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Protests eclipse pandemic, but White House fears unrest

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For weeks President Donald Trump has been trying to publicize the pandemic. Now he is doing the opposite.

For months Trump has pushed the White House that the very thing that is killing tens of thousands from coronavirus stage — mass protests over the death of an African American — may bring about its resurgence.

Trump on Wednesday characterized himself the "patriot in law and order" in response to the racial unrest that has swept across the nation, overshadowing the pandemic that has claimed the lives of 105,000 Americans and imperiled his re-election prospects.

But political dangers for the Republican president do not end there.

Thousands of Americans — many without protective face masks — have jammed the nation's streets in defiance of social distancing guidelines from governors and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The White House task force, which has dramatically scaled back its coordination of their message and resources to state control, is scrambling to track the potential impact on infection rates.

Any quick in the works ahead could slow the economic recovery that Trump's advisors believe he needs before he faces voters again in five months.

"A second wave, whether now or in September, would obviously be a setback in the economic recovery and Trump's re-election hopes," said Republican strategist Alex Conant. "What Trump needs more than anything is a resurgence of confidence and business confidence. A second wave or prolonged civil unrest will undermine that."

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Malaria drug fails to prevent COVID-19 in a study

The associated Press

A malaria drug that Donald Trump took to try to prevent COVID-19 works better than a placebo in the first large, highquality test of an experimental therapy, but it is not likely to be helpful for people who catch the virus, researchers said.

Results published Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine show that hydroxychloroquine was no better than a placebo at preventing hospitalization or death in patients with mild or moderate COVID-19.

The drug did not seem to do much good at all — not even for those with relatively mild symptoms.

Haemorrhage and convulsions

A similar drug, chloroquine, has been used for decades to treat malaria and other infections.

To find out the answer to the question of whether chloroquine is effective, the research was designed so that people who took it were also given a placebo.

One of the main goals of this study was to determine whether a single dose of hydroxychloroquine could prevent hospitalization or death in people with COVID-19.

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By Robin Arms

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How Mississippi prospects are viewed in the selection process

By BEN RICHARDS

The Dispatch

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Councilman Dan Lewis, who represents Ward 1, said the city’s Recreation Department has already received refunds from the Columbus Little League, which was for the league’s 2020 season. According to previous Dispatch reporting, Lewis said at a May 14 meeting with the league’s coaches and parents had already expressed their concerns about the safety of playing right now.

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Mlb rejects 14-game schedule, threatens plan of about 50

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Major League Baseball Players Association said Tuesday it has rejected a proposal from the league for a 14-game schedule and threatened a plan of about 50 games.

Negotiators for both sides met with Commissioner Rob Manfred in New York on Monday and Tuesday. The players rejected the proposal, and the commissioner said he would continue to negotiate.

"The point was we rejected the proposal," said Brian Duensing, a union negotiator.

The union had offered an alternative of 60 games.

The union's proposal would have had a four-day schedule of games, followed by a three-day break, then another four-day schedule.

"We rejected it," Duensing said. "The plan is not feasible.

Manfred also said he didn't think the players would accept the plan, adding they would be forced to take the position of 50 games.

"It's not a viable proposal," Duensing said. "The players have made it clear they're not going to accept it.

"It's not realistic."
NBA presents players with plan for season restart

The Associated Press

The NBA has told the National Basketball Players Association that it will present a 22-game plan for re-starting the season to the league’s board of governors on Thursday, a person with knowledge of the situation tells The Associated Press.

The teams that will be going to the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex on the Disney campus near Orlando, Florida, would play eight games to determine playoff spots starting around July 1, before the postseason tournament begins, according to the person who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Wednesday because the league has not released its proposed publicly.

The plan, once approved, would have 13 Western Conference teams and nine Eastern Conference teams going to the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex in Orlando, and the entire being that teams must be in one of six games of a playoff spot at this point. Finals would start in August, and the NBA Finals would likely stretch into October, the person said.

The Milwaukee Bucks, Los Angeles Lakers, Toronto Raptors and Boston Celtics already have clinched playoff spots — and, if only eight games are left, that would mean the Miami Heat, Indiana Pacers, Philadelphia 76ers, Los Angeles Clippers, Denver Nuggets, Utah Jazz, Oklahoma City Thunder and Houston Rockets would theoretically have clinched spots as well.

