days, I drove north out of the city and into the high open country of the Meseta. Roughly 40

minutes from Uruapan, I wound through the pretty historical center of Paracho, a town known for its handmade guitars and vibrant Sunday market, to the sleepy village of Ahuiran.

In a modest house down a concrete-paved side street, I met Rosa Liliana Bautista, whose grandmother, she said, had been the first artisan to stitch feathers into the hems of her shawls, the style for which the village is now famous. Though Bautista herself spent five years living in the United States, continuing to weave with materials shipped north by her mother, it wasn’t until returning home in 2014 that she found a market for her work — largely among other Michoacán immigrants in the U.S.

Barely 10 minutes away by road, in the village of Aranza, at the hem of forested mountain

slopes, Genoveva Zacari showed me blue, black and yellow cotton as delicate as lace that she and her sisters had learned to weave under their mother’s tutelage. “The imagination, the skill, even the love you feel for the work will affect the pattern. Like this one, for instance, was made by my sister, and I can tell that she wasn’t in a good mood when she made it,” Zacari told me.

From the textile villages, I went west to Angahuan, the jumping-off point for full-day hikes to Paricutin’s otherworldly crater, spending the night at the spartan, community-run Centro Turístico Angahuan. Two mornings later, after a day hike to Paricutin’s summit through the ruins of San Juan Parangaricutiro, its lava-choked chapel the only surviving remnant of the village, I drove north to the ceramics towns near

If you go

- The charming rooms at the **Hotel Mansión de Cupatitzio** are a perfect jumping-off point for walks into the Barrancas de Cupatitzio National Park and start at 1,700 Mexican pesos (\$87) during the high season around Holy Week.

- Just a few blocks from Uruapan’s central square, the **Hotel Mi Solar** occupies a late-19th-century mansion that was remodeled as a hotel in 1943 (standard rooms from 1,232 Mexican pesos during Holy Week).

- **Cocina M** offers the most interesting food in town. A dinner for two, including starters, mains and a glass of wine, should run about 1,100 Mexican pesos.

- The best option for visits to Paricutin is an overnight stay at the community-run **Centro Turístico Angahuan**, where a simple cabin with a working fireplace starts at 500 Mexican pesos. Guides often wait at the entrance to the hotel, and the staff can help plan excursions, which usually start at 1,200 Mexican pesos for two people.

- Most of the artisan towns have many families dedicated to craft but little infrastructure to help find their studios. A good starting point is the **Casa de las Artesanías in Morelia**, where the knowledgeable staff can help guide you. The owners at some of the more established galleries in Pátzcuaro, like the **Zócalo Art Gallery**, are even greater fonts of knowledge about the region.

- Once in the craft villages, you can ask for the artisans you want to visit by name. As you leave one workshop, it’s always worth asking for that artisan’s recommendations for studios. Otherwise, just stop in the central plazas of a village to ask for artesanía; this will almost always bring you to someone’s home studio.

- Prices can vary dramatically. Small, simple pineapples in **San José de Gracia** may cost no more than a few dollars, while more elaborately worked objects can easily run hundreds of dollars, if not more. Bartering is frowned upon, unless you’re in a large market and buying in bulk. Keep in mind that whatever you’re being asked to pay is almost certainly a modest price for the amount of work involved.

the border with Jalisco.

In Patambam I stopped in the workshop of the Ayungua family, which locals in this pretty, terracotta-roofed village call “the museum.” Here, three generations of potters decorate unglazed red clay pottery with paints made from white clay, a recent deviation from the traditions of burnished red and green-glazed pottery practiced by most families here, according to the craft expert Rick Hall, who runs an annual guided tour through the Meseta during Holy Week via his Patzcuaro-based gallery, Zócalo Folk Art.

A short drive away in San José de Gracia, the dusty main road was lined with ceramic pineapples glazed in glossy shades of pink and yellow and green. In one of the village’s many modest home workshops, the Gutierrez family told me about their own emblematic craft’s gradual evolution through the middle of the 20th century, as artisans from the Madrigal family added decorative elements to what had once been simple glazed jugs and casseroles. Today, meter-high pineapples from San José appear in the permanent collection at Mexico City’s Museum of Popular Art and regularly take top prizes at nationwide craft competitions.

Just a few minutes down the road from San José, in the village of Ocumicho, I visited the home studio of Tomasa Gonzalez Sánchez, populated with hundreds of winsome clay figurines painted in psychedelic acrylics: whistles shaped like peacocks, devils cavorting on a bridge that Gonzalez had seen once years before on a trip to Mexico City, and a miniature Last Supper of mermaids eating watermelon. Until the 1960s, Gonzalez told me, no one in town made figurines like these. Then a potter called Marcelino Vicente Mulato had a vision of the devil that he translated into clay: another spontaneous reinvention of the cultural landscape.

“When we dream, we carry these images in our heads, then we realize them in clay,” Gonzalez said. “I can take the things I see and imprint them on the material with my hands.”

Snyder is a freelance writer. This article appeared in The New York Times.

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Garibaldi acknowledges there are exceptions to that advice, such as diabetic travelers who need to eat periodically or someone who needs to stay hydrated because of medication, “but I wouldn’t be planning on a three-course meal during a flight.”

And Beatty says that if you do eat or drink on the plane, make sure to sanitize your hands both before and after.

Compton writes for The Washington Post.



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The Great Plates meal programs are temporary government-funded programs that help keep seniors and adults with disabilities safe at home during the pandemic while also helping local restaurants.

Great Plates Delivered: Home Meals for Seniors provides three meals per day to adults 65 and older and those 60 to 64 with certain health conditions. The program, initiated by Gov. Gavin Newsom, pairs each participant with a local restaurant that has signed up to be responsible for preparing and delivering three nutritious meals daily. The program is free to meal recipients and is funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency as well as state and local funding sources.

Great Plates 2.0: Dinner Delivered is an extension of the program by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and supported by local allocations of CARES Act funds. The program, started in August, provides one meal daily to those 18 and over with health conditions and disabilities.

Following federal guidelines, these temporary programs are intended to fill a gap and serve those who are not eligible for any other federal nutrition benefits, such as Cal Fresh or the Senior Nutrition Program where incomes must be between \$24,981 and \$74,940 for a single-person household and \$33,821 and \$101,460 for a two-person household.



The staff at Kaminski's Sports Lounge in Poway prepares meals for the Great Plates program.

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More than 60 restaurants are currently involved in the program and over 2,400 older adults have been enrolled county-wide.

To learn more, visit www.aging.sandiegocounty.gov and click on the Great Plates Programs button. Or call the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency at (800) 339-4661 and select option 7. If you do not qualify for the Great Plates programs, call 211 to discuss additional food resources that may be available.

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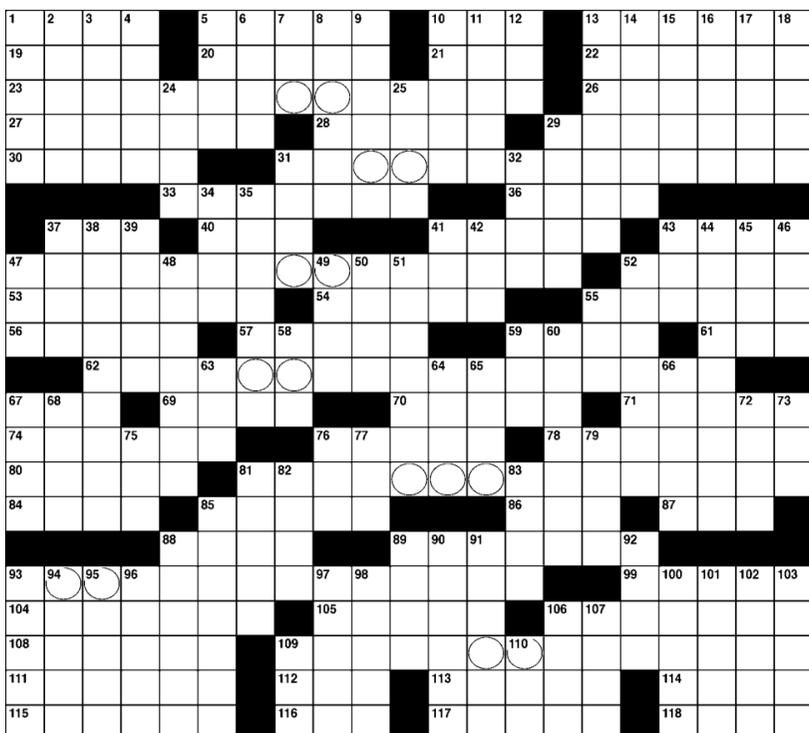
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The New York Times Crossword Puzzle: Musical Interlude

BY BARBARA LIN / PUZZLE EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

NO. 0830 9/6/20

- ACROSS**
- Enjoy the sun
 - Completely committed
 - One to whom you tell everything
 - Hit show with the series finale "One for the Road"
 - Predator of the Pacific Northwest
 - Grain (breakfast-bar brand)
 - Singer Carly Jepsen
 - "Give me a minute"
 - Iditarod, for one?
 - Intertwine
 - Show stoppers?
 - German "please"
 - Bronze that's not winning any awards?
 - Station
 - One driving kids around in a Subaru?
 - B-side to the Beatles' "Ticket to Ride"
 - Ginger, e.g.
 - Turn down
 - Longtime home for ferry Gross
 - Boasts
 - In the same family
 - Letting out all the stops to drown out the other instruments?
 - Set on edge
 - Having the least give
 - Large in scope
 - It's sometimes covered in velvet
 - William who wrote "Shrek!"
 - Not on point
 - Slip of the fingers
 - Angsty genre
 - Cocaine and guns, in a Pacino movie?
 - What Consumer Reports lacks, unlike most other magazines
 - Buzz Lightyear and Woody, e.g.
 - Massive, in poetry
 - Whine connoisseurs?
 - Party symbol since 1870
 - "Is that really necessary?"
 - Jackson known as the "Queen of Gospel"
 - Sidestep
 - Troops who are worried about sun protection?
 - Like this clue
 - Basketball player, in old slang
 - Brain wave chart, for short
 - Like most prime numbers
 - All right

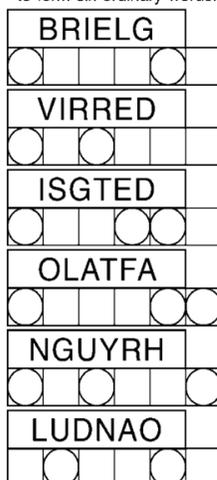


- New York's iconic Building
- Give mom's mom the stink eye?
- Decorative pillowcases
- Jury state
- Souls and such
- Bug
- Quick tennis match
- "Twelve Days of Christmas" musician who invites sympathy?
- When 13-Across aired for most of its run
- Stick in a boat
- Land in the so-called "Roof of the World"
- Take into account?
- Affectionate refusal
- Fade away
- Morning
- Where a sloth spends most of its life
- Totes Inc., in London
- Classic Isaac Asimov collection of short stories
- Ball of vinegared rice topped with raw fish
- Angels' opposites
- Side of a diamond
- Charge
- Penny pinchers
- Express displeasure with on the road
- "Oklahoma!" aunt
- Excel function that uses a calendar
- Puerto
- Medical tube
- Teeny
- GPS suggestions: Abbr.
- What a left parenthesis suggests in an emoticon
- Resolute
- Suffix with switch
- Wraps up
- Big name in music streaming
- "Fiddlesticks!"
- "So much for that"
- Suffix with auto-
- Middle: Abbr.
- Where Simone Biles won four golds
- Creative class
- Crunchy green side dish
- Part of an agenda
- Infamous emperor
- Tiebreakers, briefly
- Canceled out
- Apple variety
- A collar might hide it
- Winters or Somers
- Italian dumplings
- Busy time at the I.R.S.: Abbr.
- "One Mic" rapper
- Non-U.S. M.L.B. team, on sports tickers
- More scrumptious
- Arundhati winner of the 1997 Booker Prize
- Inner: Prefix
- What orchids may grow without
- Lyre player of myth
- Michelangelo's "The Creation of"
- Peacenic
- What might come down to the wire?
- Opinion
- Sorento or Sedona
- G.I. fare
- Former Mideast grp.
- It helps turn a pond green
- Word-processing command
- On tenterhooks, maybe
- The "M" of MHz
- Bar freebie
- The A.P.'s Female Athlete of the Decade for the 2010s, familiarly
- Trim
- Trim
- Dutch brewery
- Car-sticker fig.
- [Not again!]
- Slowly, in music
- Correct
- Perez of "Do the Right Thing"
- Nurse back to health
- Mouth-puckering
- Focus of "Ocean's Eleven"
- How some bonds are sold
- Irish novelist Binky
- Bender
- Gradual deterioration
- Without much thought
- hook (rock climbing technique)
- Big step for a start-up, in brief

- DOWN**
- Meals
 - French Foreign Legion, par exemple
 - Sallywag
 - Hummer's instrument
 - Poet Carson

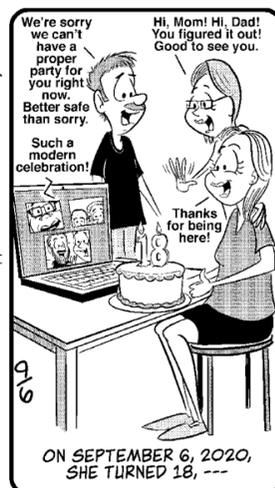
Jumble: The scrambled word game

DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



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Bridge TANNAH HIRSCH

THE FIRST 12

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ 9
♥ 7 6 5 4 3
♦ 9 8 6 4
♣ K J 9

WEST
♠ Q 8 7 5 4
♥ Q 10 9
♦ J 10 7
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ J 2
♥ 2
♦ K Q 5 3 2
♣ Q 10 7 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 6 3
♥ A K J 8
♦ A
♣ A 4 2

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass
2♠ Pass 2NT* Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
6♥ All pass

*Not a double negative, therefore some values

Opening lead: Jack of ♦

North-South bid aggressively to a very good slam. Twelve tricks would be easy if the trumps split 2-2, and there were plenty of extra chances. A 4-3 spade split would let declarer establish the long spade for a club discard, and a club could then be ruffed. It looked good, but bad times were coming.

South won the opening diamond lead with his ace and cashed the ace and king of

hearts. West having a certain trump winner was the first piece of bad news. The ace and king of spades, shedding a diamond, and a spade ruff gave more bad news. Spades were splitting 5-2 and the long spade could not be established. There was still the club finesse, but that was now far less than a 50 percent play. East was known to have started with 10 minor suit cards to only five for West. Any specific minor suit card was therefore twice as likely to be with East.

South persevered by ruffing a diamond in hand and ruffing another spade in dummy. South successfully ruffed another diamond in hand with his last trump. Had West been able to overruff, he would force declarer to take the club finesse. It was clear sailing, however, when West followed to this diamond. South ruffed his last spade with dummy's last trump, led a club to his ace and another club to dummy's king. South had taken the first 12 tricks. Beautifully played!

Chess SHELBY LYMAN

Magnus Carlsen prevailed as the winner of his signature Magnus Carlsen Chess Tour, but it wasn't easy.

In the biggest chess event of 2020, the world champion from Norway beat five-time U.S. champion Hikaru Nakamura on Aug. 20 after an epic final round. Earlier, Nakamura had gone up by a point, forcing Carlsen to win a game and then, playing black in the deciding "armageddon" game, gain at least a draw, which he did.

The five-event tour, the richest online chess series ever, began in April and grew out of 2020's COVID-19 cancellations of in-person events. Carlsen won \$140,000 in the final and Nakamura \$80,000. Presenter Chess24.com said the tour drew a record 70 million-plus online views.

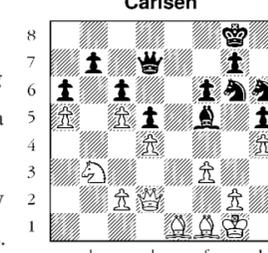
The penultimate game provided some human drama as a winning Carlsen, 29, won despite back pain. He said that a half-hour before the Aug. 19 game, he had gone for an ocean swim in Denmark, near where he was staying. "I started running and something just happened," he said.

Nakamura is expert in 15-minute rapid and five-minute blitz games, and columnist Leonard Barden said the American is "in the form of his life at age 32."

"Nakamura kept posing difficulties for Carlsen right to the very end, and he would have been a very deserving winner," wrote Mark Crowther, respected keeper of theweekinchess.com. Next, Carlsen is due to play in the Altibox Norway Chess tournament Oct. 5-16, the first supertournament to be held in person since lockdowns began. And he announced that his namesake online tour will return in November with more players and prize money.

Below is an earlier draw between Hikaru Nakamura and Magnus Carlsen during the Carlsen Chess Tour event.

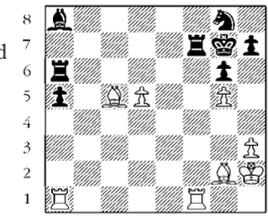
DRAW AGREED after 32. Bf1 Carlsen



Nakamura

White Nakamura	Black Carlsen	White Nakamura	Black Carlsen
1. e4	e5	17. a4	Re8
2. Nf3	Nc6	18. c5	Nf7
3. Bb5	Nf6	19. Nb3	Qd7
4. 0-0	Nxe4	20. Bf4	Ng6
5. Re1	Nd6	21. Rxe8ch	Rxe8
6. Nxe5	Be7	22. Bg3	h5
7. Bf1	Nf5	23. h4	Bg4
8. Nf3	0-0	24. f3	Bf5
9. d4	d5	25. a5	a6
10. Nc3	Bb4	26. Qd2	Nh6
11. Bg5	f6	27. Re1	Rxe1
12. Bc1	N(c)e7	28. Bxe1	Be6
13. a3	Bxc3	29. Bd3	Bf5
14. bxc3	Nd6	30. Bf1	Be6
15. Nd2	Bf5	31. Bd3	Bf5
16. c4	c6	32. Bf1	Draw

BEGINNER'S CORNER



WHITE GAINS MATERIAL

White Gains Material
Beginner's Corner: Hint: Target the rook at a6.

Wordy Gurdy TRICKY RICKY KANE

- Concealed a Tupperware top (1)
- Egyptian capital firebug (2)
- Overly tiny branded baby pacifier (2)
- More evenly balanced broadcaster (2)
- Mentally observing spoiling lovingly (2)
- Expert exploder of TNT (2)
- By-the-Derby-rail posterior (2)

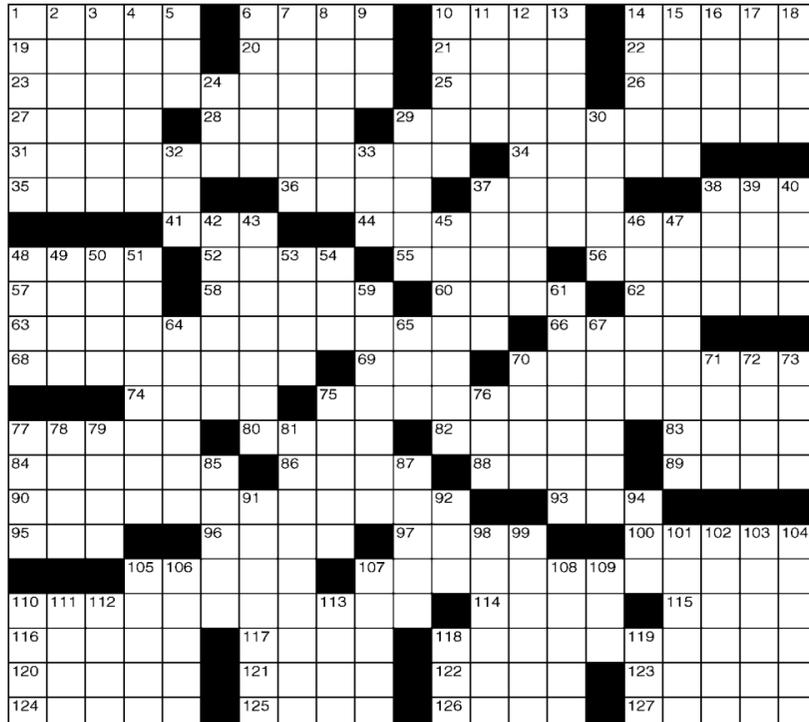
Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables, in each word.

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Premier Crossword: Pod-Time Work

BY FRANK A. LONGO #2,002

- ACROSS**
- Picture
 - Lo - (Chinese dish)
 - Eyes, to bards
 - Step heavily
 - Like zebras' necks
 - Author Sarah - Jewett
 - Beet or yam
 - Womanizer, perhaps
 - Spotted steed
 - Womanizer, perhaps
 - Bacteriology gels
 - Some sporty trucks, briefly
 - Jai -
 - Illegal boxing blow
 - Superhero with a magic ring
 - Fruit such as a peach or plum
 - Chicks' hangouts
 - Heavy horn
 - Baldwin of "Drunk Parents"
 - Rascally sort
 - Moniker for Lincoln
 - Royal Dansk treat
 - Speaker's stand
 - Cash caches requiring PINs
 - Wingtips' tips
 - Impassioned
 - Bee or Em
 - Neighbor of Burkina Faso
 - Off. helper
 - Their young are kids
 - The clear, open outdoors
 - Epps of "Juice"
 - City in southern California
 - Stephen of "Angie"
 - A tyrant rules with one
 - Prefix with skeleton
 - Common chamber group
 - Conductor Solti
 - Capital of Peru
 - Painter Dufy
 - TV's - May Clampett
 - Annie player Quinn
 - Ankle-length skirt
 - Caused to propagate
 - Airline to Tel Aviv
 - Spur-of-the-moment choice
 - Federal benefits org.



- "Yoo-hoo!" - Hashana
- 2006 Nintendo debuts
- Taj -
- Bursts in space
- Figure at Madame Tussauds
- Former Seabee, say
- Scottish island
- Agts. going after tax evaders
- Banishment
- Fix up text
- What someone who completes this puzzle does?
- "Daniel" singer John
- Solemn act
- The Beatles' "Let -"
- Arm bones
- School VIPs
- Luminary
- Warty critter
- Actress Sharon
- French for "years"
- Prepare
- Tokyo, once
- Dough
- Off-course
- As originally found
- Once called
- Hatch of Utah
- Large crucifix
- Unlimited
- Wheel turner
- Von - family ("The Sound of Music" group)
- Rascally sort
- Arab country
- Bygone Ford div.
- Sumptuous
- TV's Linden
- "Sauer" hot dog topping
- New Mexico's flower
- Top-secret govt. org.
- Fade away
- "This is only -"
- Swedish retail chain
- Floss flavor
- Furry adoptees
- "- Cafe" (old Whoopi Goldberg sitcom)
- Drinking alcohol
- Exactly
- Leia's last name
- Unscented
- Smidgens
- Halo effect
- Hip to
- Florida or Ohio pol, e.g.
- Poet Angelou
- NBC fixture since '75
- Short-hop plane
- Rotational forces
- Dogged
- Berlin loc.
- Gives shape to, to a Brit
- Humpbacked lab helper
- "- do you good"
- Actress Ward
- "Gotta go," to a texter
- Pulverize
- Deep cut
- 77 Catch
- Article in Augsburg
- Big name in skin cream
- "That went right by me"
- Chutzpah
- Cedar Rapids native
- Paint appliers, e.g.
- Veto
- Sound box at a concert
- Really digs
- Floor-washing robot
- "Insomniac" comic Dave
- Showing benevolence
- Sports spots
- Contacts, e.g.
- Floss fiber
- Cake bakers
- Sea filler
- 108 Single
- Vegas
- Necessity
- Wheel turner
- "La Dolce -"
- Hayworth of old films
- Set of parts to be assembled
- Ant or beetle

- DOWN**
- Challenge as questionable
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PUZZLES ON PAGE S3

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals Z

TODAY'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Answer On September 6, 2020, she turned 18, - In this day and age

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Horoscopes

BY MADALYN ASLAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020: Innately tasteful, smart and sympathetic, you're often a victim of fate. This year, your plan doesn't work, but something much better does. TAURUS is perfect for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You get a financial boost today. You are restless and looking for a change. Stay focused as best as you can and plan a list of goals for the upcoming week. Tonight: Take an early night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your charm and wit are appreciated today. Make time to listen to others. Relax, enjoy yourself and replenish your body. Foster generosity and listen carefully to a child who has something burning to say. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You seek peace and harmony today. Lie low and take plenty of naps and time to daydream. Do not feel there is anything you absolutely must do. It is a time to rest. Tonight: Do some personal journaling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Friends play an important role in your day, especially Libra and Pisces. You do well with others, especially in a group. Focus on your wishes and dreams. And make sure that they are still an expression of who you are. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You are changeable today, so be careful not to overcommit yourself. You pursue a new idea and get very excited about it. Share it online. This revs you up for the new week and you feel you can accomplish anything. Tonight: Up close and personal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You are restless today and yearning for something new, whether it is long distance travel to a foreign land or taking a seminar on a subject that attracts your interest. Your beliefs are strong and sincere but changeable. Tonight: Attend to a child's needs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Even at home today be aware that your workload could increase and you might feel stressed and overworked. Take time out for an elderly family member. Tonight: A family meal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Romance is in the air, and relationship issues figure prominently. You look for balance as you fine-tune a love partnership. Harmony and peace are highlighted. Tonight: Date night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Completing a home project is not as much fun as starting something new, but today demands it. A partner also demands it. So now is the time to wrap up what you have been working on and make room for something else. Tonight: Old movies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19) ★★★★★ Tomorrow it is back to the grind, so take today to celebrate. Let loose and have fun and recharge your batteries. It is your day to play it your way. And to play with children. Let things be unpredictable, open and innocent. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ You look at your priorities today. Issues about your ideals and what you value arise. Expect emotional reactions related to money and finances. Do something simple with a small group of friends and feel a breath of fresh air. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Today is great for launching new ideas and brainstorming. Emotions could be volatile. You might be impatient. Follow your curiosity and look for adventure. Get ready for the changes coming in the next week. Tonight: Catch up with old friends.

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DEAR ABBY

Daughter can't tune out mother's habitual humming

Dear Abby: My mother, who is 80 years old, hums her own made-up tunes. She has done it for as long as I can remember, but for the last few years, the frequency and intensity has increased. She does wear a hearing aid in one ear and sees her audiologist regularly. I have asked others, who say people with hearing problems often hum to fill the empty space caused by the hearing loss.

My problem is that her constant humming is so annoying it is negatively affecting my relationship with her. I have treaded lightly on the subject with her to be sure she's aware that others can hear her, in case she was thinking they couldn't.

Mom said that once someone asked her if she was talking to herself, and she replied that she was singing to herself. My personal opinion is that it may be a soothing mechanism for her when she feels awkward during a conversation. She may feel that her humming replaces talking yet makes her feel included in the conversation.

I don't want to cause hurt feelings or add to her discomfort. She's shy by nature, but has come a long way in her confidence. Advice?

Tuning Out In Pennsylvania

Dear Tuning Out: The first thing you should do is ask your mother to tune the humming down because it bothers you. If she doesn't, then discuss it with her audiologist. If you don't get the answers you need there, consult her physician.

What she's doing may be common — or not. But you need to get your questions answered by someone who knows your mother and is close enough to evaluate her.

Dear Abby: I tried to help out a friend who had damage to her truck. I took it upon myself without her knowledge to take pictures of her damaged truck. I thought it would help her in getting estimates on her vehicle.

Her truck was parked outside her son's residence, and he came out immediately when he saw me from his window.

I didn't explain what I had done for reasons I would rather not say, but I planned to tell my co-worker at a later date.

When I saw her at work the next day, she was furious about what I had done, and it almost destroyed our friendship.

Was I wrong in doing her a favor, or out-of-line? Was it inappropriate? I didn't want to jeopardize

our friendship; I was only trying to help. Any suggestions?

Concerned In Texas

Dear Concerned: I'm trying to understand why you didn't VOLUNTEER to photograph the damage to your co-worker's truck so she could get estimates on the cost of repairs. I am also in the dark about why you wouldn't explain what you were doing when her son came outside and, I assume, asked what you were doing. Transparency would have been better than secrecy, and I hope you will carry this suggestion into the future.

Dear Abby: May I share four words that planted a positive seed in my heart? They are, "Make Gratitude Your Attitude." They are strong medicine I use in coping with my disabilities, and it works.

Hint From Hilo, Hawaii

Dear Hint: Thank you for wanting to share your "strong medicine." I agree it's hard to think negatively while counting our blessings.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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CAROLYN HAX Tell Me About It

Once successful reader seeks positive talking points

Hi, Carolyn: I'm a 47-year-old woman, formerly very successful, currently not. My situation is a result of poor choices and bad luck. I'm slowly working my way out.

The issue: Almost all my dear friendships are relationships formed before and during the height of my success.

All of them have gone on to reap the reward of their hard work: amazing houses, cars, trips, etc. I don't know what to say when they ask me how I am — and these are not friends I can brush off, we've all shared our hardships and burdens in the past. I can't tell someone who just bought a multimillion-dollar home that I have less than \$22,000 in my bank account and debt repayment for many times that, which I am slowly working out.

I'm obviously quite down about my situation, which includes difficulty finding a job — a factor of burning bridges in my previous profession, the pandemic and age. When they ask how I am doing, with their tone suggesting they want to hear the truth, I've tried responding (cheerily), "Nothing new to report!" or "Slowly righting the ship," or "Oh, you know, onward and upward, continuing to look for a job." Each answer feels borderline rude or dismissive.

It's been two years and it will be many, many years before I'm financially functional, if ever. I don't feel like telling them I can't find a job, the few freelance jobs I get mean it will take five to 10 years to pay off debt, and I'll be able to save again in my mid-to-late 50s.

My friends know I've struggled with serious depression in the past. I know their questions are well-meaning. But I have nothing new to report and just don't want to be the Debbie

Downer who can't contribute to the conversations about the next car people are going to buy. I also don't want my friends to walk on eggshells about anything that costs money.

So what is a good, positive, move-along way of participating in conversations with people I love but with whom I no longer have anything in common?

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Answer: What makes you you? Your car? House? Ugh.

Right? Find things to do with your time, to engage you, that don't involve money and shopping, then talk about them.

If your friends can't hold up their end of conversations that aren't about money and shopping, then start the process of making new friends who can.

I know this is insufferably glib advice. You're standing amid the smogging rubble of your old life, lonely and reeling, and I'm telling you to make balloon animals or necklaces out of pasta.

But I'm both extremely sympathetic and dead serious about finding affordable things to do.

Small things, distracting things, creative things, generous-with-your-time things, inexpensive things, things that allow you to express yourself fully as a human despite your current limitations. Or, because of, since limits are the sand to our oyster.

Then, when asked, talk about these things you've added to your life. "I've started ____." Painting, hiking, dancing, writing poetry. Whatever. "I've surprised myself by how ____ I am at it. Have you ever tried ____?"

Even when you know they're asking specifically about your situation,

steer the answer anyway to this new subject, whatever it is.

I can't help but think you will all be relieved when your account balances stop coming to parties with you.

This tiny change to your daily life could give you anything from a convenient conversational tool with old friends — and therefore one less thing to worry about — to the foundation of a complete emotional and even professional rebuild.

To the extent it is within your control, make it the latter, I urge you.

Because, what makes you you? That's the question for you to answer right now, and simple avocations are the most accessible way to answer it. The collapse of your first answer has given you a second crack at this question — as happens to a lot of us, in various colorful ways.

And no matter how common it is for things to go awry and for people to have to start over, shame still comes along for that ride sometimes. All you can do is see that, see how unproductive it is and tell yourself to release it every time it recurs.

If by feeling "quite down" you mean it's possible you're depressed, then please get a full health evaluation.

But that's still compatible with small steps into new pursuits. Take the freelance work and take the slow debt repayment and relieve yourself of the burden of what might have been. The mental energy you free up can be put to much better use toward discovering what might be.

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Filed County of Riverside Peter Aldana Assessor -County Clerk -Recorder
R-202008739 08/20/2020
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Registrant Information:
2a. LAKERIDGE PROPERTIES, INC 39058 AGUA VISTA MURRIETA CA 92563 CA
This business is conducted by: **Corporation**
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/1/2011
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)
s/ **DANIEL ROSEN** PRESIDENT
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Superior Court of California, County of Riverside
Case Number: MCC2001065
PETITION OF EMILY GRACE AHMADI FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: **MARY DRUMMOND** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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Date: 9/17/2020 Time: 8:00 a.m. Dept.:S101
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARILYN ANN FISHER
Case No. 37-2020-00030589-PR-LA-CTL
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **JAMES EDWARD FISHER** in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **JAMES EDWARD FISHER** administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
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WHEN FIRE STRIKES

Find out how to prepare yourself when a fire approaches, from creating defensible space at your home, to knowing where the most vulnerable areas exist in San Diego County. **PAGES 12-21**



EARTHQUAKES & TSUNAMIS

Learn what to do before, during and after an earthquake strikes. We examine earthquake fault lines and tsunami inundation zones.

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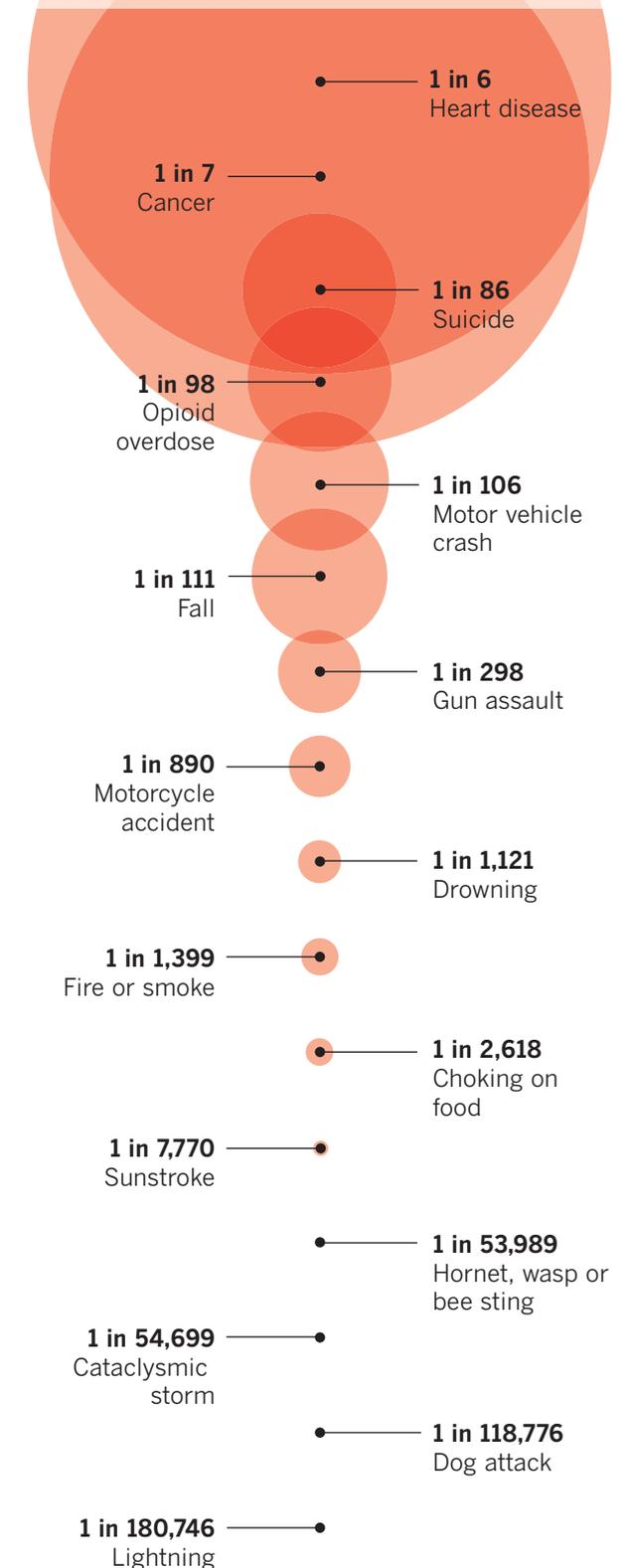
San Diego County doesn't flood often, but when heavy rains and storms strike, find out what to do to keep you and your family safe.

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Lifetime odds of death for selected causes

The circles below indicate the lifetime odds of a person dying from selected causes. Due to the ongoing pandemic, death rates for COVID-19 cannot yet be calculated. As of late August, more than 180,000 Americans have died.



Note: Data calculated from deaths in 2018. Too few deaths occurred on airplanes and on trains to calculate rates. Because of the novel coronavirus, it's not statistically sound to compare a disease caused by a new virus to other ways of dying.

Source: National Safety Council

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MEDICAL DISASTER PLANS: A COVID MAKEOVER

BY PAUL SISSON

As became clear with this summer's wildfires throughout much of California, any disaster that occurs these days layers atop the COVID-19 pandemic.

While there has always been a health care aspect involved in any good disaster plan, the novel coronavirus adds an additional wrinkle to the standard preparations for possible fires, power outages and earthquakes.

Where it used to be enough to think about medications, critical medical devices and handling traumatic injuries, the pandemic, experts say, requires families to include plans for how they will remain uninfected in the rapidly changing circumstances that disasters create.

Today, the county office of emergency services recommends including at least one extra face mask per family member, extra soap, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and disposable gloves to the kit. Remember, noted county communications specialist and disaster response veteran Yvette Urrea Moe, disasters tend to do the one thing we've all been avoiding lately: They force families to evacuate, cramming into high school gyms and church halls in ways that have been banned during the pandemic.

"In the event that you are required to evacuate your home, these items will be important, particularly if you must be in a public area such as a drive-in temporary evacuation point or a congregate shelter," Urrea Moe said.

High-quality masks have long been a staple of disaster plan medical kits, though the main focus of such face coverings in the past was protecting the lungs from smoke, which can be especially dangerous for those with asthma.

Current COVID concerns underline the need for airway protection, though government sources still are not advocating that the public stockpile the N95 respirators that have been in such short supply during the pandemic. Regular face coverings, they say, should do, though those with specific respiratory conditions should follow the specific advice of their doctors.

Novel coronavirus infection, which can cause COVID-19, is known for causing severe breathing distress that can appear sud-



HERE ARE SOME OTHER TIPS FOR DISASTER MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

- Keep a list of every medication each person in your family is currently taking and exactly what the prescribed doses are. This comes in handy if you need to get a missing medication in a hurry. It never hurts to have the actual prescriptions from your medical provider if possible.

- The Mayo Clinic recommends you have the following medications in your disaster first aid kit:

Aloe vera gel, calamine lotion, anti-diarrhea medication, laxative, antacids, antihistamine, pain relievers such as Tylenol and ibuprofen, hydrocortisone cream and cough and cold medication.

Remember, all of this stuff expires. If you're storing it in a kit, you will need to replace it eventually. Set a re-

minder in your smartphone calendar to let you know when it's time to freshen up the supply.

- Pay attention to where your emergency medicine stash is stored. While you don't need to refrigerate them, you do want to keep over-the-counter medications out of areas that get extremely hot, cold, humid or that have exposure to chemicals.

- Don't forget the backups. Extra glasses, a backup cane, hearing aid batteries or other disability-related necessities should be accounted for in any household disaster plan.

- Don't forget the pets. If they're taking medication, make sure you have enough supply on hand to last for a week.

denly after days or even weeks of convalescing at home. Many experts use a special battery-powered device called a pulse oximeter to determine if a person's oxygen levels are dropping rapidly, and many organizations recommend making one a part of any COVID-updated disaster kit.

No-touch thermometers are also handy for determining who might be infected, and it couldn't hurt to have one available in a disaster.

Earthquakes often injure people by knocking down the structures and items around the place where they're waiting out the shaking. Showers of shattered

glass are not uncommon nor are dislodged heavy items landing on limbs. It's a scenario that increases the probability of cuts, abrasions and more significant lacerations.

Having a tourniquet in your safety kit for cuts that cause rapid blood loss is a must, and emer-

gency experts also recommend a good pair of tweezers, a magnifying glass and hydrogen peroxide for smaller injuries. Surgical glue can also be useful for sealing small punctures, but, if you decide to go that route rather than using a bandage, it's important to follow the directions on the package.

Power outages bring the greatest risk for those whose medical conditions require a continuous supply of electricity. Certain medical devices, such as heart-assist pumps, oxygen concentrators, and especially mechanical ventilators that help people breathe when they can't do so on their own, must keep going 24/7 or the consequences can be fatal.

Depending on the amount of current a device draws, a special backup battery might be enough to keep a device working or a standalone gasoline-powered generator might be required. Either way, it's important, experts say, to know what your needs would be while the power is still on and take steps to make sure that, in the event of a sudden interruption, you have an immediate plan of action.

Registering with San Diego Gas & Electric's Medical Baseline Allowance Program, which grants lower electrical rates to those whose conditions require them to use a wide range of continuous medical devices, can also help in an emergency.

The program helps make first responders aware of where residents with critical electricity needs live.

Electrical interruptions are not just a concern for people with continuously running medical equipment.

Power outages also start the clock ticking for anything that is refrigerated — including medications.

Here, thinking ahead can really pay off for anyone dependent on lifesaving doses of drugs such as insulin, interferon or antibiotics. While running to the corner store for a bag of ice can suffice, there is a range of special coolers designed just for medications. These devices are generally battery powered and many can be recharged from a vehicle's 12-volt cigarette lighter plug.

It's important, experts say, not only to pick one of these models up before disaster strikes, but also to test it out. You don't want to find out you bought a dud after the power goes out or when it's time to evacuate.

GENERAL DISASTER INFORMATION

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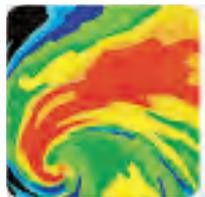
This bilingual app (English, Spanish) combines concise, useful tips with near-real-time disaster information, including

maps, news and the location of emergency shelters. You also can use the app to sign up for AlertSan Diego, which will keep you posted on disasters and emergencies. And the app provides information about how to recover if you're in need of government assistance.

Source: readysandiego.org

SEVERE WEATHER

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NOAA, which has the most extensive satellite and sensor data in the U.S. Users can easily adjust the screen to see where storm cells are moving over land and water. The data is sometimes specific to streets and neighborhoods.

