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AMERICAN LEAGUE

L.A. Angels (Lorenzen 6-6) at Baltimore (Wells 7-4), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 7-3) at Boston (Wacha 6-1), 7:10 p.m.

Minnesota (Gray 4-1) at Texas (Pérez 7-2), 8:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Civale 2-5) at Kansas City (Singer 3-3), 8:10 p.m.

Detroit (Skubal 5-7) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 5-4), 8:10 p.m.

Houston (Urquidy 7-3) at Oakland (Blackburn 6-3), 9:40 p.m.

Toronto (Stripling 4-3) at Seattle (Kirby 2-3), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Miami (López 5-4) at N.Y. Mets (Bassitt 6-5), 7:10 p.m.

Washington (Fedde 5-5) at Atlanta (Morton 4-3), 7:20 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Brubaker 2-7) at Milwaukee (Ashby 1-6), 8:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (Gibson 4-3) at St. Louis (Wainwright 6-6), 8:15 p.m.

Colorado (Kuhl 5-5) at Arizona (Gallen 4-2), 9:40 p.m.

San Francisco (TBD) at San Diego (Snell 0-5), 9:40 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Thompson 7-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Anderson 9-1), 10:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Tampa Bay (McClanahan 9-3) at Cincinnati (Castillo 3-4), 6:40 p.m.

TODAY'S GAME TO WATCH

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES AT ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

KYLE GIBSON VS. ADAM WAINWRIGHT

Pitcher	W-L	ERA	WHIP	IP	H	K	BB	HR
Gibson	4-3	4.91	1.30	84.1	85	70	25	13
Wainwright	6-6	3.26	1.27	96.2	96	81	27	9

TEAM STATS

	BATTING						PITCHING			
TEAM	AVG	R	H	HR	OBP	SLG	ERA	WHIP	BB	K
PHI	.248	398	692	108	.317	.420	3.81	1.23	247	727
STL	.252	387	722	90	.320	.406	3.88	1.28	264	609

LAST FIVE GAMES

PHILLIES			CARDINALS		
DATE	OPP	SCORE	DATE	OPP	SCORE
7/6/22	vs WSH	L3-2	7/6/22	@ ATL	L3-0
7/5/22	vs WSH	W11-0	7/5/22	@ ATL	L7-1
7/3/22	vs STL	W4-0	7/4/22	@ ATL	L6-3
7/2/22	vs STL	L7-6	7/3/22	@ PHI	L4-0
7/1/22	vs STL	W5-3	7/2/22	@ PHI	W7-6

NOTEBOOK

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sale strikes out 5 in what could be final rehab start

WORCESTER, Mass. – Chris Sale struggled to calm himself down on Wednesday night in what was expected to be his last rehab start before he rejoins his teammates in Boston.

Now the Red Sox brass will have to decide whether to pump the brakes on their erstwhile ace's return.

Sale struck out five Triple-A batters before leaving when he walked in a run with two outs in the fourth inning – his fifth walk of the night – then said he was ready to reclaim his spot in the Boston rotation.

"I'm very ready," he said after throwing 72 pitches in 3⅔ innings and allowing one run on three hits. "I know today was a little bit of a hiccup, but there's nothing that can't be ironed out."

Pitching for the Worcester Red Sox against the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders, a Yankees farm team, Sale failed to deliver a 1-2-3 inning, though he induced a double play to get out of the third.

He loaded the bases in the fourth on three hits – two of them infield singles.

Double-digit homers

Atlanta has seven players, including two catchers, with 10 or more homers before the All-Star break for the first time since the franchise moved to Atlanta in 1966. The Braves lead the NL and rank second in the majors with 126 homers after Wednesday's play.

Austin Riley leads the Braves with 21 homers, followed by Marcell Ozuna (17), Dansby Swanson (14), Matt Olson (12), catchers Travis d'Arnaud (11) and William Contreras (10) and Adam Duvall (10).

In limbo

The Tigers haven't heard from lefty pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez since he went on the restricted list nearly a month ago, Detroit general manager Al Avila said.

Avila declined to say if the Tigers are attempting to void the $77 million, five-year contract that Rodriguez signed in November. Rodriguez is 1-3 with a 4.38 ERA in eight starts this season.

Rodriguez's agent, Gene Mato, didn't immediately return a message seeking comment.

Betting on himself

Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner said Wednesday he realizes the price may be rising to sign Aaron Judge to a long-term contract because of the slugger's outstanding first half.

Judge turned down an eight-year deal worth $230.5 million to $234.5 million before the season, and now he leads the majors in homers with 30.

"We made an offer that I feel was a very good one," Steinbrenner said. "It was based on the numbers, of course, but it was also based in part as what he means to this organization. It was a combination of both. And we just didn't get a deal done."