The Dallas Mavericks would be virtually assured of clinching a playoff spot before reaching the six-game mark, according to the person, which would mean that teams must still be in the running for a playoff spot at this point. Finals would start in August, and the NBA Finals would likely stretch into October, the person said.

For NBA players in a season that has been put on hold due to the pandemic to be able to return to the court, they will be put in a bubble setting at Walt Disney World — one that raised concerns among players and owners — one that raised concerns among players and owners for restarting the season when a majority of the league’s players are still left in the United States, that would mean players would need to be both being quarantined in the bubble before arriving at the complex and would have to be tested daily to see if they have been exposed to the virus.

DeSantis had been a leader in opening his state’s economy, but the NBA decision comes as the number of confirmed cases of the virus in Florida has jumped from 4,700 to 15,700 since mid-March, the highest total of any state. Florida has never recorded more than 200 people that have died from the virus.

The NBA has put "health and safety" of its players as its top priority, according to the person. The league has not yet presented its plan to the NBA Players Association, which is expected to have its own meetings in the bubble.

DeSantis said he’s “all in” from the “get-go” for the NBA to play in Orlando.

"I’m all in from the state’s perspective," Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said at a news conference Wednesday in central Florida. "I don’t think you could find a better place than Orlando to do this. I think it’s very exciting.”

DeSantis said by phone with NBA Commissioner Mark Tatum on Tuesday night, DeSantis also said the state helped in getting the NBA to Orlando with the plans to make the premises safe for the players. Some head-to-head matchups to determine playoff spots could be negotiated — such as how much of a playoff bubble would be in place once the eight-game regular season is completed. If a play-in tournament is needed, it would likely be the 20th on either playoff bracket.

NBA officials have said they would present the plan to the board of governors with the hopes of the NBA returning to play in Orlando. The NBA season was put on hold March 11 because of the pandemic and has not resumed.

"We’re going to take it through the NBA Players Association and we’re going to make sure we have everybody’s buy-in," DeSantis said. "I really believe we can make this work."

"Some people are going to be in the bubble and some people are going to be in the normal setting. It’s going to be an epicenter of activity for sports.

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US job losses in May could raise 3-month total to 30 million

Economists foresee unemployment remaining in the double-digits through November elections and into 2021

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

WASHINGTON — The epic damage to America’s job market from the pandemic will still be visible to jobseekers this July 4, though by clearer and sharper focus Friday when the government releases the May employment report. Eight million more jobs are estimated to have been lost. Unemployment could hit 14.7 percent, though that would be lower than the post-Covid levels of May and June.

Beneath the dismal figures will be signs that jobs are growing as they are, as are, showing more as more businesses gradually or partially reopen. Still, the economy is mired in a recession, and any renewed hiring will likely be painfully slow and uneven across industries and regions remaining in double-digits through November.

If their forecast of 8 million jobs lost in May proves correct, it would come on top of April’s loss of 20.5 million jobs — the worst monthly loss on record — and bring total job cuts in the three months since the viral outbreak interrupted more than 30 million. That’s more than three times the jobs lost in the 2008-2009 Great Recession. And if the jobless rate does reach 20 percent for the May, it would be double the level witnessed during that previous recession.

Overhanging the jobs picture is widespread uncertainty about how long the unemployment will remain — out of work. Most of the layoffs in recent months were a direct result of the sudden shutdowns of businesses in response to the coronavirus pandemic. So many of these businesses — at least partial- ly, who were laid off last week have held out hope of being rehired soon.

Looting devastates businesses already shaken by virus

BY JOYCE M. ROSENBERG

NEW YORK — Looting and vandalism in cities across the country have dealt another blow to businesses already reeling from the economic pain of the coronavirus pandemic.

Along with big chain stores like Nordstrom and Abercrombie & Fitch, many smaller businesses have been closed by state mandates to help control the spread of the virus. Now, as officials try to contain the coronavirus, leaving owners with little or no revenue since March. Now, already facing uncertain future amid ongoing restrictions related to the virus, owners must figure out how to rebuild or relocate.

Over the three days, Minneapolis, Houston, Columbus, Cleveland and Atlanta have seen widespread destruction of stores and businesses. The store was just getting back to business after being badly hit by the virus outbreak. The store was just getting back to business after being badly hit by the virus outbreak. The store was just getting back to business after being badly hit by the virus outbreak. The store was just getting back to business after being badly hit by the virus outbreak. The store was just getting back to business after being badly hit by the virus outbreak.