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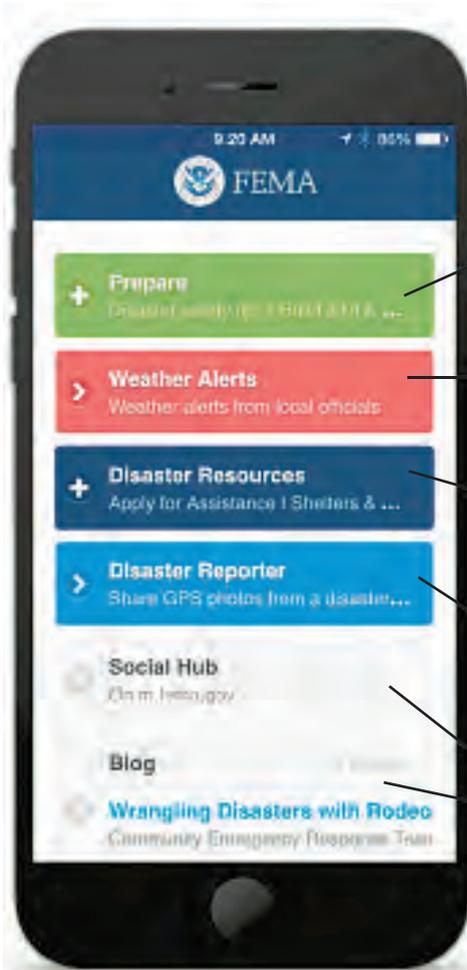
whether you need to evacuate and what routes you should follow to reach a safe place. WindAlert gives users wind speed and direction data from dozens of sites within a specific region. For example, if you're in San Diego County, you could see near-real-time data for such places as Mount Laguna, Ocotillo Wells, Lake Hodges Dam, Camp Pendleton, Julian, Lake Cuyamaca and Oceanside. That would be very useful information during a broad Santa Ana windstorm.

Source: windalert.com

THESE SMARTPHONE APPS WILL HELP YOU GET THROUGH A NATURAL DISASTER

BY GARY ROBBINS

Kee your smartphone powered at all times. It isn't always apparent when a disaster could strike, especially an earthquake. There are dozens of apps that can help you survive. Here are some of our favorites.



Get tips to survive natural disasters, customize your emergency checklist, and save meeting locations.

Receive alerts from the National Weather Service.

Locate open shelters and Disaster Recovery Centers and apply for assistance.

Upload and share your disaster photos.

Stay connected on social media and the FEMA blog.

Source: FEMA

GENERAL DISASTER INFORMATION



FEMA (diagram above)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency app distributes disaster alerts for specific cities (including San Diego), towns and counties. In some cases, the word "disaster" is too strong; FEMA is simply warning you about flying dust and fog. But this is a good threat roundup, and the app provides safety tips, and auto-reminders about such things as testing your smoke alarm and practicing fire drills.

Source: fema.gov/mobile-app

EARTHQUAKES

QuakeFeed



This app monitors earthquake activity throughout the world and presents data in an easy-to-read format.

For example, you can program the app to list all quakes that occur within a certain radius of where you're standing.

You can also monitor aftershocks from major events, like the large quakes that hit Ridgecrest in July 2019. Southern California will be experiencing aftershocks for years to come from those events.

Source: quakefeed.com

EarthquakeAlert!



This app is easy to use, especially when it comes to sending useful alerts and notifications.

But what separates EarthquakeAlert! from many other apps is the supplemental information that comes following an event, such as fatality figures and economic impact.

Source: play.google.com

WILDFIRES

Cal Fire Ready for Wildfire



This is a "must have" app if you live in or near wildfire country.

The app offers great information on how to prepare your family and property for wildfires, including how to create defensible space around your home, and what to do when wildfires strike.

The app also will alert you if there's a fire near your residence or workplace, and it features a constantly updated map of fires that are burning across the state.

Source: readyforwildfire.org

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Tools and supplies



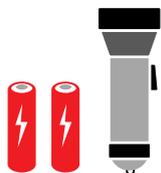
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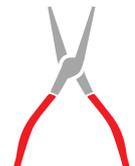
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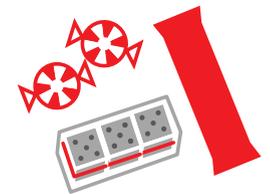
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Baby food



Comfort foods such as candy and crackers

Here's what you should buy for your home before disaster strikes

Seventy-two hours. That's how long officials said it may take before help begins to arrive if a widespread disaster were to strike San Diego County.

For storage, use a portable container such as a large, covered trash receptacle or a duffel bag. If you store your liquids at the bottom of your container, you'll reduce the chance of damage from leaking plastic bottles.

Consult your physician or pharmacist about the storage of prescription medications and keep a smaller version of your kit in your car. Remember to reconsider your emergency needs yearly and to change your food and water supplies every six months.

The following list incorporates many recommendations for a three-day stock of essential home supplies from "Preparing for Disaster," by the American Red Cross, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Additional items were suggested by the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services.

Sanitation



Wipes



Masks



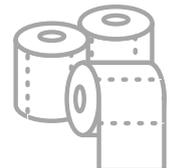
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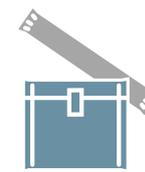
Bleach



Toilet paper



Disinfectant



Feminine supplies



Hand sanitizer



Personal hygiene products



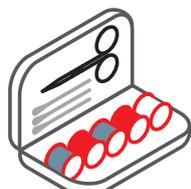
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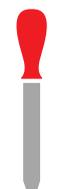
Plastic garbage bags and ties



Detergent



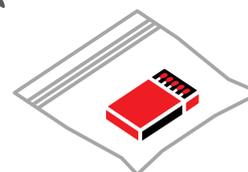
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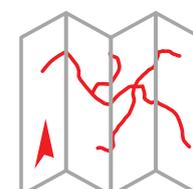
Shut-off wrench for gas and water



Matches in a waterproof container



Plastic sheeting



Map of your area to locate shelters



Spare charger

For your car

The local chapter of the American Red Cross sells various disaster-preparedness products, including 72-hour emergency kits, first-aid kits, training kits for CPR and other procedures, “sandless sandbags” for flood prevention and specialized lighting for power blackouts.

For more information, go to redcrossstore.org.



Check supplies every 6 months

Now that you’ve prepared yourself and your family for an emergency, the work isn’t over. Make sure you rehearse your family plan regularly and maintain a rotation schedule for food and water from your disaster kit.

The Red Cross gives these guidelines for storing water and some common foods:

Use within six months

- Powdered milk that’s boxed
- Dried fruit (in metal container)
- Dry, crisp crackers (in metal container)
- Potatoes
- Water

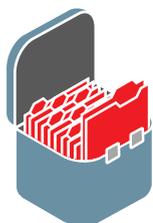
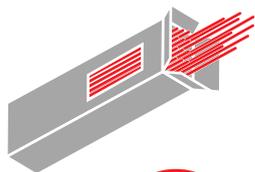
Store your water in thoroughly washed plastic, glass, fiberglass or enamel-lined metal containers. Never use a container that has held toxic substances. Seal water containers tightly, label them and store in a cool, dark place. Rotate water every six months.

Use within one year

- Canned condensed meat and vegetable soups
- Canned fruits, fruit juices and vegetables
- Ready-to-eat cereals and uncooked instant cereals (in metal containers)
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Hard candy and canned nuts
- Vitamin C

May be stored indefinitely (in proper containers and conditions)

- Vegetable oils
- Dried corn
- Baking powder
- Various dried beans
- Instant drinks
- Salt
- Noncarbonated drinks
- White rice
- Bouillon products
- Dry pasta
- Powdered milk in nitrogen-packed cans



More essentials to have on hand

Nonprescription drugs

- Pain reliever (such as ibuprofen, acetaminophen, naproxen sodium)
- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Antacid
- Laxative

Pet supplies

- Food and water for three days
- Leash

Special items

For babies

- Formula
- Diapers
- Bottles
- Powdered milk
- Medications



For adults

- Heart and blood-pressure medications
- Insulin
- Prescription drugs
- Denture needs
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Extra pair of eyeglasses

Entertainment

- Games, books, deck of cards

Clothing and bedding

- A change of clothing and footwear for each person
- Sturdy shoes and workboots
- Rain gear
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Hat and heavy gloves
- Thermal underwear
- Sunglasses



Valuable documents

- The Insurance Information Network of California recommends creating a “grab and go” box to store essential records, such as mortgage documents, birth certificates, passports, Social Security cards and insurance policy papers.
- Use a waterproof container large enough for file folders.
- As back-up measures, put copies of all important documents in a safety deposit box outside of your home. Also copy those documents onto a disk or flash drive.
- Emergency-response experts suggest photographing your home inventory and packing important phone numbers.
- Foreign nationals may want to pack documents that prove their identity.



Water sources, storage and treatment

A major earthquake could make water unsafe for drinking, bathing or washing clothes. And floods can contaminate drinking water wells.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, offers the following tips to make sure that you end up using water that is safe to drink:

- Do not use water you suspect is contaminated. Contaminated water can lead to illness.
- Do not use suspected or contaminated water to wash dishes, brush your teeth, wash and prepare food, make ice, or make baby formula.
- Do not use water from the following: radiators; hot water boilers (part of your home heating system); water beds (fungicides added to the water and/or chemicals in the vinyl may make water unsafe for use).
- Do not try to boil or disinfect water contaminated with fuel or toxic chemicals. If you suspect your water has fuel or chemical contamination, contact your local health department for specific advice.
- Do not drink alcohol, as it dehydrates the body, which increases the need for drinking water.

Make your water safe by:

Store water in plastic containers such as soft drink bottles. Avoid containers that will break. Set aside at least 1 gallon of water per person per day and keep no less than a three-day supply.

A normally active person must drink at least 2 quarts of water daily. Warm climates and intense activity can double that amount. Children, nursing mothers and sick people need more.

In an emergency, mandatory water rationing and conservation may be imposed. Some officials discourage filling bathtubs and receptacles with available water because hoarding may make the problem worse for all. If water service fails, you may have more water on hand than you think. After purification, you can use supplies from water heaters, toilet tanks and from melted ice in the freezer.

To purify water: Purify water before using, not before storing.

First: Strain it through a clean cloth to remove any floating matter.

Second: Use unscented liquid household chlorine bleach (with 5.25 percent sodium hypochlorite solution) and no other active ingredients at these strengths:

- For clear water, 2 drops per quart, half-teaspoon per 5 gallons.
- For cloudy water, 4 drops per quart, 1 teaspoon per 5 gallons.

Third: Mix the solution thoroughly and let stand for 30 minutes. If a slight chlorine odor is not detectable, repeat the dosage and let stand for 15 minutes more. As an alternative, water may be purified by bringing it to a rapid boil for 3 to 5 minutes.



QUAKES

SAN DIEGO'S ROSE CANYON FAULT IS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING A MAGNITUDE 6.9 EARTHQUAKE THAT COULD KILL 2,000 PEOPLE AND INFLICT \$40 BILLION IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, ACCORDING TO A RECENT STUDY.



Earthquake faults in California and the county

Throughout recorded history, California has dominated the list of major quakes in the United States. The state is packed with seismic activity, as shown by its abundance of earthquake faults in offshore, coastal and inland areas. Faults with particular relevance to San Diego County are the San Andreas, the Newport-Inglewood-Rose Canyon system, the Elsinore and the San Jacinto.

Source: USGS

Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed.

Be Red Cross Ready Checklist

- I know what emergencies or disasters are most likely to occur in my community.
- I have a family disaster plan and have practiced it.
- I have an emergency kit.
- At least one member of my household is trained in first aid and CPR/AED.

Get a kit

- 1 gallon of water per person per day
- 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- Medical items
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Copies of personal documents
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Include disinfectant and hygiene items like soap, hand sanitizer and face masks to protect against COVID-19

Make a plan

- Meet with your household members; discuss how to prepare for emergencies likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
- Identify responsibilities for each family member.
- Choose two places to meet, if separated by an emergency:
 - Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as fire.
 - Outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.
- Choose out-of-area emergency contact; all household members should have emergency-contact information in writing or in their cell phones.

Plan what to do if you have to evacuate

- Decide what route you would take and how you would get there.
- Practice evacuating home twice a year.
- Plan ahead for your pets. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels/motels and animal shelters.

Be informed

- Identify how local authorities will notify you during a disaster and how you will get information, whether through local radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio stations.
- Download the free Red Cross Emergency App for safety tips, preparedness checklists, local weather alerts and more.



To learn more about disaster preparedness, visit [PrepareSanDiego.org](https://www.PrepareSanDiego.org).



TIPS TO FOLLOW BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER A QUAKE

BY GARY ROBBINS

Newcomers to San Diego often ask, “Where can I buy a home that isn’t located near an earthquake fault?”

The answer is you can’t.

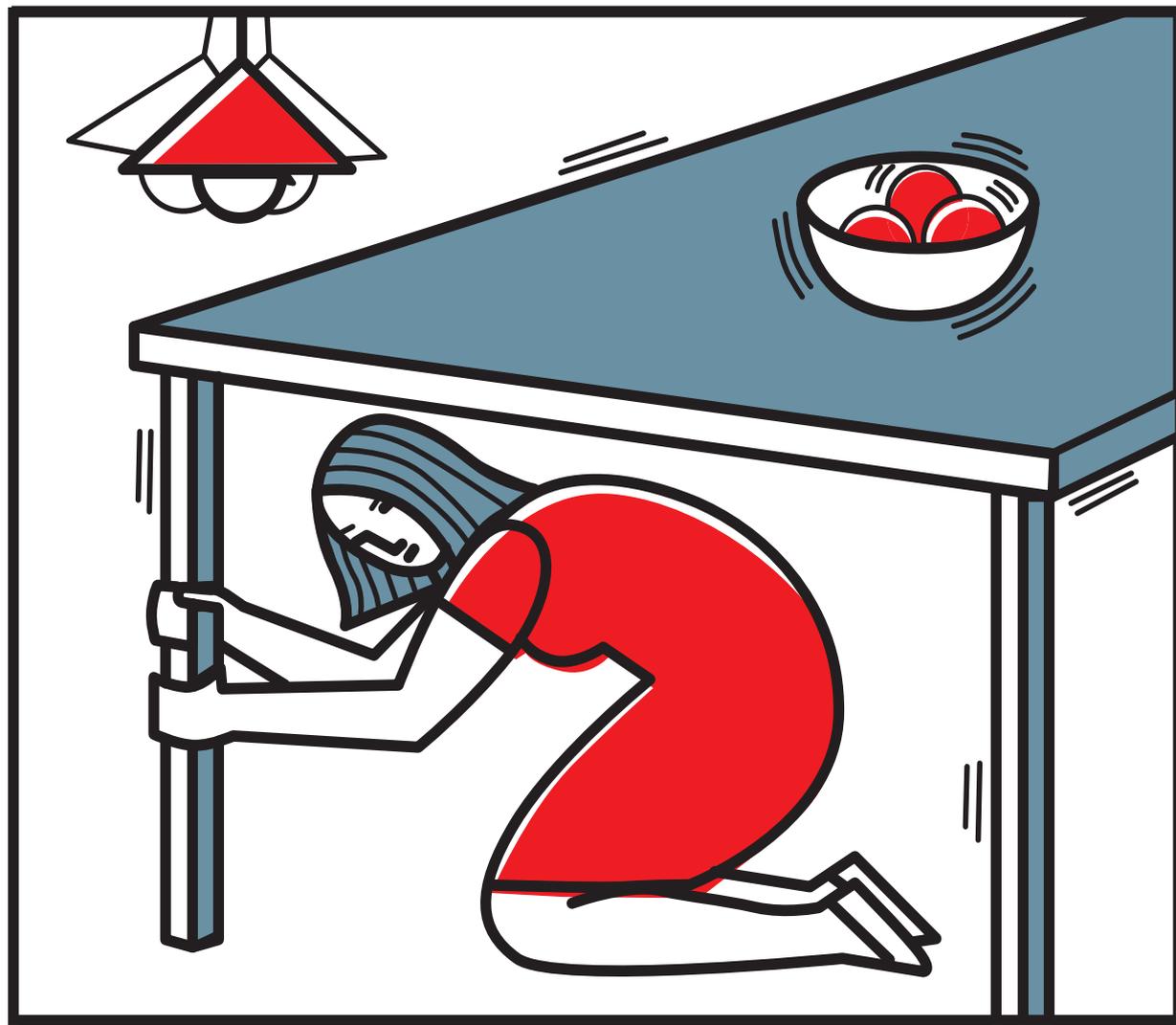
Southern California is lined with fault systems that extend from the desert to far off the region’s coastline.

One of the those systems — the Rose Canyon fault — cuts through downtown San Diego and is capable of producing a 6.9 quake that could kill hundreds if not thousands of people, says the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, or EERI.

A quake of that size also could damage 100,000 residences, cause widespread road and bridge failures, and make parts of Mission Bay sink about a foot, according to the most detailed disaster scenario done on the region.

Such a temblor could also cut gas and water service between La Jolla and the Silver Strand for months, collapse key municipal buildings, and close the San Diego-Coronado Bridge, says a report from EERI’s San Diego chapter.

So it pays to prepare your home for a major quake. Here are suggestions for steps you should take before, during and after a quake.



DURING: PROTECT YOURSELF

Disaster experts say you should instantly drop, cover and hold when an earthquake strikes. Specifically, ShakeOut.org says:

Drop where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and also allows you to stay low and crawl to shelter if nearby.

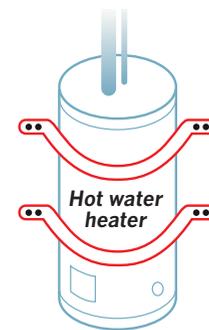
Cover your head and neck with one arm and hand. If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it for shelter. If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall (away from windows). Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs.

Hold on until shaking stops. Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts. No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.

Shaking from a moderate to large earthquake typically lasts from 10 to 30 seconds. Significant aftershocks can occur within minutes or hours of the main shock, so remain aware of your surroundings.

BEFORE: SECURE YOUR HOME

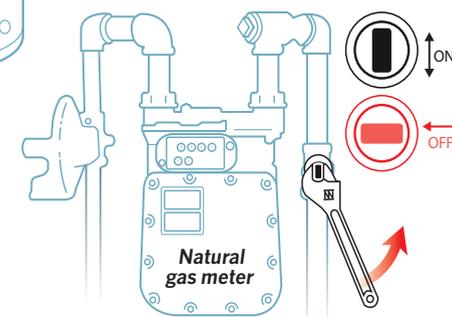
- Repair defective electrical wiring, leaky gas lines, inflexible utility connections (using professional help as needed).
- Bolt down and secure to wall studs the water heater, furnace and other major appliances.
- Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves; fasten shelves, mirrors and large picture frames to walls; brace high and top-heavy objects; anchor overhead lighting fixtures.
- For things that you can’t secure, conduct a “hazard hunt” to determine where they are so you can avoid them in a quake.
- If you smell natural gas or hear a gas leak, turn off the main valve using a 10- to 12-inch wrench. Report the leak to San Diego Gas & Electric from a telephone outside of your home and request a company technician or a licensed contractor to check for leaks and turn on the gas.



Hot water heater

- Do not turn the gas back on by yourself and do not turn on electrical switches until you are sure there is no leak. There is no need to turn off the gas if you do not detect any leaks.

- When checking your house, use only flashlights, not lanterns, candles or other flammable light sources because they could ignite a gas leak



AFTER: ASSESS YOUR HOME

- Perform a safety check of your living quarters, wearing sturdy shoes, gloves and a dust mask or wet handkerchief if damage is extensive.
- Some chimneys may collapse and others may be weakened and should be approached with caution. Do not use a damaged chimney.
- If you find damaged electrical wiring, shut off the power at the control box. Do not touch downed power lines. If the power is out, unplug sensitive electronic equipment, such as computers, to protect them from a power surge. Leave a lamp on so you will know when power is restored.
- There is generally no need to turn off the main power switch if there is no damage. To shut off electricity, turn off all small breakers and then shut off the main circuit breaker. For a home equipped with a fuse box, remove all small fuses and then turn off the main using the knife switch handle.
- If the power is out, first eat foods that will spoil quickly, such as those in the refrigerator and freezer. Generally, they’re safe to eat as long as they’re refrigerator-cool. Freezer items may be refrozen if ice chips are still evident. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Operate portable generators outdoors only. Use only with appliances that can connect directly to the generator by extension cords and do not plug a generator into a household outlet. That could send electricity back into the main utility system and cause possible injury.
- For leaks and spills, check water lines in the kitchen, bathrooms, laundry room and the landscaping system. Check the main line connection at the street and house. Turn off the valves as needed. Immediately clean up any spilled medicines, drugs and hazardous materials, such as gasoline or bleach.
- Cleaning homes and yards after a disaster can be a big job. Let professionals handle complicated and dangerous repair work, such as a cracked foundation, downed power lines or gas leaks.

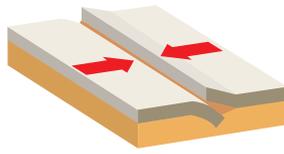
Sources: American Red Cross, ShakeOut.org; University of Utah

Conditions needed for a tsunami to happen in Southern California

A tsunami here likely would be caused by an earthquake just off the coast at a depth shallow enough for displacement of water to reach the surface and move laterally. Ideal tsunami conditions and the local geography:

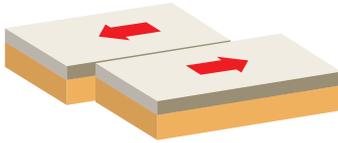
Subduction zones

One plate dives below another, pushing it up and displacing water. In a big temblor, enough water is displaced to cause a tsunami.



Strike-slip fault

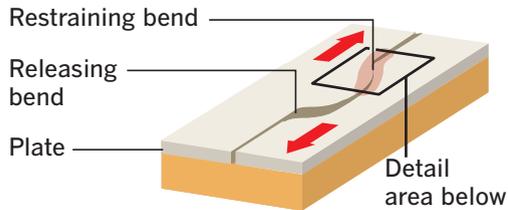
However, none of our known underwater faults is likely to cause a tsunami. Strike-slip faults — like those found locally — move laterally, causing little displacement of water.



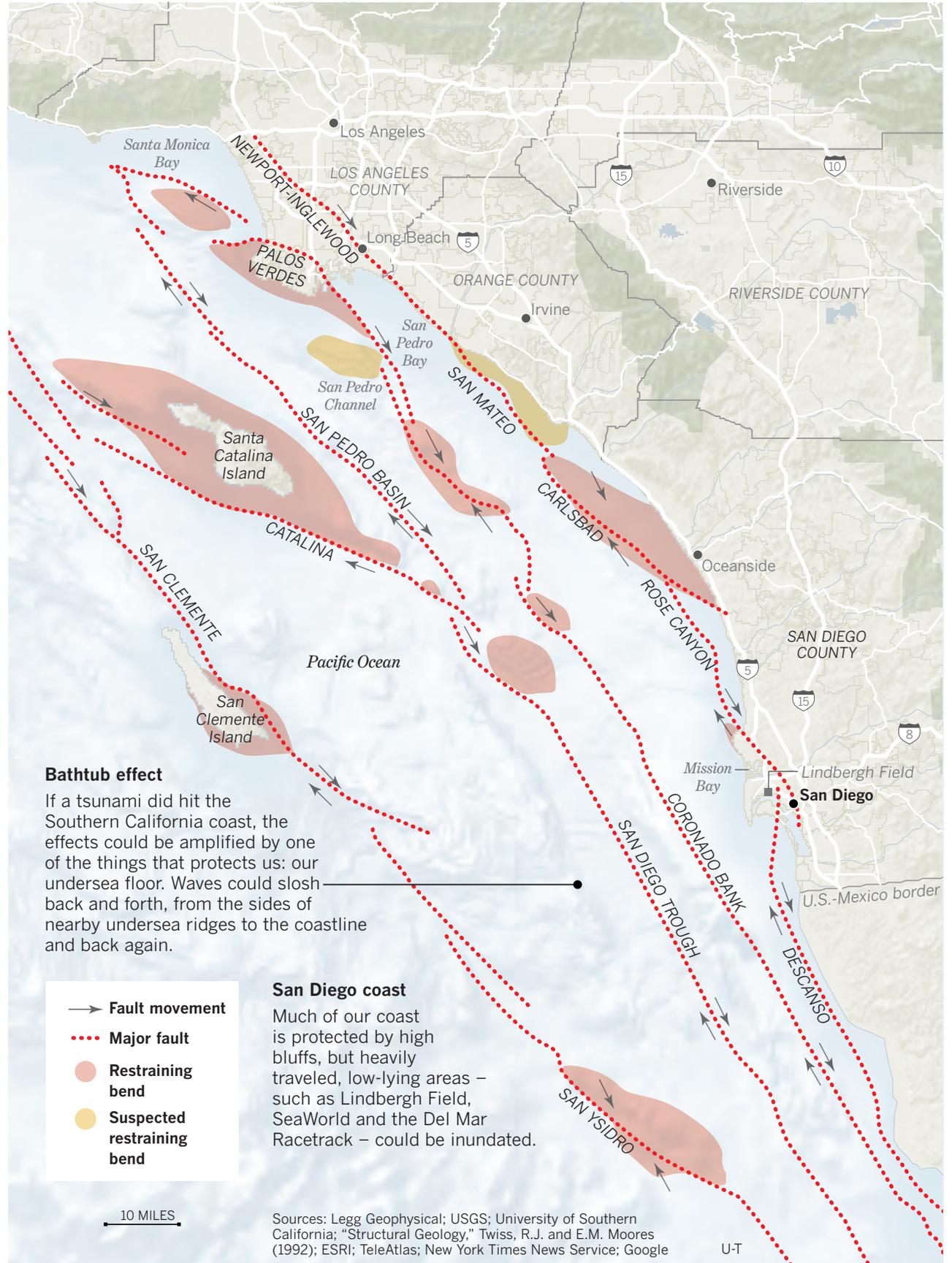
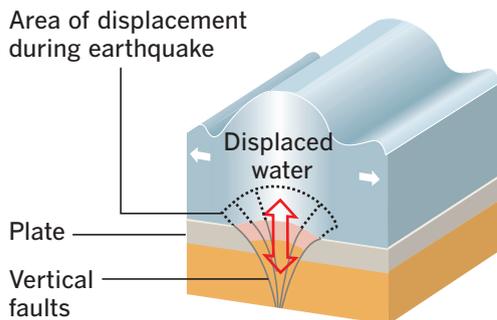
Restraining bends

Some large bends in our local fault lines could cause a tsunami.

When a strike-slip curves, a restraining bend or releasing bend can occur. Restraining bends push the seafloor upward; the phenomenon created Catalina Island.



During an earthquake, restraining bends shift vertically. Researchers believe the restraining bend movement could displace enough water to cause waves. If the quake also generates an underwater landslide, a narrow — but damaging — tsunami could result.



FIRES

WILDFIRES HAVE BECOME PART OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LANDSCAPE. THE COMBINATION OF WEATHER, ENVIRONMENT AND HUMANITY SOMETIMES CAN PRODUCE CATASTROPHES.

Fire approaches a home near Mount Woodson in San Diego County in October 2007, during the Witch Creek fire.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A MAJOR FIRE ERUPTS

ReadySanDiego.org says you should do the following when trouble strikes

- Alert family and neighbors.
- Ensure that you have your emergency supply kit.
- Stay tuned to media and look for alerts on your cellphone: Visit SDCountyEmergency.com.
- Close all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- Remove flammable window shades and curtains.
- Move furniture to the center of the room.
- Turn off pilot lights and air conditioning.
- Leave inside and outside lights on so firefighters can see your house through smoke.
- Bring patio furniture, children's toys, etc., inside.
- Turn off propane tanks and other gas at the meter.
- Back your car into the driveway to facilitate a quick departure.
- Cover attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial covers.
- Call 211 for all nonemergency inquiries or visit: 211SanDiego.org.

SURVIVAL TIPS: IF YOU ARE TRAPPED

- Call 911.
- Remain inside your home until the fire passes.
- Shelter away from outside walls.
- Bring garden hoses inside the house so embers don't destroy them.
- Patrol inside your home for spot fires and extinguish any you find.
- Wear long sleeves and long pants made of natural fibers such as cotton.
- Stay hydrated.
- Ensure you can exit the home if it catches fire (remember, if it is hot inside the house, it is four to five times hotter outside.)
- Fill sinks and tubs for an emergency water supply.
- Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out.
- After the fire has passed, check your home and roof. Extinguish any fires, sparks or embers.
- Check inside the attic for hidden embers.
- If there are fires that you cannot extinguish with a small amount of water or in a short period of time, call 911.

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U-T FILE PHOTOS

At top, a line of flames burns toward houses in Scripps Ranch along Pomerado Road in October 2003 during the Cedar fire. Below, a blaze takes out one of the more than 1,600 homes that were destroyed during the Witch Creek fire in October 2007.

SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC & NO SUCH THING AS BEING TOO PREPARED

There's nothing more important to us than keeping you safe during wildfire season. But we need your help. Download our emergency checklists from our site (or tear off the list to your right) then make and practice your family's preparedness plan. Next, be sure we have your current contact info so we can keep you updated. That way in the event of emergency conditions, you'll be both ready and well-informed.

For more information on emergency preparation and wildfire safety, visit sdge.com/wildfire-safety.



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If there was an emergency today, would you be prepared for it? Build an emergency kit before you need it.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BASICS THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE IN YOUR KIT:



Three-day supply of bottled water (one gallon per person per day)



Three-day supply of packaged, dried and canned goods



Pet food and pet carrier(s)



Manual can opener



Portable radio and flashlights with spare batteries in waterproof bags



Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members



Backup charging method for phones



First aid kit and essential medicines



An extra set of car keys, cash and credit cards



Defensible space

Creating defensible space is important for increasing your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. There are two zones that create the 100-foot buffer between your home and the surrounding grass, trees and shrubs. Follow these tips to help stop or slow the spread of wildfire.



Roof

Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters. Remove branches that hang over your roof and keep dead branches 10 feet away from your chimney.

Tree trimming

Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet away from other trees.

Remove flammable plants and shrubs near windows or prune them regularly.

Driveway access

For firetruck access, remove vegetation within 10 feet of each side of your driveway.

Zone 1: 50 feet from structure

The first 50 feet around your house are key to fire protection. While some suggest a greenbelt consisting of a well-watered lawn, this is not always desirable, especially where water-thrifty practices must be followed. Hardscaping alternatives such as patios, aprons or gravel pathways are a good substitute. They can be decorated with plant pockets or large container planters.

Shrubbery

Shrubs should be fire-resistant and used as specimens instead of in tight groupings.

Rethink bedded plants

In landscaped beds, use low-growing annual or perennial plants with low oil and high moisture content. Consider groundcover like wild strawberry (*Fragaria chilolensis*), yarrow (*Achillea*), and myoporium. Succulent plants like aeoniums, agaves and aloes are also good choices near structures because of their very high moisture content.

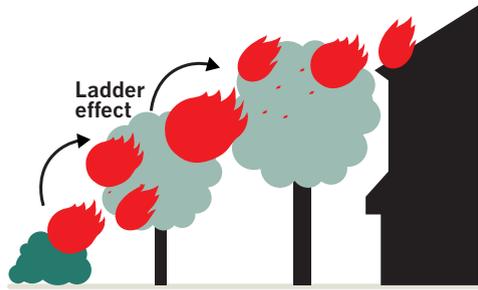
Paths as firebreaks

When possible, create paths through remaining chaparral to act as firebreaks.

Note: San Diego County requires 50 feet of clearance for Zone 1. Cal Fire recommends 30 feet. Please check with your local fire department for additional ordinances.

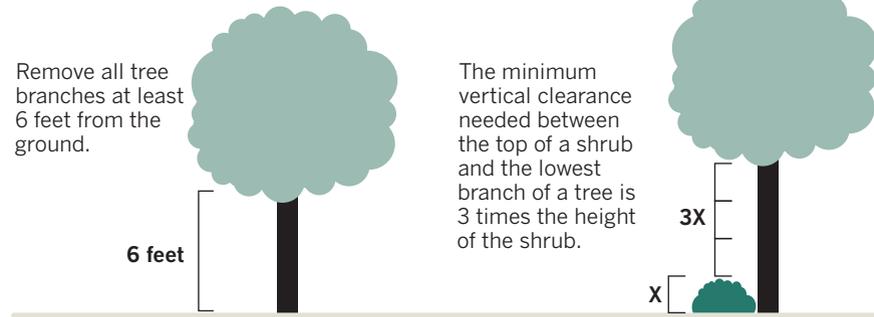
Plant and tree spacing

Keeping shrubs and trees the proper distance away from each other and structures is important so they don't serve as ladders, carrying flames up into a building. See the vertical and horizontal spacing formulas to help you determine this distance.



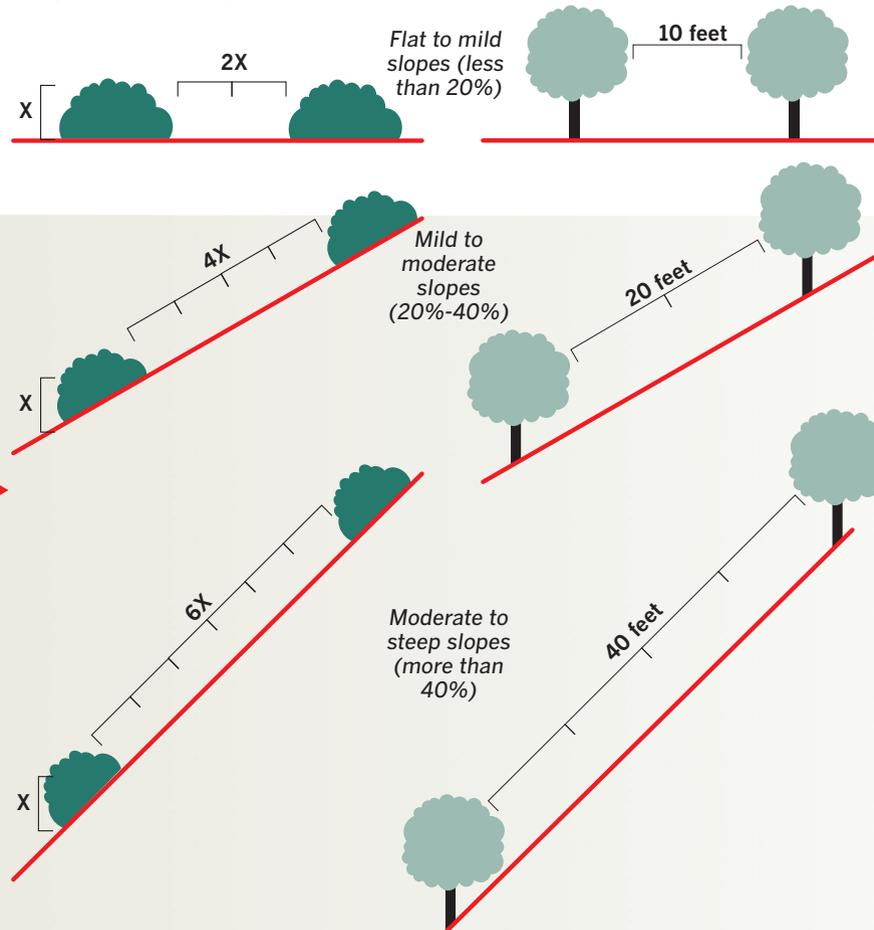
Vertical spacing

The vertical space between grass, shrubs and trees is critical for reducing the spread of wildfires. See the recommended formula below to calculate the distance between your tree branches and the ground or a shrub.



Horizontal spacing

The horizontal space between plants is also important for stopping the spread of wildfires. Plants on slopes are particularly dangerous, as flames move faster vertically. The spacing between your plants increases as the steepness of your slope increases.



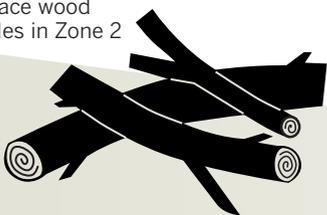
Basics to create defensible space

1. Remove all dead plants, trees and shrubs
2. Reduce excess leaves, plant parts and low-hanging branches. Remove limbs close to the house.
3. Replace flammable plants with fire-resistant plants. Select high-moisture plants with a low sap or resin content.
4. Water landscape sufficiently so plants are green during summer.
5. Use rock, mulch, flower beds and gardens as effective firebreaks.

Zone 2: 50-100 feet from structure

Cut or mow annual grass down to a maximum height of 4 inches. Create horizontal and vertical spacing between shrubs and trees. You are not required to cross your property line in order to clear 100 feet. The neighboring property owner may be required to clear the space by the fire agency.

Place wood piles in Zone 2



Fire-wise plants

A number of plants create attractive, water-thrifty and fire-wise landscapes. Here are some suggestions:

Trees

- California sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*)
- Strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*)
- Western redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*)

Shrubs

- Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*) 'Dr. Hurd'
- Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*) 'AustinGriffith'
- Monkey flower (*Mimulus*)
- California lilac (*Ceanothus*) 'RayHartman,' 'South Coast Blue,' 'Julia Phelps'
- Coffeeberry, also called California buckthorn (*Rhamnus californica*)
- Chitalpa tashkentensis

Perennials

- Blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium bellum*)
- Red-hot poker (*Kniphofia uvaria*)
- Seaside daisy (*Erigeron glaucus*)
- California fuchsia (*Zauschneria californica*)

Ground cover

- California lilac (*Ceanothus*) 'Yankee Point' or 'Joyce Coulter'
- *Ceanothus gloriosus* cultivars (Heart's Desire, Mills Glory, Anchor Bay)
- Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*) 'John Dourley,' 'Harmony' or 'Pacific Mist'
- Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos edmundsii*) 'Carmel Sur,' 'Pt. Reyes'
- California wild rose 'Bee's Bliss' and 'Dara's Choice'

Plants to avoid

Plants that store volatile oils should be removed. These are the most dangerous, because they can ignite quickly:

- Acacia trees
- Cedar trees
- Eucalyptus trees
- Juniper trees
- Pepper trees

Sources: U.S. Fire Administration; Greg Rubin, owner of California's Own Native Plant Design in Escondido; Cal Fire; readyforwildfire.org



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A Camp Pendleton firefighter points to a plume of smoke during a battle to save apartments off Del Cielo Este as the Lilac fire burns on Dec. 7, 2017, near Bonsall.

WILDFIRES: THE SCOURGE OF THE SANTA ANA WINDS

BY GARY ROBBINS

Wildfires in Southern California are often spread by a meteorological phenomenon known as Santa Ana winds. San Diego Gas & Electric explains the nature of the winds, which scientists say could intensify over time because of climate change.

What are the Santa Ana winds?

They are winds that blow from the desert toward the ocean, typically from fall to the spring months. They're associated with hot and dry weather.

The winds can quickly accelerate as they move down the mountains and into the valleys. They can reach speeds of more than 100 mph.

The highest temperatures in coastal areas coincide with the Santa Anas, although the winds don't reach the coast in all places.

You can have strong Santa Anas at the coast in North County, but not in San Diego, due to differences in the terrain.

Why are they called the Santa Anas?

The most commonly cited reason is that the winds flow through Santa Ana Canyon and down through the Santa Ana River valley.

Do Santa Anas pose more of a threat to spreading wildfires than other types of winds?

Absolutely. Santa Anas are hot, dry gusty winds that can lead to rapid wildfire growth. The beginning of the Santa Ana season coincides with the end of our dry season, when the vegetation on the hillsides is at its driest point. The hills are usually dry until the winter rains arrive.

Can the winds damage the power lines that distribute electricity throughout the county?

When the winds reach hurricane force, they have that potential. More often than not, the problem is caused by flying debris. The winds can blow things like sheet metal or Mylar balloons or tree branches against power lines. In January, the Santa Anas swept a gazebo through the air in Alpine.

Does SDG&E warn consumers about the onset of the Santa Anas and how hard the winds will blow in specific areas?

If we're expecting extreme fire conditions, yes. SDG&E also does so if there's a red-flag warning (high winds, high temperatures and low humidity.) In parts of its service area, SDG&E communicates early and often with customers that strong winds are in the forecast that can lead to outages, and that they should take steps to be ready for that.

Santa Ana winds

Every autumn in Southern California, the Santa Ana winds blow from the desert to the ocean, increasing the chances for wildfire to spread. Here's how:

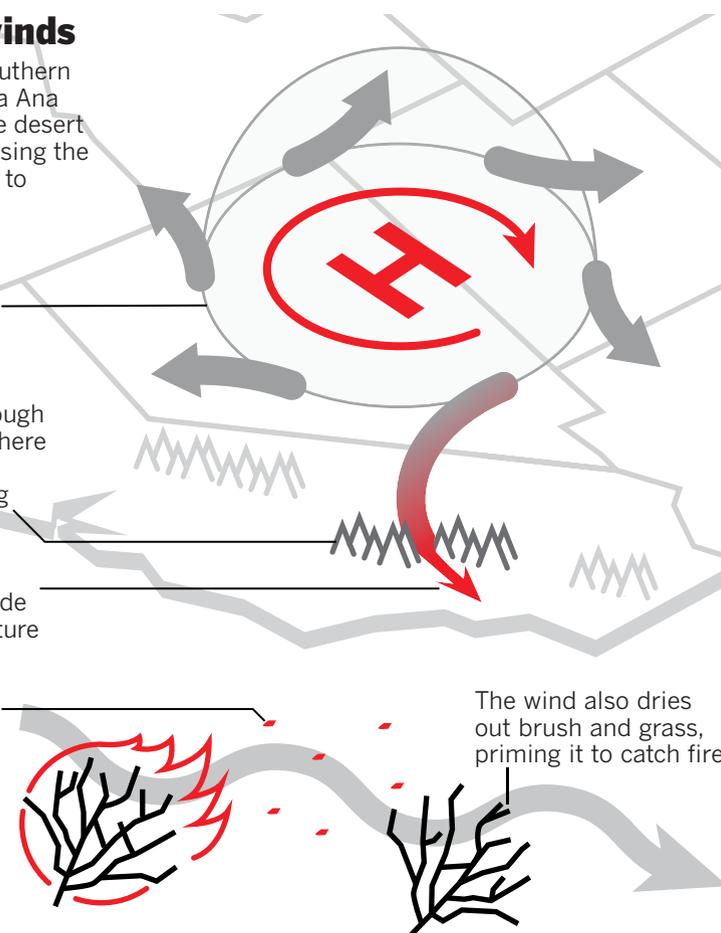
The high-pressure area over the Great Basin produces clockwise winds.