With a huge lead in the AL East over their rivals, the Yankees opened a four-game series at Fenway Park against the Red Sox on Thursday. It's the first of seven meetings between the teams over the next 11 days before the All-Star break. They haven't played each other since the Yankees took two of three from Boston at home April 8-10.

Trainer's room

Blue Jays: RHP Kevin Gausman, who took a comebacker off his right foot Saturday, is expected to miss his scheduled start Thursday. Gausman played catch for a third straight day and could potentially make his next start this weekend.

Athletics: RHP Frankie Montas received a cortisone injection in his right shoulder after an MRI revealed inflammation but no structural damage. He will miss his next start and is considered day-to-day.

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Wimbledon

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including me," Jabeur said. "Coming back after having two babies – I still can't believe how she did it."

Rybakina, never beyond a major quarterfinal until now, leads the tour in aces this year and added five to her total Thursday.

More surprising was the way Halep never got going, especially on her serve, double-faulting nine times.

Halep had won her past 12 matches at the All England Club, a streak that began with her title run three years ago. Wimbledon was canceled in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic, and Halep was unable to compete a year ago because she tore her left calf muscle.

Before their semifinal, Jabeur and Maria stood beside each other, waiting to take the walk through the halls of the stadium that lead to the court. Close as they are, the pair avoided exchanged any glances or chatter.

Close friends, yes. On this day, opponents, too, with quite the setting, stage and stakes.

Neither had been to a Grand Slam semifinal previously. Maria never had been past the third round in any of her 34 prior appearances at majors – and she only got that far once, at Wimbledon in 2015.

They are, to use Jabeur's term, "barbecue buddies." Jabeur knows Maria's two daughters so well that the German referred to her as "Aunt Ons."

"She's part of our family," Maria said.

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Spectators watch a dragon hot air balloon inflate at the 2019 Great Wellsville Balloon Rally. MADONNA FIGURA SIMON/HORNELL EVENING TRIBUNE

Rally

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to bring it back," Thompson said. "I don't know anybody who doesn't like the balloon rally.

"We bring in a lot of people. I would say 20,000 to 30,000 from outside of Wellsville. We usually have good turnout and if we have good weather we will have a real good turnout. We will keep praying for good weather."

A key feature of the Wellsville rally is the admission cost: there is none.

"My understanding is that we are one of the only free balloon rallies in the country," Thompson said. "Definitely the only free [event] on the east coast. Most times you are charging $5, or $10, or even upwards of $20 or $30 to get in."

Thompson said the rally relies on sponsorships, T-shirt sales and vendor charges to defray costs.

"We are doing everything we can to keep it free," he said.

Making plans to attend the Great Wellsville Balloon Rally? Here's what to know about launch times, parking, things to do when the balloons are on the ground and more:

Balloon launches hinge on weather conditions

The rally will get started with the first launch set for 6 p.m. on Friday. There are two launches Saturday, at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The last mass lift-off from Island Park is planned for 6 a.m., Sunday.

That's the plan, but high wind, low visibility and storms can jeopardize a launch. The best conditions for successful hot air balloon flights, according to Thompson, are winds less than five miles per hour, no thunderstorms within 80 miles of Wellsville, no fog and cool temperatures.

"Cool is the best although they can fly in hotter temperatures," Thompson said.

The rally's Balloonmeister makes the final decision on whether balloons may go up, based on the conditions. The 2022 Balloonmeister is Tony Saxton, pilot of the Rachel's Dream hot air balloon, and a veteran of the Wellsville rally.

For attendees, Island Park's designated spectator areas provide ample room and visual access to the balloon activities and the launches. Vendors, restroom facilities and shuttle access are all provided. There is no smoking or alcohol permitted at the rally site and spectators are discouraged from bringing pets.

Don't forget a camera!

Things to do between launches at the Great Wellsville Balloon Rally

There are plenty of activities and events going on around Wellsville all weekend.

Following Friday night's scheduled launch, the balloonists will light up the field with a mass afterglow demonstration at dusk. The afterglow is when all the balloons fire their burners and light up at the same time. Thompson called it "a great picture opportunity."

After the balloons go up Saturday morning, head to downtown for the Main Street Festival sponsored by the Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce. From 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Wellsville merchants will showcase special sales, joined by nearly 100 vendors selling handmade crafts and retail items, food and more.

Rally organizers have a special events planned for Saturday night. Following the 6 p.m. launch, "Lucky Number" will provide live music at Island Park. The music will lead up to a bigger and better than ever fireworks show at about 9:45 p.m.

"We have doubled our budget for fireworks," Thompson said. "So instead of a 15-minute display, it is going to be a 30-minute display."

Shuttle buses are the best bet for Balloon Rally goers

The only parking available at Island Park is handicap-accessible parking.

A convenient option is the free shuttle buses to and from the park. The service runs from two places at opposite ends of town — the old Kmart Plaza on Bolivar Road and the Northern Lights Plaza on Andover Road.

