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Tiny town in Louisiana weathers storm’s worst

‘Sick to my stomach. … Everything’s gone’

Rick Jervis and Doyle Rice

HOLLY BEACH, La. — Robert Eggert drove up to this battered seaside town early Thursday and nearly lost his breakfast. His stomach churned as he scanned the homes swept from their foundations, crumpled trailers, RVs flipped like toy cars and power poles snapped in half.

The small travel trailer and outdoor shower he rented to tourists – nick-

amed “The Runes” – was nowhere to be seen.

Hurricane Laura’s center made land- fall 10 miles east of here near tiny Cam-

eron, Louisiana, with winds estimated at 150 mph, and demolished nearly ev-

erything in its path.

“I was so sick to my stomach, I was going to throw up,” said Eggert, who rode out the storm in nearby Constance Beach, Louisiana. “Everything’s gone.”

Eggert joined scores of other resi-

dents along the southwestern Louisiana coast who were finally allowed to return to what was once their homes. Most of them found nothing but piles of debris.

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Pro athletes give voice to voiceless

The Milwaukee Bucks were the first to use the immense power of their platform Wednesday afternoon, declaring their refusal to play a playoff game to protest the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin, another unarmed Black man in another American city.

What the Bucks started soon turned into a pulsating movement, sweeping through the entire NBA and WNBA, then reaching the Women’s Tennis As-

sociation, Major League baseball and finally, belatedly, the National Hockey League.

By Thursday afternoon, most of the nation’s pro sports leagues had stum-

plingly shut down, if only for a day or two, as athletes Black and white, male and female, young and old, made a statement for the ages.

“Oh, you don’t hear us,” the Los Ange-

les Lakers’ J.R. Smith posted on Insta-

gram. “Well now you can’t see us!!!!”

The Washington Nationals’ Adam Jones posted a lengthy message.

“Black voices have been silenced or swept aside so many times,” he wrote. “I’ve heard in the past how you measure up against some of your other players, or questions about your personal life. I’ve heard how it’s a good time to start tapering off in your baseball career, like you did when you were 27. Or you’ve heard calls to return to your old team. You’ve heard it.

I want to play as long as I can. But this summer was different. This summer, there was a chance to be a voice in a movement that would change America and put people back in their rightful place. A chance to be a voice of change for a generation. I want to make sure the voices of the future are heard.

You have to make a choice: do you want to be remembered for the moment you were valued more than the black man next door, or the black man next door. Will you have the courage to speak up? It’s time.

The LA Lakers and the Milwaukee Bucks are going to do the work…

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"I don’t think there’s any other league in the world that’s going to be able to do this," Lakers owner Jeanie Buss told CNN.

"This is something that’s been a long time coming. We hope it’s something that lasts for a long time. It’s not just about right now. It’s about an ongoing conversation and dialogue that goes on and on and on."

The NBA joined the NHL, Major League Baseball, college football and women’s college basketball and soccer programs in suspending practices and games Thursday, voicing support for the demonstrations.

"We are in a unique position with our league and our players, because we can collectively speak to our peers across the country,” the NBA Players Association said in a statement Thursday. "We are the first to speak out against the brutality of police violence against young men, we are the first to stand up for racial justice and we are the first to do both."