The air funnels through mountain passes where it picks up speed, sometimes reaching hurricane force.

As the wind nears the coast, the altitude drops and temperature increases.

The swift, dry wind can carry sparks from brush fires to start other fires.

The wind also dries out brush and grass, priming it to catch fire.



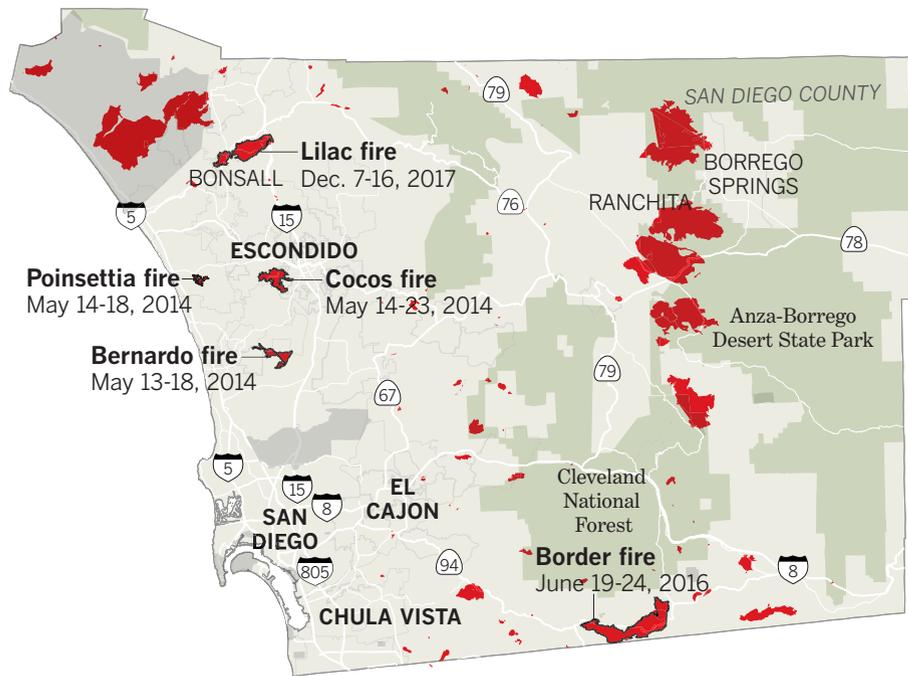
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Wildfires in San Diego County by decade

■ Firestorm of 2003
 ■ Firestorm of 2007
 ■ Other wildfires

2010-2018

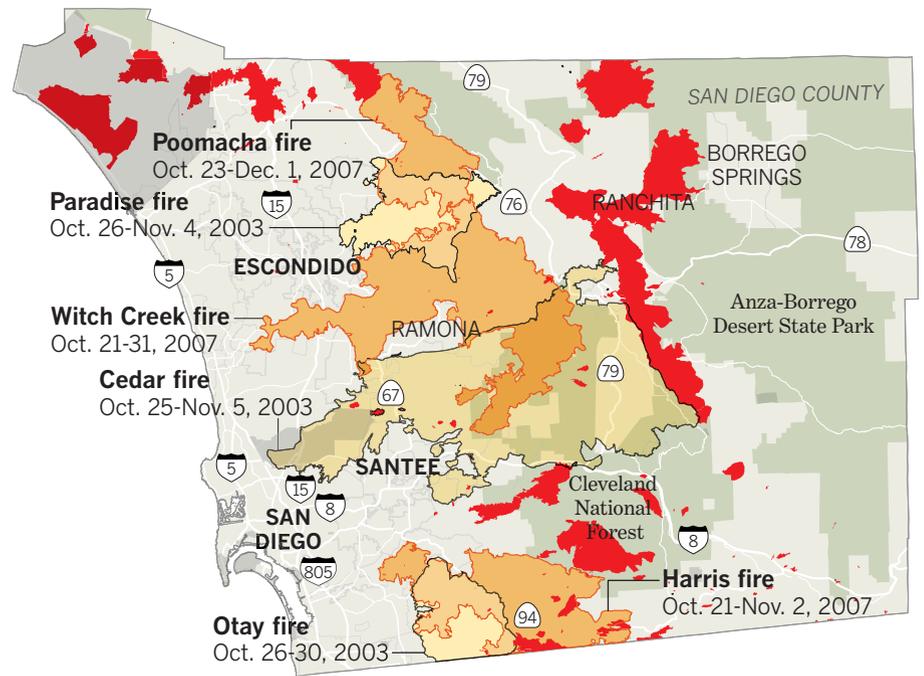
Fourteen wildfires burned almost 27,000 acres one week in May 2014. The Border fire in 2016 claimed two lives and was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of animals and livestock. The Lilac fire burned 4,100 acres in 2017, destroyed 157 structures and damaged 64 others, and 46 horses were killed or went missing.



108 | 112,435
Wildfires | Acres burned

2000-2009

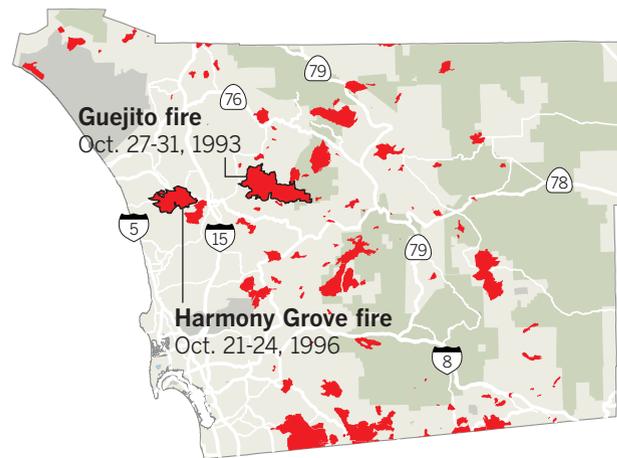
The 2000s were the worst decade for wildfires in San Diego County in recent history. The firestorms of 2003 and 2007 burned a combined 674,173 acres, destroyed 3,928 homes and killed 27 people.



143 | 874,842
Wildfires | Acres burned

1990-1999

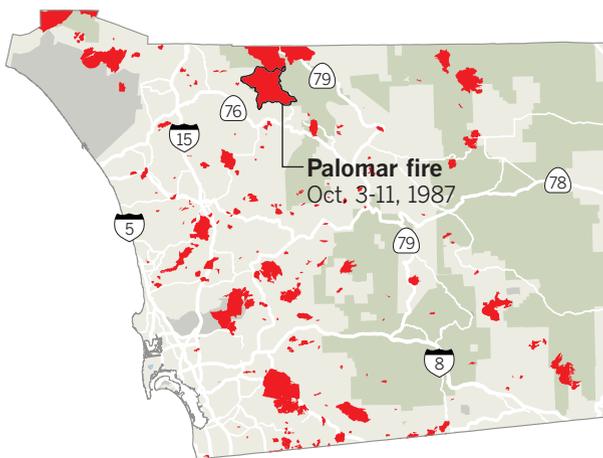
The 1993 Guejito fire was the largest of the decade, burning nearly 18,000 acres and destroying 18 homes. The Harmony Grove fire in 1996 killed one person and burned more than 100 structures.



141 | 176,990
Wildfires | Acres burned

1980-1989

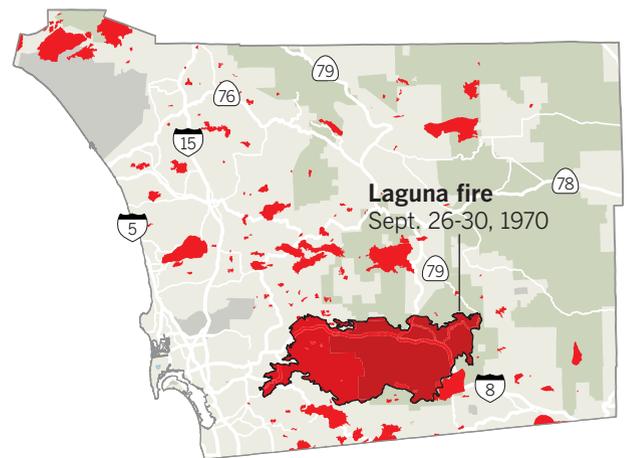
The number of fires in the 1980s was more than the decades before and after it, but almost all were less than 1,000 acres each. The largest was 1987's Palomar fire, which burned almost 16,000 acres.



250 | 205,619
Wildfires | Acres burned

1970-1979

Before the firestorms of the 2000s, the 1970 Laguna fire had been San Diego's most destructive in recorded history. The blaze killed eight people, destroyed 382 homes and burned nearly 175,000 acres.



190 | 326,932
Wildfires | Acres burned

Data from Cal Fire's Fire Perimeters database. Data from 1970 to 2001 include U.S. Forest Service wildfires 10 acres and larger and state Department of Forestry fires 300 acres and larger. Data from 2002 include Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service fires of 10 acres and larger. In 2002, Department of Forestry data expanded to include timber fires 10 acres and larger, brush fires 50 acres and larger, grass fires 300 acres and larger, wildfires destroying three or more structures and wildfires causing \$300,000 or more in damage. In some cases, reported acreage burned varies in official source materials; in such instances, the largest figure is used.

Sources: Cal Fire; ESRI; Tele Atlas; USGS; U.S. Census; The San Diego Union-Tribune

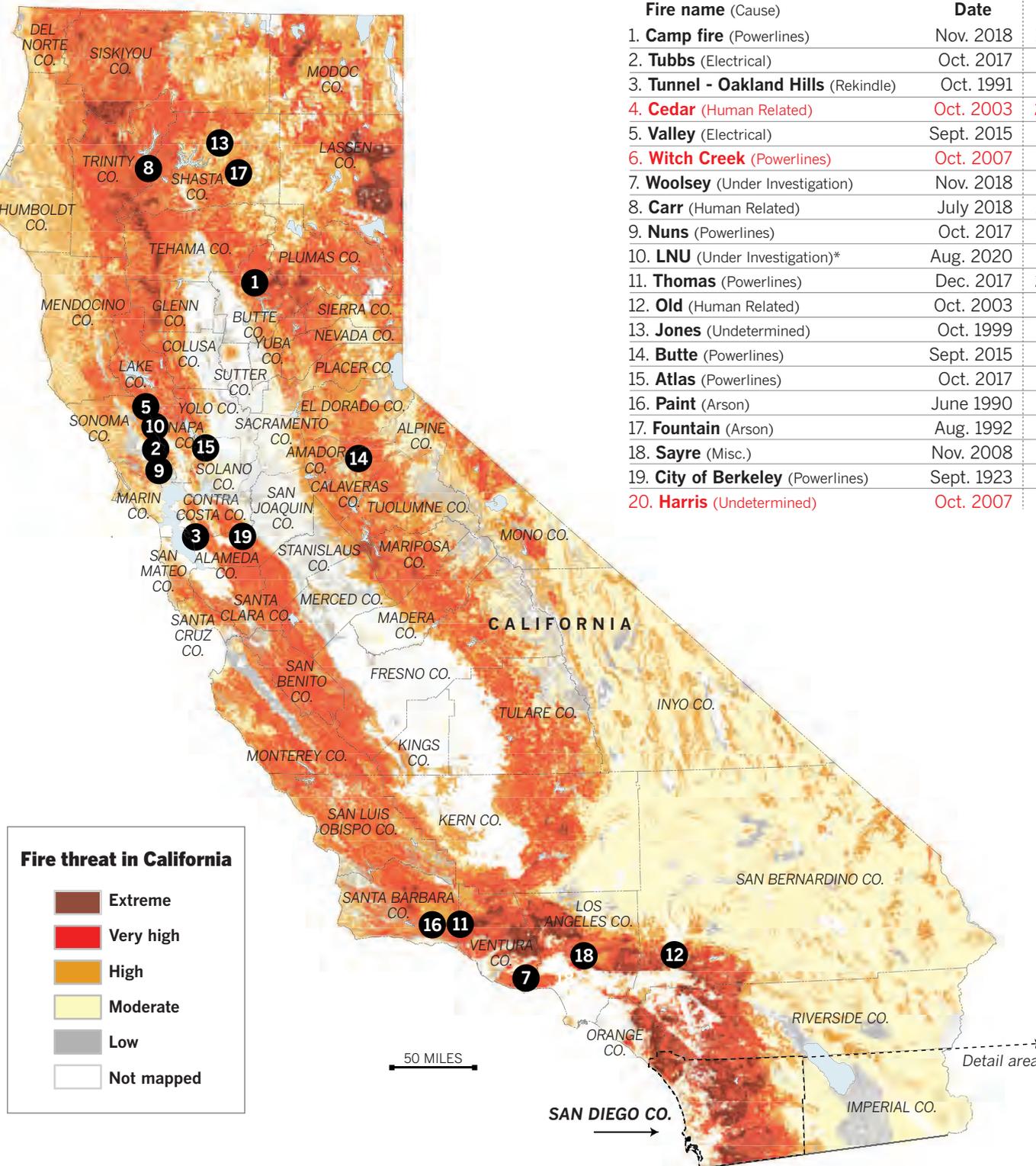
Wildfire threat in California

Wildfires have long been a danger to residents up and down California. Increasingly though, backcountry development and climate change have created a situation where more people live in wildfire-prone areas. While few locations are immune to wildfire risk, communities in the urban-rural interface are particularly prone to huge conflagrations. In recent years, major blazes have caused billions of dollars in property damage and cost millions to suppress.

California's most destructive wildfires

Fire name (Cause)	Date	Acres	Structures	Deaths
1. Camp fire (Powerlines)	Nov. 2018	153,336	18,804	85
2. Tubbs (Electrical)	Oct. 2017	36,807	5,636	22
3. Tunnel - Oakland Hills (Rekindle)	Oct. 1991	1,600	2,900	25
4. Cedar (Human Related)	Oct. 2003	273,246	2,820	15
5. Valley (Electrical)	Sept. 2015	76,067	1,955	4
6. Witch Creek (Powerlines)	Oct. 2007	197,990	1,650	2
7. Woolsey (Under Investigation)	Nov. 2018	96,949	1,643	3
8. Carr (Human Related)	July 2018	229,651	1,614	8
9. Nuns (Powerlines)	Oct. 2017	54,382	1,355	3
10. LNU (Under Investigation)*	Aug. 2020	371,249	1,277	5
11. Thomas (Powerlines)	Dec. 2017	281,893	1,063	2
12. Old (Human Related)	Oct. 2003	91,281	1,003	6
13. Jones (Undetermined)	Oct. 1999	26,200	954	1
14. Butte (Powerlines)	Sept. 2015	70,868	921	2
15. Atlas (Powerlines)	Oct. 2017	51,624	783	6
16. Paint (Arson)	June 1990	4,900	641	1
17. Fountain (Arson)	Aug. 1992	63,960	636	0
18. Sayre (Misc.)	Nov. 2008	11,262	604	0
19. City of Berkeley (Powerlines)	Sept. 1923	130	584	0
20. Harris (Undetermined)	Oct. 2007	90,440	548	8

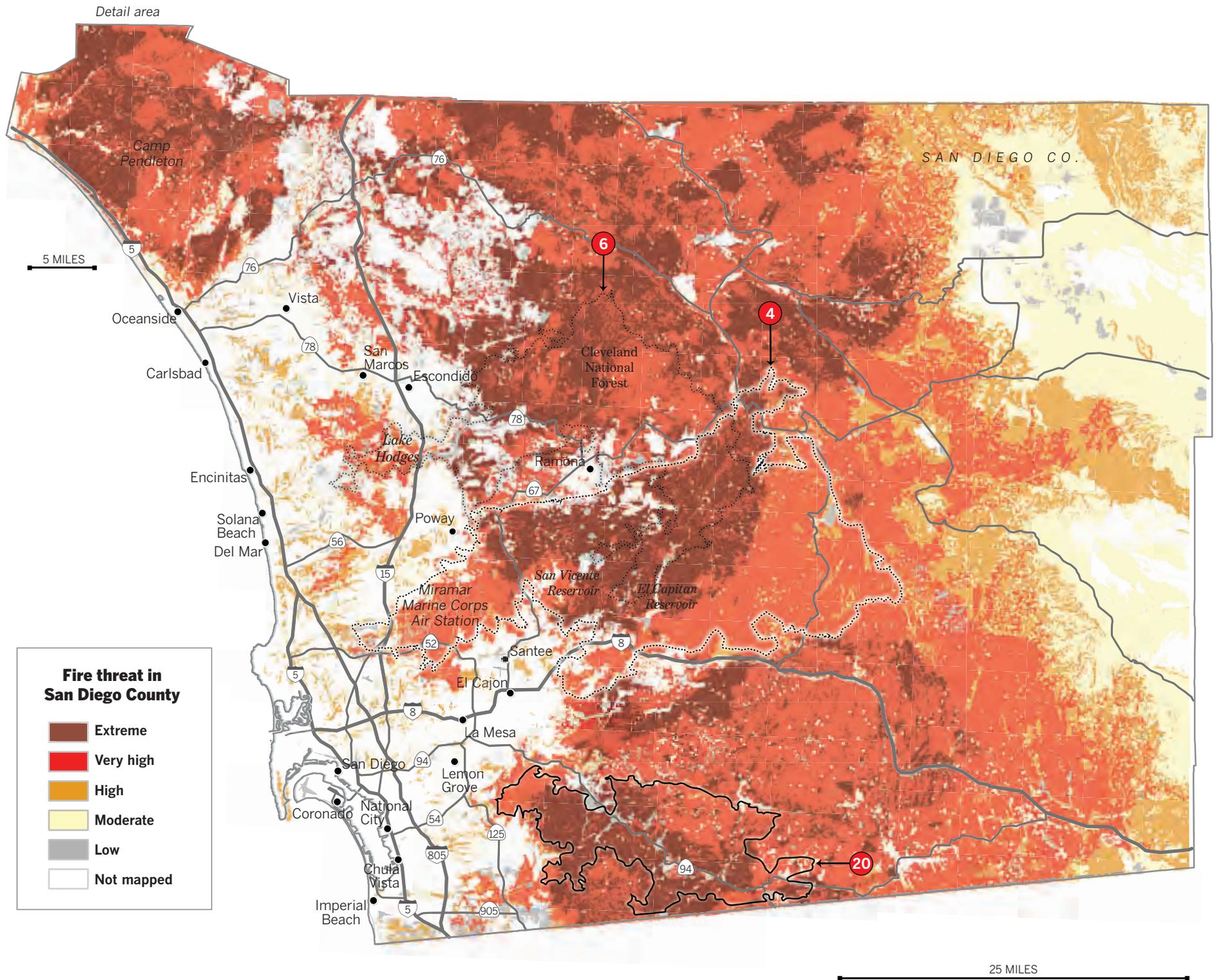
Fire suppression expenditures



*Numbers not final. LNU fire also known as LNU Lightning Complex, is currently 69% contained. "Structures" include homes, outbuildings (barns, garages, sheds, etc.) and commercial properties destroyed. This list does not include fire jurisdiction. These are the top 20 regardless of whether they were state, federal or local responsibility as of Sept. 1, 2020. Fire suppression expenditures for FY 2018-19 are estimates and expenditures for FY 2019-20 are YTD estimates.

Wildfire threat in San Diego County

Fire officials are on high alert heading into the late summer and fall months when conditions dry out and easterly winds start to kick up. The San Diego region has experienced two of the state's 10 most destructive wildfires. The Witch Creek fire in 2007 burned nearly 198,000 acres, killed two people and destroyed 1,650 structures. The Cedar fire in 2003 scorched more than 273,000 acres, killed 15 people and burned down 2,820 structures.



Fire threat is a combination of two factors: 1) fire frequency, or the likelihood of a given area burning, and 2) potential fire behavior (hazard). These two factors are combined to create four threat classes ranging from moderate to extreme.

Sources: Cal Fire; ESRI

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A storm
floods
South
Mission
Beach
in 2012.

FLOODS

ON AVERAGE, THE SKIES ARE CLEAR 146 DAYS A YEAR IN SAN DIEGO. AND THE CITY AVERAGES LESS THAN 11 INCHES OF RAIN ANNUALLY. FLOODING WOULDN'T SEEM TO BE A PROBLEM. BUT SOMETIMES, IT IS.

It's impossible to predict how much rain will fall annually in San Diego County. Sometimes, nature barely makes the ground wet. Other years, the region is lashed by soggy El Niños.

But know this: Powerful storms can quickly blow ashore during even the driest winters, unleashing enough rain to cause cliffs and hillsides to fall.

And UC San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography says California's future is likely to involve more atmospheric rivers — the big plumes of moisture from the subtropics that intensify winter storms from the North Pacific.

The problem could be a particular threat during the winter of 2020-21 due to the significant coastal erosion that has been occurring in places like Del Mar and Leucadia.

Things to watch out for:

Flash flooding can produce dangerous driving conditions at traffic intersections, especially in places like Fashion Valley in Mission Valley. Follow this advice from the National Weather Service: Turn around, don't drown.

Flooding also periodically occurs along parts of the Santa Margarita River in Camp Pendleton and the San Luis Rey River in Oceanside. Do not cross these rivers on foot or by vehicle.

Remember, the average automobile can be swept off the road in 12 inches of moving water, and roads covered by water are prone to collapse.

Attempting to drive through water also may stall your engine, with the potential to cause irreparable damage if you try to restart the engine. If you come upon a flooded street, take an alternate route.

Take extra precautions if you're forced to drive through water. If no alternate route exists and you have no other reasonable alternative, carefully drive through standing water.

Do your best to estimate the depth of the water (if other cars are driving through, take note of how deep the water is).

Drive slowly and steadily through the water.

Avoid driving in water that downed electrical or power lines have fallen in — electric current passes through water easily.

Watch for items traveling downstream — they can trap or crush you if you're in their path.

If you have driven through water up to the wheel rims or higher, test your brakes on a clear patch of road at low speed. If they are wet and not stopping the vehicle as they should, dry them by pressing gently on the brake pedal with your left foot while maintaining speed with your right foot.

If you can't restart your vehicle and you become trapped in rising water, immediately abandon it for higher ground. Try to open the door or roll down the window to get out of the vehicle. If you are unable to get out safely, call 911 or get the attention of a passerby or someone standing on higher ground so they may call for help.



Above: During major storms, motorists should avoid flood-prone places like the roads near Fashion Valley Mall in Mission Valley. In 2017, record rainfall submerged vehicles on Camino de la Reina near Avenida del Rio. **Below:** County Department of Public Works employee Maurice Booker stacked up sandbags during flooding on Lakeside's Lemon Crest Drive in 2017.

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The monsoonal moisture that flows into San Diego County during the summer

generates lightning that can spark fast-moving wildfires, especially in the mountains, where thunderstorms are most likely to erupt.

Lightning also can disrupt the power supply, and it can be deadly for people caught outside when the skies light up.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers the following lightning safety tips:

The main lightning safety guide is the 30-30 rule. After you see lightning, start counting to 30. If you hear thunder before you reach 30, go indoors. Suspend activities for at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.

Safe shelters include homes, offices, shopping centers and hard-top vehicles with the windows rolled up.

If you are caught in an open area, crouch down in a ball-like position (feet and knees together) with your head tucked and hands over your ears so that you are down low with minimal contact with the ground.

Do not lie down. Lightning causes electric currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly over 100 feet away. Crouching down is the best combination of being low and touching the ground as little as possible.

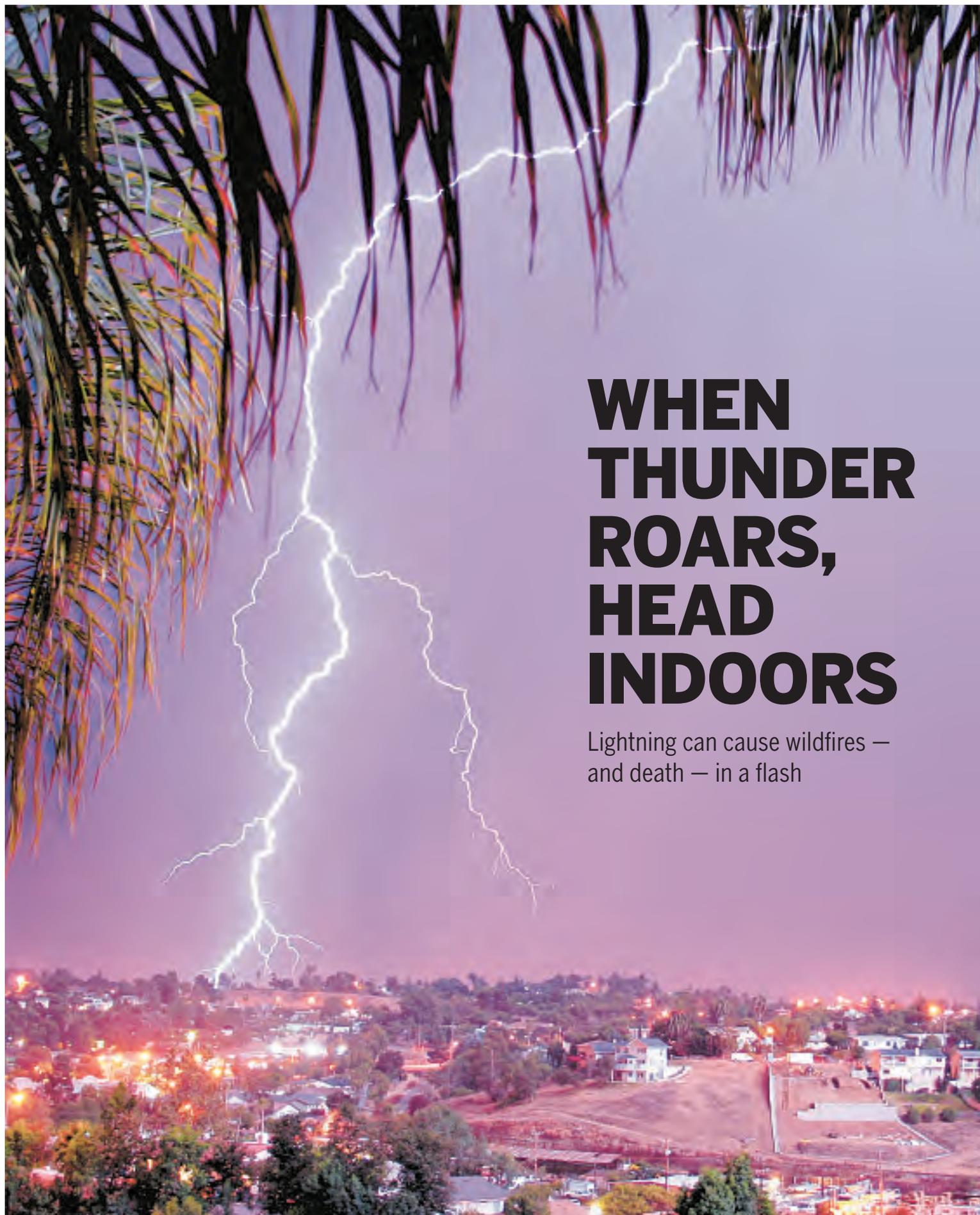
If you are in a group during a thunderstorm, separate from each other. This will reduce the number of injuries if lightning strikes the ground.

Avoid open vehicles such as convertibles, motorcycles, and golf carts. Be sure to avoid open structures such as porches, gazebos, baseball dugouts and sports arenas. And stay away from open spaces such as golf courses, parks, playgrounds, ponds, lakes, swimming pools and beaches.

Avoid water during a thunderstorm. Lightning can travel through plumbing.

Avoid electronic equipment of all types. Lightning can travel through electrical systems and radio and television reception systems.

Avoid corded phones. However, cordless or cellular phones are safe to use during a storm.



WHEN THUNDER ROARS, HEAD INDOORS

Lightning can cause wildfires — and death — in a flash

NEGOTIATE INSURANCE BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES

Fire. Flood. Earthquake. Insurance against these disasters comes in three policies for homeowners and renters. Flood and earthquake — unlike fire — are typically not covered under a standard homeowners or renters insurance policy. Buying and understanding such insurance can be daunting. But it's better to take the time now — before a disaster strikes — to make sure you have the right policies and coverage in place. Here's are some things you should consider:

EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE



The biggest thing to keep in mind when it comes to earthquake coverage is that it's not included in your typical homeowners policy. But it's definitely something to check out.

Last year, UC San Diego highlighted the potential dangers of quakes when it released a study that says a fault system runs from San Diego to Los

Angeles that could produce a magnitude 7.4 quake. Such a temblor could kill thousands of people.

The California Earthquake Authority, which writes about two-thirds of residential quake-insurance policies, has used these kind of scenarios to try to get homeowners to buy policies.

The nonprofit agency also has tried to make buying these policies comparatively easy.

The CEA offers dwelling deductibles, which are never paid out of pocket but instead are deducted from a policyholder's claim check for covered damage, at 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 percent. The dwelling coverage includes attached garages but not detached garages, pools or fences.

For instance, if a house is insured for \$500,000 with a 5 percent deductible (\$25,000) and an earthquake causes \$80,000 in covered damage, the claim payment would be \$55,000.

The CEA gave homeowners the option to have separate deductibles for their dwelling and personal property. You can choose between 5 to 25 percent for your personal property deductible, which may allow you to receive a personal property claim payment even if your house is not badly damaged. Renters are also given the same deductible options.

Personal property claims are settled by CEA at replacement cost — what it would cost to replace your property with no deduction for depreciation — not actual cash value.

What's the difference? One method takes into consideration depreciation, while the other does not.

If you have to live elsewhere after the earthquake, the CEA will cover up to \$100,000 in additional living expenses for homeowners and renters.

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FLOOD INSURANCE



Flood insurance is another policy you won't find in your homeowners coverage. But help is available.

The government's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers a policy that, up to a point, covers your home and its contents. If you need more than that, you can buy excess flood insurance policies.

Many people buy such insurance in anticipation of an El Niño, a periodic weather phenomenon that can produce unusually wet winters. Then many people drop the policies after the El Niño ends. Insurers understand that. But they remind people that floods can occur unexpectedly; They can be caused by everything from a fire hydrant explosion to a break in a city water pipe.

NFIP, which is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, says more than 20 percent of flood claims come from properties outside the high-risk flood zone.

The federal flood program doesn't cover living expenses if you have to relocate while your home is being repaired.

FIRE INSURANCE



San Diego County has been ravaged by wildfires.

Two of the top 10 costliest U.S. wildfires were local: the 2007 Witch fire and 2003 Cedar fire, according to the Property Claim Services.

When purchasing fire insurance, do not use the price of the home because that figure includes the value of the land, which will still be there after a disaster.

Only insure the structure.

Personal possession coverage is often 50 percent to 75 percent of the dwelling limit. For example, if the home is insured for \$100,000, you would have \$50,000 to \$75,000 for personal property.

If you have paintings or jewelry, you may find that the standard homeowners insurance policy may have limits on those valuables. That's where an insurance rider may help.

An insurance rider — also referred to as a floater or an endorsement — is an optional add-on to an insurance policy. A common type of rider is scheduled personal property coverage, which may provide additional coverage for things you own that are worth more than the per-item limit of your homeowners or renters insurance policy, according to Allstate.

There are two basic types of coverage for contents: replacement cost and actual cash value. Actual cash value coverage is less expensive.

Use a smartphone to record what's inside the home and store the video in an email or the cloud, so you don't have to rely on memory when filing a claim.

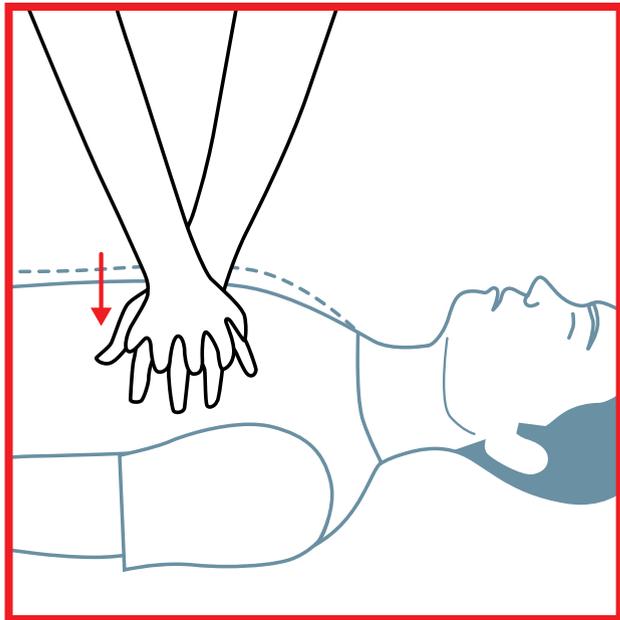
If your home is uninhabitable, your homeowners insurance policy will pay the extra expense of living elsewhere until your home has been repaired or rebuilt. Typically the limit for living expenses outside the home is also a percentage of the dwelling coverage.

Renters insurance covers belongings against perils such as fire and provides additional living expense if you must move while your place is being repaired.

Homeowners should ask insurers about discounts if they have a sprinkler system or fire retardant roof, for example.

BASIC CPR AND FIRST-AID PROCEDURES

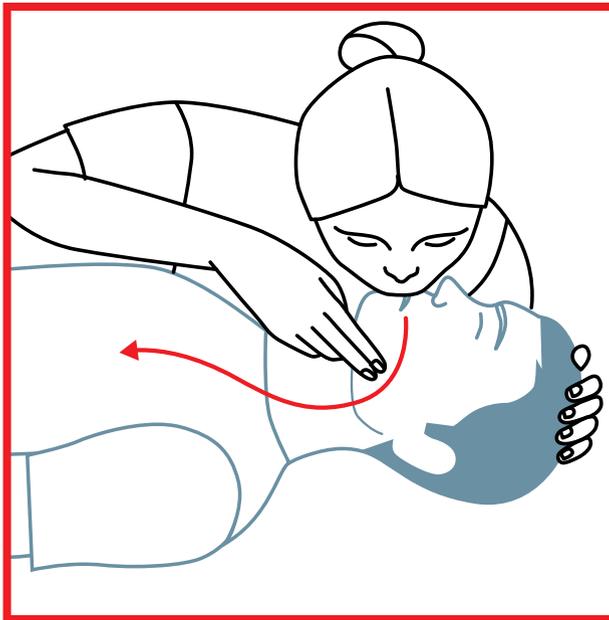
It's essential that you have some fundamental first-aid skills to be able to cope with disaster. The American Red Cross and other safety and service agencies say these are a few of the things you need to know.



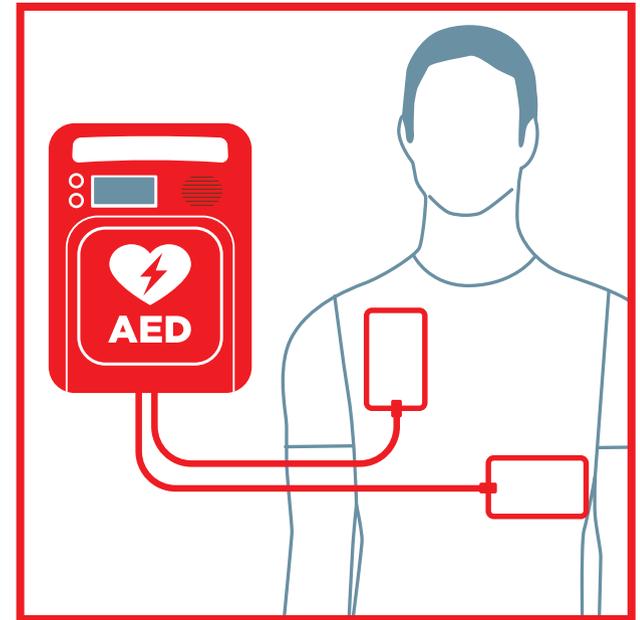
PERFORMING CPR

It's important to note that if a person is breathing, she or he may not need CPR. The Red Cross recommends tapping the person on the shoulder and shouting "Are you OK?" to assess responsiveness. If possible, find someone who is CPR-certified to administer the rescue breaths.

1 Place your hands, one on top of the other, in the middle of the chest. Use your body weight to help you administer compressions that are at least 2 inches deep and delivered at a rate of at least 100 compressions per minute.



2 With the person's head tilted back slightly and the chin lifted, pinch the nose shut and place your mouth over the person's mouth to make a complete seal. Blow into the person's mouth to make the chest rise. Deliver two rescue breaths, then continue compressions. If the chest does not rise with the initial rescue breath, re-tilt the head before delivering the second breath. If the chest doesn't rise with the second breath, the person may be choking. After each subsequent set of 100 compressions and before attempting breaths, look for an object and, if seen, remove it.



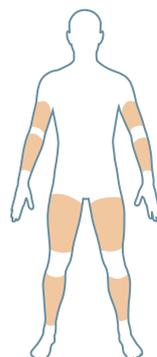
3 Keep performing cycles of chest compressions and breathing until the person exhibits signs of life, such as breathing. Or continue until an automated external defibrillator machine becomes available, or EMS or a trained medical responder arrives on the scene. End the compression cycles if the scene becomes unsafe or you cannot continue performing CPR because of exhaustion.

CONTROLLING BLEEDING

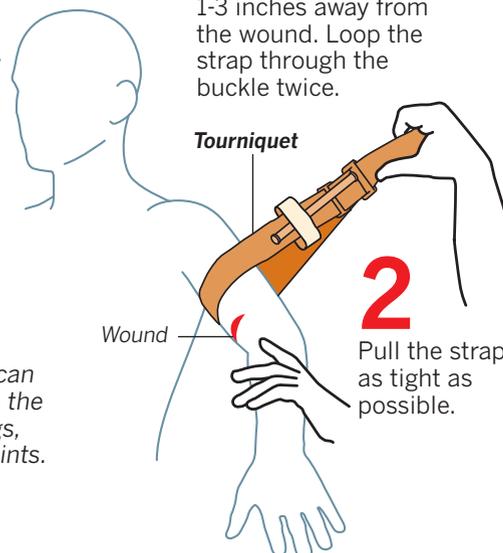
- Apply direct pressure on wound with a sterile dressing (if available).
- Elevate injured area above the heart if possible.
- Secure dry, sterile dressings with bandages.
- Cleanse minor injuries thoroughly with plain soap and water (clean your hands first).
- If evidence of infection appears, see a doctor.

APPLYING A TOURNIQUET

Tourniquets are designed to wrap tightly around an arm or a leg to stem bleeding. They should not be used on the neck or torso, where stuffing gauze is best to slow blood flow.



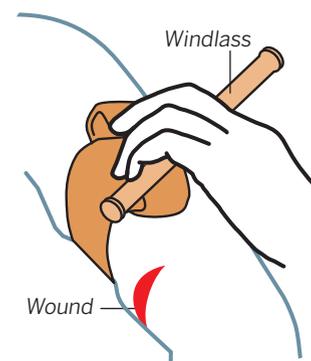
■ **Areas tourniquets can be used**
Tourniquets can be placed on the arms and legs, but not on joints.



1 Place the strap between the wound and the torso, staying 1-3 inches away from the wound. Loop the strap through the buckle twice.

2 Pull the strap as tight as possible.

3 Twist the windlass up to three times or until bleeding stops.



4 Note the time the tourniquet was applied. If bleeding has not stopped, a second tourniquet can be applied directly above the first.

TREATING FRACTURES

- Do not move the victim.
- Keep the broken bone ends and adjacent joints from moving.
- If an open wound is present, control the bleeding.
- Apply splints.

TREATING SHOCK

- Keep the victim lying down.
- Cover the victim with only enough material to keep him from losing body heat.
- Obtain medical help as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

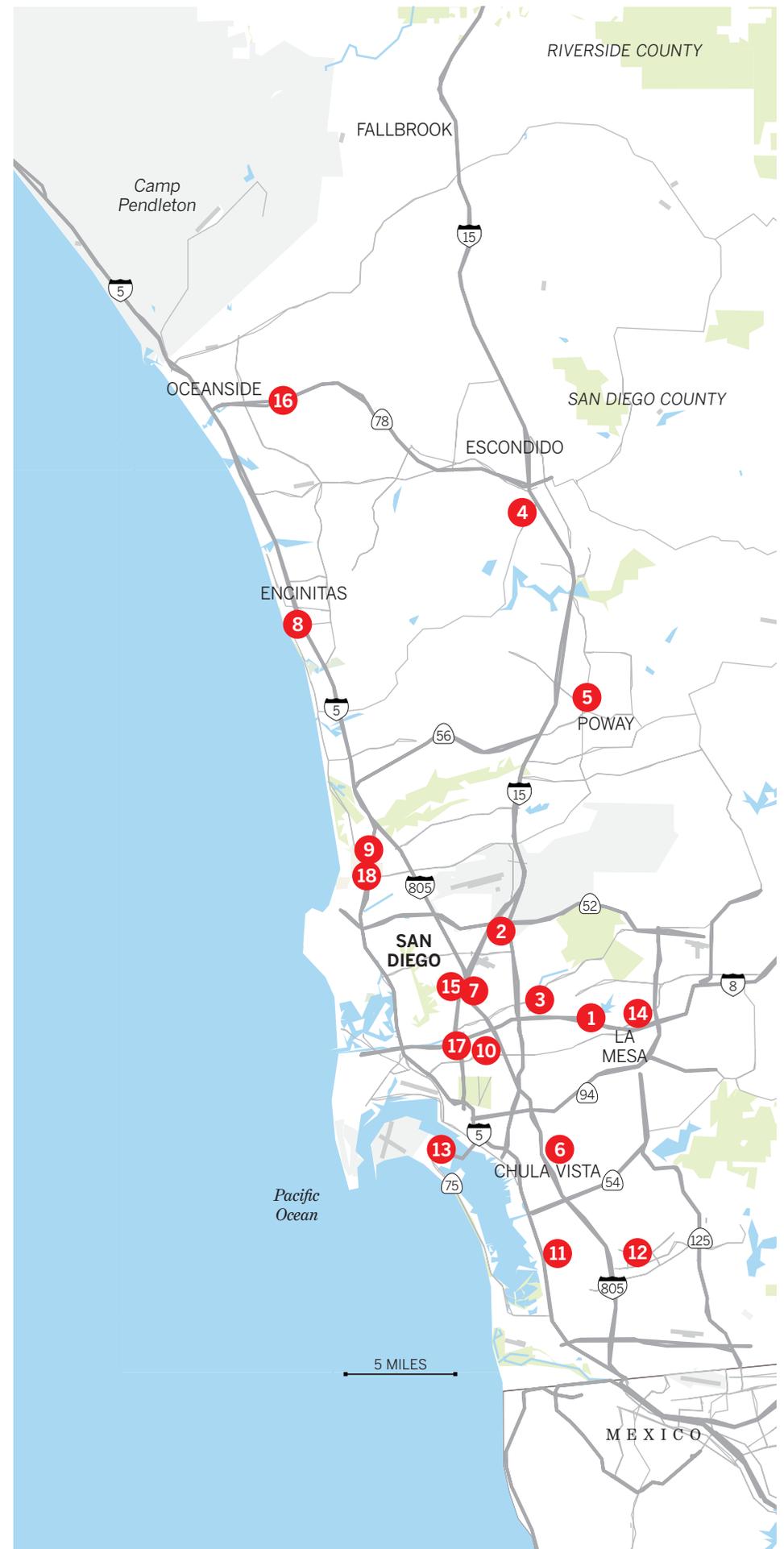


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15. **Sharp Memorial Hospital**, 7901 Frost St., San Diego*
16. **Tri-City Medical Center**, 4002 Vista Way, Oceanside
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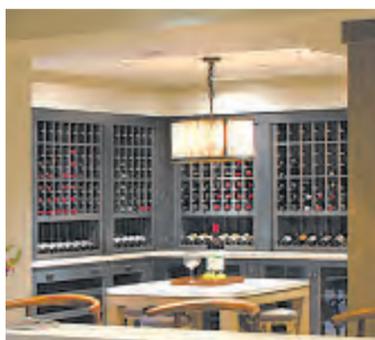
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textures of the seaside locale and include white oak hardwood flooring, quartzite, marble, custom tile and paneling. Features include a gourmet kitchen with two islands, Wolf and Subzero appliances and two dishwashers, a game room, media room, playroom and tasting area. Home is powered by solar panels. Smart automation covers the door



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system as well as the window coverings, and heating and air conditioning are zoned. Outside, the loggia comes complete with kitchen and built in barbecue and heaters for year-round comfort, while the guest house has a sitting area, kitchenette and separate bedroom.
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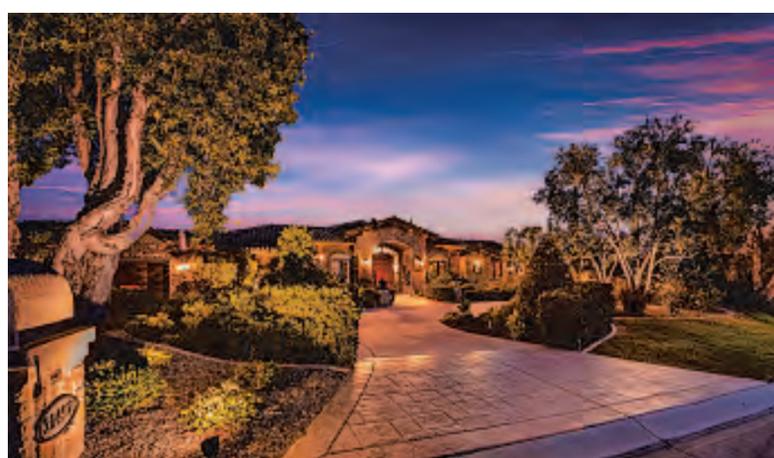
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The big cover up

Give your walls a modern makeover by embracing wall coverings in the latest colors and designs

Wallpaper isn't going anywhere — it's just getting more fabulous. From papers made with cork to modern chintz patterns, these coverings are just the thing to give your rooms a much-needed lift. Check out these trends:

1. Material things

While paper is still the go-to material, wallpaper is having a moment with texture. Grasscloth, straw, wicker and other natural materials give walls a fresh look while adding

warmth and depth. The star, though, is cork. "It's for someone who wants a visual texture without an attention-grabbing pattern," said Bryce Capp, creative director at Milton & King, a luxury wallpaper manufacturer. A lighter-finished cork wallpaper gives a room a spacious and airy feeling, said DeAnna Hain, executive director of marketing for York Wallcoverings. "A darker option creates a moodier tone while choices that incorporate metallics allow for a bolder approach."

2. A warm feeling

Last year wallpaper was all about cool hues like blue and gray; in 2020, its temperature has risen with the focus on warmer colors like coral, terracotta and sage green. Also heating things up: browns,

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Geometric-patterned wallpaper is a popular choice for a timeless style with an art deco vibe.



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12 essential gardening tools

All you need are the basics for a happy, healthy garden

Having a beautiful, bountiful garden takes work and the right equipment. Here's a list of a dozen items that will help save time and effort:

1. Spade

The pointy edge of this popular hand tool helps pierce the soil and break up lumps, said Evelyn Tully Costa, a garden designer in Brooklyn, New York.

2. Hand trowel

You can rely on this mini shovel for tasks like digging out spots in the garden for flowers and plants and for digging up weeds.

3. Hand cultivator

The claw shape of this tool helps turn and loosen



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A few basic tools will make gardening much easier. The wheelbarrow is essential for hauling heavier items such as soil and mulch.

the soil for planting, Costa said. It can also be used to remove weeds.

4. Gardening gloves

Gloves, whether leather, cotton or a special fabric, protect your hands from cuts (think thorny roses) and blisters (all that raking). They should be water-resistant and fit well.

5. Wheelbarrow

This workhorse can easily move myriad pounds of soil, compost, mulch and all those fallen leaves in your backyard from Point A to Point B.

6. Pruners

Use this scissor-like tool when your flowers or shrubs need a good trim. Costa recommended Felco No. 2 pruners, a lightweight classic that will last for years.

7. Loppers

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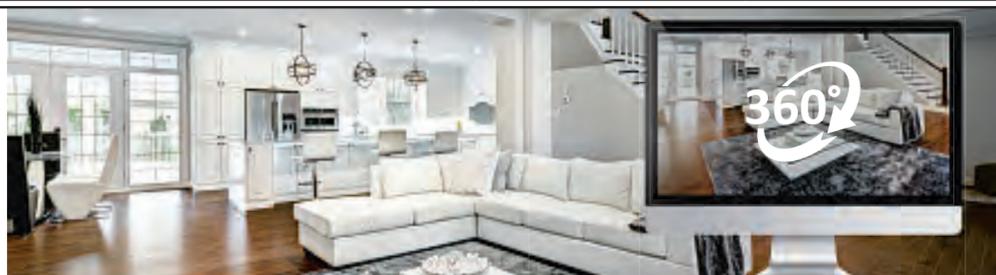
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July home sales 18 percent higher

The Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors (PSAR), one of San Diego's largest real estate trade groups for San Diego-area realtors, reports home sales in San Diego County were 18 percent higher in July 2020, compared to June 2020 and 10.2 percent higher compared to July 2019. PSAR said the most recent statistics from the California Association of Realtors (CAR) indicate the housing market's recovery from the coronavirus pandemic is continuing in high gear. Statewide, July 2020 home sales were up 28.8 percent from June 2020, and 6.4 percent higher from July 2019. Home sales statewide in July 2020 climbed to their highest level in more than two-and-a-half years.

Million-dollar sales pushing up median price

The Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors (PSAR) reports the virus pandemic has not slowed the rise in home prices. The median price for a single-family home in San Diego County in July 2020 was \$719,000, which was 6 percent higher than the \$678,000 figure in June 2020 and 10.6 percent higher than the \$650,000 figure for July 2019. Citing recent statistics

from the California Association of Realtors (CAR), PSAR said sales of higher-priced properties continued to propel the statewide median home price to \$666,320 for July 2020, up 6.4 percent from June 2020's price of \$626,170. Sales of million-dollar properties increased in market share to 20.4 percent in July 2020, compared with 18.1 percent in June 2020.

Homes sold in 10 days in July

The Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors (PSAR) reports 10 days was the median number of days it took to sell an existing, single-family home in San Diego County in July. Citing the most recent California Association of Realtors (CAR) report, the 10-day figure compares to 12 days in June, 11 days in May, eight days in April, 10 days in March, 12 days in February, 23 days in January 2020 and 15 days in July 2019. Statewide, the median number of days an existing, single-family home remained unsold on the market was 17 days in July 2020, compared to 19 days in June 2020 and 21 days in July 2019.

PSAR offers flip tips from home inspector

The Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors (PSAR) will host a free live webinar titled "Fallible Flips and Tech Trends in Today's Real Estate Market" from 12:30 to 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 17 over the Zoom online meeting platform. Jake Holmes, owner of Level Best Home Inspection LLC, will discuss tips for flipping residential properties, hidden defects

in poorly done flips, remodeling trends, hasty renovations that lead to unrealistic expectations and the benefits of adding green technology that adds value to a property. The presentation will include time for questions and answers. All San Diego-area realtors, regardless of association membership, are invited to participate. For more information, call PSAR at (619) 421-7811, or visit www.pсар.org.

San Diego 5th highest expensive metro area

The National Association of Realtors (NAR) reports that 96 percent of the nation's metropolitan areas experienced an increase in home prices in the second quarter of 2020, even in the midst of the pandemic. San Diego was the fifth most expensive metro area for housing. San Jose maintained its place as the most expensive area in the nation during the second quarter as its median price for an existing, single-family home rose 3.8 percent year-over-year to \$1.38 million. Others median prices among the top five included San Francisco (\$1.05 million), Anaheim (\$859,000), urban Honolulu (\$815,700) and San Diego (\$670,000). Among NAR's survey of 181 metro areas, about one third had median home prices below \$200,000.

COVID-19 increased real estate licensees

This year's COVID-19 lockdown might have felt like the end of the world for some real estate professionals. However, a recent study by

Inman News Service said the number of Americans holding real estate sales licenses has held steady during the pandemic. In addition, because some furloughed, out-of-work people from other industries are opting to give real estate a shot, some states have seen an increase in their licensee applications count. The National Association of Realtors (NAR) is expecting to surpass 1.4 million members this year. In June 2020, NAR had 1.397 million members, up 1.7 percent from one year ago. California, the nation's most populous state, has the highest number of active real estate licensees at 322,911, as of June 2020.

Avoiding lawsuits over Familial Status

The Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors (PSAR) will present a free live webinar for realtors titled "Avoiding Lawsuits over Fair Housing Familial Status" from 11 a.m. to noon, Friday, Sept. 25, over the Zoom online meeting platform. Presenter will be Monica Lopez of CSA San Diego County, a nonprofit that advocates for fair housing and meditates tenant-landlord issues. Topics will include best practices, terms and conditions, liability claims and occupancy standards. The government's Fair Housing

Act prohibits discrimination by a landlord, property manager, real estate agent or property owner who treats a family differently because they have one or more persons under age 18. All San Diego-area realtors, regardless of association membership, are invited to participate. Registration information is available at www.pсар.org, or call 619-421-7811.

Don't give up on millennials

Today's millennials represent the largest group of potential homebuyers and they should not be ignored, according to officials with the Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors (PSAR). Millennials make up the largest segment for first-time buyers and half of them are under age 36, said a recent Zillow report. "It's our job as realtors to take every opportunity to explain to millennials the benefits of homeownership, including stability, price appreciation, tax credits, a secure path to wealth and asset accumulation," said Jan Farley, a PSAR past president. Citing industry sources, among first-time millennial homebuyers, 17 percent are Hispanic, 10 percent are African American and 7 percent are Asian. For more industry statistics, visit www.pсар.org.

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One Oak in Encinitas offers final luxury homes

MShea Homes is now offering its final seven luxury residences at One Oak in the hills of Encinitas, including three homes offering single-level living. The combination of spectacular views, single- and two-story living, one-acre lots and elegant open-concept design make One Oak a rare opportunity in San Diego's popular North County.

One Oak, at 3560 James Court, is now offering guided virtual tours by visiting sheahomes.com/virtual-home-buying-program. Private, in-person tours are also available by appointment. To schedule a tour, call (760) 547-8770.

Homes at One Oak are now priced from \$1,970,000. The community is approximately 800 feet above sea level, offering ocean and backcountry views. The entry to the community takes visitors through horse country in the quiet Encinitas neighborhood of Olivenhain.

"One of the most attractive benefits of living at One Oak is a sense of open space and privacy," said Vanessa Linn, vice president of sales and marketing for Shea Homes San Diego. "Because these lots are so large, we are able to offer a sizeable portion of our community in single-level floor plans, which is a rare find in Southern California."

Now available for quick-



move in at One Oak, Homesite No.14 is a single-level living home with a bonus lounge on a second floor. This expansive, view-oriented luxury residence is on approximately 1.02 acres, perfect for a pool and spa. With sweeping views of the surrounding hillsides, Homesite No.14 offers approximately 4,647 square feet of living space with four bedrooms, office, bonus room, four full bathrooms, two half-baths and a four-car tandem garage with prairie-glass doors.

Enclosed outdoor courtyards and a covered "Encinitas Room" with outdoor fireplace substantially increase the livable space of this Prairie-style plan. Popular features includ-

ed in Homesite No. 14 include:

- Dramatic 13-foot ceiling in the great room and kitchen.
- Gourmet kitchen with oversized island, spacious butler's pantry and walk-in pantry.
- Thermador Professional Collection built-in appliances including refrigerator, two dishwashers, microwave, 48-inch gas range and deep wall hood.
- Master bedroom suite with access to the laundry room through a walk-in closet.
- Spa-inspired master bathroom with marble finishes and a deep soaking tub.
- Three, large secondary bedrooms, each with private baths.

Homesite No. 14 is priced at \$2,103,367, including more than \$161,824 in designer features.

Also available at One Oak is the single-story Homesite No. 25, which includes four bedrooms, 4.5 baths in approximately 4,666 square feet. Homesite No. 25 includes a home office, dual dining spaces, a casita with kitchenette, oversized four-car garage, multiple courtyard spaces, backyard covered "Encinitas Room" with a stacking glass door, great room with fireplace, master bathroom with expansive shower and soaking tub, maple thermofoil Shaker-style cabinetry painted white with quartz countertops throughout, large laundry room, upgraded flooring throughout, and a solar package with four panels. Homesite No. 25 is priced at \$3,085,290, including more than \$183,000 in designer features.

Elsewhere in Encinitas, Shea Homes is offering its final home at Alia, at 920 Moonstone Court. In a popular historical coastal neighborhood less than a mile from the ocean, Alia is also convenient to schools, major attractions and recreational opportunities. For information on Alia's final home, call (760) 547-8774. Virtual tours are available online, and in-person private visits are also available by appointment.

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featured new neighborhood

Pardee adds homes to The Highlands' initial phase release

In response to high demand at The Highlands, Pardee Homes has added more residences to its first phase release.

The gated, 52-home neighborhood in north San Diego's Pacific Highlands Ranch opened to tremendous fanfare from families looking for new luxury homes on large lots near top performing schools.

"Judging by the overwhelming support from the public, I'd say our team has surpassed expectations," said Pardee Homes San Diego Division President Jimmy Ayala. "We had to extend our grand opening to two days and add more homes to our phase release after selling out before we even officially opened. I believe that is indicative of the trust we've established with the community by continually delivering quality homes."

Pardee Homes reimagines traditional Southern California style by combining Spanish modern architecture with contemporary designs and open floor plans at The Highlands. The result takes comfort to a new level by incorporating innovative building practices and technologies. Three impressive and flexible floor plans are available at The Highlands starting from the \$1.9 millions.

Plan One is Pardee Homes'



exclusive single-story offering, which starts at approximately 4,138 square feet. Equipped with four bedrooms and 4½ bathrooms, buyers can select from an array of options such as additional bedrooms, bathrooms, office space and even a four-bay garage. As a bonus, this home offers the optional Gensmart Suite, which provides extra privacy and comfort for multigenerational families or children in college.

Plan Two is a 4,675-square-foot, two-story residence. Versatility and convenience are on display starting with the gated courtyard. Perfect for guests

and loved ones in need of additional privacy, Plan Two can be designed with a private guest casita, garage and bathroom. Additionally, homeowners will enjoy the accessibility provided with first-floor master suite.

Plan Three is the The Highlands' largest offering at roughly 5,051 square feet. This two-story masterpiece includes up to five bedrooms, six bathrooms and a four-bay garage. Plan Three comes standard with a large master suite featuring his and hers walk-in closets as well as a library/game room.

Surrounded by 1,300 acres

of preserved natural habitat, the Pacific Highlands Ranch master-planned community features numerous amenities, including a multi-use trail system, natural open space, swim clubs, community parks, public safety facilities and convenient access to regional freeways, work hubs, universities and beaches. Homes within Pacific Highlands Ranch are also near The Village, a luxury retail and lifestyle center with top restaurants, boutiques and exercise facilities.

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Wallpaper

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mustards and golds.

3. The 3D effect

To give a room a different perspective, hang 3D wallpaper, which enhances the illusion of depth. And it's not just for contemporary homes. "You can use 3D wallpaper in a traditional-style room, too, as long as the style and color of the design pattern fit the traditional motif," Capp said. "Floral and damask styles feature traditional patterns that can be realized with modern 3D methods."

4. Glam slam

With chevrons, octagons and other geometric shapes taking center stage, art deco lives on in wallpaper design. "The classic dimensional-pattern styles feel timeless and work beautifully in rooms with traditional design schemes," Hain said. Period colors include reds, greens and blues mixed with silver, black or chrome.

5. Chintz is chic

This is not your grandma's chintz. "This style is evolving into a new category that centers on the grandmillennial trend, offering contemporary palettes in traditional styles that feature smaller prints and brighter colors," Hain said. These new reimagined classics are often used in tandem with a more eclectic mix of patterns and texture for a fresh, global sophistication with respect for heritage.

6. Tropical flair

Botanical prints are perfect for covering the walls of a bedroom or bathroom. "Tropical- or botanical-themed styles are so bold and specific that most homeowners typically want to contain this type of décor and offer something special to these rooms," Capp said. "Kitchens, living rooms and dining rooms are often visible from adjacent rooms in the home, especially in open-plan constructions, and the tropical and botanical themes can bleed over into rooms that you may want to cordon off with a different sort of vibe."

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This aptly named oversized trimmer can lop off large tree branches or shape overgrown shrubs that pruners can't handle.

8. Rake

When you've got piles of fall leaves to sweep, reach for a leaf rake, which looks like a fan with a long handle. It's made with a flexible material that moves leaves and grass clippings, Costa said, but keeps the soil in place.

9. Hoe

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10. Knee pad

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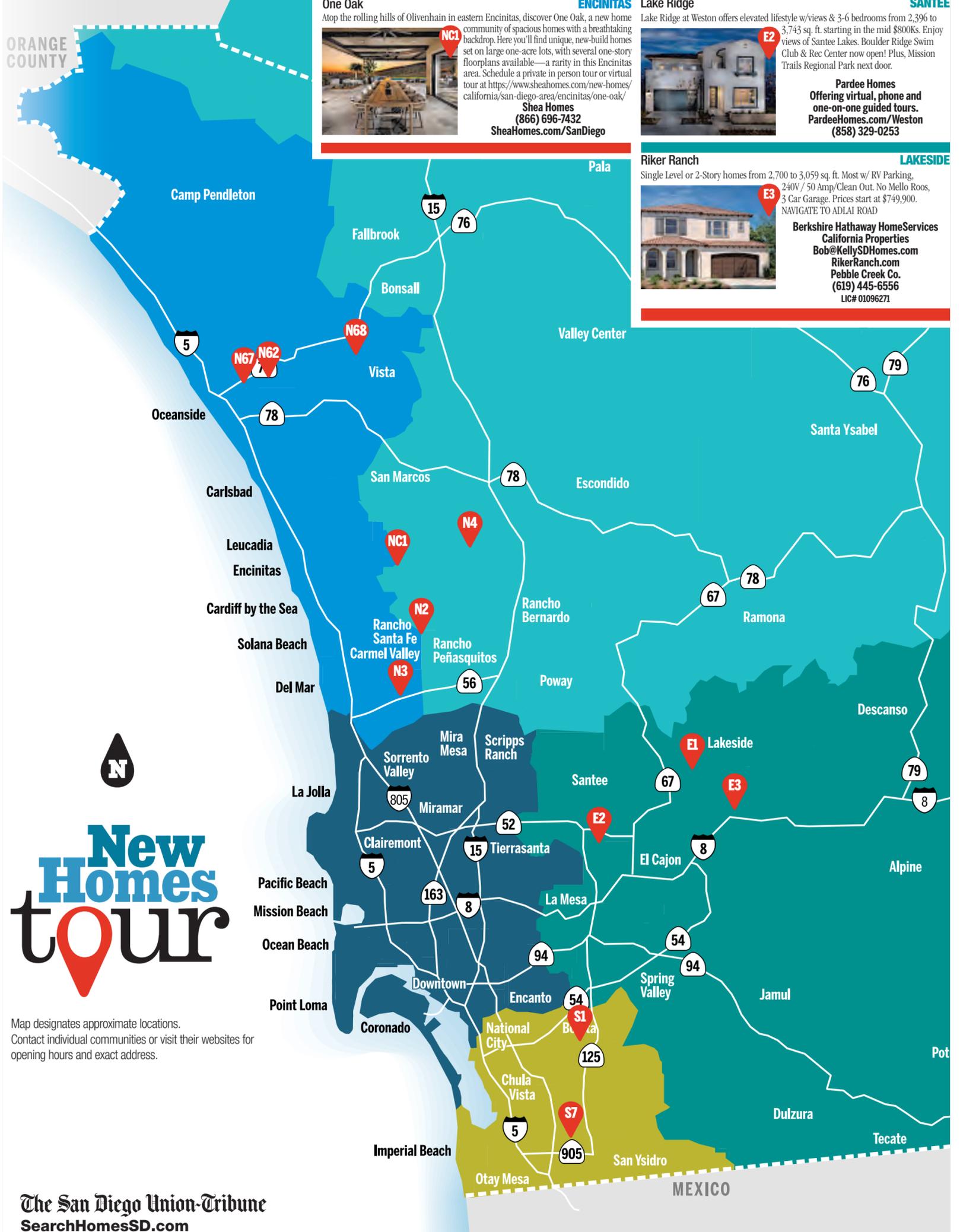
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featured new neighborhood

Carlyle Carlsbad Village Grand Opens Saturday the 12th

McCarlyle Carlsbad Village, a new community of 38 luxury homes by McKellar McGowan Development in Carlsbad, will be unveiled on Saturday. The public is invited to attend the grand opening at 800 Grand Ave. and tour the designer homes by booking an appointment online.

Socially distanced model home tours and festivities will start at 11 a.m.

Carlyle Carlsbad Village is comprised of 33 single-level condominiums, three single-family detached homes and two townhomes as well as a pool and outdoor lounge. The contemporary Craftsman-style homes range in size from 1,636 to 3,044 square feet with two to three bedrooms and are priced from \$1,044,000 to \$2,414,000.

"Each residence at Carlyle has been individually tailored for homeowners who desire a high-quality, luxurious home that also captures the coastal spirit of Carlsbad," said Christopher McKellar, CEO of McKellar McGowan. McKellar McGowan is a San Diego-based real estate developer founded by McKellar and Timothy McGowan. "Our residences are focused on what buyers are asking for, which is wide-open, single-level floor plans, an abundance of natural light and ease of use, McKellar said. "We have also included private elevators in the single-family homes and townhomes, making all three levels accessible to any homeowner."



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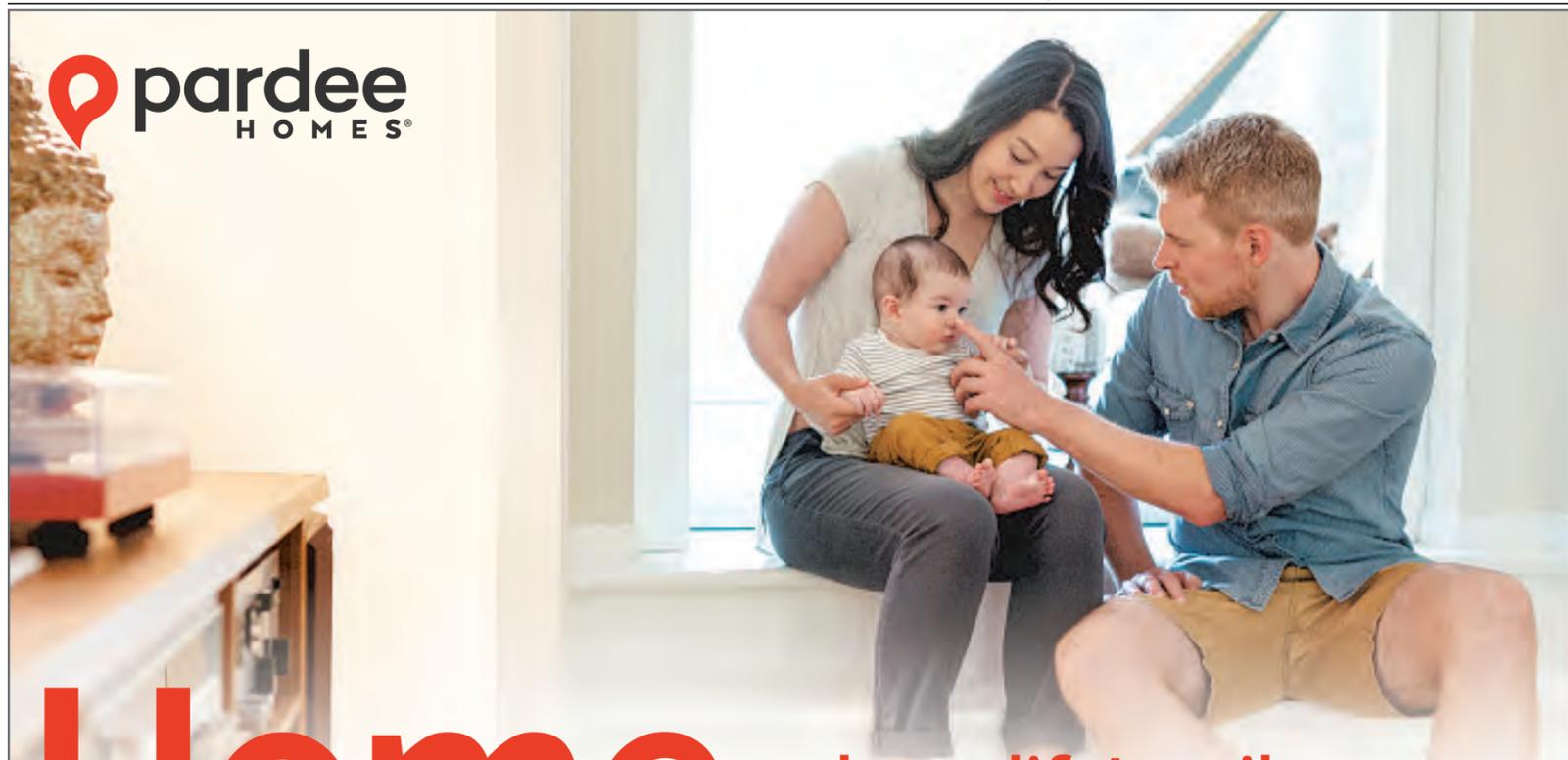
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The NFL has dealt with many issues in the past, but it has never tried to have a complete season during a pandemic. Unfortunately, that means most fans won't see the league's new crown jewel, SoFi Stadium

Rams' right-hand men

Sean McVay has new offensive and defensive coordinators, but he doesn't have Todd Gurley and Brandin Cooks. PAGES 6-10

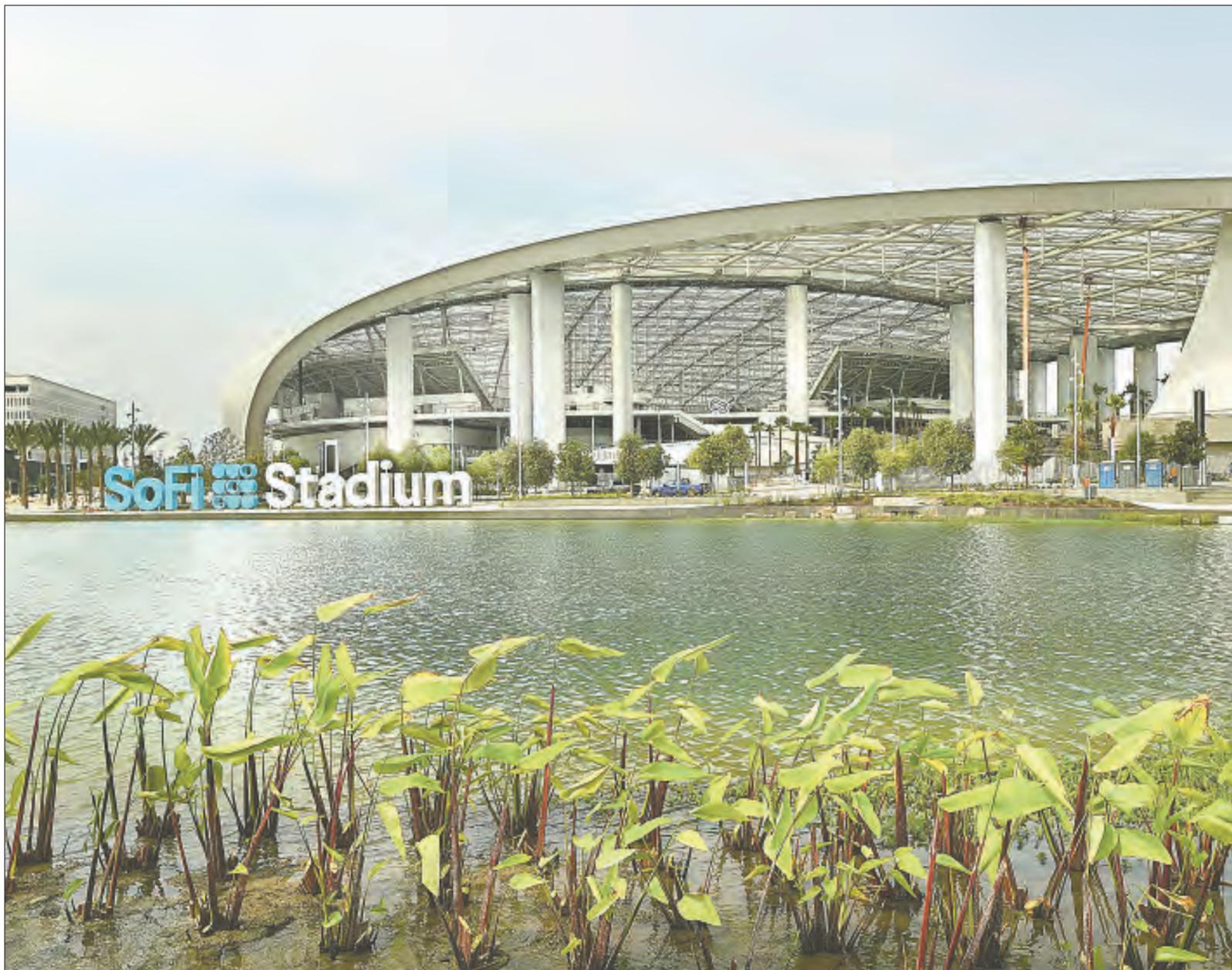
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Despite an underwhelming performance in 2019, the Chargers gave their head coach a contract extension. PAGES 11-15

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Tom Brady in Tampa Bay? Philip Rivers in Indianapolis? The Raiders in Vegas? Sam Farmer sorts it out. PAGES 16-20

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Photographs by WALLY SKALIJ Los Angeles Times

BUILT ON the site of Hollywood Park racetrack, SoFi Stadium is just about ready for its grand opening, even if there won't be any fans because of the coronavirus.

VISION BECOMES REAL

After years of deals, delays (and sadly, deaths), Kroenke's SoFi Stadium is ready

BY NATHAN FENNO
AND SAM FARMER

The low-slung stadium in Inglewood shimmers amid palm trees and parking lots and a six-acre artificial lake, an artist's rendering finally brought to life.

Rams owner Stan Kroenke poured six years and at least \$5 billion into the 3.1-million-square-foot building that looks as if it arrived from another world.

SoFi Stadium's swooping lines are an homage to the curves of California's coast. Much of the asymmetrical roof is transparent, using ETFE panels that are as clear as a windshield and strong enough to support an auto.

Perforated aluminum triangles — the pattern on each is unique — form the skin of roof, bordering the transparent portion and changing colors with the sun.

The sides of the stadium are open to the elements, allowing breezes to flow past 38 massive blade columns that support the building. The field is sunk nearly 100 feet into the ground.

Everything seems to be on an amplified scale. There's the 120-yard halo-shaped video board suspended above the field, the 2½-acre open-air plaza and 6,000-seat performance venue that share the same roof as the stadium, the canyons where patrons descend into the structure that are themed with indigenous flora and fauna from different regions of California.

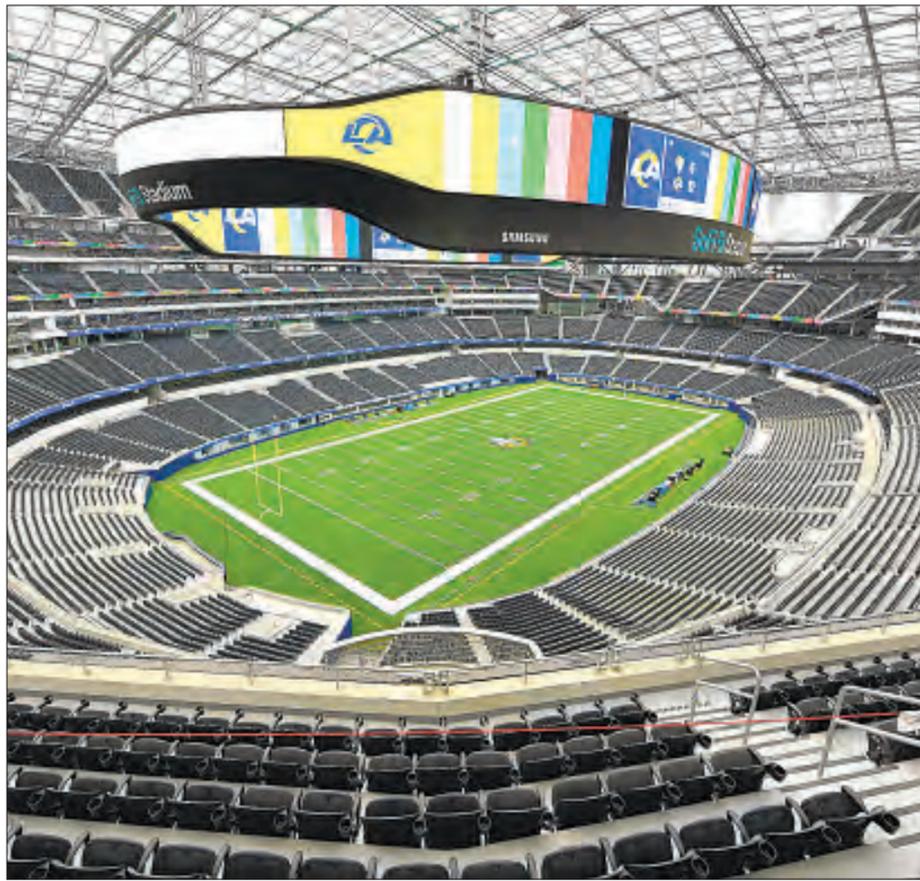
"It's iconic," said Jerry Jones, the Dallas Cowboys owner and Los Angeles native who played a key role in pushing the ambitious project forward. "I've tried to run from the word. But this stadium, there was no way Stan was going to cut costs in any way that would compromise the overall, long-term sense of quality or value. It needs to be like Mt. Rushmore."

The privately financed stadium is the centerpiece of a 298-acre development that's three times the size of Disneyland. Plans call for the site where the Hollywood Park racetrack operated for 75 years to eventually be filled with millions of square feet of retail, restaurants, office space, residences and parks.

Everything revolves around the 70,240-seat stadium, the most expensive built in the U.S., if not the world, and the biggest created for football.

But the sweeping grace of the edifice stands stark in contrast to the difficulty in transforming the vision into concrete-and-steel reality.

"For all the twists and turns over the past five years, SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park are exactly the vision laid out in 2016,"



THE INSIDE of the \$5-billion Inglewood stadium, which features a transparent roof and artificial turf, is dominated by the 2.2-million-pound video board, the largest ever built.

said Kevin Demoff, chief operating officer of the Rams.

There was the sharp-elbowed competition between the Rams and Chargers, who will share the stadium, for the right to return the NFL to Los Angeles after the league's two-decade absence. The record rainfall that delayed the building's opening by a year. The ballooning price tag. The deaths of two construction workers. The novel coronavirus outbreak that infected dozens of workers and wiped out carefully orchestrated opening plans. Until further notice, the public will be able to see SoFi Stadium only from a distance.

Building a stadium isn't easy.

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As a developer, Stan Kroenke gets some of his most productive thinking done before sunrise. It was on one of those mornings, behind the wheel of an SUV in summer 2013, that he took his first long look at Hollywood Park.

"That's the best time because

the traffic isn't out, so you can get around quickly," Kroenke told The Times in 2016. "I started looking at different sites to make sure I had them in my head. What do they look like? What could be done? How does the long term look for the areas? And when you drive up to Hollywood Park, it's a great site."

He knew the lay of the land in Inglewood, and he knew about the Hollywood Park site, which the NFL already had approved in the early 1990s when legendary Raiders owner Al Davis wanted to build there. But Kroenke wanted to get a better look at the place that was still a racetrack, and wouldn't be demolished for two more years.

Excited about the potential of the location, Kroenke called his top Rams executive at team headquarters in St. Louis that morning.

"There are moments in your life you'll never forget," Demoff said in 2016. "I was standing by the window in my office and Stan called. ... I remember he said, 'This is an unbelievable site.'"

Seven months later, just before

the Super Bowl between the Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos, Kroenke announced his purchase of 60 acres in Inglewood for about \$100 million. The land was next to the Forum and wasn't big enough for a stadium and parking. But it proved to be the gateway to the much larger Hollywood Park site, which was earmarked to become a mixed-use development.

Jones could see the bigger picture coming into focus. In August 2014, the Cowboys owner sat behind his desk, and across from a reporter, in his makeshift office — a converted room at the Courtyard hotel in Oxnard — as his players ran through training camp drills at the neighboring field complex.

For several years, Jones kept close tabs on the various stadium proposals and possibilities of the league reentering the L.A. market. Not only did Jones recognize the potential of the NFL's return, but also he felt a deep connection to Southern California. He was born in L.A. in 1942, and his first home was on 112th Street, about 4½ miles

from what is now SoFi Stadium.

In this case, Jones understood the cast-iron will, steely nerves and financial means of Kroenke, listed last year by Forbes as the NFL's second-richest owner, with an estimated net worth of \$9.7 billion.

"I said, 'Get your eyeballs attentive to this; this thing has got a lot of special parts to it,'" Jones recalled recently of the conversation with the reporter that took place six years earlier. "For the NFL, Stan was manna from heaven. I was convicted about that. I said it to the ownership: 'Guys, we've got to look upstairs and thank Stan Kroenke for wanting to do this project for Los Angeles.'"

So many before Kroenke had tried. Dozens of billionaires, politicians, celebrities and power brokers had attempted to solve the L.A. riddle. No one was successful.

It defied logic, the nation's No. 2 market without its most popular sport. Between 1995, when the Rams and Raiders left, and 2016, when the Rams returned, two franchises relocated and two more were formed.

The problem with L.A. was — unlike other cities around the country — there was no public money for a stadium nor any appetite to change that. Any venue would have to be paid for privately, and the deal wasn't attractive enough for developers unless they had at least a piece of a team.

With luxury suites and club seats increasingly popular around the league, the aging Coliseum and Rose Bowl became increasingly outdated and unattractive, particularly without major renovations. Newer NFL stadiums are vertical, with the vast majority of seats located between the goal lines. Those gradual, contiguous bowls, with a large percentage of seats in the end zones, do not generate the kind of revenue that attracts NFL owners.

What's more, during the period when L.A. was without a team, the widespread advent of the internet, NFL Network and DirecTV's "Sunday Ticket," which allows fans to follow their favorite team from afar, made consuming football from the couch much easier.

Still, there were ongoing efforts to develop a stadium, and reams of renderings of never-built, fantastical venues. From Irwindale to Irvine, the futuristic Farmers Field downtown to "The Hacienda" in Carson, a reimaged Rose Bowl, a doctored Dodger Stadium, the Platinum Triangle of Anaheim to the City of Industry ... all ran out of steam or money, or both.

During the period when L.A. was without a team, 27 NFL stadiums were either built or underwent at least \$400 million in renovations.

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In many ways, L.A. was more valuable to the NFL without a team than with one. When a franchise was angling for money from its hometown or state to build a new stadium, it could use the threat of relocating to L.A. to change people's minds and open their coffers. L.A. was the boogeyman.

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In early January 2015, Kroenke publicly unveiled what had been in the works behind the scenes for at least a year and a half. He joined forces with the Stockbridge Capital Group, which planned a massive mixed-use development at Hollywood Park, to expand the project to include his 60 acres, a stadium and a performance venue. Kroenke eventually bought out Stockbridge's share of the development.

"It's something that's going to be in place and in his family long after he's gone," Terry Fancher, the executive managing director of Stockbridge, said at the time. "He's really looking at the long term. I've rarely run across someone whose main concern is, 'I want the best we can have.'"

The path forward was bruising. A report by former secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge on behalf of AEG, which was still pursuing Farmers Field, suggested the Inglewood stadium's proximity to L.A. International Airport created a "significant risk profile." The report speculated that terrorists could try to shoot down a plane over the stadium or crash one into it as part of a "terrorist event 'twofer.'"

(A subsequent risk analysis the NFL commissioned by Michael Chertoff, who followed Ridge as secretary of Homeland Security, found no unusual security risks for the venue.)

Six weeks after Kroenke's announcement, the San Diego Chargers and Oakland Raiders revealed their joint pursuit of a stadium in Carson on 168 acres atop an old landfill.

The competing projects offered starkly different visions for football in L.A.: an open-air stadium, natural grass and immediate access to the 405 Freeway in Carson against the covered, artificial turf option in Inglewood that would be the engine of an enormous development.

The three-team race gathered speed. Inglewood's City Council unanimously approved a ballot initiative to greenlight the stadium and bypass lengthy environmental review less than a week after the Carson plan was announced. AEG scuttled Farmers Field.

The Carson stadium design was revamped, including the addition of a cauldron where simulated lighting bolts would swirl when the Chargers played and a flame would burn in honor of the late Al Davis for their games. The signature elements were scrubbed from renderings presented to NFL owners four months later and a variety of features, such as a farmers market, were added.

Behind the scenes, Carson backers questioned the Inglewood stadium's amount of parking, use of artificial turf, proximity to freeways and how the city would handle the influx of traffic on game days. Though civil in public, the competition played out through a series of presentations to NFL owners and executives, updated renderings, community outreach events and frequent media leaks.

"As great of a guy as [Chargers owner] Dean [Spanos] is, and as good a partner as he is, they have zero killer instinct," one person involved in the saga wrote in an email in August 2015.

The Federal Aviation Administration raised concerns the Inglewood stadium could interfere with the radar directing air traffic at LAX. Kroenke eventually resolved them by paying \$29 million to install a secondary radar system. The Chargers and Raiders hired then-Walt Disney Co. Chief Executive Robert Iger to oversee their stadium effort. Ridge sent a letter to Jerry Richardson — then owner of the Carolina Panthers and chairman of the NFL's six-owner Committee on L.A. Opportunities — again raising safety concerns about the Inglewood stadium. Spanos rebuffed Kroenke's overture to share the stadium.

Site preparation work continued at Hollywood Park in December 2015. A small yellow pipe stuck out of the dirt to mark the future site of the 50-yard line, amid heavy machinery and mountains of crushed concrete.

"This isn't a small aspiration," Chris Meany, development manager of the Hollywood Park Land Co., said at the time. "We are trying to do something that is grand and is appropriate for an international stage."

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NFL owners gathered Jan. 12, 2016, at the Westin Houston, Memorial City hotel. The league was determined at long last to decide how and where to return to L.A.

Although the NFL had reserved space for a two-day meeting, the owners were impatient. Four of the six owners on the L.A. committee had teams in the playoffs, and another was in the middle of a coaching search.



WORKERS STAND near the 50-yard line at SoFi Stadium, where the Rams and Chargers will share the facility, even if Rams owner Stan Kroenke is footing most of the bill.

Photographs by WALLY SKALIJ Los Angeles Times



NO, IT'S NOT A movie theater or a new ride at Disneyland, it's the Rams' locker room. It's hard to believe that it might sometimes smell like sweaty uniforms.



STAN KROENKE DIDN'T skimp on anything at his new stadium, which will also include a performing arts center and eventually will house NFL media headquarters.

The meeting started with the Rams winning a coin flip, allowing them to present first. In the secured ballroom, Demoff pitched owners on Inglewood and a stadium that would be a crown jewel for the entire league.

He began the 25-minute talk with 30 renderings that showed the stadium and ended with excerpts from two columns by Bill Plaschke of The Times, pleading for the Rams to return.

"Together we make football," Demoff said at the end of the pitch. "Together we make Los Angeles."

Next up was Iger, among the world's most powerful entertainment executives. He already knew most, if not all, of the owners. He extolled the virtues of the Carson plan, praising the location as ideal because it was next to the freeway and convenient to both L.A. and Orange County.

Iger, who in his Disney role oversaw ESPN, spoke of his love of the NFL and his marketing expertise. He reminded the owners he had paid them plenty of money over the

years. When Iger finished and stepped out, Jones pushed away from the table in his swivel chair, stood and made an observation that drew chuckles from fellow owners.

"He said he paid us," Jones said. "Last time I checked, that money is coming from Disney shareholders, not him."

Clarity didn't come quickly during the 11-hour meeting. Early on, the L.A. committee voted 5-1 to back the Carson plan, with Kansas City Chiefs owner Clark Hunt the lone dissenter. Word of that endorsement filtered from the secured fourth-floor ballroom to the third floor, where at least 200 media members were stationed to document the day.

In truth, the majority of owners were squarely behind the Inglewood plan, some reasoning the competition wasn't close. Still, it was uncomfortable to give a fellow owner a public thumbs down, especially with the stakes so high. So it was a pivotal moment when owners voted 19-13 that L.A. should be

decided by secret ballot.

A false narrative had taken root in some circles that Carson would win easily. But with the people who actually had a vote, the opposite was true. Among them, a consensus had solidified to pair the Rams and Chargers in Inglewood, and leave the Raiders in Oakland.

On the first ballot, owners voted 21-11 in favor of the Inglewood proposal, three votes shy of the 24 needed to pass. Strangely, the owners took a step backward in the second try, voting 20-12 for Inglewood. More discussions ensued. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell ushered the three owners seeking relocation into a separate room for a private negotiation that lasted an hour.

With a resolution within reach, Jones ordered beer and wine to be delivered to the ballroom. The hotel set up temporary bars.

When Goodell returned to the ballroom with the three owners, the Raiders announced they were withdrawing their bid to move. The new proposal was the Rams in In-

glewood, with a team to be determined. That vote passed 30-2.

The Rams were heading back to L.A., and the Chargers had a one-year option to join them. If the Chargers were to decline, the Raiders would get the same offer.

Jones turned to his son, Stephen, the Cowboys' top executive, and asked: "What did you learn today after seeing the process?"

"I learned one thing," Stephen said. "If you're going to get in the race, make sure you're riding Secretariat."

At an 8 p.m. news conference at the hotel, Goodell announced the decision while flanked by the three owners involved. The trio looked subdued and fatigued. Spanos read a short statement saying he would continue looking for solutions, then left the stage as Kroenke was making his comments.

"You know, I'm going to try to take a day off," the dejected Chargers owner told reporters. "This has been really excruciating for everyone. I'm going to look at all our options. ... It's very difficult to say right now, I'm going to do this or I'm going to do that."

Both Joneses, along with Buffalo Bills owner Terry Pegula, had a celebratory dinner that night with Kroenke, Demoff and the rest of the Rams contingent. They ate at an upscale steakhouse next to the hotel, and Jerry Jones raised a glass of bourbon to toast the occasion.

To this day, Demoff has his room key from the hotel, a memento of that landmark meeting.

The next morning, the first day of a new era in the NFL, Kroenke stopped by Starbucks on his way to a private airport and picked up his breakfast: an egg sandwich and turkey bacon. He ate it on his jet, wiping away tears of joy as L.A. drew close. When the wheels touched down in Van Nuys, a new chapter was underway.

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They broke ground 10 months later, Kroenke and Goodell and Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts Jr. wearing white hard hats as they plunged silver-tipped shovels with red bows into the soil at Hollywood Park the week before Thanksgiving.

"I don't think people really understand the scale of this," Kroenke said at the time.

But trouble lurked in an unexpected place. Millions of cubic yards of dirt needed to be excavated to create the giant bowl for the stadium. Between November 2016 and February 2017, however, the LAX area received 15.4 inches of rain. The frequent downpours left water 12 to 15 feet deep in the excavation site that at times resembled a lake. The water had to be pumped out each time and the area dried before work could resume.

In the midst of the rain, the Chargers exercised their option to relocate to L.A. and join the Rams in Inglewood in January 2017. During a welcome rally at the Forum a few days later, Goodell lauded the future stadium.

"It's all about the vision of Stan Kroenke," Goodell said.

The commissioner twice referenced the Rams owner — who wasn't there — before mentioning Spanos or the Chargers.

Concern spread through NFL circles that the stadium project — already facing an aggressive schedule with little wiggle room to finish in time for the 2019 season — was falling behind. Developers finally announced in May 2017 that the stadium's opening would be delayed by a year.

"It was a very unforgiving two months for the project," Bob Aylesworth, the principal in charge for the joint venture overseeing the project, Turner-AECOM Hunt, said at the time. "And speaking from a building perspective, it really couldn't have come at a worse time."

The rain delay contributed to spiraling construction costs. Though the exact price tag for the stadium isn't clear because the venture is private and infrastructure costs for the surrounding development are folded into totals, public estimates have increased from \$1.86 billion to \$2.6 billion to \$5 billion. That includes the cost of acquiring land, debt service, design, building the NFL Media headquarters adjacent to the stadium — scheduled to open next year — and a host of other items.

The actual cost might be higher.

"There's huge, huge risk, still, because you're doing something at a cost no one has ever done before," Kroenke said the week before the Rams played in the Super Bowl in February 2019. "We try to take the risk out of it, so we had independent cost estimates all along the way as we developed the stadium. The problem was ... those cost estimates by two independent people who worked with our architects on the costing were way off. They were just way off."

"So it takes a lot more investment, so that's more risk. But we're long term. ... We don't get involved in things unless we think we're going to be there for a long time."

Stadium-related building permits filed with Inglewood through September 2019 are valued at [See Stadium, M4]

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2016 TO 2020: UNDER CONSTRUCTION

[Stadium, from M3]

about \$2 billion, though the permits represent only a fraction of the project's construction costs.

NFL owners in May approved the Rams borrowing an additional \$500 million — believed to be a combination of a private loan to Kroenke and an increased debt limit for the franchise — to help finance the stadium.

"As costs went up as dramatically as they did, the fact that Stan didn't cut corners or reduce the scope of the project engendered a tremendous amount of goodwill from owners and league executives," said Marc Ganis, president and founder of the Chicago-based sports consulting firm SportsCorp. "Very few people in the country could have handled the additional debt without it being a strain. Stan is one of the few."

The Chargers are \$1-per-year tenants at the stadium and whose contribution to the construction costs are a \$200-million G4 loan from the NFL, as well as revenue generated from the sale of seat licenses and 125 joint Rams-Chargers suites.

They also are paying a \$650-million relocation fee to the league, as are the Rams.

In fall 2018, the Chargers announced their new home would feature more than 26,000 seats priced between \$50 and \$90 per ticket, plus a one-time personal seat license fee of \$100.

By comparison, the least expensive Rams seat license is 10 times that. That pricing heightened tensions because it established an eyebrow-raising contrast between the clubs, and offered Kroenke little relief to offset construction costs. At the outset, both teams aimed to sell \$400 million in seat licenses.

If the Chargers were to sell one-third of their seat licenses at \$100, they would generate \$2.6 million, a drop in the bucket for a \$5-billion project, and leave Kroenke to shoulder more of the expense.

The novel coronavirus outbreak added another complication. A series of safety measures were put in place to protect construction workers, including additional bathrooms, mandatory temperature checks, social distancing, face coverings and requiring nonessential personnel to work from home. Eighty-one workers have tested positive for COVID-19 out of an estimated 4,000 on site since late March. None of the workers who tested positive has been hospitalized or died, according to the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

On June 5, an ironworker named Juan Becerra died after falling an estimated 110 feet from the stadium's roof through a hole created by the removal of a panel for maintenance.

His wife and three young children sued Stadco LA, the company behind the stadium, Turner-AECOM Hunt and others in L.A. County Superior Court, blaming the fall on work being "unnecessarily and unsafely hurried" because of the pandemic.

Another ironworker, Simon Fite, died on the roof July 8 after the joint venture said he showed "signs of a health issue." The L.A. County Medical Examiner-Coroner hasn't released a cause of death pending additional investigation.

The plan to open the stadium with big-name concerts — starting with Taylor Swift in late July — evaporated because of the pandemic.

The NFL canceled its pre-season too. The Rams, who open the stadium with a regular-season game against the Dallas Cowboys on Sept. 13, and Chargers announced fans won't be allowed at the stadium until further notice. Among other marquee events, the stadium is scheduled to play host to the 2022 Super Bowl and the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2028 Summer Olympics.

When fans ultimately arrive, the ones with the most-expensive tickets will be able to stand at the bar in the SoFi Stadium Social Club and watch the news conferences through a glass wall that defrosts after the game.

At the top of the stadium, on Level 8, spectators can roam the massive indoor-outdoor concourses and, on a clear day, enjoy a vista that spans from the Hollywood sign and Santa Monica Mountains to Catalina Island.

"Every place in terms of your visual is unique in this building, because of the curvature of the roofline," said Jason Gannon, managing director of SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park. "That's what's really special about this, how Stan has been able to design something that does embrace Southern California."

The scope of the project is staggering — 17.8 miles of cable, 144,000 cubic yards of concrete, a 2.2-million-pound videoboard (largest created), 12.5 miles of pipe ... all built through 12 million worker hours.

Some people appreciate the small details.

On his first visit to the stadium earlier this summer, Rams quarterback Jared Goff noticed that if he looked through the man-made canyon behind an end zone, he could see palm trees swaying in the breeze, a rendering turned reality.



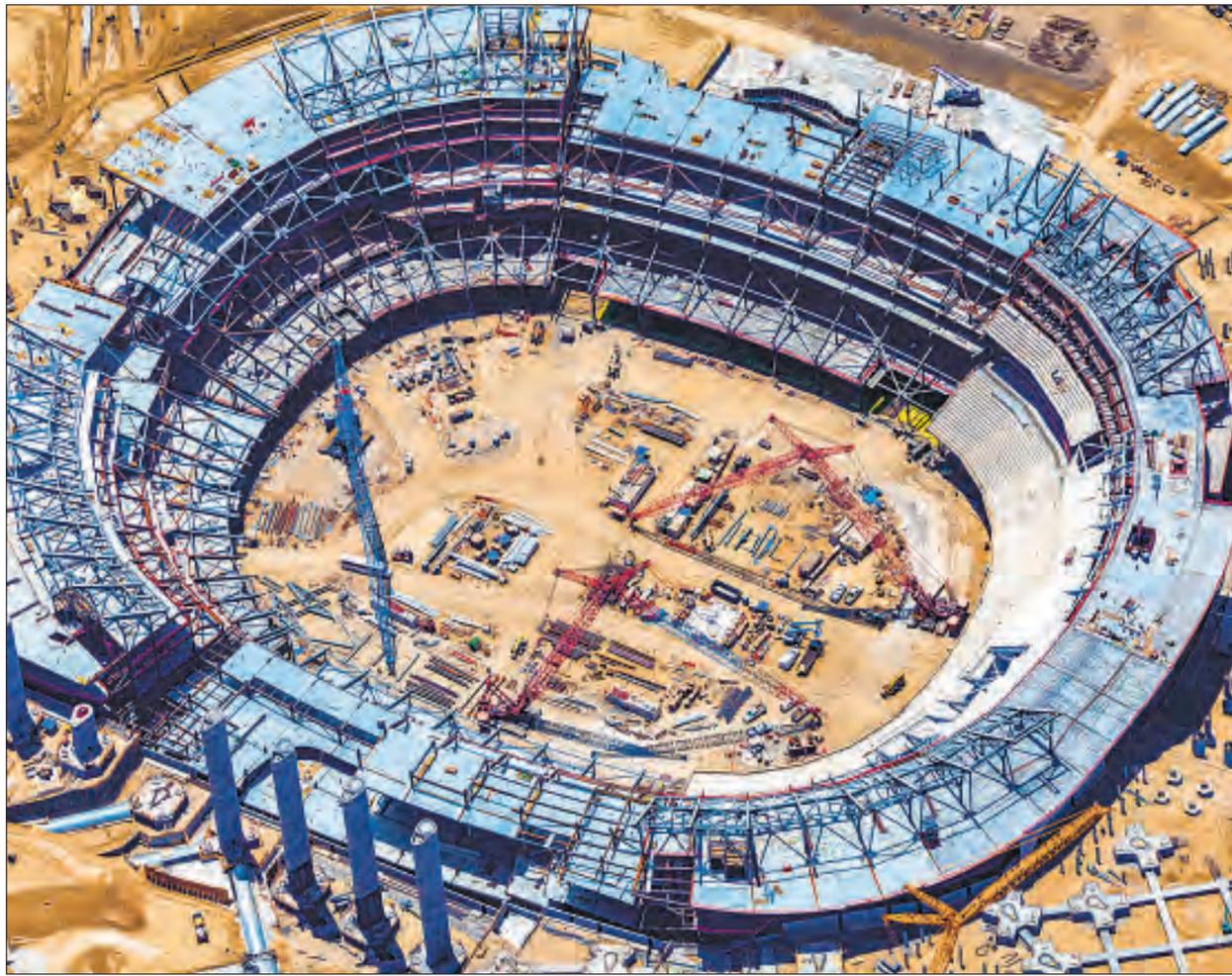
GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

COMMISSIONER Roger Goodell, third from right, Rams owner Stan Kroenke and Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts Jr.



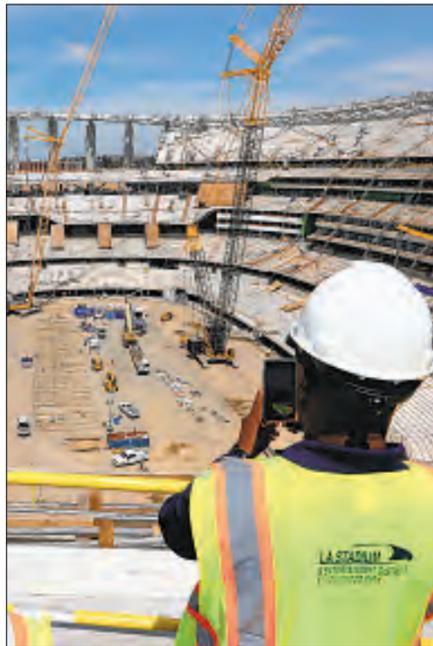
MEL MELCON Los Angeles Times

BLADE COLUMNS that support the roof were under construction in May 2018. There are 38 such columns in all.



MARK HOLTZMAN West Coast Aerial

WHEN THIS overhead photo was taken in June 2018, the new home of the Rams and Chargers near LAX was 40% complete.



GARY CORONADO Los Angeles Times

THE CANOPY SHELL topping took shape in April 2019, a milestone moment.



GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

THE SWOOPING CURVES of the Inglewood stadium, seen under construction last year, are meant to pay homage to the California coastline.



ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times

CONSTRUCTION on the \$5-billion project was in full swing March 19, when a statewide shutdown began because of COVID-19.

NFL PREVIEW

PLAYERS CAN SHOW WAY BY VOTING

LZ GRANDERSON

In 2016, roughly 43% of eligible voters did not cast a ballot. For those keeping score at home, that's about 100 million people. Among those not going to the polls that year was Colin Kaepernick, who was not registered to vote. In fact, reportedly Kaepernick never had been registered to vote. It was a perplexing revelation given the political lightning rod he had become since he began protesting social injustices during the national anthem. It also reeked of self-defeatism considering that reforms to the criminal justice system — something he was passionately advocating for — were on the 2016 ballot in California.

In covering this season of uprisings, I've heard a number of grassroots leaders quote writer and activist Audre Lorde, who famously said "the master's tools will never dismantle the master's house."

Perhaps by not voting, Kaepernick was expressing his lack of faith in the election process bringing forth substantial change. Maybe he was never interested in politics to begin with. Regardless of his rationale, one thing is abundantly clear: It wasn't a good look.

Similar to the shock of Kaepernick's voting history, many were stunned to learn that reportedly up to 80% of NBA players were not registered to vote upon entering the bubble. Imagine wearing slogans on your jersey, stopping the playoffs, demanding owners do more to foster change all while abdicating a critical aspect of your role in this fight.

When athletes decide to use their platform to draw attention to crippling societal ills — such as systemic racism within the criminal justice system — not being registered to vote undermines gravitas. And now that Commissioner Roger Goodell has appeared more willing to use the influence of the NFL to address some of the issues Kaepernick was pointing out four years ago, NFL players cannot be caught with their proverbial pants down. National Football League Players Assn. officials told me the union did not have concrete numbers reflecting how many of their members were registered to vote. However, it's hard to imagine the numbers being significantly better than those of the NBA considering the NBA has been actively engaged in the social justice space much longer than the NFL. And while exercising one's right to vote is a personal choice, vocal athletes muzzle themselves by opting out of the democratic process.

If a player has an agent who's not checking for his voter registration card, that player needs a new agent. If a player is on a team that's not checking for his voter registration card, that player needs to ask the team's community relations department why. If a player is part of a union that's not checking for his voter registration card, leadership needs to reevaluate what it means to look out for the best interest of its members.

Four years ago, when Kaepernick began his protest, like-minded NFL players who were not registered to vote was disappointing. In 2020 — the year of uprisings in NFL cities, the year of the killings of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, the year we said goodbye to John Lewis — to not be registered to vote is downright insulting. Yes, Lorde said the "the master's tools will never dismantle the master's house," but one must remember this is a quote from an essay discussing feminism, not voting. Lorde highlights the role fear and silence have on oppressing the oppressed. Replace the word "women" with "NFL players," and that passage reads:

"Those of us who stand outside the circle of this society's definition of acceptable [NFL players]; those of us who have been forged in the crucibles of difference — those of us who are poor, who are lesbians, who are Black, who are older — know that survival is not an academic skill. It is learning how to take our differences and make them strengths. For the master's tools will never dismantle the master's house. They may allow us temporarily to beat him at his own game, but they will never enable us to bring about genuine change. And this fact is only threatening to those [NFL players] who still define the master's house as their only source of support."

As we inch closer to election day, there is little doubt the NFL once again will find itself in parti-

Milestones

Firsts by African Americans in the modern era of the NFL (post-World War II), according to the Pro Football Hall of Fame:

First African American drafted by NFL club: George Taliaferro, halfback (Indiana). Picked by Chicago Bears in 13th round of 1949 draft but elected to sign with the Los Angeles Dons of the AAFC. Played with the Dons 1949; New York Yanks 1950-51; Dallas 1952; Baltimore 1953-54; Philadelphia 1955.

First African American draftee to play in NFL: Wally Triplett, halfback (Penn State). Picked by the Detroit Lions in 19th round of 1949 draft. Played with Detroit 1949-1950; Chicago Cardinals 1952-53.

First star from a predominantly African American college: Paul "Tank" Younger, fullback/linebacker (Grambling), L.A. Rams 1949-1957; Pittsburgh 1958.

First African American quarterback: Willie Thrower (Michigan State), Chicago Bears 1953.

First African American official: Burl Toler (University of San Francisco), field judge/head linesman, 1965-89.

First African American referee: Johnny Grier (University of D.C.), 1988.

First pros from predominantly African American schools: Ezzret Anderson, end (Kentucky State), Los Angeles Dons (AAFC), 1947; John Brown, center (North Carolina College), Los Angeles Dons (AAFC), 1947; Elmore Harris, halfback (Morgan State), Brooklyn, 1947.

First African American lineman to win all-league honors: AAFC—Bill Willis, guard (Ohio State), Cleveland, 1946; NFL—Bill Willis, guard, Cleveland, 1950.

First African American back to win all-league honors: AAFC—Marion Motley, fullback (South Carolina State; Nevada), Cleveland, 1946; NFL—Marion Motley, fullback, Cleveland, 1950.

First African American to win individual league statistical championship: AAFC—Marion Motley, fullback, Cleveland, 1946 (rushing); NFL—Marion Motley, fullback, Cleveland, 1950 (rushing).

First African American elected to Pro Football Hall of Fame: Emlen Tunnell, defensive back (Iowa), New York Giants 1949-1958, Green Bay 1959-1961; elected 1967.

First African American starting quarterback in a Super Bowl: Doug Williams, Washington Redskins, Super Bowl XXII (following the 1987 season).

First African American general manager: Ozzie Newsome, Baltimore Ravens, 2002.

First African American referee in a Super Bowl: Mike Carey, Super Bowl XLII.

First African American head coach: Fritz Pollard, 1921 Akron, 1925 Hammond.

First African American head coach, modern era: Art Shell, 1989 Los Angeles Raiders.

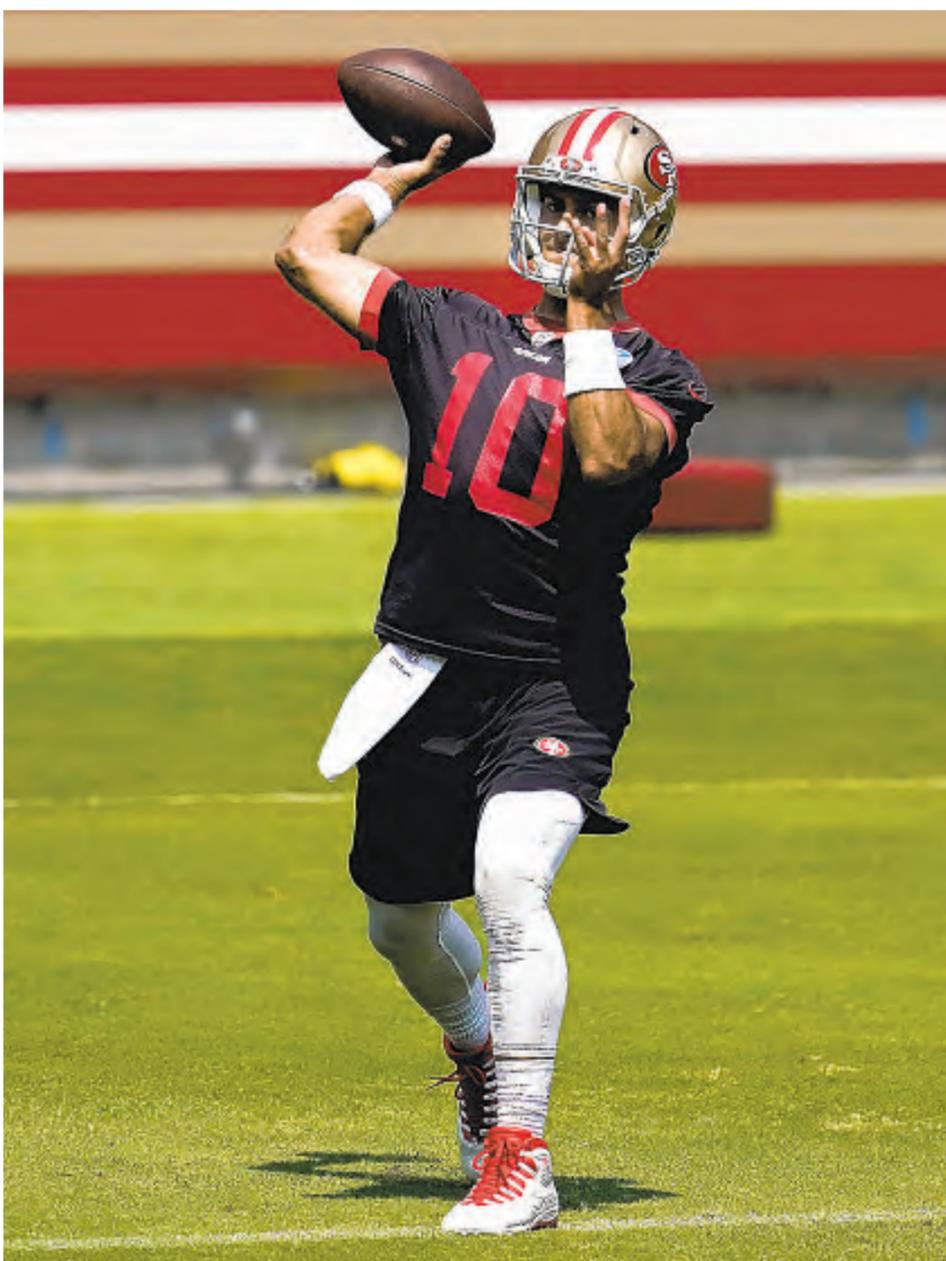
First African American assistant coach: Lowell Perry, 1957 Pittsburgh Steelers.

First African American head coach to take team to Super Bowl: Lovie Smith, 2006 Chicago Bears; Tony Dungy, 2006 Indianapolis Colts.

san crosshairs. Whether or not players kneel during the anthem, the league has made enough statements in support of Black Lives Matter to draw the attention of a president who already has called NFL protestors "sons of bitches." What he has to say is important in the sense that he represents a worldview that is supported by a lot of Americans.

And when that inevitable criticism comes raining down, Goodell, owners and coaches will be called upon to respond. Slick PSAs won't be good enough of an answer, and statements about diversity will garner more eyerolls than measurable impact. The moment will call for unequivocal support of the players who might want to use their platform to say something about the injustices they see. But whatever the players want to say and however they want to say it, they must understand voter registration is a bullhorn designed to amplify their message.

It also encourages their supporters to follow suit. Athletes might have a number of entry points into the social justice space, but for many fans, voting is their only door. My hope going into the season is NFL players register en masse to show them the way.



JEFF CHIU AP

The 49ers are hoping quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo can raise his game another level now that he is fully healed from the knee injury that cost him most of the 2018 season.

49ERS: TURN PAIN INTO GAIN

BY JOSH DUBOW

SANTA CLARA

More than six months after the defense wilted against Patrick Mahomes, Jimmy Garoppolo missed Emmanuel Sanders deep, and San Francisco collapsed in the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl, the 49ers got together to watch the game as a team for the first time.

The process of re-watching a game the Niners led 20-10 in the fourth quarter before losing 31-20 to Kansas City was cringeworthy at times, but was a necessary step if San Francisco can buck tradition and go from runners-up to champs in one season.

"Football is a game that gives you a lot of scars, but it's a matter of how do you come back and use those scars to learn, to grow, and then ultimately never let them happen again," tackle Mike McGlinchey said. "That's the message that this team has felt since the night of Feb. 2. I'm excited because that feeling is still there. I think it's a good thing that it bothers people when that still comes on, because it's just that much more of a driving factor to get back there, and then ultimately finish the job."

The fourth quarter of the Super Bowl provided a disappointing ending to what had been a glorious season for the Niners. They went from four wins to 13 in coach Kyle Shanahan's third season and showed they have the foundation to remain a contender.

Only three teams have won a title the year after losing the Super Bowl, with the 2018 Patriots the only ones to do it in the past 47 seasons.

"I think another year of continuity, another year of being in the same room, being in the same scheme, knowing each other, we'll be sharper," cornerback Richard Sherman said. "It's about elevating and being sharper this year and really holding each other accountable."

Pandemic fallout

The 49ers might be the team best suited to deal with a virtual off-season and lack of preseason that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. They have the highest share of returning players, weighted by playing time, and have almost the entire coaching staff as well. They gave new long-term contracts to defensive lineman Arik Armstead and All-Pro tight end George Kittle to keep key players in place. That made it much easier to get back up to speed this summer and build on what they did last year rather than start from scratch.



Daniel Brunskill (left) and Trent Williams are expected to start on the offensive line at right guard and left tackle, respectively.

Even one of the key newcomers, left tackle Trent Williams, has familiarity, having played under Shanahan for four seasons in Washington.

Jimmy G

Garoppolo's first full season as a starter was mostly a success with 27 TD passes, four fourth-quarter comebacks, and big-play moments to get San Francisco to the Super Bowl. But he didn't have to carry a heavy load last year, as evidenced by his eight passes in the NFC title game. He also was too mistake prone with 13 interceptions. He faltered in the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl, with his overthrow of Sanders on a potential go-ahead TD pass late in the fourth quarter the most glaring mistake. But the Niners hope he can raise his game another level now that he is fully healed from the knee injury that cost him most of the 2018 season.

In the trenches

Shanahan and GM John Lynch have been adamant about wanting to build the defense from the trenches. San Francisco has drafted five defensive linemen in the first round in the past six drafts, as well as trading a second-round pick for Dee Ford in 2019. That paid off last season when the additions of Defensive Rookie of the Year Nick Bosa and Ford helped transform the defense.

"The front office expects not just good out of us, they expect

great," Bosa said. "If we're not great, then we're not going to be as good as we need to be. When you invest a lot in the D-line room, you expect to get the return on it. We use that as motivation every day."

Hey rookie

While the Niners have most of their key pieces back, they are counting on two rookies to fill some big shoes. No. 13 overall pick Javon Kinlaw was drafted to take over for stalwart DeForest Buckner. San Francisco then traded up to take receiver Brandon Aiyuk 25th overall to replace Sanders. The pressure on Aiyuk only grew when starter Deebo Samuel missed training camp with a broken foot, but he responded well and will be expected to contribute immediately if he recovers from a strained hamstring.

Comeback kids

The Niners are hoping to get a boost offensively by the return from injuries of running back Jerick McKinnon and slot receiver Trent Taylor. McKinnon has missed the past two seasons with knee injuries but looks healthy in camp; he adds another dimension with his speed and receiving ability out of the backfield. Taylor was one of Garoppolo's most trusted receivers in 2017 and should take some attention away from Kittle.

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NFL PREVIEW

TOM KRASOVIC On the NFL

RAIDERS ROLL THE DICE AGAIN WITH CARR AT QB

On the verge of another NFL season the Raiders are once again not the best team in the AFC West, but in a change for a franchise that has one winning season to show for the past 17 years, the Raiders are the division's most interesting team.

While their move to Las Vegas commands much attention, it's what the Raiders might do on the field that will keep TV viewers from nodding off. (That is, if the coronavirus pandemic allows for an NFL season.)

Two big questions drive the overarching plot: 1) Is coach Jon Gruden's rebuilding program ready to take flight in its third season? 2) Will quarterback Derek Carr, 29, make good on his much-improved circumstances?

With both questions, there's a case to be made either way.

Start with Carr, who came to the Raiders in 2014 as the fifth quarterback drafted that year. Since earning the job as a rookie, the Fresno State alum has started 94 of the team's 96 games plus the only playoff contest. His 90.7 career passer rating is average. For the support they've provided Carr, give franchise leaders, on balance, a D-plus or C-minus.

In Carr's starts, the Raiders are 39-55.

Who gets the blame for the five losing records and .414 win rate in the six years? Always start with ownership. The late Al Davis, a Hall of Famer who built Raiders teams that won three Super Bowls between 1976 and 1984, didn't age well on the job, which he held until his death in October 2011. Son Mark Davis, the successor, went through predictable growing pains, and his first general manager, Reggie McKenzie, may have peaked in his third of six drafts when he took Khalil Mack and Carr with the fifth and 36th picks.

From the start Carr was an upgrade on several of the quarterbacks who'd ridden the Raiders carousel the previous decade-plus. He is above average in several key aspects: Avoiding interceptions, throwing accurate passes soon after the snap, making the reads in a West Coast offense and staying in the lineup. Physically, he shows good arm strength and quarterback sprint speed. He has a compact, quick delivery.

Below-average traits of Carr's include two big ones: his improvisational ability and willingness to absorb hits for the team's greater good on a frame that, at 6-foot-2½ and 214 pounds in the pre-draft exam, is a tad thin.

Also he can appear overly averse to throwing downfield, even when factors outside his control are taken into account.

Boiled down, a timidity to Carr's game has surfaced often enough to make it hard to embrace him as someone who will join Daryle Lamonica, Kenny Stabler, Jim Plunkett and Rich Gannon as the quarterbacks to lead the Raiders to a Super Bowl.

Yet this year, because of improved overall circumstances, it's not unfair to expect Carr to have one of his better seasons. Along those lines, there's an urgency the Raiders don't seem to mind drumming up.

"Now it's time — it's time for Derek to do what he needs to," said former Raiders right tackle Lincoln Kennedy, a team broadcaster for the past seven years.

Kennedy, who grew up in San Diego and attended Morse High, made headlines earlier this month with a tough-love rejoinder to a Carr comment.

The quarterback had told reporters Aug. 4 he "felt disrespected" entering this season without explaining why, a remark that came off as passive-aggressive.

Kennedy wasn't having it, saying it was time for Carr to put up or shut up.

"My answer to that when I was asked that question is, you've got to play better," Kennedy said by phone last month on the first days the Raiders practiced in pads.

The former quarterback-pro-pector added: "You can't be thinned in this league. Especially at quarterback."

Lauding Carr by invoking the 2016 season in which he led the Raiders to a 12-4 record via an offense that finished seventh in scoring, Kennedy said he's convinced the QB can have a strong 2020 season. But he also suggested Carr needs to address erosion in his mental game caused by hits he's absorbed in the pocket.

Kennedy noted the leg fracture a Colts pass rusher caused Carr in the 2016 finale and the 51 sacks he took a year later, to say nothing of the broken back sustained early



TIM WARNER GETTY IMAGES

Raiders are 39-55 in starts by QB Derek Carr (left). Coach Jon Gruden (right) has Marcus Mariota in the wings if Carr struggles.

in 2017 when a Broncos defender landed on him after the play.

"There were times when he became a little complacent in the NFL because he didn't want to get hit — and rightfully so," said Kennedy, an All-Pro for the 2002 club that reached the Super Bowl in San Diego. "That's to be expected. Nobody likes to be in that position."

"But," he added, "there are times you have to trust people around you, and I thought a lot of the throws that were left on the field last year were because Derek didn't have that overall trust."

Kennedy, who was an NFL lineman for 11 seasons, said it's essential Carr heighten his trust with his blockers and develop trust also with an improved cast of pass-catchers. The result, he said would be the offense making a jump from last year when it finished 24th in scoring. "It would be exciting," he said.

A former NFL quarterback sounded the same theme that Carr needs to become more bold in his play — not the same as reckless — and that it's fair to expect better from him.

"Derek's got to get his stinger back," said ESPN NFL analyst Dan Orlovsky in a call with reporters. "He's got to be willing to push the football down the field more, put the football in harm's way." He added: "Sometimes you've got to put the football in harm's way to become really good to great at the position, to gener-

ate stuff for your offense."

The former quarterback included Gruden and play-caller Greg Olson in his critique, saying they need to design better, more timely pass plays that encourage Carr to go downfield.

Gains from newcomers?

It borders on folly to expect most any rookie to lift an NFL team, but top Raiders draftee Henry Ruggs III showed the play speed, hands and toughness against SEC opponents to make such a scenario plausible. Not only was the big-handed Ruggs the fastest receiver in this year's NFL Draft, the 188-pounder had a low drop rate with Alabama.

"Ruggs," said Orlovsky of the No. 12 selection, "has got to be what so many thought he was going to be coming out of the draft. He's got to be the vertical threat that puts the fear into the defense: Every single play, this ball could go over our head."

Another SEC alum and rookie receiver, South Carolina's Bryan Edwards, represents a second potential upgrade. "He may make some noise by season's end," said former NFL defensive tackle Marcus Spears, "and make people really respect him."

Raiders architects seemingly have supplied Carr the final piece to the offense's supporting puzzle — exceptional speed in the persons of Ruggs and tight end Darren Waller. Even so, the wide-receiving corps qualifies as mid-

tier, at best, especially with Tyrell Williams, an undrafted speedster who began his NFL career in San Diego seven years ago, lost for the season.

Elsewhere, the tools are there to run the ball behind second-year back Josh Jacobs and a line that is the team's best positional unit. Carr should be able to once again hit the "extended handoff" passes, to the likes of slot receiver Hunter Renfrow, Ruggs and situational back Jalen Richard, that Gruden's designs tend to generate.

Along with the speedy Waller, second-year player Foster Moreau and veteran newcomer Jason Witten should give the Raiders their best group of tight ends they've had in several years.

Defensively, the top addition may be line coach Rod Marinelli, one of the NFL's better assistants. He didn't inherit an established, top-tier pass rusher but has shown a knack for developing linemen and fielding lines that are relentless and well-synced.

Spears said second-year safety Johnathan Abram, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, has some of the enforcer and play-making qualities that former Jets star Jamal Adams, now with the Seahawks, has displayed.

Veteran newcomer Cory Littleton, an alum of San Diego's Mount Miguel High who has far exceeded his status as an undrafted player, earned a three-year contract with

\$22 million guaranteed by excelling in pass coverage and special teams in his Rams tenure.

Gruden's time?

The jury is still out on Mark Davis' decision to hire Gruden. The Raiders were 38-26 with a 2-2 postseason record between 1998 and 2001 under Gruden but this time around have gone 4-12 and 7-9.

It's a coach's third season that often tells the story, Andy Reid has said. "If it's not rolling by then," said the longtime NFL coach, "it hits you in the head like a baseball bat."

In the Raiders' new home city, many oddsmakers have pegged the home team's over-under victory total at seven.

Should these Raiders finish 7-9, Gruden's huge contract — reportedly 10 years in length and worth up to \$100 million — seemingly would ensure Gruden would survive a third consecutive losing season.

Carr, though, may not be as protected.

Though it's still Carr's team, Gruden in March signed a potential replacement to him in former Titans starter Marcus Mariota, 26.

Getting out of the final two years of Carr's contract would be easily done. Said Carr: "I have a lot to prove to myself. I have a lot to prove to my organization."

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With the type of defense the Chargers have, they likely won't need quarterback Tyrod Taylor (5) to win many games for them, just not lose them.

BOLTS CERTAIN TO LOOK GOOD, SHOULD BE GOOD



NICK CANEPA
Columnist

When The NFL Team That Used To Be Here — you know, the Judases/L.A. Lodgers/Backup Singers — carpetbagged it north, to America's second-largest TV market and metropolis, Southland of Opportunity, Tinseltown, the Entertainment and Gridlock Capital of the World, it managed the near-impossible.

It vaporized. They weren't like the Donald T. Sterling Clippers, who moved to L.A. when Fredo Spanos still was hawking apartments for his dad, and remained rotten for better than 30 years.

They were an NFL franchise, for one thing, and not half bad.

That they completely underestimated what effect they would have in L.A., that they would become a total embarrassment and national punchline that couldn't sell out Carson High's stadium, was predictable — at least in this space. They were going to be lost in a Raiders town that has yet to fully embrace their somewhat locally historic landlords, the Rams.

They remain the unwatched watchables. They couldn't sell tickets the year after winning a playoff game

For whatever reason, as this shaky-at-best season is about to begin, they continue to fly beneath the NFL radar, which really isn't all that high.

It's not a very good league, more dune than mountain. The top is not unscalable.

They are the forgotten team, and I'm here to say it's a mistake, that they have a chance to be someone you want no part of.

There is no buzz to them. You simply do not hear the Judases, not by any other name. The national media continues to apply the cologne to the same bodies, which now even includes the Tom Brady Bucs, and of course the Cowboys, who haven't won anything (3-9 playoff record) since 1996.

I suppose much has to do with longtime quarterback Philip Rivers taking his 38-year-old wares and leadership to Indianapolis. He was the face (and voice) of the franchise in two cities, but, as good as he was, he never got them to a Super Bowl, and unfortunately, that's how quarterbacks are judged when The One Great Scorer comes to write your name.

Grabbing Philip's baton will be veteran Tyrod Taylor, at least in the beginning, until first-round choice Justin Herbert comes along. If he ever does. One never knows, but he is huge and mobile, not without skills.

The big deal with this team is defense, which again will be in the

sturdy hands of coordinator Gus Bradley. If healthy — and health always is an issue with the Backups — it will be one of the best defenses in The League, as the renters prepare to play their first (if possible) season in landlord Stan Kroenke's fabulous new Inglewood manse.

Offense and gambling drive the NFL. Defense wins it. Since 2013, all seven Super Bowl champions have had top-10 defenses. If this isn't one in this season of COVID, it will be a major surprise.

With the acquisition of decorated free agent corner Chris Harris, who will be a part of a corner group that includes vastly underrated Casey Hayward, Desmond King (an outstanding returner) and Michael Davis, we are looking at potentially the finest secondary in the game.

The loss of Derwin James (torn meniscus), the most versatile safety in football, for the season is a blow. But King, who has All-Pro on his résumé, has played the position. And free safeties Nasir Adderly and Rayshawn Jenkins have ability and can move over.

No reason why this still shouldn't be an outstanding defense.

They are doing things differently. Without the usual holdout and vitriol, they re-signed defensive end Joey Bosa to an enormous contract, and then guaranteed Melvin Ingram, Joey's bookend, his \$14-million 2020 salary.

Linval Joseph, an incoming two-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle, and Justin Jones will anchor the middle, which has been a problem. Damion Square is a serviceable DT, and this will be make or break for 2019 first-rounder Jerry Tillery.

Linebacking, especially in the interior, has been an issue. The hope is that it will be solved by second first-round choice Kenneth Murray, a sideline-to-sideline tackling machine at Oklahoma. Outside backers Drue Tranquill and Kyzir White can tackle.

The defense is loaded. Special teams have improved. It's up to the Rivers-less offense to score enough points to win. It won't take 30 points a game.

Taylor isn't a novice. He started three seasons in Buffalo — when the Bills weren't much — and had a 23-21-1 record. He's something Rivers was not — mobile. Tyrod just has to be good enough. If he falters, Anthony Lynn may be quick with the hook.

Tailback Melvin Gordon has taken his reluctant skills to Denver, leaving the load to versatile Austin Ekeler, who has a knack of finding treasure where it isn't buried. Justin Jackson is talented, with a different type of getalop, and they will use Taylor in a different way than they did Rivers, who moved like Everest.

The receiving corps could be outstanding, but it's not deep. As

usual it depends on the health of deep threat Mike Williams (injured a shoulder in camp), who led The League last year in yards per catch, and Hunter Henry, one of the better receiving tight ends, when he has legs under him. Keenan Allen is the best route runner this team has had since Charlie Joiner. A wonderful player.

The big question, as it has been for some time (now that the awful run of horrible special teams apparently has been corrected), is the offensive line, which has had problems rising to dead-flat average. The good news is that GM Tom Telesco appears to have done something about it, bringing in good players — right tackle Bryan Bulaga and right guard Trai Turner, a five-time Pro Bowler.

Left tackle again will be the issue, with Sam Tevi, not exactly Anthony Muñoz, probably the starter ahead of Trey Pipkins. Taylor's flexibility will help there.

The kicking game should be in good feet, with placekicker Michael Badgley and punter/holder Ty Long. But these, remember, are the Judases, so this oh-so-important part of the game is cast in aspic.

If nothing else, if the games begin, the Lodgers will look good, win or lose. When it comes to uniforms, they overwhelmingly rank No. 1.

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AFC South: Colts

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Coach of year: John Harbaugh, Ravens

MVP: Jackson

JEFF NAHILL

U-T gambling expert

AFC West: Chiefs

AFC North: Ravens

AFC South: Titans

AFC East: Patriots

AFC wild cards: Bills, Steelers, Texans

NFC West: 49ers

NFC North: Vikings

NFC South: Saints

NFC East: Cowboys

NFC wild cards: Eagles, Rams, Seahawks

AFC champion: Chiefs

NFC champion: 49ers

Super Bowl champs: 49ers

Off. POY: Patrick Mahomes, Chiefs

Def. POY: Aaron Donald, Rams

Off. ROY: Joe Burrow, Bengals

Def. ROY: Isaiah Simmons, Cardinals

Coach of year: Bill Belichick, Patriots

MVP: Mahomes

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SCHEDULE

With Jeff Miller's comments. Chargers are off on Week 10.

Sept. 13 at Cincinnati
1:05 p.m., Ch. 8
Barring something unforeseen, this will be Joe Burrow's NFL debut after the Bengals used the No. 1 overall pick on the former LSU quarterback.

Sept. 20 KANSAS CITY
1:25 p.m., Ch. 8
Super Bowl champions bring track-meet offense (speed, speed and more speed) and otherworldly QB (Patrick Mahomes) to SoFi Stadium.

Sept. 27 CAROLINA
1:05 p.m., Ch. 8
A week after the buzz-worthy Chiefs visit town, the Panthers arrive as a team transitioning with a new coach after a five-win season.

Oct. 4 at Tampa Bay
10 a.m., Ch. 8
The Chargers pursued Tom Brady in free agency in March; on this particular Sunday, they will pursue Brady again, perhaps with more success.

Oct. 12 at New Orleans
5:15 p.m., ESPN
A potential Philip Rivers-Drew Brees showdown dissolved when Rivers joined Brees as a former Chargers QB during the offseason.

Oct. 18 N.Y. JETS
1:05 p.m., Ch. 8
Playing below the approach to LAX, the J-E-T-S visit SoFi Stadium in a rivalry that dates to Nov. 4, 1960, when the Chargers beat the N.Y. Titans.

Oct. 25 at Miami
10 a.m., Ch. 8
Having faced Burrow in Week 1, who knows? The Chargers might see rookie QB Tua Tagovailoa in this spot. He was drafted No. 5 in April.

Nov. 1 JACKSONVILLE
1:05 p.m., Ch. 8
The Chargers defeated the Jaguars 45-10 in December 2019 in a Jacksonville stadium filled with empty seats and general sadness.

Nov. 8 LAS VEGAS
1:05 p.m., Ch. 5/69
"The Raiders are still the most popular team in Los Angeles" stories are repurposed for roughly the 198th time in league history.

Nov. 22 at Denver
1:05 p.m., Ch. 8
Revenge rules as new Chargers cornerback Chris Harris Jr. and new Broncos running back Melvin Gordon face their former teams.

Nov. 29 at Buffalo
10 a.m., Ch. 8
The Chargers are forced to return to upstate New York for the second time in three years, this visit coming dangerously close to winter.

Dec. 6 NEW ENGLAND
1:25 p.m., Ch. 8
The Chargers meet the Patriots for the first time since losing at New England 41-28 in the AFC divisional round of 2018 playoffs. No Brady now.

Dec. 13 ATLANTA
1:25 p.m., Ch. 5/69
Matt Ryan and Julio Jones visit SoFi Stadium to test a Chargers secondary that has spent much of the last month being significantly hyped.

Dec. 17 at Las Vegas
5:20 p.m., Ch. 5/69
The Chargers play a game in Las Vegas for the first time in franchise history, against "still the most popular team in Los Angeles."

Dec. 27 DENVER
TBD
The Broncos' most recent visit to SoCal resulted in an uninspired 20-13 Chargers loss at Dignity Health Sports Park in Week 5 last season.

Jan. 3 at Kansas City
10 a.m., Ch. 8
This AFC West game could have potentially huge playoff implications for the Chargers. For the Chiefs? They figure to have things clinched.

All times Pacific



MICHAEL CONROY Associated Press

CHARGERS GM Tom Telesco acknowledges the many COVID-19-related adjustments — NFL calendar, online rookie minicamp and team activities, and no exhibition season — are going to affect rookie quarterback Justin Herbert, whom he selected with the sixth overall pick.

DELICATE DUCK WALK

Development of quarterback Herbert will be tricky — but could pay off

DYLAN HERNÁNDEZ

This is the kind of coincidence that feeds into the mythology of a curse.

The Chargers drafted their next franchise quarterback this year, only for a pandemic to rearrange their off-season to a degree that is certain to affect his development.

The team's status as a playoff contender alone would have complicated decisions on how and when to break in Justin Herbert. The adjusted NFL calendar added entirely new sets of variables.

Rookie minicamp was staged online. So were organized team activities. There was no exhibition season.

"Obviously, it's going to affect him," general manager Tom Telesco said of Herbert, whom he selected with the sixth overall choice.

Once again, the universe is conspiring against the Chargers.

Deciding how to bring along Herbert could be even more difficult from the major call they made at quarterback earlier in the year, which was to break up with long-time starter Philip Rivers.

With Rivers moving on to the Indianapolis Colts, the Chargers

found a placeholder in a veteran who was literally their placeholder on field goals last season.

That's Tyrod Taylor, their projected Week 1 starter.

Coach Anthony Lynn is familiar with Taylor, as he was on the Buffalo Bills coaching staff when the now-31-year-old was the starting quarterback. Taylor doesn't turn over the ball and runs well, but has a limited ceiling as a passer.

With the defense expected to be dominant, the Chargers could very well succeed with a game manager such as Taylor, who is in the second year of a two-year contract.

The Chargers have an emphasis to win now, as key players such as defensive end Melvin Ingram and tight end Hunter Henry are in the last year of their contracts.

The mind-set distinguishes them from other teams who used premium draft choices on quarterbacks, in particular the Cincinnati Bengals and Miami Dolphins. The Bengals selected Joe Burrow No. 1 overall and the Dolphins picked Tua Tagovailoa at No. 5.

With virtually no chance of reaching the postseason this season, the Bengals and Dolphins can focus on developing Burrow and Tagovailoa, respectively. If starting Burrow or Tagovailoa results in a couple more losses for the Bengals or Dolphins, so be it. Their seasons

already were lost.

While mindful of Herbert, the Chargers have to think first of what gives them the best chance to win now. This could result in Herbert remaining on the sidelines for the entire season, which could be less than ideal.

Telesco was an entry-level employee in the Carolina Panthers scouting department when they drafted Kerry Collins in 1995. Collins, the fifth overall pick, became their starter in Week 3.

Telesco worked in the front office of the Colts when they selected Peyton Manning in 1998 and Andrew Luck in 2012. Manning and Luck were Week 1 starters as rookies.

"I just don't think there's any one-size-fits-all philosophy to developing a rookie quarterback," Telesco said. "It depends on where your team is, who else you may have and that particular quarterback."

This year, the workouts that were lost in the unconventional off-season also have to be considered.

Addressing Herbert specifically, Lynn said, "You can't make up reps, the physical reps, that he would've had."

In other words, Herbert might not be ready — at least not ready to start for a playoff contender.

Herbert was a four-year starter at Oregon, but operated almost exclusively from the shotgun. He

could recall only one play in which he was under center, a quarterback sneak.

If he's behind now, not taking a single snap this season could set him back even more.

"Who knows how this season is going to go?" Lynn said. "I'm not going to sit here and say who's going to start and who's not. Tyrod Taylor's in the driver's seat. I've said that all along. And, yeah, he'll probably be our Day 1 starter. I'm very familiar with him and know what he can do and can't do. But this young man's got to be ready to play."

The Chargers could under-achieve as they did last season when they went 5-11. Taylor could stumble. This being football, there's always a possibility Herbert could be forced into action by injuries. And this being pandemic season, there's always a chance COVID-19 could drastically alter plans.

Herbert was modest when asked about his goals for the season, declaring his ambition was simply to become "a better quarterback at the end of the year than I was when I started."

Which could be the right mindset. The last time the Chargers had a rookie quarterback as highly regarded as Herbert, they kept him on the bench for two years. The quarterback was Rivers and he went on to start for the next 14.

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Age
5	Tyrod Taylor	6-1	215	31
10	Justin Herbert	6-6	236	22
2	Easton Stick	6-1	224	24

RUNNING BACK

30	Austin Ekeler	5-10	200	25
22	Justin Jackson	6-0	200	24
27	Joshua Kelley	5-11	212	22

FULLBACK

40	Gabe Nabers	6-3	235	22
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WIDE RECEIVER

13	Keenan Allen	6-2	211	28
81	Mike Williams	6-4	218	25
11	Darius Jennings	5-10	180	28
12	Joe Reed	6-0	224	22
84	KJ Hill Jr.	6-0	196	22

TIGHT END

86	Hunter Henry	6-5	250	25
88	Virgil Green	6-5	255	32

CENTER

53	Mike Pouncey	6-5	298	31
61	Scott Quessenberry	6-3	310	25

GUARD

66	Dan Feeney (LG)	6-4	310	26
70	Trai Turner (RG)	6-3	315	27
76	Forrest Lamp	6-4	309	26
78	Trent Scott	6-5	320	26

TACKLE

69	Sam Tevi (LT)	6-5	315	25
75	Bryan Bulaga (RT)	6-5	314	31
79	Trey Pipkins III	6-6	307	23
74	Storm Norton	6-7	317	26

2019 STATISTICS

OFFENSE

21.1

POINTS PER GAME

NFL Rank: 21st

276.6

PASSING YARDS PER GAME

Rank: 6th

90.8

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Rank: 28th

31

TURNOVERS

Rank: 29th

DEFENSE

21.6

POINTS ALLOWED PER GAME

Rank: 14th

200.3

PASSING YARDS ALLOWED PER GAME

Rank: 5th

112.8

RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED PER GAME

Rank: 18th

14

TURNOVERS FORCED

Rank: 32nd

SPECIAL TEAMS

KICKER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Age
4	Michael Badgley	5-10	183	25

PUNTER

1	Ty Long	6-2	205	27
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RETURNER

12	Joe Reed	6-0	224	22
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LONG SNAPPER

45	Cole Mazza	6-1	247	25
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DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Age
97	Joey Bosa	6-5	280	25
54	Melvin Ingram III	6-2	247	31
42	Uchenna Nwosu	6-2	251	23
98	Isaac Rochell	6-4	280	25

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

93	Justin Jones	6-3	309	24
95	Linval Joseph	6-4	329	31
71	Damion Square	6-2	293	31
99	Jerry Tillery	6-6	295	23

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

49	Drue Tranquill	6-2	234	25
44	Kyzir White	6-2	216	24
59	Nick Vigil	6-2	235	27
51	Emeke Egbule	6-2	245	23

MIDDLE LINEBACKER

56	Kenneth Murray Jr.	6-2	241	21
52	Denzel Perryman	5-11	240	27

CORNERBACK

26	Casey Hayward Jr.	5-11	192	30
25	Chris Harris Jr.	5-10	199	31
43	Michael Davis	6-2	196	25
28	Brandon Facyson	6-2	197	25

SAFETY

23	Rayshawn Jenkins	6-1	220	26
24	Nasir Adderley	6-0	206	23
20	Desmond King II	5-10	201	25
32	Alohi Gilman	5-10	201	22

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THE CHARGERS are hoping rookie quarterback Justin Herbert can become the next face of the franchise, but it's possible he won't play much this season.

PASSING THE BATON

After moving on from Rivers, Chargers turn to Taylor (present) and Herbert (future)

BY JEFF MILLER

He was asked about the Chargers' new offense this season, an offense that is expected to be more ground-bound.

Defensive end Joey Bosa did not hesitate before launching into an answer that offered a counterpoint.

"Who knows?" he said. "Maybe Herbert's going to be an absolute beast out there, throwing dimes left and right, and we could end up relying on his arm more and more throughout the year."

At this point, Bosa was reminded that Justin Herbert isn't the Chargers' current starting quarterback.

The NFL's highest-paid defensive player of all time then went on the offensive, apologizing to Tyrod Taylor and trying to laugh off a funny yet awkward moment.

There was a normally charging defensive end, a celebrated pass-rushing machine, suddenly backpedaling like a frantic free safety.

That's where the Chargers stand at football's most important position as the 2020 season opener approaches.

They are in full transition, from one franchise icon in Philip Rivers to potentially their next franchise icon in Herbert.

In between is Taylor, a 10th-year veteran who backed up Rivers last season and will be given the chance to lead a team many observers project as a playoff contender.

If Taylor succeeds and the Chargers win, Herbert might not play a meaningful snap all season. If Taylor and the Chargers fall, Herbert and the franchise's future could arrive sooner than scheduled.

Chargers' first-round quarterbacks

Justin Herbert is the fourth quarterback drafted by the Chargers in the first round. Here's a look at the other picks:

ELI MANNING

2004, first overall pick

Manning refused to play for the Chargers, so he was immediately traded to the New York Giants for the third overall pick: Philip Rivers. Rivers and Manning led their teams to six playoff appearances over 16 seasons, but Manning came away with two Super Bowl victories.

RYAN LEAF

1998, second overall pick

Perhaps the most famous bust in NFL draft history, Leaf dropped to the Chargers at second overall after Indianapolis took Peyton Manning with the first pick. Leaf threw 13 touchdowns and 33 interceptions in two seasons before the Chargers released him. A few other teams gave Leaf a shot, but he never found success and retired before the start of the 2002 season.

MARTY DOMRES

1969, ninth overall pick

Domres was never more than a backup in three years with the Chargers. He was ultimately traded to Baltimore, where he took over for an aging Johnny Unitas.

— JASON CLARK

"We're trying to develop a quarterback, but a lot of these young guys are trying to develop," coach Anthony Lynn said. "Yes, we want to win at the same time. I understand that we can't rush this process."

"It's going to come to Justin. He's an extremely hard-working young man. I like where he's at right now with his development. ... If he continues this way, then he's going to be just fine."

In April, Herbert was the sixth overall pick in the NFL draft, a lofty position that brought with it a guaranteed \$26.5-million investment and all the expectations attached to that sort of dollar figure.

Soon after, he was so eager to begin his professional career that Herbert drove from his family's home in Oregon to Orange County

to work with a local quarterback coach during a pandemic that, at times, threatened to shut down all of society.

He traveled a great distance to work on many things, not the least of which was something as basic as the football itself: receiving a snap from center.

In four years at Oregon, Herbert threw 1,293 passes. Every one of them originated from the shotgun formation.

Of the first 10 snaps in NFL training camp, eight came from under center. Each exchange was flawless.

"He has surpassed my expectations in fundamentally acclimating to the pro game," Chargers quarterbacks coach Pep Hamilton said. "He did an excellent job over

the summer of working on things that would be expected once he got here."

In college, Herbert was known for his strong arm and fleet feet. At 6 feet 6 and 236 pounds, he is one inch taller and a few pounds lighter than Cam Newton, a quarterback so large that former NFL defensive tackle Gerald McCoy once said Newton should be ruled illegal for the position.

Appearance-wise, Hamilton said Herbert reminds him of Vinny Testaverde, who is 6-5 and spent two decades as an NFL quarterback. As with Testaverde, Herbert possesses what Hamilton called "a very efficient throwing process."

"You hardly ever see Justin throw a ball that's not a tight spiral," Hamilton said. "He has the ability to attack the entire field

with the arm talent that he has."

That talent will be on display at some point for Chargers fans, though no one can be certain when that point will arrive.

Rivers sat for two years before he started. Patrick Mahomes started one game as a rookie. Dak Prescott, Carson Wentz, Russell Wilson and Matt Ryan all started from the first snaps of their first seasons.

Herbert had his moments during his initial NFL training camp, hitting tight end Stephen Anderson on a streaking seam route one day and another day zipping a ball to fellow rookie Joe Reed through the slightest of windows.

"He does a heck of a job of staying in the pocket when the pressure's coming," offensive coordinator Shane Steichen said. "He hasn't flinched yet. So that's a big sign of success down the road as he continues to grow in the system and in this league."

Said defensive coordinator Gus Bradley, "He doesn't play like a rookie quarterback."

Oftentimes after practice, Herbert and fellow backup Easton Stick would remain on the field, tossing passes into nets and attempting to perfect their footwork.

These sorts of quiet moments are a long way from Sunday afternoons at SoFi Stadium but also necessary steps to get there.

For now, it's Taylor starting and Herbert waiting in a Chargers quarterback room where the present and the future must coexist.

"It's all love," Taylor said. "We're on the same team. We're trying to accomplish the same goal ... just natural competition and everyone bringing their best game. That's good for our room, good for our offense and good for our team."

NFL PREVIEW

THEY'VE GOT REALLY BIG SHOES TO FILL

It will take three backs to replace Gurley, and Rams are OK with it

By GARY KLEIN

They are role models with a common thread.

In star NFL running backs Ezekiel Elliott, Dalvin Cook, Alvin Kamara and Todd Gurley, Rams rookie Cam Akers saw traits worth emulating.

"Guys who can do it all and guys who aren't one-dimensional," said Akers, the Rams' rookie running back. "Guys who can block, catch and run. So, you know, that's the type of game I want to have."

Akers is on track for plenty of opportunities to develop this season as the Rams begin the post-Gurley era.

Gurley, the 2017 NFL offensive player of the year, twice helped the Rams make the playoffs, including a run to the Super Bowl to cap the 2018 season. But the \$60-million extension the Rams gave Gurley became a burden, especially with his balky left knee affecting his production.

In March, the Rams released the three-time Pro Bowl player, leaving coach Sean McVay with multiple options at the position and perhaps no choice but to use all of them.

Veteran Malcolm Brown, second-year pro Darrell Henderson and Akers, a second-round pick, are expected to be used in combination as the Rams attempt to rebound after missing the playoffs last season.

"What we got now is kind of a three-headed monster back there," quarterback Jared Goff said.

When informed of Goff's description, Brown smiled.

"I like the sound of that," he said. McVay does not have to look far to gauge the effectiveness of a running-back-by-committee approach.

Last season, the San Francisco 49ers dethroned the Rams in the NFC West and went on to play in the Super Bowl. Coach Kyle Shanahan gave running backs Raheem Mostert, Matt Breida and Tevin Coleman each at least 123 carries. They combined for 1,939 yards rushing and 19 touchdowns, including four receivers.

McVay would welcome similar production in a rigorous division that includes the Seattle Seahawks and Arizona Cardinals.

Much will depend on a line plagued by injuries last season. Veteran left tackle Andrew Whitworth is joined by left guard Joe Noteboom (back from knee surgery), center Austin Blythe, guard Austin Corbett and tackle Rob Havenstein.

Brown is in his sixth season with the Rams after signing as an undrafted free agent in 2015. While serving as Gurley's backup, he has rushed for 769 yards and scored eight touchdowns.

He also earned McVay's trust. That is perhaps the main reason why Brown is regarded as the favorite to start the Sept. 13 opener against the Dallas Cowboys at SoFi Stadium.

Brown, 27, describes himself as "the oldest guy in the room" in a position group that includes Henderson, 23, Akers, 21, third-year pro John Kelly, 23, and rookie Xavier Jones, 23, an undrafted free agent who played at Southern Methodist.

"They know I know the stuff," Brown said.

New running backs coach Thomas Brown said he calls the veteran "Mr. Reliable" because of his consistency and proficiency running the ball, catching it and as a pass protector.

"A veteran player that understands the ins and outs of this league and kind of sets the tone for the group from a work ethic standpoint," Thomas Brown said.

Akers starred at Florida State for three seasons before the Rams se-

Rams RBs

MALCOLM BROWN: The sixth-year pro is a trusted ballcarrier and pass protector who will be counted on early to lead younger players.

CAM AKERS: Versatile rookie from Florida State is regarded as the likely heir apparent to Todd Gurley once he earns coaches' confidence.

DARRELL HENDERSON: The 2019 third-rounder impressed, but last year's ankle injury and a hamstring issue in camp slowed his progress.

JOHN KELLY: Third-year pro spent most of the 2019 season on the practice squad and probably is on track to return to that role unless another back suffers an injury.

XAVIER JONES: Undrafted free agent from Southern Methodist showed promise during camp and was in the mix for a possible role on the practice squad.

— GARY KLEIN

lected him with the 52nd pick in April's draft. After he was chosen, Akers said he could be a "game-changer" for a team that finished 9-7 last season.

During training camp, Akers flashed the acceleration that makes him, perhaps, the most explosive playmaker among the running backs.

"Got a ways to go from a knowledge standpoint," Thomas Brown said, "but I tell you what: This guy is coming to work every day and learns from his mistakes."

Henderson was a third-round pick in 2019 and was expected to be used as a change-of-pace back with Gurley. He had several notable plays in an early-season game against the 49ers, but also a bad one that resulted in a turnover to start the second half of what became a Rams defeat.

Henderson got more than 10 carries in victories over the Atlanta Falcons and Cincinnati Bengals but otherwise did not have much opportunity in the second half of the season. He suffered an ankle injury in the second-to-last game against the 49ers and had season-ending surgery.

Henderson looked strong early in camp before suffering a hamstring injury that could affect his availability for the opener.

Thomas Brown described the 5-foot-8, 208-pound Henderson as "a bowling ball at times" when he's carrying the ball.

"Once he gets rolling," Brown said, "he'll be a hard guy to bring down."

Kelly spent most of the 2019 season on the practice squad. In the wake of Henderson's hamstring issue, he received increased opportunities during training camp. Jones also benefited from carries in live-tackling periods with developmental players.

But once the season begins, Brown, Akers and Henderson are expected to be called upon.

"The triumvirate comes at a bargain price. Brown is in the final year of his contract and carries a salary-cap number of \$1.3 million, according to overthecap.com. Akers has a salary-cap number of \$1.4 million, Henderson \$960,000.

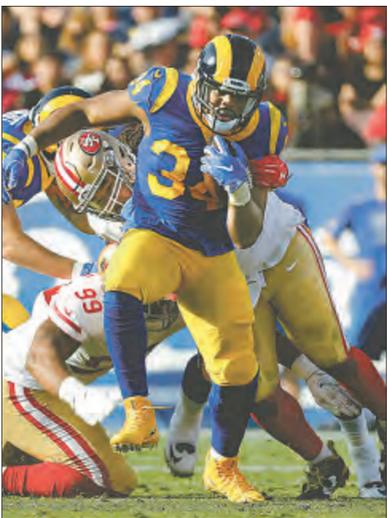
By season's end, Akers could emerge as the back with the most touches.

"Hopefully," he said, "by the time September 13th rolls around, I'll have everything rolling."



Photographs by ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

NO LONGER AN UNKNOWN, Austin Ekeler has made a name for himself with toughness and versatility. He caught 92 passes last year and will be featured with Melvin Gordon no longer on the team.



GARY CORONADO Los Angeles Times

MALCOLM BROWN is an experienced backup and expected to be the lead back when the season starts.



AL SEIB Los Angeles Times

CAM AKERS was the Rams' top pick in this year's draft and in camp flashed the acceleration that makes him, perhaps, the most explosive playmaker of the three.



THE CHARGERS would love to see what Justin Jackson can do if remains healthy for an entire season.

NFC WEST AT A GLANCE

By SAM FARMER | LISTED IN ORDER OF PREDICTED FINISH

1 | SAN FRANCISCO
2019 | 13-3, 1st in West
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON
The 49ers started 8-0 for the first time since 1990 and in Week 15 clinched their first playoff berth since 2013. They made the most of it, getting all the way to the Super Bowl before losing to the Kansas City Chiefs in Miami.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

George Kittle. Strange to put that much emphasis on a tight end, but that's the kind of impact player Kittle is. San Francisco gave him a five-year, \$75-million extension, making him the highest-paid tight end in history. He's coming off his second consecutive 1,000-yard receiving season.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Trent Williams. With All-Pro Joe Staley retiring, the 49ers got a star to replace him at left tackle. Williams, a seven-time Pro Bowl player with Washington, will be Jimmy Garoppolo's blind-side protector and already is getting rave reviews after holding his own against Nick Bosa in practice.

2 | SEATTLE
2019 | 11-5, 2nd in West
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON
The Seahawks started 5-1, with their only loss during that stretch coming to New Orleans at home. After a loss to Baltimore in Week 7, they kept rolling with five wins in a row. Seattle cooled at the end of the season, however, losing three of its final four games and ultimately falling to Green Bay in the divisional round of the playoffs.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Russell Wilson. Year after year, Wilson is an MVP candidate. He's coming off a season in which the running game disintegrated, and he had to carry extra weight to keep his team in a lot of games. In the last three seasons, he's thrown 100 touchdown passes.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Jamal Adams. The Seahawks made a blockbuster trade in July, acquiring the All-Pro safety from the New York Jets in exchange for two first-round picks and more. Adams gives the Seahawks a second quarterback on defense, along with linebacker Bobby Wagner, and an elite talent in the secondary.

3 | RAMS
2019 | 9-7, 3rd in West
Last year in playoffs | 2018

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON
Even though the Rams got off to a 3-0 start, the air hissed out of the balloon pretty quickly with the three-game losing streak that followed. Todd Gurley was a shell of himself, and the team couldn't recapture the offensive rhythm that marked Sean McVay's first two seasons.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Aaron Donald. He's the most dominant defensive player in the league and someone who commands double teams on virtually every snap. Having A'Shawn Robinson next to him could help him be even more productive in coordinator Brandon Staley's scheme.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Jalen Ramsey. Acquired in Week 7 of last season, Ramsey established himself right away as the shutdown corner we saw in Jacksonville. He's a graceful, dynamic talent who can stick like Velcro to any receiver in the league — but does he have a capable bookend on the other side?

4 | ARIZONA
2019 | 5-10-1, 4th in West
Last year in playoffs | 2015

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON
Their 5-10-1 record doesn't look great, but the Cardinals had a lot of reasons for hope with the flashes they showed last season. Kliff Kingsbury's offense was intriguing. No. 1 pick Kyler Murray was exciting... yet the team missed the playoffs for the fourth consecutive year.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

DeAndre Hopkins. The four-time All-Pro wideout from the Houston Texans has infused a ton of excitement into this fan base, and who better to eventually take the baton from Larry Fitzgerald? This makes a terrible red-zone team a pretty dangerous one.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Chandler Jones. Arizona's defense is a desert when it comes to elite players, but Jones is a standout. He had a career-high 19 sacks last season — a half-sack fewer than league leader Shaq Barrett — and forced eight fumbles. Simply put, he scares quarterbacks.

AFC WEST AT A GLANCE

By SAM FARMER | LISTED IN ORDER OF PREDICTED FINISH

1 | KANSAS CITY
2019 | 12-4, 1st in West
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON
The Chiefs got off to a slow start, losing their first four home games. They would rally back and assemble a season for the ages. They went 12-4, had comeback victories over Houston and Tennessee in the playoffs and topped San Francisco for their first Super Bowl victory in 50 years.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Patrick Mahomes. He's been an NFL MVP, a Super Bowl champion, has a record-breaking contract extension and is the face of the league. The Chiefs have done a good job of keeping their roster largely intact, and paying their quarterback. This is the team to beat.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Clyde Edwards-Helaire. This 5-foot-7 rookie running back from Louisiana State could help give Kansas City the ground game it lacked last season. Edwards-Helaire, the last selection of the first round, gained 1,414 yards rushing and caught passes for 453 more in his final season with the Tigers.

2 | LAS VEGAS
2019 | 7-9, 3rd in West
Last year in playoffs | 2016

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON
Fresh off a 4-12 season, the Raiders got off to a respectable 6-4 start before the wheels came off. They wound up losing five of their final six to finish 7-9, although they weren't eliminated from playoff contention until the last week of the season.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Josh Jacobs. As a rookie last season, the running back ran for 1,150 yards despite missing three games. Coach Jon Gruden plans to increase his workload this season, and Jacobs is capable of shouldering that load. He's running behind an excellent offensive line too.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Henry Ruggs III. The Raiders used the No. 12 pick on this Alabama star, a blistering-fast wideout. He joins a receiving corps that includes Tyrell Williams and Hunter Renfrow, and allows the Raiders to attack defenses at all three levels. Tight end Darren Waller gives Las Vegas even more receiving options.

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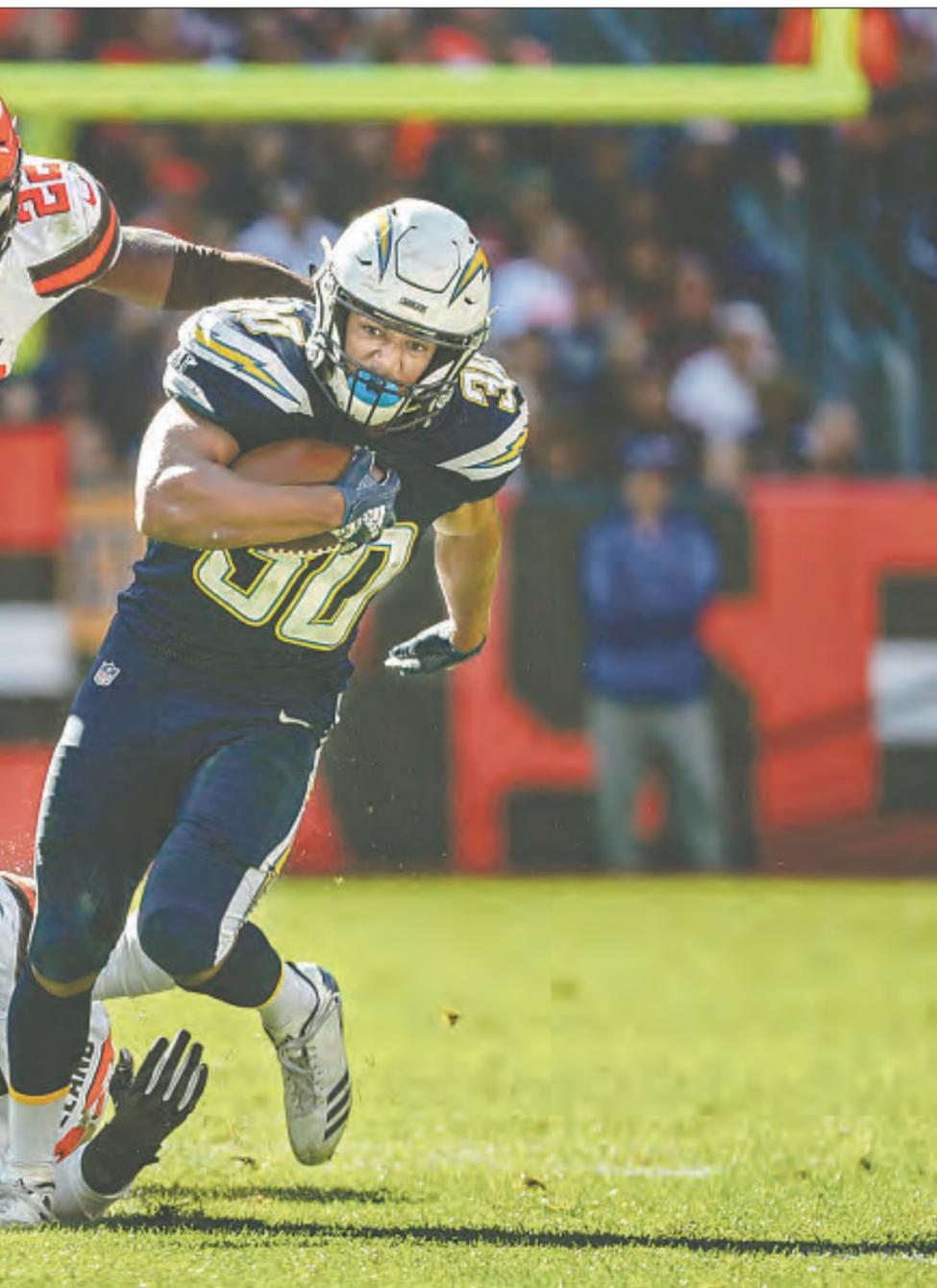
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2 | LAS VEGAS
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NFL PREVIEW: RAMS

SCHEDULE

With Gary Klein comments. The Rams are off on Week 9.

Sept. 13
DALLAS
5:20 p.m., Ch. 7/39

Cowboys QB Dak Prescott is out to prove he's worth much more than the \$31.4 million he is playing for under an exclusive franchise tender.

Sept. 20
at Philadelphia
10 a.m.

Former Rams slot cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman joins team still in search of magic that propelled it to Super Bowl title a few years ago.

Sept. 27
at Buffalo
10 a.m.

With the New England Patriots in transition, QB Josh Allen and the Bills have a chance to take next step with new receiver Stefon Diggs.

Oct. 4
N.Y. GIANTS
1:05 p.m.

Running back Saquon Barkley is the star, Joe Judge the new coach of a team without QB Eli Manning on roster for the first time since 2004.

Oct. 11
at Washington
10 a.m.

New coach Ron Rivera was brought in to be a guiding hand even before The Washington Football Team experienced more offseason turmoil.

Oct. 18
at San Francisco
5:20 p.m., Ch. 7/39

Tight end George Kittle received a massive extension as coach Kyle Shanahan aims to keep team from experiencing the post-Super Bowl letdown.

Oct. 26
CHICAGO
5:15 p.m., ESPN

Bears traded for quarterback Nick Foles and gave him \$17 million in guarantees, perhaps ending Mitchell Trubisky's time with the team.

Nov. 1
at Miami
10 a.m.

Rookie QB Tua Tagovailoa, the fifth pick in the draft, gets a chance for an up-close meeting with Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald.

Nov. 15
SEATTLE
1:25 p.m.

Less than a year after Rams gave up two first-round picks in trade for corner Jalen Ramsey, Seahawks did same in trade for safety Jamal Adams.

Nov. 23
at Tampa Bay
5:15 p.m., ESPN

The Rams will face legendary quarterback Tom Brady and tight end Rob Gronkowski for the first time since Super Bowl LIII loss to the Patriots.

Nov. 29
SAN FRANCISCO
1:05 p.m.

QB Jimmy Garoppolo missed on a deep pass in the Super Bowl, but showed against Rams he is fully capable of long completions in clutch.

Dec. 6
at Arizona
1:05 p.m.

Star receiver DeAndre Hopkins is a new weapon for second-year quarterback Kyle Murray, the NFL's reigning offensive rookie of the year.

Dec. 10
NEW ENGLAND
5:20 p.m., Ch. 5/69, NFL

Former MVP Cam Newton opted in to replace Brady at quarterback, and could help coach Bill Belichick return to Super Bowl.

Dec. 20
N.Y. JETS
TBD

It's homecoming for Jets QB Sam Darnold, the San Clemente native and former USC star who went on to become the third pick in the 2018 draft.

Dec. 27
at Seattle
1:05 p.m.

Russell Wilson passed for four touchdowns against Rams at CenturyLink Field last season, including a near-impossible one to Tyler Lockett.

Jan. 3
ARIZONA
1:25 p.m.

Season finale could determine whether receiver Larry Fitzgerald keeps Hall of Fame career going with a win that sends Cardinals to playoffs.

All times Pacific



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GRADUATION IS HERE

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BILL PLASCHKE

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School will soon be out for the Rams' Sean McVay, and he knows it.

His core courses complete, his honeymoon of an NFL coaching education over, this is the year he must prove he can really coach.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm 34 going on 84, sometimes I feel like I'm 34 going on 28, just depends on the time of day you ask me," he said recently with a big laugh.

He still exudes the same contagious energy, the over-the-top optimism, the connective burn that pushed the Rams into the playoffs in each of his first two seasons, including a trip to the Super Bowl.

Yet with his team coming off his first postseason miss, facing new hurdles at every turn, The Boy Wonder has people wondering.

How will he fill the leadership void created by the loss of veteran defensive coordinator Wade Phillips and special-teams coordinator John Fassel?

How will he deal with the loss of the consistent threats posed by running back Todd Gurley and wide receiver Brandin Cooks?

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New offensive coordinator Kevin O'Connell, defensive coordinator Brandon Staley and special-teams coordinator John Bonamego bring strong resumes, yet O'Connell and Staley are barely older than McVay.

While the hobbled Gurley drove McVay crazy with load-management issues, Gurley still commanded respect from opposing teams. Now the Rams will deploy a series of running backs led by solid Malcolm Brown, flashy rookie Cam Akers and oft-injured Darrell Henderson. In other words, they have no idea what they have.

And can McVay the Quarterback Whisperer scream the greatness back into Goff? After receiving a \$134-million extension, Goff declined in every major statistical category last season and ranked 22nd with an 86.5 passer rating.

It was, perhaps not coincidentally, a question about Goff that might have led McVay to offer his most revealing emotion entering this season. The coach was asked whether, for the first time, Goff was going to have to gather himself to come back strong.

"I think that goes for both of us," McVay said.

He is always one to fall on his sword. Rather refreshingly, no coach in professional sports rips themselves during postgame news

conferences as much as McVay. Remember, this is the guy with the courage to openly acknowledge that he was, "definitely ... outcoached," by New England's Bill Belichick in the 13-3 Super Bowl loss.

But his latest problems are about more than one game. This is about a season, last season, a lost season.

Even though they won nine games — the most by a nonplayoff team — the schedule was dotted with devastatingly bad losses to Tampa Bay, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Dallas. In some of those defeats, the Rams simply didn't seem ready to play. In others, such as the 17-12 loss to the Steelers with Gurley on the bench for chunks of the fourth quarter, McVay did not manage the game well.

McVay, who received a contract extension last summer that runs through 2023, knows all this. He admits to every bit of it.

"I think there's a lot of motivation to get this thing right and back on track to the standard that we have," he said.

And he knows it starts with him. "There's a plethora of things that you always want to get better on," he said.

Even in those cases in which the blame clearly falls on the player, he's still willing to bear the brunt of the criticism.

"I don't ever want to put our players out there," he said, later adding, "My job is to make sure, especially as a play-caller or head coach, that our decisions are giving our players the best chance for success. When they're not, I'm not afraid to admit to that."

He continued, "I'm not afraid to take ownership for my mistakes because there's certainly some that occur every single week."

This season will show the depth

of the connection McVay has made in that locker room, and it's amazing this should even be a question: Who wouldn't want to play hard for a guy who not only willingly absorbs all the heat but also embraces it?

"I don't feel any more pressure," McVay said about this season. "One of the beauties of the NFL is that you have to prove it every year. ... That's really what excites me. ... The pressure is a privilege, actually."

After spending the pandemic-shutdown offseason with his fiancée at their dazzling Encino home, he said he's never felt better about tackling that pressure.

"I feel rejuvenated. ... I'm thinking I'm in better shape mentally, physically and just kind of emotionally ... than I've been in a few years," he said. "The quarantine ... that's been one of the things you can kind of bring a positive light from."

McVay was unafraid to show the world his physical rejuvenation when, during the first episode of HBO's "Hard Knocks" documentary series, he stripped off his shirt and flexed his buffed frame while lounging in his pool. Based on the jeering response from friends nationwide, maybe not the best idea.

"Right after I did that, I said, 'Why the hell would I do something so stupid?' " he said with a laugh. "I was feeling good. I did a couple of push-ups beforehand ... then I thought, what kind of awareness is that?"

Ah, but it turns out, there was a method to his near nakedness.

"All my buddies and other coaches were more the ones that gave me [hassle], but the players were like, 'Not bad, man, not bad,'" McVay said.

Yes, he does have broad shoulders. Yes, he's definitely going to need them.

PROJECTED DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Age
16	Jared Goff	6-4	222	25
9	John Wolford	6-1	200	24

RUNNING BACK

34	Malcolm Brown	5-11	222	27
23	Cam Akers	5-10	217	21
27	Darrell Henderson Jr.	5-8	208	22
42	John Kelly	5-10	205	23

WIDE RECEIVER

10	Cooper Kupp	6-2	208	27
17	Robert Woods	6-0	195	28
11	Josh Reynolds	6-3	196	25
12	Van Jefferson	6-1	200	24
14	Nsimba Webster	5-10	180	24

TIGHT END

89	Tyler Higbee	6-6	255	27
81	Gerald Everett	6-3	240	26

CENTER

66	Austin Blythe	6-3	298	28
55	Brian Allen	6-2	303	24

GUARD

70	Joseph Noteboom (LG)	6-5	321	25
63	Austin Corbett (RG)	6-4	306	24
73	David Edwards	6-6	308	23
72	Tremayne Anchrum Jr.	6-2	314	22

TACKLE

77	Andrew Whitworth (LT)	6-7	330	38
79	Rob Havenstein (RT)	6-8	330	28
71	Bobby Evans	6-4	312	23
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2019 STATISTICS

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24.6	22.8		
POINTS PER GAME	POINTS ALLOWED PER GAME		
NFL rank: 11th	Rank: 17th		
281.2	226.6		
PASSING YARDS PER GAME	PASSING YARDS ALLOWED PER GAME		
Rank: 4th	Rank: 12th		
93.7	113.1		
RUSHING YARDS PER GAME	RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED PER GAME		
Rank: 26th	Rank: 19th		
24	24		
TURNOVERS	TURNOVERS FORCED		
Rank: 22nd	Rank: 9th		

SPECIAL TEAMS

KICKER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Age
3	Lirim Hajrullahu	5-11	205	30
8	Austin MacGinnis	5-10	185	25

PUNTER

6	Johnny Hekker	6-5	241	30
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14	Nsimba Webster	5-8	180	24
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LONG SNAPPER

44	Jake McQuaide	6-2	235	32
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DEFENSIVE LINE

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Age
99	Aaron Donald	6-1	280	29
90	Michael Brockers	6-5	305	29
97	Morgan Fox	6-3	275	25

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69	Sebastian Joseph-Day	6-4	310	25
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54	Leonard Floyd	6-5	240	27
50	Samson Ebukam	6-3	245	25
45	Ogbonnia Okoronkwo	6-2	253	25
52	Terrell Lewis	6-5	262	22

INSIDE LINEBACKER

59	Micah Kiser	6-0	244	25
41	Kenny Young	6-1	234	25
51	Troy Reeder	6-3	245	25
58	Clay Johnston	6-1	227	24

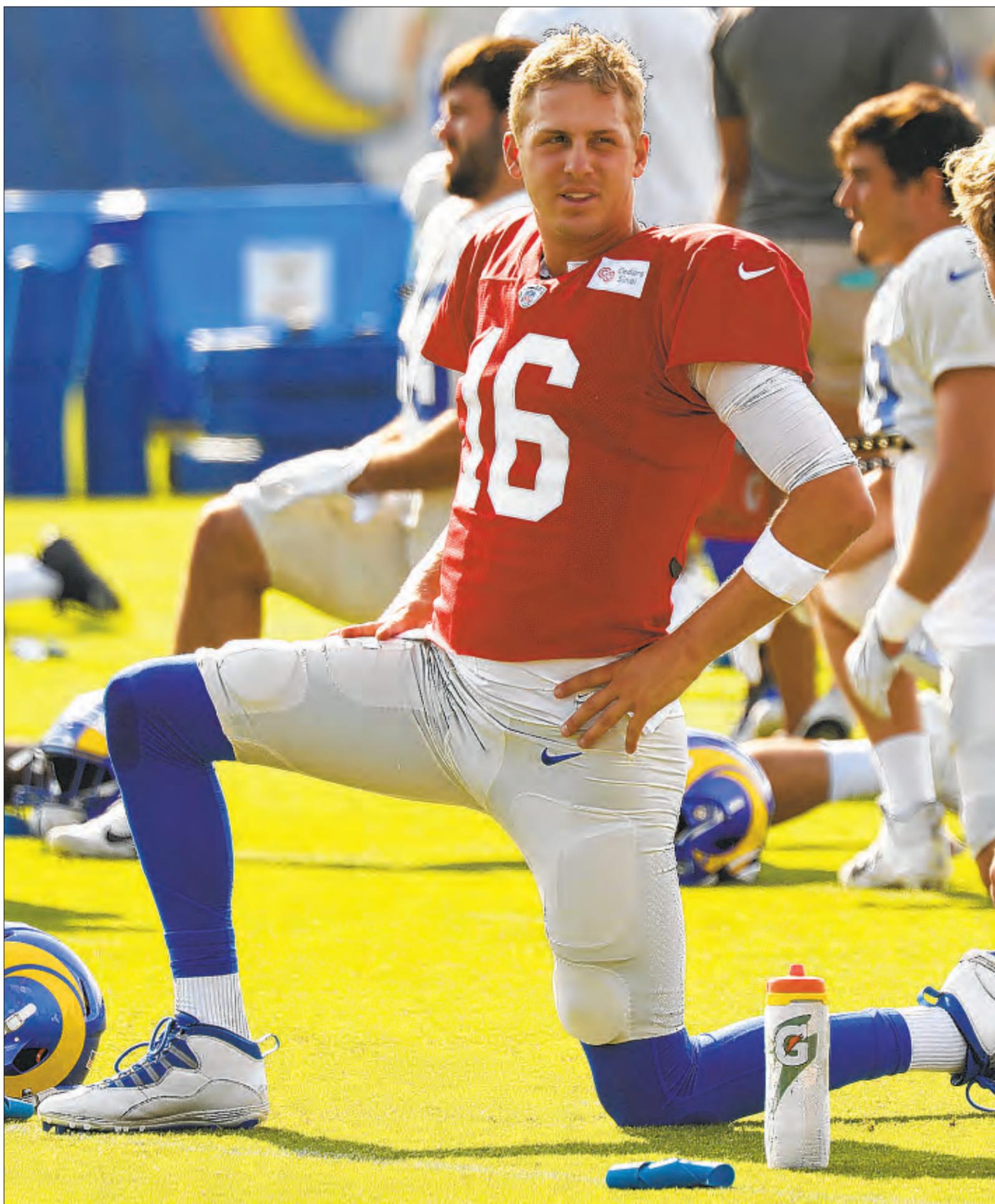
CORNERBACK

20	Jalen Ramsey	6-1	208	25
22	Troy Hill	5-11	183	28
31	Darius Williams	5-9	187	27
25	David Long Jr.	5-11	196	22

SAFETY

43	John Johnson III	6-0	209	24
24	Taylor Rapp	6-0	208	22
4	Jordan Fuller	6-2	203	22
26	Terrell Burgess	5-11	202	22

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"IT WAS NEVER not on the quarterback," Jared Goff, entering his fifth NFL season, says of his responsibility. "It's always on the quarterback with every team."

NO PRESSURE, BUT ...

Rams need a bounce-back year from Goff, who will try to earn his pay with no Gurley

BY GARY KLEIN

There is not a catchy name for his plan or a book explaining his disciplined regimen. He does not have a name-branded performance and recovery center for pro athletes and weekend warriors.

But as Rams quarterback Jared Goff begins his fifth NFL season, he appears to be taking a cue from Tom Brady and the future Hall of Famer's longevity example.

At 43, Brady is entering his 21st NFL season, his first with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after winning six Super Bowls with the New England Patriots. That included a 13-3 victory over the Rams and Goff two years ago.

Goff, 25, hired a trainer during the offseason. He also adopted a new diet plan and has a chef preparing meals tailored to his body chemistry as he readies for what qualifies as a comeback season.

"People joke about Brady all the time about how he's so serious about it," Goff said, "but he seems to be on to something."

Goff will need to be at his best if he and the Rams are to rebound from a disappointing 2019 season that left them out of the playoffs for the first time under coach Sean McVay. After receiving a \$134-million extension, Goff had his worst season since McVay was hired in 2017. The Rams finished 9-7.

"Any time that you're in the position that he's in, you're measured by wins and losses," McVay said.

"And, obviously, as a team we want to win more games — the quarterback ends up getting credit for that."

Goff, the No. 1 pick in the 2016 draft, flourished his first two seasons under McVay, leading the Rams to the Super Bowl and earning two Pro Bowl selections. But last season he regressed statistically in nearly every major statistical category. His 22 touchdown passes were the fewest since he became the starter. His 16 interceptions were a career high.

The San Francisco 49ers displaced the Rams atop the NFC West and the Seattle Seahawks also went to the playoffs.

"One of the things that we all are doing, and not just Jared, is trying to bounce back from, let's call it: a season where we didn't get to the tournament," general manager Les Snead said.

Goff does not disagree that 2020 qualifies as a potential bounce-back season.

"Yeah, I think so," he said. "At the same time, I think there's a lot of things I did do well that I want to build on."

"Of course you always want to get better from the year before — and statistically speaking it wasn't my best year. And I do want to play better. I do want to be more efficient. I do want to get the ball to receivers a little bit better, and I expect to and expect to stay on an upward trajectory."

As he has done since the end of his rookie season, Goff worked dur-

ing the offseason with quarterback trainers at 3DQB in Orange County. He also worked out more in the gym, and had blood work done to identify what foods were best for him individually to maximize performance.

"It's nothing super scientific or over the top, it's just basic stuff as far as what my body reacts to well and what it doesn't react to well," he said.

The regimen helped prepare him for training camp and the season.

"My body feels probably the best it's felt in a long time," he said. "Feel healthy, feel fast, feel efficient and just have more energy."

Teammates have noticed. "Probably in the best shape of his life right now," tight end Tyler Higbee said. "Seeing him just moving around, throwing the rock around, his mobility is better. ... His leadership skills have even taken another step."

Said offensive lineman Rob Havenstein: "You can see that there's a different gear with the way he's preparing, the way he's thinking about things. I mean, shoot, he's even got his own diet going on."

To help Goff — and the Rams — McVay hired Kevin O'Connell as offensive coordinator and de facto quarterbacks coach.

McVay remains the play-caller, but O'Connell has a role similar to the one Matt LaFleur filled in 2017. During that season, LaFleur and quarterbacks coach Greg Olson helped tutor Goff. In 2018, Zac Tay-

lor served as quarterbacks coach.

Last season, McVay did not have a titled quarterbacks coach on staff. Shane Waldron was pass-game coordinator and Zac Robinson was the assistant quarterbacks coach.

O'Connell, 35, first saw Goff throw passes at a football camp for elite high school quarterbacks.

The young Goff stood out. "Watching guys that are pure natural throwers of the football and everything from how the ball leaves their hand, to lower body mechanics to the natural movement skills and the fluidity ... you see it and you know that the hard part of the position for others comes easy to those guys," O'Connell said.

Goff has welcomed the chance to work with O'Connell, who played quarterback at San Diego State, was drafted by the Patriots and had stints with several NFL teams before starting a coaching career with the Cleveland Browns in 2015.

"We know a lot of the same people and I always wanted to work with him," Goff said. "He coaches me hard but also understands the intricacies of what comes with it."

Goff is preparing for his first season without Todd Gurley in the backfield. The 2017 NFL offensive player of the year had been the centerpiece of an offense that utilized the run and play-action fakes to set up Goff's passes.

The Rams released Gurley in March. That now makes Goff the undisputed focal point of the of-

fense.

Hall of Fame quarterbacks Kurt Warner and Dan Fouts told The Times in April that Gurley's departure could put more pressure on Goff, and that he would need to prove he was worth the heavy investment.

Goff said his approach and responsibility remain the same.

"It was that way before I got paid," Goff said. "It was never not on the quarterback. It's always on the quarterback with every team, whether it's a guy on his rookie deal or whether it's a guy in his 20th year in the league. It's always on the quarterback."

"What comes with that [contract] is a little bit more ownership and a little bit more feeling that responsibility of it, but at the same time you don't put any more pressure on yourself as it being all on you. ... So I haven't treated anything differently since my new deal. I think it's just a part of something I earned those first three, four years and something I hope to earn again throughout my career."

Goff aims to one day look back at 2019 as "something that was an outlier year" in a long career of success.

The rebound begins Sept. 13 when the Rams open the season against the Dallas Cowboys at SoFi Stadium.

"I'm excited," Goff said. "It's really another year of what's supposed to be the prime of your career and I'm trying to take full advantage of it."

NFL PREVIEW

EDDIE BROWN

On the NFL

One glimpse of normalcy for 2020 will be a full NFL fantasy year

The last movie I watched in a movie theater was "Bad Boys for Life." It was February.

I'm a cinephile. Six months without going to the movies has been excruciating for me.

In almost 40 trips around the Sun, nothing has been as disorienting, as terrifying or as portentous as this pandemic.

Remember your old routine?

Remember good sleep? My dreams seem to be directed by David Lynch these days.

Remember hugs and handshakes? I miss hi-fives the most.

Remember your office? My kitchen table pales in comparison to the vibrancy of a newsroom.

John Lennon's "Beautiful Boy (Darling Boy)" contains the famous lyric, "Life is what happens to you while you're busy makin' other plans."

COVID-19 will forever be a reminder of Lennon's line. So I'm thankful for any glimpse of normalcy.

I understand the return of sports struck many as somewhere between impossible and irresponsible. The economic motivations are obvious across the board, especially at the collegiate level.

Few things in this world are altruistic in nature.

So I'm thankful early September will once again bring me multiple opportunities to gather virtually with friends, family and acquaintances to draft fake football teams.

You need to understand something before you proceed to find out my sleeper and bust choice for your favorite team or partake in my fearless predictions for the upcoming season.

This year doesn't count. The only people who will acknowledge a team winning a championship this season will be fans of that team.

The NBA might as well be playing pickup games at local parks. The 2019-2020 season ceased to exist when Rudy Gobert went all touchy-feely on microphones and his Jazz teammates in March.

We are witnessing an entirely different animal in the Disney bubble.

You really believe Bucks fans are going to accept a "Finals" loss to the Lakers when a majority of that series was supposed to be played in Milwaukee, in front of them?

Or that all of the LeBron James haters would give him credit for this title? Or that LeBron James supporters wouldn't make a million excuses if the Lakers don't win?

You can see how this ends, right? Asterisk.

Major League Baseball is only playing 60 games. Do you really believe Dodgers and Yankees fans are going to accept if the Padres or A's bring home a title during a season this abbreviated? Another Asterisk.

Home-field advantage means the most in the NFL. Some teams will have fans, some teams won't. How does this affect teams like Seattle or Green Bay?

How do we crown a national champion when more than half of Division I schools aren't even participating or believe in the fantasy of playing football in the spring?

Costco sized Asterisk. This applies to your fantasy football leagues too. It's all about fun and distraction this year.

So be a total homer. Draft kickers early.

Do whatever you can to maximize your enjoyment and don't let anyone tell you different.

It's the only thing that matters in this moment.

Because we're not going to agree on anything when we're debating this year in sports 20 years from now in a virtual happy hour on Zoom.

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Cowboys receiver Michael Gallup (13) is going much later in drafts than teammate Amari Cooper, despite similar production.

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NFL FANTASY

SLEEPERS & BUSTS: 2020 DRAFT MUSTS

BY EDDIE BROWN

Analyzing a game that features an oblong-shaped ball with a mind of its own can be a challenge.

So I've learned to appreciate my good and bad calls. It all comes from a genuine place of attempting to provide a better understanding of possible outcomes so you're armed with enough information to accomplish your goal (i.e., win your league).

Good sleepers (Lamar Jackson, Darren Waller, Allen Robinson and Courtland Sutton) and busts (Adam Thielen, Kerryon Johnson, Le'Veon Bell, James Conner and Jaguars D/ST) from 2019.

Bad sleepers (Zay Jones, Rashaad Penny and Damien Harris) and busts (Jarvis Landry, Dak Prescott, Chris Carson and Cooper Kupp) from 2019.

This season will feature its own unique challenges, but this doesn't change the foundational information you require.

The Preamble: The bedrock of great preparation for your fantasy football season is determining the players you can draft later and yet still reap a solid value (sleepers) and/or the players you shouldn't draft at all (busts).

Being able to discern between the two will make all the difference in establishing a championship DNA for your fantasy squad.

Here are my sleepers and busts for the 2020 fantasy football season:

ARIZONA CARDINALS

Sleeper: Chase Edmonds, RB

Kenyan Drake was a second-round pick (average draft position: 20) before we found out he was in a walking boot for precautionary reasons. If Drake misses any time or is hampered in any way, Edmonds would prove to be a must-start fantasy play.

Bust: DeAndre Hopkins, WR

My gut tells me Kyle Murray won't force-feed Hopkins the target share he was accustomed to in Houston (30 percent of the team's total the past two years), because Kliff Kingsbury's offense doesn't work that way. Of course, Hopkins still will be good, but he's no longer a top-five fantasy receiver.

ATLANTA FALCONS

Sleeper: Hayden Hurst, TE

Hurst is currently being drafted out-side of the top 120 and he has top-five potential at tight end.

Bust: Todd Gurley, RB

Honestly, I don't believe there's a legit bust option on the Falcons. Gurley's

risk is already priced in (he's currently the 15th running back off the board), but I have to pick someone so I pick on the dude with the arthritic knee. If you draft Gurley, make sure you select him in the proper place (third or fourth round) and make sure your expectations are based on his scoring acumen (54 total touchdowns over the past three seasons).

BALTIMORE RAVENS

Sleeper: Miles Boykin, WR

Boykin's athletic profile (he's big and fast) and red zone ability endeared him to Lamar Jackson in spurts during his rookie season. I expect a leap forward as this passing game continues to evolve and defenses do their best to sell-out against the run. He's currently going undrafted in most leagues.

Bust: Mark Ingram, RB

The former Heisman winner is on the wrong side of 30 for a running back and it's only a matter of time before rookie J.K. Dobbins breaks through.

BUFFALO BILLS

Sleeper: Dawson Knox, TE

I see big games in Knox's future. There's more talent out wide with the addition of Stefon Diggs, which will lead to one-on-one matchups down the seam that the second-year tight end can surely take advantage of.

Bust: Devin Singletary, RB

I would've been leading the Singletary hype parade down Main Street if the Bills hadn't drafted Zack Moss. Moss is a much, much, much younger version of future Hall of Famer Frank Gore (assuming he ever actually retires).

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Sleeper: Curtis Samuel, WR

I'm thinking I was a year early when I made Samuel my sleeper here last year. The talented wideout was one of the unluckiest players in football with a ridiculous 42 percent of his targets deemed uncatchable (thanks Kyle Allen) by Pro Football Focus. Teddy Bridgewater is just what the doctor ordered and Samuel is a breakout candidate currently being drafted outside the top 60 (ADP: 165) at his position.

Bust: Robby Anderson, WR

D.J. Moore will command more targets and Anderson likely will be utilized as a deep decoy to clear out space for Christian McCaffrey, Samuel and tight end Ian Thomas underneath.

CHICAGO BEARS

Sleeper: David Montgomery, RB

Sky is the limit if the Bears solve their offensive line issues. Otherwise, volume will help Montgomery pay bigger dividends than your investment warrants (he's currently the 26th running back off the board).

Bust: Allen Robinson, WR

I'm a fan of Robinson. This is more an indictment of the Bears' current quarterback situation and the potential of a Reagan-like conservative approach on offense. They are light-years behind the offensive scheme head coach Matt Nagy helped develop in Kansas City. Drafting Mitchell Trubisky over Patrick Mahomes may be the biggest reason.

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Sleeper: Tyler Boyd, WR

Boyd is only 25 years old, a two-time top-25 producer who is being drafted outside the top 30 at the position.

Bust: A.J. Green, WR

Green was once elite, but he's 32 years old and has played only one full season since 2015.

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Sleeper: Browns D/ST

A potentially dominant defensive line and a ball-hawking secondary usually equals fantasy success. Myles Garrett's suspension and a suspect linebacker corps kept everything from coming together last year.

Bust: Austin Hooper, TE

There's no way Hooper comes close to the 90-plus average amount of targets he received in Atlanta the last two years.

DALLAS COWBOYS

Sleeper: Michael Gallup, WR

Amari Cooper's ADP is 27 while Gallup's is 73. Cooper had 79 receptions on 119 targets with 1,189 yards and eight touchdowns in 16 games last year. Gallup finished with 66 receptions on 113 targets, 1,107 yards and six touchdowns in 14 games (12 starts). Gallup has the higher upside while providing better value.

Bust: Ezekiel Elliott, RB

Two things concern me here. Since 2010, no running back has three straight seasons of at least 300 carries. Elliott has two straight. Also, his yards per game has dropped every year since his rookie season, from 108.7 in 2016 to 84.8 last year.

DENVER BRONCOS

Sleeper: Jerry Jeudy, WR

Jeudy can do everything Courtland Sutton can, but better.

Bust: Courtland Sutton, WR

The previous sentence isn't an indictment of Sutton. Jeudy (ADP: 99) is just that good and it's indicative of Sutton (ADP: 49) not being the only fish in the pond anymore.

DETROIT LIONS

Sleeper: D'Andre Swift, RB

Swift is the best running back the Lions have had this century.

Bust: Marvin Jones, WR

Jones has proven to be touchdown-dependent for his fantasy value. He's scored at least nine touchdowns three times in his career, including last year. You're not left with much if he doesn't score.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Sleeper: Aaron Rodgers, QB

If your fantasy philosophy prohibits you from paying a significant price for a quarterback, Rodgers should be available in the seventh or eighth round and you may reap a reward of drafting a highly motivated, all-time great at a discount. He's only averaged 4,215 yards, and 32 touchdowns against a measly five interceptions his last five full seasons.

Bust: Aaron Jones, RB

Jones is this year's poster-child for regression. He scored 11 of his 19 total touchdowns in only four games last season and despite his breakout campaign, the Packers spent a second-round pick on Boston College Mack truck A.J. Dillon.

HOUSTON TEXANS

Sleeper: David Johnson, RB

Johnson is only 28 years old and has alternated healthy seasons every year since 2016. His average healthy season: 1,752 total yards, 15 total touchdowns and 65 receptions. If he produces 75 percent of those numbers, he's worth a fourth rounder (ADP: 40).

Bust: Brandin Cooks, WR

Cooks has five documented concussions in six seasons.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Sleeper: Philip Rivers, QB

Despite playing behind five matadors masquerading as an offensive line the last five seasons in Southern California, Rivers averaged 4,523 yards and 29 touchdowns. He's currently the 23rd quarterback being drafted on average, which means there's a

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FEARLESS PREDICTIONS FOR FEARFUL '20 SEASON

BY EDDIE BROWN

No preseason, limited training camps and no bubble.

Prepare yourself for a fantasy football season like no other.

If you listen closely, that's the sound of commissioners around the world scurrying about to create contingency plans. Which means they're even grumpier than usual.

Everything should be on the table. You will likely need to expand rosters. You could vote to treat this season as an experimental year and change the league format —

anyone up for a Guillotine or Vampire league?

Above all, you must agree what constitutes a season just in case the march of weekly games end with a Thanos-like snap.

If it happens in the first month, no harm, no foul and everyone gets a refund as if nothing ever happened.

If we make it far enough, have an ironclad rule stating how the league winner will be decided and make sure everyone understands.

Maybe league funds get rolled over to the 2021 season? Maybe your league decides to donate the booty to

a deserving charity?

Either way, make these decisions before the season starts.

Here are my fearless fantasy predictions for the upcoming season:

• Carolina's Christian McCaffrey won't repeat as the highest scoring non-quarterback in fantasy this season. Since 2012, the top non-QB has averaged 302.3 points, only to see that number erode to 181 the following season, according to fantasypros.com. McCaffrey scored 355.2 points in 2019. A 40 percent drop would mean a 213.1-point haul in 2020,

which would have made him the ninth best non-QB last season. Temper your expectations when you take the all-around stud first overall.

• Neither Mike Evans (1,157 yards on 67 receptions and eight touchdowns) nor Chris Godwin (1,333 yards on 86 receptions and nine touchdowns) of Tampa Bay will match his production from 2019 with Tom Brady under center. Brady relies heavily on his tight ends and running backs to diversify the passing game.

• The Chargers will be a top-five D/ST — despite losing Derwin James for the

season — after finishing a disappointing 27th in 2019.

• George Kittle of San Francisco will finish as the top tight end in fantasy while scoring double-digit touchdowns for the first time in his career.

• Cincinnati's Joe Mixon will set career highs in rushing yards (1,168), total yards (1,464), total touchdowns (nine) and receptions (43).

• Robert Woods of the Rams will set career highs in receiving yards (1,219) and receiving touchdowns (six) while outproducing Cooper Kupp.

• Cam Newton, replacing

Brady in New England, will surpass 4,000 passing yards for the first time since his rookie season.

• Keenan Allen of the Chargers will fail to reach 80 receptions or 1,000 yards and finish outside the top 15 wide receivers in fantasy for the first time since 2016.

• Second-year running backs Josh Jacobs (Las Vegas) and Miles Sanders (Philadelphia) will both finish top-six at their position.

• Jimmy Garoppolo of San Francisco will lead the NFL in passing touchdowns.

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chance he ends up on the waiver wire to start the season depending on your league. The upgrade in protection couldn't be more stark.

Bust: T.Y. Hilton, WR

He's almost 31, played last season banged up and showed up to camp with a non-football hamstring injury. That's not a good sign. I also believe Rivers adopts rookie Michael Pittman Jr. as his favorite target.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Sleeper: Collin Johnson, WR

The 6-foot-6 rookie playmaker has been the clear standout in training camp. Johnson was a first-round talent who fell to the fifth round after an injury-plagued senior season.

Bust: D.J. Chark, WR

My expectations of Chark (ADP: 60) ascending to elite status are muted by his hot-and-cold inconsistency from year one and new offensive coordinator Jay Gruden's less pass-happy scheme.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sleeper: Sammy Watkins, WR

Watkins (ADP: 152) had 14 receptions, 288 yards and a touchdown (with several big-time catches) over three playoff games in January and February. It's a glimpse at what he's capable of doing in this offense if he stays healthy.

Bust: Clyde Edwards-Helaire, RB

If something is too good to be true, it usually is. My apologies to Frankie Valli. The Chiefs drafted Edwards-Helaire in the first round because they could afford to reach on someone who was perfect for their system. Now, Edwards-Helaire is being drafted as a borderline first-round pick (ADP: 14) because Damien Williams opted out of the 2020 season due to COVID-19 concerns. The talented receiving back didn't deserve to be drafted in the first round in April and he doesn't deserve to be drafted there now.

L.A. CHARGERS

Sleeper: Joshua Kelley, RB

It won't be long before the UCLA product is receiving the lion's share of carries.

Bust: Austin Ekeler, RB

Ekeler's upside in points-per-reception leagues is still very high, but the overall price-tag (ADP: 25) is simply too much, especially with Tyrod Taylor or rookie Justin Herbert under center.

L.A. RAMS

Sleeper: Cam Akers, RB

Malcolm Brown and a banged-up Darrell Henderson will have a hard time keeping the talented Akers (ADP: 65) off the field.

Bust: Tyler Higbee, TE

Higbee's last five games of 2019 were insane: 43 receptions, 522 yards and two touchdowns. And yet there's still rumblings of Rams coaches wanting to utilize Gerald Everett better. Plus, they drafted the talented Brycen Hopkins, a productive tight end out of Purdue, in the fourth round.

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Sleeper: Henry Ruggs III, WR



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Jets running back Le'Veon Bell may not have much value beyond deeper point per reception leagues.

You can't go wrong with finding a WR1 with an ADP of 125.

Bust: Darren Waller, TE

Beyond Waller's immense talent and measurables, he became the top option in Jon Gruden's passing game by default. The Raiders drafted Ruggs, Bryan Edwards and Lynn Bowden. Hunter Renfrow returns healthy and they signed Nelson Agholor.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Sleeper: Jordan Howard, RB

The NFL's new thunder-and-lightning combination will be Howard (ADP: 90) and Matt Breida (ADP: 112). In four seasons, Howard has yet to score fewer than seven touchdowns.

Bust: DeVante Parker, WR

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me every year, shame on me. Parker (ADP: 55) is definitely one of my blind spots. However, my gut tells me Preston Williams (ADP: 158) will end up the Dolphins' best receiver this season, and going forward.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Sleeper: Justin Jefferson, WR

The route-running technician's only competition for targets is a 30-year-old receiver who missed six games last season and is dealing with back is-

sues. I speak from experience: back issues don't get better. The body's warranty expires after you turn 30.

Bust: Dalvin Cook, RB

My ideal top-five pick has played in only 60 percent of his possible games during his NFL career. He also doesn't include a torn ACL, a chest injury, a chronic shoulder injury and multiple hamstring issues among his list of ailments. I'd rather draft Alexander Mattison (ADP: 133) and save the headaches.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Sleeper: Damien Harris, RB

"The Patriots didn't draft Harris in the third round for him to sit on the bench and collect dust," I wrote this time last year. Well, apparently they did. I bet they don't do it again.

Bust: Julian Edelman, WR

Edelman (ADP: 80) should still provide value in most PPR leagues, but I expect Tom Brady's departure to affect him the most. I'd rather draft second-year wideout N'Keal Harry (ADP: 154).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sleeper: Emmanuel Sanders, WR

Michael Thomas has never had a receiver as good as

Sanders (ADP: 101) playing across from him. I expect him to be a WR3/solid flex option week-to-week.

Bust: Jared Cook, TE

The return of a healthy Alvin Kamara and the addition of Sanders should cut into Cook's production enough to boot him outside the top 10 at the position — he's currently the ninth tight end off the board.

N.Y. Giants

Sleeper: Daniel Jones, QB

Jones (ADP: 104) produced four games where he scored four or more total touchdowns as a rookie. You looking to wait on a quarterback in your draft? You won't find one with higher upside or more weapons. Worse-case scenario: he's a go-to streamer throughout the season.

Bust: Evan Engram, TE

Health concerns (he's recovering from Lisfranc surgery) and a lot of competition for Jones' attention make it hard to trust Engram (ADP: 75) as a top-six tight end.

N.Y. JETS

Sleeper: Jamison Crowder, WR

Crowder (ADP: 126) averaged over five receptions per game when Sam Darnold was healthy last season.

Bust: Le'Veon Bell, RB

When I made him a bust last season, my concerns were based on how much tread was left on the tires and his relative lack of touchdown production in Pittsburgh. Now I'm just concerned if there's still any value left outside of deeper PPR leagues.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Sleeper: J.J. Arcega-White, WR

A foot injury limited JJAW his entire rookie season, and yet there were flashes of his immense potential after the Eagles' Week 10 bye. I expect him and rookie Jalen Reagor to supplant the aging/brittle duo of Alshon Jeffery and DeSean Jackson at some point this season.

Bust: Zach Ertz, TE

Ertz (ADP: 47) will turn 30 in November and it's clear the wear-and-tear is starting to show. It's also clear Dallas Goedert deserves even more of an opportunity. Ertz is still a viable TE1, but I don't believe I trust drafting him in the top 50 anymore.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Sleeper: Diontae Johnson, WR

Johnson (ADP: 119) had 680 yards on 59 receptions and five touchdowns his rookie season with Mason Rudolph and someone named Devlin

Hodges at quarterback. Imagine what he can do with a professional under center.

Bust: James Conner, RB

I wrote this last season: "There are health concerns, talented competition for carries (Jaylen Samuels and rookie Benny Snell Jr.) and it's clear he hit the proverbial wall last season." What has changed? They added even more talent in rookie running back Anthony McFarland.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Sleeper: Jerick McKinnon, RB

A healthy McKinnon (ADP: 291) is the prototype of what Kyle Shanahan wants in a running back. Monitor him on the waiver wire or stash him late in your draft.

Bust: Raheem Mostert, RB

Mostert (ADP: 46) was spectacular last season, especially in the playoffs, BUT ... he has just as much of a chance rushing for 500 yards as he does 1,000 or more and it's just as likely he ends up third on the Niners' depth chart than he finishes first.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sleeper: Phillip Dorsett, WR

I consider Dorsett more a handcuff to Tyler Lockett than anything else. His skill set pairs nicely with Russell Wilson.

Bust: Chris Carson, RB

Carlos Hyde could conceivably carve around 100 touches out of Carson's (ADP: 33) 315 from last year.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Sleeper: Buccaneers D/ST

The defense is already one of the best vs. the run in the NFL, with an explosive pass rush as well. If a talented secondary matures, we could see a leap like the 49ers had in 2019.

Bust: Rob Gronkowski, TE

Back issues played a role in Gronkowski (ADP: 72) retiring two years ago. Once again, back issues don't naturally get any better as you get older.

TENNESSEE TITANS

Sleeper: Jonnu Smith, TE

The only thing keeping Smith (ADP: 145) from being a top-10 tight end is opportunity. It wouldn't shock me to see his targets grow by 50 percent this season.

Bust: Derrick Henry, RB

To justify an ADP of 7, Henry has to lead the NFL in rushing yards and touchdowns because he is nonexistent in the passing game.

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM

Sleeper: Antonio Gibson, RB

Gibson (ADP: 178) will have serious upside in PPR, initially. Head coach Ron Rivera compared his skill set to Christian McCaffrey, but he's bigger, faster and more electric in the open-field than CMC. If there's a potential lottery ticket that pays off huge this season, it's Gibson.

Bust: Adrian Peterson, RB

Peterson has averaged 970 rushing yards and six rushing touchdowns during two seasons in D.C. Very admirable for his mid-30s, but there's a youth movement afoot and I expect Gibson and Bryce Love to take advantage.

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ONLY CONSTANT IS

Whether it's on the putting green or on the football field, the aging Brady, 43, brings his ability to perform well in the high-pressure situations to Tampa Bay

By Sam Farmer

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers got a reminder this offseason of Tom Brady's clutch performances under pressure — and the future Hall of Fame quarterback was nowhere near a football field.

It happened in May during the Match: Champions for Charity, a made-for-TV golf showdown featuring Brady and Phil Mickelson versus Peyton Manning and Tiger Woods at Medalist Golf Club in Hobe Sound, Fla.

The rain was coming down, and Brady was spraying his shots all over, struggling far more than Manning and taking a ribbing from TNT's broadcast team, most of all Charles Barkley, who has a famously horrendous swing.

"I'm going to give you some shots, man," Barkley said, proposing a match of his own against Brady. "I want some of you."

Clearly agitated, Brady snapped back: "Chuck, I've been focusing on football, bro. I'm trying to win a Super Bowl. It'll turn on. Ain't over yet."

Then, he casually pulled a pitching wedge from his bag and hit a shot of roughly 125 yards that landed just beyond the hole and spun back into the cup.

The studio crew erupted in cheers and applause, as Brady capped the hole out on No. 7 with a wry: "Take a suck of that, Chuck."

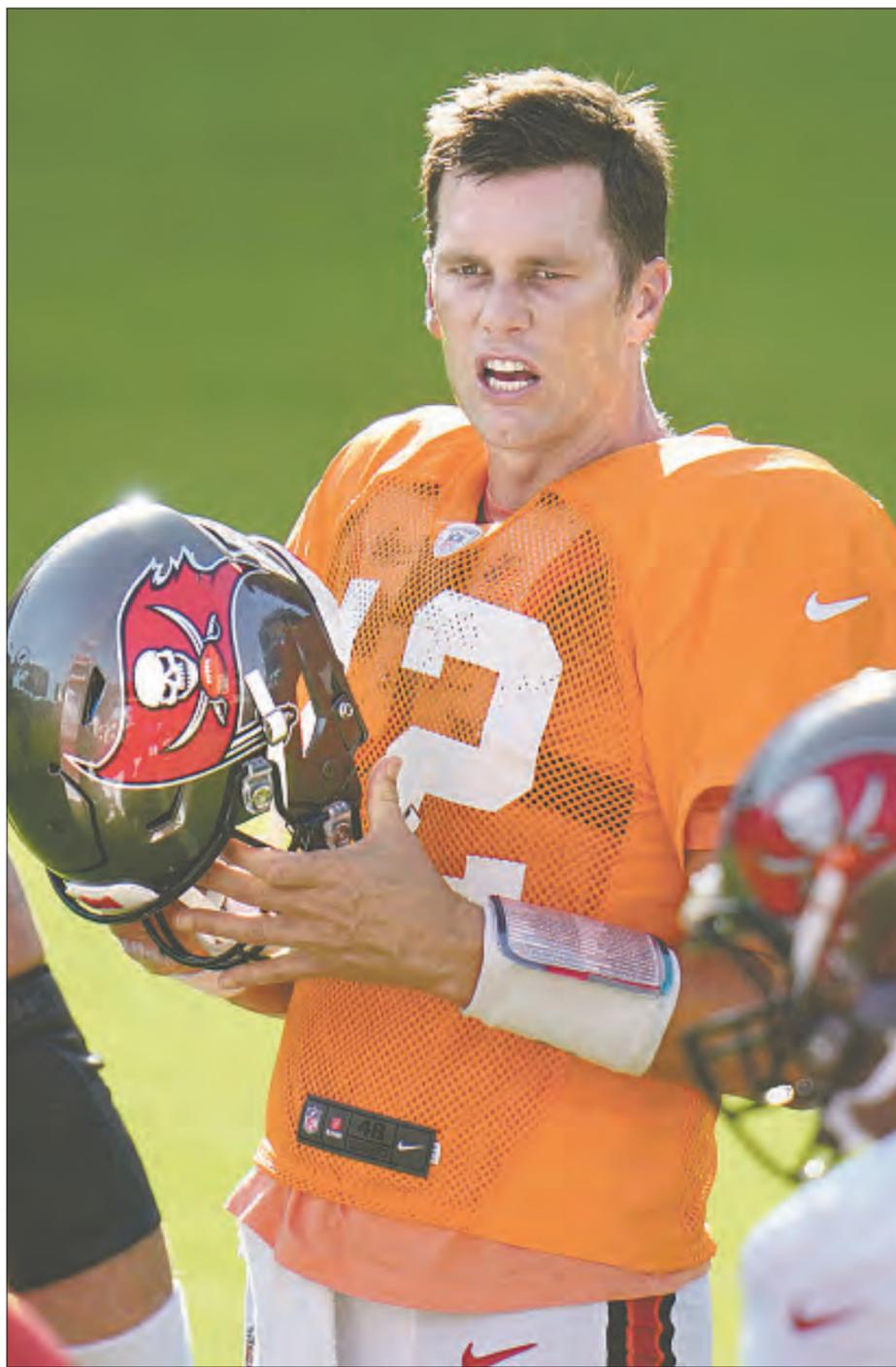
Hitting a golf ball is nothing like hitting a tight end streaking across the middle — or getting blindsided by a blitzing linebacker off the edge — yet it's easy to see why Tampa Bay has flipped over Brady.

Even at 43, he gives that organization hope it hasn't had since the early days of Jon Gruden, who coached the Buccaneers to their only Super Bowl victory in the 2001 season — a year after Brady led New England to its first of six Lombardi Trophies.

The guy responds on the golf course just like he does on the football field, by putting it right back in your face.

Brady and Manning recently spoke to The Times about that moment on the golf course and how it's emblematic of the Buccaneers star as the consummate competitor and centerpiece of Tampa Bay's high-octane offense.

"The first six holes I was like, you've got to be kidding me, this is ridiculous," Brady said. "I knew we were being miked and I was trying



CHRIS O'MEARA Associated Press

QUARTERBACK TOM BRADY changed locales in the offseason, going from New England to the warmer climate of Tampa Bay. He's the centerpiece of the Buccaneers' high-octane offense.

not to be cussing everyone out. But I hung in there and then Charles was talking [trash] and I didn't like that so much. And then Brooks [Koepka] put \$100,000 on whether or not I'd make a par.

"And then the shot went in. It was a good shot, but there was probably a lot more luck than it was a good shot."

CBS' Jim Nantz, who wasn't calling this particular match but was watching from home, said it was more skill than luck that led to that shot.

"It's not like he skulled it and it ran up to the green, crashed into the flagstick and dropped," Nantz said. "He threw it 10 feet behind the hole, it had some side spin, or some people call it 'had some sauce on it,' and it found its way to the hole.

"It's just astronomical odds that anybody ... you could put Tiger, who was in that group, and ask him, 'OK, we need to hole this shot.... We'll wait. Go ahead and make it.'

"They might have been there the rest of the afternoon until darkness fell, and even Tiger wouldn't have made it, or Phil. They just don't go in, no matter how great you are."

Manning won't soon forget the moment.

"I call it the suck-it-Chuck chip shot," the retired five-time NFL most valuable player said. "I was pumped up for him. I ran over there from where I was on the green and high-fived him. Look, I was right in there with him. Tom and I were in the same boat. We were out of our element, definitely not in our comfort zone.

"Tom played 18 holes that morning. I hit balls, and went over to Tiger's house for a little putting lesson. We were grinding all the way just to try to keep it in play."

While Brady saved par with that shot, Manning wound up saving Brady, who split his pants plucking the ball out of the hole.

"He comes to me and says, 'Hey, P, can you help me out?'" Manning said. "I had just bought a rain suit in the pro shop because I didn't have anything because I'm like, it's going to be perfect weather in Florida. I'm down there in shorts and a shirt, so I buy a \$250 rain suit ... I give him my rain pants, and do I get them back? No, absolutely not. He owes me 125 bucks for the pants."

This much is undeniable: Brady is money.

QUARTERBACK SHUFFLE

The quarterback-go-round was in high gear this offseason, with Brady heading from New England to Tampa Bay, Philip Rivers going from the Chargers to Indianapolis, and Cam Newton heading from Carolina up to New England to replace Brady.

The top two picks in the 2015 draft packed their bags and moved, with Tampa Bay's Jameis Winston heading to NFC South rival New Orleans, and Marcus Mariota going from Tennessee to the newly minted Las Vegas Raiders.

Nick Foles, once Super Bowl MVP for Philadelphia, was traded from Jacksonville to Chicago, and former Baltimore fixture Joe Flacco signed a free-agent deal with the New York Jets.

Teddy Bridgewater, who went from the Saints to the Panthers, finally will get a chance to establish himself as a starter (which was happening in Minnesota before his gruesome knee injury.)

LONGEST TENURES

When quarterbacks joined their current team (through 2018):

Ben Roethlisberger (PIT)	2004
Aaron Rodgers (GB)	2005
Drew Brees (NO)	2006
Matt Ryan (ATL)	2008
Matthew Stafford (DET)	2009
Russell Wilson (SEA)	2012
Derek Carr (LV)	2014
Jared Goff (LAR)	2016
Carson Wentz (PHI)	2016
Dak Prescott (DAL)	2016
Patrick Mahomes (KC)	2017
Jimmy Garoppolo (SF)	2017
Deshaun Watson (HOU)	2017
Kirk Cousins (MIN)	2018
Alex Smith (WAS)	2018
Baker Mayfield (CLE)	2018
Sam Darnold (NYJ)	2018
Josh Allen (BUF)	2018
Lamar Jackson (BAL)	2018

MARK THE YEAR

The 100th anniversary of the NFL was Aug. 20, the date when the owners of four Ohio League teams met in Canton to form a new league. The American Professional Football Conference was born, and eventually became the NFL. This year marks several other milestone anniversaries, as compiled by the league:

80th — In the most lopsided victory in league history, Chicago demolished Washington, 73-0, in the NFL Championship Game at Griffith Stadium in Washington D.C. The Bears, who had lost to Washington during the regular season, 7-3, scored 11 touchdowns. Stanford coach Clark Shaughnessy, a friend of Bears coach George Halas, helped Chicago draw up the offensive game plan.

70th — The Rams became the first team to have all their games televised, home and away. The DuMont Network paid a rights fee of \$75,000 to broadcast the 1951 NFL Championship game coast to coast. (The ad time for 30-second commercial in this year's Super Bowl cost \$5.6 million.)

55th — The color of officiating flags was changed from white to bright gold. Some officials keep their same flag throughout their career.

55th — Field judge Burl Toler became the first Black official in NFL history.

50th — The American Football League and National Football League merged to form one NFL. The merger was announced four years earlier.

45th — Officials were fitted with wireless microphones so they could announce and occasionally explain calls.

40th — The NFL draft was televised for the first time by ESPN. The two-day, 12-round draft was broadcast in its entirety by the network, which first came on the air seven months earlier. Oklahoma running back Billy Sims was the No. 1 pick by Detroit in that 1980 draft, which also included eventual Hall of Famers Anthony Munoz, Art Monk, and Dwight Stephenson.

30th — Two wild-card teams were added to the playoff format, one per conference, bringing the total to three such teams per conference.

15th — NFL Network began broadcasting regular-season games.

10th — The league adopted a modified sudden-



Associated Press

BURL TOLER joined the NFL as an official in 1965, working as a field judge. He was the first Black official in the league's history.

death overtime format, guaranteeing each team at least one possession in the extra period — as long as the receiving team doesn't score a touchdown on its opening possession.

5th — The extra point was moved from the two-yard line to the 15-yard line, essentially making a PAT a 32-yard field goal.

SO LONG, LOS ANGELES

The centerpiece running backs from the Rams and Chargers have left town.

Todd Gurley, who leads the league in total touchdowns since 2015 with 70, signed with Atlanta after spending his first five seasons with the Rams. Used less last season as the condition of his arthritic knee was clearly an issue, he ran for a career-low 857 yards. Six years ago, he underwent ACL surgery.

Gurley was limping and wore a compression sock early in training camp, and the Falcons limited his reps at practice.

Melvin Gordon, the 15th overall selection of the San Diego Chargers in 2015, signed a two-year deal with the AFC West-rival Denver Broncos.

Gordon scored nine touchdowns for the Chargers last season but ran for a career-low 612 yards after missing time holding out because of a contract dispute.

Training camp in the Mile High City took some adjusting.

"I'm struggling up here a little bit with the altitude," Gordon told reporters after a practice. "What I keep hearing is when we play other places, we won't even get tired so I'm looking forward to that."

A STEEP DROP-OFF

Gurley's rushing attempts per game the last four years:

2016	17.4
2017	18.6
2018	18.3
2019	14.9

GETTING PAID:

Gordon's approximate salaries from 2017 to 2020:

2017	\$1.4 million
2018	\$1.9 million
2019	\$4.6 million
2020	\$8 million

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CHANGE THIS TIME

When a coach disagrees with a pass interference call, he won't be able to challenge it. The NFL is about to start a season unlike any other in its history. What else is new?

ADDITION BY SUBTRACTION

The NFL's biggest rules change this season isn't something that was added to the books.

It's something that was eliminated.

The notion of subjecting pass interference to replay is a thing of the past, a failed one-year experiment rushed into effect after the cataclysmic reaction to the non-call involving Rams cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman in the NFC championship game at New Orleans.

The notion of throwing the red review flag on pass interference, while interesting in theory, was a disaster in practice. Officials were inconsistent with the way they upheld (almost all) or overturned calls, and players, coaches and fans hated it.

"I can't remember a rule that failed in the first week of pre-season," said Mike Pereira, rules analyst at Fox and former NFL director of officials. "It basically flopped in one week."

Even with that rule gone, and with only a few minor tweaks to the rest of the rulebook, Pereira thinks this could be the most challenging season ever for officials. He spoke with The Times about what he sees on the horizon:

What are the big challenges going to be this fall?

The officiating department and the officials have never faced what they're facing this year when it comes to preparation for the season. There's a ton of new officials and zero time to prepare, other than on Zoom. So you're going to have guys on the field that have never officiated at this level before. It's not like college. It's a lot quicker and a lot tougher. So that first deer-in-the-headlight look you're going to get happens in Week One instead of Week One of the pre-season.

Besides scrubbing the exhibition games, what other COVID-related steps has the league taken with officials?

They're going to regionalize the officials and do everything they can to keep them from traveling on airplanes. So you're going to see people like the Los Angeles — the Rams and Chargers are going to be serviced by a group of



BRETT DUKE Associated Press

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES by coaches on pass interference calls will be a thing of the past after the league eliminated that option on plays such as this. Kyle Rudolph makes a catch.

officials who are within reasonable driving distance, so from California, Nevada, Arizona. So you're not going to have the crew concept because you're going to be shifting around all the time.

Is it undesirable to see the same team more than once or twice in a season?

My old philosophy which was consistent with [longtime official and NFL executive] Jerry Seeman's philosophy, is you don't work a team more than once in a season. If you do have to work them twice, then you work them once at home, and once away. That's gone.

What's the rationale behind not working a team more than twice?

You don't want to get overly familiar with the coaches and the players and the fans. It makes more sense that teams get a different group of officials every week. And there was also a rule that you didn't work the same team within a six-week period. That's gone too because of COVID. And these new guys are going to run around wearing face masks and maybe pushing electronic whistles, because they have that option. It's the right thing to do, but it's going to be difficult.

Will it change anything that fans won't be at the game, so they won't be right on top of the officials.

No, I don't think so at all. Any official that is gone as long as it takes to get in the NFL has learned how to tune out fans. There will be the same nervousness. I would say probably greater because of the new guys without having reps. That nervousness comes from trying to make the right call and knowing that you're under constant scrutiny from the officiating department.

Can you put into perspective just how difficult it's going to be for new officials to step right into the job, without clinics or training-camp experience, and start making calls in regular-season games?

You're missing a step; that's the key. When I came in, I remember going into Week One of the pre-season in 1996. And it was at Green Bay, playing the Patriots. And I went into that game nervous, because I hadn't done this before at this level. I remember finishing the first game and saying to my linesman on my side of the field, Earnie Frantz: "I feel good about this. I think I can do this." He said, "Rook, this is the first game of the pre-season. This is like a scrimmage." And then the difference between Week Four of the pre-season and the first week of the regular season was, like, "Oh, my word."

REWRITE THE STARS

Some big-time pass catchers are in new cities.

DeAndre Hopkins, in the conversation regarding who's the best receiver in the league, was traded from Houston to Arizona in a blockbuster deal.

Stefon Diggs, who made the last-second Miracle in Minneapolis touchdown to beat New Orleans in the playoffs three seasons ago, went from the Vikings to Buffalo.

Greg Olsen, a longtime fixture in Carolina, is now catching passes from Russell Wilson in Seattle.

And Jason Witten, who left the broadcast booth to rejoin the Dallas Cowboys, is now with the Raiders for their debut season in Las Vegas.

FEMALE COACHES

Katie Sowers made history in 2019 by becoming the first woman to coach in a Super Bowl. When Sowers was hired in 2017, she was the only full-time female coach in the NFL. The number has grown since then — this year, five women have full-time coaching jobs:

CALLIE BROWNSON
Chief of staff, Cleveland

MARAL JAVADIFAR
Strength and conditioning assistant, Tampa Bay

JENNIFER KING
Offensive assistant, Washington

LORI LOCUST
Defensive line assistant, Tampa Bay

KATIE SOWERS
Wide receivers assistant, San Francisco

GIVE ME A BREAK

Several players are on the verge some record-setting accomplishments. The potential milestones, according to the NFL:

Tom Brady, Tampa Bay — Needs 16 starts to eclipse Brett Favre's record of 298 starts by a quarterback. If Brady has two 300-yard passing games, he'll pass Peyton Manning for No. 2 on that career list with 93. New Orleans' Drew Brees has a sizable lead on the field with 120.

Drew Brees, New Orleans — Needs one game with at least two touchdown passes to surpass Manning (165) for No. 2 on that list. Brady leads with 173.

Aaron Donald, Rams — Needs eight sacks to become the fourth player since 1982 (when sacks became a statistic) to record at least eight sacks in his first seven seasons. The three players on that list are Reggie White, DeMarcus Ware and Derrick Thomas.

Zach Ertz, Philadelphia — Needs 93 receptions to eclipse Jason Witten (617) for most catches by a tight end in his first eight seasons.

Lamar Jackson, Baltimore — Needs 132 yards rushing to surpass Cam Newton (2,032 yards) for most yards rushing by a quarterback in his first three seasons.

Alvin Kamara, New Orleans — Needs at least 500 yards rushing and receiving to become the first player in NFL history to do that in each of his first four seasons.

George Kittle, San Francisco — Needs 919 yards receiving to pass Jimmy Graham (3,863) for the most yards receiving by a tight end in his first four seasons.

Phillip Lindsay, Denver — Needs 1,000 yards rushing to become the first undrafted player since 1967 to run for at least 1,000 in each of his first four seasons.

Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City — Needs 34 touchdown passes to become the third quarterback with at least 110 touchdown passes in his first four seasons — and he didn't play as a rookie until the Chiefs' finale. That list consists of Hall of Famers Dan Marino (142) and Kurt Warner (111).

Christian McCaffrey, Carolina — Needs at least



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A TWO-TOUCHDOWN passing game pushes Drew Brees past Peyton Manning.



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ Associated Press

49ERS TIGHT END George Kittle figures to set a yards receiving mark at the position.

1,000 yards rushing and receiving to become the first player to accomplish that in multiple seasons.

Matt Ryan, Atlanta — Needs at least 4,000 yards passing to join Drew Brees as the only players to achieve that in 10 consecutive seasons.

Russell Wilson, Seattle — Needs seven wins to surpass Manning (92) for the most by a quarterback in his first nine seasons.

COAST TO COAST

This year's NFL schedule pits the western divisions against the eastern, which makes for a lot of long flights. Here are the expected miles of travel for each team, as compiled by the NFL:

Team	Miles
Seattle	28,878
San Francisco	25,485
CHARGERS	25,387
New England	24,560
Miami	24,528
Las Vegas	24,100
Arizona	22,598
RAMS	22,062
N.Y. Jets	21,122
Buffalo	20,026
Dallas	19,295
Denver	18,525
Tampa Bay	15,834
Washington	15,778
Kansas City	15,636
Jacksonville	15,425
Philadelphia	14,826
Houston	14,597
New Orleans	14,013
Carolina	12,634
Minnesota	12,618
Green Bay	12,285
Atlanta	12,143
N.Y. Giants	11,610
Detroit	10,328
Tennessee	9,096
Indianapolis	8,811
Chicago	8,693
Cincinnati	7,496
Cleveland	7,426
Pittsburgh	6,639
Baltimore	6,292

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By **SAM FARMER** | LISTED IN ORDER OF PREDICTED FINISH

EAST



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QUARTERBACK Carson Wentz led the Philadelphia Eagles to four consecutive wins late last season.

1 | PHILADELPHIA

2019 | 9-7, 1st in East
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

With offseason acquisitions that included DeSean Jackson and Jordan Howard, the Eagles had high hopes of getting back to the Super Bowl. Instead, they sputtered along — lose two, win two, lose two, win two — although they did get some traction at the end of the season despite having to go deep into their depth chart. But they were one-and-done in the playoffs.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Carson Wentz. Wentz got hot at the end of last season — guiding the Eagles to four consecutive victories — and will be looking to carry that momentum into this fall. The Eagles added versatile Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts to the mix, so they have some interesting options when they get down near the goal line.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Miles Sanders. As a rookie, he led the team with 818 yards rushing and showed explosiveness, turning one carry into a 65-yard touchdown. He improved as the year went on.

2 | DALLAS

2019 | 8-8, 2nd in East
Last year in playoffs | 2018

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

An 8-8 finish spelled the end for coach Jason Garrett, as the Cowboys were a mediocre team in a middling division. They lost four of their last six games, although they did finish with a home win against Washington. In Dallas, that counts for something.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Mike McCarthy. The former top man in Green Bay, McCarthy is the eighth coach under owner Jerry Jones but only the second with a Super Bowl victory to his name. Even though the head coach is new, the offensive coordinator is the same. The Cowboys are sticking with Kellen Moore.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Dak Prescott. Is Dallas going to back up the Brinks truck for its quarterback? Prescott is 40-24 as a starter and put up bigger passing numbers last season, but he has yet to prove he can carry that consistency into the postseason. Andy Dalton is now peering over his shoulder.

3 | WASHINGTON

2019 | 3-13, 4th in East
Last year in playoffs | 2015

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

Washington stumbled out of the gate by losing its first five games, the club's worst start since 2001. That led to the firing of coach Jay Gruden, who was replaced by interim coach Bill Callahan. The rest of the housecleaning came at the end of the 3-13 season.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Ron Rivera. Although his time had run its course after 8½ seasons as head coach of the Carolina Panthers, including a trip to the Super Bowl in 2016, Rivera is a widely respected coach looking to bring some stability to a wobbly franchise. His first move was to hire Jack Del Rio as defensive coordinator, one of several areas in need of an overhaul.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Alex Smith. He was the early front-runner for comeback player of the year the way he returned from a gruesome leg injury, though Dwayne Haskins has the job for now. Washington sure needs to figure it out at quarterback.

4 | NEW YORK GIANTS

2019 | 4-12, 3rd in East
Last year in playoffs | 2016

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

Over the last three seasons, the Giants have won 12 games — and that includes a 4-12 campaign last year that cost Pat Shurmur his head coaching job. In comes former special teams coach Joe Judge, who will look to build around quarterback Daniel Jones and running back Saquon Barkley.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Barkley. He cooled last season after a sensational rookie year, but Barkley remains an elite talent. He was slowed by ankle problems in 2019 but finished strong, with 301 yards rushing and 121 receiving in his final two games.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Andrew Thomas. With starting left tackle Nate Solder opting out because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there's a vacancy at that critical position for Thomas, the No. 4 overall pick and outstanding tackle from the University of Georgia. He'll get the difficult task of protecting the blind side of Jones.

NORTH



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AARON JONES, the other Aaron on the Packers, is a big piece of the offensive package in Green Bay.

1 | GREEN BAY

2019 | 13-3, 1st in North
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

In their first year under coach Matt LaFleur, not only did the Packers rebound from back-to-back losing seasons, but also they won the NFC North and finished 13-3. All that, and Aaron Rodgers was nowhere close to as accurate and efficient as he can be.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Aaron Jones. The other Aaron takes the snaps, but Jones, the No. 1 running back, has become increasingly important in this scheme. He was eighth in the league with 1,558 total yards last season and tied for first with 19 touchdowns. He's a dangerous receiver out of the backfield, and that should really help his quarterback.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Jordan Love. In a surprise move, the Packers traded their fourth-round pick to move up four spots and take Love, the Utah State quarterback, with the 26th pick. He has some Patrick Mahomes-like qualities and can learn at the elbow of Rodgers.

2 | DETROIT

2019 | 3-12-1, 4th in North
Last year in playoffs | 2016

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

After a 2-0-1 start, the Lions lost 12 of their last 13 games and felt that familiar feeling — eliminated from the playoff picture by Thanksgiving. QB Matthew Stafford suffered broken bones in his back in Week 9, and the team limped the rest of the way with journeymen Jeff Driskel and David Blough.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Stafford. Quietly, he was among the best in the league last season before his injury. Everything hinges on him. He has a rising superstar in receiver Kenny Golladay, who led the league in receiving touchdowns last season. And don't forget about second-year tight end T.J. Hockenson.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Jeff Okudah. The No. 3 pick in this year's draft, Okudah, a standout at Ohio State, widely was considered the best cornerback in the class. The Lions are desperate for that, having traded Pro Bowl corner Darius Slay to Philadelphia. With Desmond Trufant, Detroit is set at corners.

3 | MINNESOTA

2019 | 10-6, 2nd in North
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

The Vikings finished 10-6, but back-to-back losses to end the season knocked them out of division-title contention. They upset the Saints in overtime of a wild-card playoff game, then lost at San Francisco in the divisional round.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Eric Kendricks. A former UCLA standout, middle line-backer Kendricks has led the Vikings in tackles each of the last five seasons. He'll need to continue that pace this year, especially with the way the defensive line has been parted out for financial reasons. Much like Bobby Wagner in Seattle, Kendricks is the glue in a defense now co-coordinated by Adam Zimmer and Andre Patterson.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Justin Jefferson. The 22nd pick in the draft, Jefferson figures to pick up some of the slack left by Stefon Diggs, who's now in Buffalo. Quarterback Kirk Cousins isn't overflowing with receiving targets but has good tight ends in Kyle Rudolph and Irv Smith Jr.

4 | CHICAGO

2019 | 8-8, 3rd in North
Last year in playoffs | 2018

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

The Bears went 3-1 in the first quarter of the season, then plummeted back to earth with a four-game losing streak. They finished 8-8, and among the teams they beat, only Minnesota ended the season with a winning record.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Mitch Trubisky. The Bears made a trade with Jacksonville for Nick Foles, who's likely to do a better job of running Matt Nagy's offense than Trubisky, though Trubisky is the starter for now. Then again, Foles has flamed out in other places, too. He needs to prove he can get the job done somewhere other than in Philadelphia.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Khalil Mack. He was such a force two years ago, among the NFL's most dominant defensive players. He drew constant double teams last season, however, and his production dropped off accordingly. He had 8½ sacks, four fewer than in 2018.

SOUTH



CHRIS O'MEARA Associated Press

TIGHT END Rob Gronkowski was lured out of retirement to play with Tom Brady in Tampa.

1 | TAMPA BAY

2019 | 7-9, 3rd in South
Last year in playoffs | 2007

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

The Buccaneers made an incremental step forward from their 5-11 finish in 2018 by going 7-9 yet missed the playoffs for the 12th season in a row. Jameis Winston became the first quarterback with at least 30 touchdowns and 30 interceptions in a season.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Tom Brady. The six-time Super Bowl winner left New England and signed a two-year, \$50-million deal with the Buccaneers, where he'll have Mike Evans, Chris Godwin and a lured-out-of-retirement Rob Gronkowski as targets. What's more, he's playing for Bruce Arians, and no coach is better with quarterbacks.

KEEP AN EYE ON

The offensive line. Tampa Bay desperately needs help there, and used a first-round pick on Iowa tackle Tristan Wirfs. He's slotted as the right tackle, but he is the team's likely left tackle of the future. Of course, now's not the time to have him step in and protect Brady's blind side.

2 | NEW ORLEANS

2019 | 13-3, 1st in South
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

For the second season in a row, the Saints went 13-3 — this time despite losing Drew Brees to a thumb injury for five games. Teddy Bridgewater went 5-0 as the replacement starter. They played host to the Vikings in a playoff opener, and lost in overtime.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Cam Jordan. Sure, Brees is the captain of this ship, but the Saints need Jordan to keep the pressure on opposing passers. He had a career-best 15½ sacks last season, making the Pro Bowl for the third season in a row, and anchors a line that ranked third in sacks with 51.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Emmanuel Sanders. The Saints had been searching for a secondary receiving threat to take some of the pressure off Michael Thomas. With San Francisco last season, Sanders burned them for seven catches and 157 yards, but this year he could bring New Orleans luck. After all, he has reached the Super Bowl with the Steelers, Broncos, and 49ers.

3 | ATLANTA

2019 | 7-9, 2nd in South
Last year in playoffs | 2017

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

After a 1-7 start, the Falcons turned it around and went 6-2 in the second half. Consecutive 7-9 seasons, however, have tested the patience of owner Arthur Blank. Coach Dan Quinn needs to win or box up his office.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

The defense. Rahim Morris, who was coaching receivers, moved to the other side of the ball and took over as defensive coordinator midway through last season. He got back to basics, cutting out the exotic schemes and going with a more straightforward zone. That worked, but can he keep it up in a division with Drew Brees and now Tom Brady?

KEEP AN EYE ON

Todd Gurley. The former Rams and Georgia star is trying to reinvent himself after his knee deteriorated by the carry during his last chapter in Los Angeles. As long as Matt Ryan is slinging the ball, Gurley won't be the focal point, but the Falcons still need him to establish something of a ground game.

4 | CAROLINA

2019 | 5-11, 4th in South
Last year in playoffs | 2017

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

The Panthers got off to their first 0-2 start since 2013 but recovered and were 5-3 at the midway mark. Then the bottom dropped out, and they lost their final eight games. They had lost quarterback Cam Newton to a foot injury two weeks in, and fired Ron Rivera in early December.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Offensive coordinator Joe Brady. Brady, 30, the onetime New Orleans Saints offensive assistant, overhauled Louisiana State's scheme and guided No. 1 pick Joe Burrow to a Heisman trophy. Can he have the same effect on new Panthers QB Teddy Bridgewater?

KEEP AN EYE ON

Christian McCaffrey. This is one of the few NFL offenses built around a do-everything running back. Last season, the former Stanford star became the third player in league history with 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in the same season. But all those touches can take a toll. Ask Todd Gurley.

NFL PREVIEW AFC GLANCE

By **SAM FARMER** | LISTED IN ORDER OF PREDICTED FINISH

EAST



DON WRIGHT Associated Press

JOSH ALLEN, dangerous when he runs, still needs to improve his accuracy on long passes.



1 | BUFFALO

2019 | 10-6, 2nd in East
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

Even though they had two one-possession losses to the division-rival New England Patriots, the Bills finished 10-6 and made the playoffs for the second time in three years. They lost by a field goal in overtime to Houston in the first round, extending their drought without a playoff victory to 25 years.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Josh Allen. The third-year quarterback took a big step forward with his accuracy last season, yet still has work to do on his down-the-field passing. He does a better job of protecting the football, and is dangerous when he tucks the ball and runs.

KEEP AN EYE ON

The receivers. The Bills added former Vikings star Stefon Diggs, giving them a corps that includes speedy John Brown and sure-handed Cole Beasley and forming one of the NFL's best and most versatile receiving trios. Allen will have plenty of options.



2 | NEW ENGLAND

2019 | 12-4, 1st in East
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

The Patriots started 8-0 for the third time in history, but the cracks began to show in the second half of the season when they lost to three of the AFC's better teams: Baltimore, Houston, and Kansas City. New England finished 12-4, and lost in the first round of the playoffs to Tennessee.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Bill Belichick. With Tom Brady in Tampa Bay, the Patriots are banking on their Canton-bound coach to figure a way to win without the quarterback. That's more than solving the QB riddle. It's also getting the defense right after some key fixtures opted out.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Cam Newton. He has wrestled the starting quarterback job away from Jarrett Stidham, and it will be fascinating to see how the Patriots change their offensive approach to best take advantage of his skills. Then again, in light of all his injuries, this isn't the same Newton we saw in his Carolina Panthers prime.



3 | NEW YORK JETS

2019 | 7-9, 3rd in East
Last year in playoffs | 2010

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

Under new coach Adam Gase, the Jets got off to a 1-7 start — their worst in 12 years — but bounced back in the second half of the schedule and won six of eight. That 7-9 finish wasn't good enough, however, and they missed the playoffs for the ninth year in a row.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Sam Darnold. The third-year quarterback from USC is still looking to play an entire season. He missed three games as a rookie because of a foot injury, and three more last season with mononucleosis. But he has shown steady progress and has new targets in Breshad Perriman and rookie Denzel Mims.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Le'Veon Bell. Reality for Bell fell drastically short of expectations, as he averaged a career-low 3.2 yards per carry in his first season with the Jets. A reshuffling of the offensive line could help, and the Jets also added the ageless Frank Gore, who lightens Bell's load and is an excellent influence.



4 | MIAMI

2019 | 5-11, 4th in East
Last year in playoffs | 2016

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

In their first season under Brian Flores, the Dolphins started 0-7 and looked to be tanking for the No. 1 pick. But they rallied behind their coach and won five of their last nine games, showing a lot of grit for a team that basically everyone had written off.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Flores. The rebuilding is underway in all areas, but this much is consistent: The Dolphins play hard for their coach. Flores has tapped into his New England roots and has imported Patriots players, coaches and philosophies. There's nowhere to go but up, and this team is headed that way.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Tua Tagovailoa. The Dolphins used the No. 5 pick on the dynamic Alabama quarterback with a surgically repaired hip, the idea being he is the future of the franchise. Ryan Fitzpatrick is a capable bridge to the future in that regard. Miami can win some games with Fitzpatrick.

NORTH



KEITH SRAKOCIC Associated Press

SAFETY Minkah Fitzpatrick had an immediate impact upon his arrival in Pittsburgh last season.



1 | PITTSBURGH

2019 | 8-8, 2nd in North
Last year in playoffs | 2017

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

The Steelers started 1-4, including an embarrassing 33-3 loss to New England in the opener, and the loss of Ben Roethlisberger in Week 2. They won seven of their next eight games, but ended the 8-8 season with a three-game losing streak.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Roethlisberger. Can a 38-year-old quarterback come back from elbow surgery and still sling it the same way? We'll find out, as Roethlisberger gets in sync with new targets Eric Ebron and rookie Chase Claypool. Early word is, Big Ben has something left in the tank.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Defensive backs. After years of hand-wringing, it looks as if the Steelers have the secondary fixed. Safety Minkah Fitzpatrick was a terrific addition last season, and now Steven Nelson is a bookend to Joe Haden at corner. The back end of the defense gives the front seven a little more time to get to the quarterback.



2 | BALTIMORE

2019 | 14-2, 1st in North
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

The Ravens were 2-2 after the first month of the season, although that mediocrity didn't last. They ran the table the rest of the way, winning their final 12 games of the regular season behind the play of eventual MVP Lamar Jackson. Then ... they lost their opening playoff game at home to Tennessee.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Jackson. The third-year quarterback reminded people last season that he can get the job done with his arm, regardless of what's happening with the running lanes. Now that opponents have plenty of tape to study Baltimore's run-pass option, will the defensive looks change?

KEEP AN EYE ON

Calais Campbell. The Ravens traditionally are built around their defense, and the 6-foot-8 Campbell is a key addition on that defensive line. He's among the NFL's best interior pass rushers, and now has Derek Wolfe to attract some of the blocking attention.



3 | CINCINNATI

2019 | 2-14, 4th in North
Last year in playoffs | 2015

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

The Bengals were eliminated from playoff contention by the end of Week 11. That's because, for the first time in history, they lost their first 11 games. It got slightly better after that, as the team finished 2-14 and landed the No. 1 pick in the draft.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Joe Burrow. It's hard enough with all the expectations piled on a quarterback drafted first overall, but consider that Burrow, the former Louisiana State star, has gotten relatively little work during the pandemic, particularly with a compressed training camp and no preseason games.

KEEP AN EYE ON

The opponents' ground game. The Bengals were the worst in the league at stopping the run last season, giving up a whopping 4.7 yards per carry. The team has taken some steps to avoid that this fall, in part by signing free-agent nose tackle D.J. Reader, who figures to have his hands full.



4 | CLEVELAND

2019 | 6-10, 3rd in North
Last year in playoffs | 2002

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

Familiar story. The Browns had a lousy season and wound up firing their coach and general manager. In this case, they went 6-10 (despite winning four of five games during one hot stretch) and said goodbye to first-year coach Freddie Kitchens and GM John Dorsey.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Baker Mayfield. After he had a breakout rookie season, Mayfield saw his numbers drop dramatically last year, with his passer rating going from 93.7 to 78.8. Maybe new coach Kevin Stefanski, who came from the Minnesota Vikings, can get him back on track.

KEEP AN EYE ON

Myles Garrett. The defensive lineman taken No. 1 in 2017 was living up to that draft status last season until a Thursday night football game on Nov. 14, when, during a skirmish late in the game, he ripped the helmet off Pittsburgh's Mason Rudolph and used it to hit the quarterback over the head.

SOUTH



DAVID RICHARD Associated Press

DERRICK HENRY led the NFL in rushing last season as the Titans reached the AFC title game.



1 | TENNESSEE

2019 | 9-7, 2nd in South
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

Behind the play of quarterback Ryan Tannehill and running back Derrick Henry, the Titans finished 9-7 for the fourth consecutive season and returned to the playoffs. They then upset New England and Baltimore before falling to Kansas City in the AFC championship game.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Tannehill. Now that they've signed him to a lucrative extension, the Titans are banking on their quarterback to continue playing at the lofty level that distinguished him last season. Naturally, they'll need the running of league leader Henry to set up the passing game.

KEEP AN EYE ON

A.J. Brown. As a rookie last season, Brown burst onto the scene with 52 receptions for 1,051 yards and eight touchdowns. Those were Randy Moss-type numbers for a first-year wideout. Now, he's expected to take another step forward, and Tannehill is more than capable of getting the ball in his hands.



2 | INDIANAPOLIS

2019 | 7-9, 3rd in South
Last year in playoffs | 2018

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

Despite the surprising retirement of quarterback Andrew Luck just before the start of the season, the Colts got off to a 5-2 start. The wheels eventually came off, however, and the Colts lost six of their next seven games to finish a disappointing 7-9.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Philip Rivers. The longtime Chargers star parted ways with that team after last season and plans to finish his career playing for Frank Reich, who coached him in San Diego. Other quarterbacks have discovered a career resurgence in their late 30s, so why not a 38-year-old Rivers?

KEEP AN EYE ON

The offensive line. Finally, Rivers has a unit blocking for him that's solid across the board. The Colts are particularly strong in the interior, with left guard Quenten Nelson and center Ryan Kelly leading the way. This is an especially deep line too, and it's hard to overstate the value of that.



3 | HOUSTON

2019 | 10-6, 1st in South
Last year in playoffs | 2019

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

The 2019 Texans followed an interesting pattern: lose one game, win the next two. That happened five times last season, with the Texans going 10-6 (they lost their finale) and winning the AFC South for the fourth time in five years. They lost a divisional playoff game at Kansas City, collapsing under the weight of a big Patrick Mahomes-led comeback.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Deshaun Watson. One of the NFL's most talented and exciting quarterbacks will have to get the job done without departed All-Pro receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who accounted for 104 catches last season. At least Watson will be playing behind an improved offensive line.

KEEP AN EYE ON

J.J. Watt. The three-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year missed half of the 2019 regular season with a torn pectoral muscle. The Texans are being extra careful to manage his workload, knowing if he's healthy, he's a game-changer.



4 | JACKSONVILLE

2019 | 6-10, 4th in South
Last year in playoffs | 2017

WHAT HAPPENED LAST SEASON

The hopes were that Nick Foles would lead the Jaguars to prosperity, but the quarterback suffered a shoulder injury that sidelined him for most of the season. Rookie Gardner Minshew stepped in and performed surprisingly well, yet the club still finished out of the playoff mix at 6-10.

PINNING THEIR HOPES ON

Minshew. He did a respectable job in 12 starts as a rookie, going 6-6 with a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 21-6. Jay Gruden replaces John DeFilippo as offensive coordinator and figures to bring in more of a timing-based, quick passing game.

KEEP AN EYE ON

K'Lavon Chaisson. With Yannick Ngakoue traded to the Minnesota Vikings, the Jaguars need to develop another relentless pass rusher. Chaisson was among the most talented defensive linemen in the 2020 draft class and figures to be an impressive bookend to rising second-year star Josh Allen.

NFL PREVIEW



LM OTERO Associated Press

NEW COWBOYS COACH Mike McCarthy, center, speaks to his team at training camp. The former Green Bay coach knows expectations are high in Dallas. "If you're not trying to win a Super Bowl, I don't know what you're even doing in this business," he said.

NFL TEAMS WILL BE OK DURING PANDEMIC

Built-in revenue with TV contracts will more than cover player salaries

BY SCHUYLER DIXON

ARLINGTON, Texas

Jerry Jones won't put a number on the attendance for the Dallas Cowboys' home opener until the crowd is announced later this month at AT&T Stadium.

The owner of the Cowboys also hopes the 80,000-seat venue with standing-room space that pushes capacity past 90,000 will be closer to full as the pandemic-altered NFL season goes on.

All of which is to say the league's clubs are preparing for a rapidly changing environment while accepting the bottom-line notion that playing games with limited numbers of fans or none at all will affect revenues in 2020.

"You think about the lost revenue that these teams have across the board with no fans in the building," said Bill Rhoda, president of global planning for Legends, a stadium operations company co-owned by the Cowboys and New York Yankees.

"And it goes from tickets to the concessions, to the merchandise to the game, to the lack of private suites being used, which then has an impact on sponsorships. So there is a trickle-down effect that this virus has had on the industry as a whole."

Specifics are hard to get because clubs don't disclose or discuss them. According to 2018 figures estimated by Forbes magazine, the Cowboys pulled about two-thirds of their \$950 million in revenue from the stadium.

While they figure to take one of the biggest hits in stadium revenue, even with fans on hand while other teams don't allow them, the Cowboys also are a symbol of the NFL at large — they should be fine in the long term.

"The NFL is a juggernaut," said David Steinberg, co-founder of Zeta Global, a company that analyzes advertising data for pro sports teams. "Other than maybe European (soccer), there's no other league really globally like that. So I think that they are going to not just survive this. I think they will thrive in it."

The Green Bay Packers offer the only glimpse at NFL finances as a publicly owned team. Even with no fans all season, CEO Mark Murphy says the Packers can cover player costs with national revenue highlighted by media rights, which is about two-thirds of the club's overall revenue. Murphy also says the Packers have about \$400 million in reserve.

Most of the league's 32 teams will start the season without fans. Both Los Angeles teams have announced plans to follow the model started by Korean baseball and adopted by Major League Baseball — fan cutouts in the seats when the new SoFi Stadium opens. Proceeds are going to charity.

The league is allowing teams to sell sponsorships on tarps covering seats in the lower bowl between the 30-yard lines, capped at 16 spots. The end zone tarps are reserved for sponsors of both the club and the league.

"Creative thinking is going to win here," said Mark Reino, CEO of Merit Mile, a Boca Raton, Fla.-based advertising, PR and sports marketing agency. "Maybe it's a little cheeky, sometimes those cheeky ideas really win out in terms of maintaining loyalty."

Dixon writes for The Associated Press.

A NEW-LOOK NFC EAST

Three of NFL's five head coaching changes were in marquee division

SAM FARMER ON THE NFL

Doug Pederson has coached the Philadelphia Eagles for the last four years.

He's the dean of the NFC East. One word sums up the NFL's most high-profile division: turnover!

The Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants and freshly renamed Washington Football Team have new head coaches, a near total make-over for a division representing four huge markets. Every NFC East team plays in a TV market ranked among the top seven in the nation; no other division has more than two in the top 10.

The five head coaching changes were the NFL's fewest since there were three such changes in 2010.

The expectations are lofty for Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy, the Giants' Joe Judge and Washington's Ron Rivera, as those franchises have won a total of 12 Lombardi Trophies — although the Giants are the only ones in that cluster who have enjoyed postseason relevance in the last two-plus decades.

McCarthy, who won the only Super Bowl held at AT&T Stadium — the Cowboys' home in Arlington, Texas — when he led Green Bay to victory over Pittsburgh, knows what the expectations are in Dallas.

"If you're not trying to win a Super Bowl, I don't know what you're even doing in this business," McCarthy told reporters recently. "I think that's what every team starts their offseason with."

"The ones that don't talk about it are probably trying to under-promise, overachieve. But I've always been very upfront about it with every team I've ever coached. We're in this to win a championship. Make no bones about it."

Jason Garrett, the longtime Cowboys coach McCarthy replaced, is now offensive coordinator of the Giants, for whom he played quarterback from 2000 to 2003.

"Awfully proud of the program we built [in Dallas] and the teams we had. We had a lot of great days



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL Associated Press

RON RIVERA is tasked with a turnaround in Washington while battling cancer.



MIKE MCCARN Associated Press

MATT RHULE takes over the reins for Carolina, which also has a change at quarterback.



PHIL LONG Associated Press

KEVIN STEFANSKI is the Browns' 12th head coach since the team relaunched in 1999.



MICHAEL CONROY Associated Press

JOE JUDGE is the new coach of the Giants after eight seasons as a Patriots assistant.

New head coaches

Team	New coach	Last coach (W-L)
Carolina	Matt Rhule	Ron Rivera (76-63-1)
Cleveland	Kevin Stefanski	Freddie Kitchens (6-10)
Dallas	Mike McCarthy	Jason Garrett (85-67)
N.Y. Giants	Joe Judge	Pat Shurmur (9-23)
Washington	Ron Rivera	Jay Gruden (35-49-1)

there," Garrett told reporters on a video call. "I'm very grateful for that experience and the people that made that experience what it was."

"Having said that, this is a new day and I'm awfully excited about being a part of the New York Football Giants and being back in this

part of the country with this amazing organization."

Not only is Rivera expected to turn around a 3-13 team, but he's also being counted on to guide a franchise mired in controversy. There's the name change — the dumping of "Redskins" after decades of debate about the nick-

name being offensive toward Native Americans — and a Washington Post report in which 15 female former employees and two media members leveled sexual-harassment allegations against team executives no longer with the franchise.

What's more, Rivera recently was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma for which he will undergo treatment. Defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio is prepared to step in as a temporary fill-in coach if necessary.

"I can't wait to get started and get this thing over with and go forward," Rivera told reporters of his treatment. "I understand the significance of what I'm going to be going through. I understand how tough it's going to be."

Cleveland made a coaching change too, but that franchise is a revolving door at the top. Kevin Stefanski, a former Minnesota Vikings assistant, is the 12th head coach of the Browns since the franchise relaunched in 1999.

Carolina, which fired Rivera before the end of last season, hired Baylor coach Matt Rhule, who last coached in the NFL when he was an assistant offensive line coach of the Giants in 2012.

A Panthers assistant coach to watch is Joe Brady, a 30-year-old offensive coordinator who will try to do in the NFL what he did last season at Louisiana State. The former New Orleans Saints low-level assistant was passing game coordinator for the Tigers, drawing up schemes for quarterback Joe Burrow, who burst into the national consciousness and wound up being drafted No. 1 overall by the Cincinnati Bengals.

Carolina is going through a big change on the field too, transitioning from quarterback Cam Newton to Teddy Bridgewater, who filled in ably for Drew Brees in New Orleans last season and signed as a free agent with Carolina.

Brady, for one, is up for the challenge.

"Coach uses the term 'humble confidence,'" he said, referring to Rhule, "and I think that was critical for me. You're humble enough to prepare, but you're confident enough to perform."

NFL WEEK-BY-WEEK SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 Thursday, Sept. 10	WEEK 3 Thursday, Sept. 24	WEEK 5 Thursday, Oct. 8	WEEK 7 Thursday, Oct. 22	WEEK 9 Thursday, Nov. 5	WEEK 11 Thursday, Nov. 19	WEEK 13 Thursday, Dec. 3	WEEK 15 Thursday, Dec. 17
HOU at KC.....5:20 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13	MIA at JAC.....5:20 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27	TB at CHI.....5:20 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11	NYG at PHI.....5:20 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25	GB at SF.....5:20 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8	ARI at SEA.....5:20 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22	DAL at BAL.....5:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6	LAC at LV.....5:20 p.m. Dec. 19 or Dec. 20
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Strength of schedule

Team-by-team strength of schedule, determined by their opponents' winning percentage from the 2019 season:

1. New England .537	Indianapolis .502
2. N.Y. Jets .533	18. Kansas City .500
3. Miami .529	Carolina .500
4. San Francisco .527	20. Tennessee .498
5. Buffalo .525	21. Las Vegas .496
Detroit .525	22. Jacksonville .494
Atlanta .525	23. CHARGERS .492
8. Arizona .518	24. New Orleans .490
Houston .518	25. Philadelphia .486
10. Minnesota .516	26. N.Y. Giants .482
RAMS .516	27. Cincinnati .477
12. Denver .512	28. Washington .465
13. Chicago .509	29. Cleveland .461
Seattle .509	30. Dallas .459
15. Green Bay .504	31. Pittsburgh .457
16. Tampa Bay .502	32. Baltimore .438