The bus service will run Friday and Saturday nights, starting at about 4 p.m. Pick-ups will take place at 15-minute intervals, ending at about 10:30 p.m.

For Thompson and the other 20 or so members of the volunteer Great Wellsville Balloon Rally Committee, organizing the annual event is a labor of love.

He said, "We do the best we can. We are volunteers. We get paid exactly zero. Every volunteer does it for the love of the rally and to be able to bring it to Wellsville and to keep it free."

Follow Neal Simon on Twitter @HornellTribNeal.



Cattle graze on land burned and deforested by cattle farmers near Novo Progresso, Para state, Brazil, on Aug. 23, 2020. Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon has increased during the first half of this year. ANDRE PENNER/AP

Deforestation in Amazon hits tragic record

Fabiano Maisonnave
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIO DE JANEIRO – Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon during the first half of 2022 broke all records, a measure of the increasing destruction taking place under the presidency of Jair Bolsonaro.

Satellite images taken between January and June show 1,500 square miles of forest destroyed, more than in any other six month period in the seven years of record-keeping under the current methodology. The extent is four times the size of New York City.

What makes the statistic more remarkable is that the forest cutting is taking place during the rainy season. Deforestation is historically higher in the drier second half of the year when it is easier to access remote areas on the region's unpaved roads.

Brazil also will hold presidential elections in October, which typically reduces law enforcement in the Amazon. Bolsonaro will run for a second 4-year term. Currently he is trailing former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva in polls.

The area destroyed in the first half of 2022 is 80% larger than the same period in 2018, the year before Bolsonaro took office, according to an analysis from the Amazon Environmental Research Institute, or IPAM, a Brazilian nonprofit.

Around half of the felling occurred on public lands, according to the IPAM analysis. The pattern in Brazil is that criminals seize public land expecting that the areas will be legalized for agriculture or cattle-raising in the future.

Other illegal real estate and timber transactions plus lack of enforcement contribute to the increasing deforestation rates, according to Ane Alencar, IPAM's science director.

"Those who control the Amazon don't want it preserved," Alencar told the Associated Press in a phone interview. "The standing forest has no value in today's Amazon."

The most rapacious cutting took place in Amazonas state, overtaking both Para and Mato Grosso, which historically register more tree loss. That is a worrisome trend, as Amazonas is deep in the rainforest and has remained pristine relative to other Amazon regions.

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8 p.m.
ABC — The 2022 ESPYS: From Los Angeles
CYCLING
8 a.m.
USA — UCI: The Tour de France, Stage 17, 81 miles, Saint-Gaudens to Peyragudes, France
GOLF
5 a.m. (Thursday)
GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Amundi Evian Championship, First Round, Evian Resort Golf Club, Évian-les-Bains, France
SOCCER (MEN'S)
6:30 a.m.
CBSSN — Club Friendly: Paris Saint-Germain vs. Kawasaki Frontale, Tokyo
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — USL Championship: Phoenix Rising FC at Louisville City FC
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — Club Friendly: Manchester City vs. Club América, Houston
SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
2:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — UEFA Championship: England vs. Spain, Quarterfinal, Brighton and Hove, England
7:50 p.m.
FS1 — The America Cup First Round: Colombia vs. Chile, Group A, Armenia, Colombia
8 p.m.
FS2 — The America Cup First Round: Ecuador vs. Paraguay, Group A, Cali, Colombia
TENNIS
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TENNIS — Hamburg-ATP/WTA, Gstaad-ATP, Palermo-WTA Early Rounds
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TRACK AND FIELD
7:30 p.m.
USA — World Championships: Day 6 - Evening Session, Eugene, Ore.
WNBA BASKETBALL
12 p.m.
NBATV — Seattle at Chicago

Mets

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offense does not skip a beat when Guillorme is in the lineup. He is batting .293 with a .369 on-base percentage while already posting career highs in runs (25) and RBI (10) in a more prominent role.

Grade: B+

Colin Holderman

Very few knew of Holderman heading into the season, but he began to make an impression in spring training and has carried his quality stuff into the big leagues. He opened his career with eight scoreless innings and has been dialed in since returning from a right shoulder impingement. On the season, Holderman is 4-0 with 18 strikeouts in 17⅔ innings and a 2.04 ERA.

Grade: B+

Francisco Lindor, SS

Lindor has been a little bit of an enigma so far in 2022. On one hand, he is clearly outperforming last season, with 66 RBI, eclipsing last season's entire total of 63. He has knocked 16 home runs, which is four shy of all of 2021. On the other hand, Lindor is batting .248, and his .756 OPS is only marginally better than last season. He has gone stretches, like early May and early June, where his production has faded.

Grade: B+

Brandon Nimmo, OF

The Mets' dependable table-setter leads the team with 59 runs scored, which is tied for the seventh-most in the National League, to go along with nine home runs, 33 RBI and a league-leading five triples. With a .271 average and .358 on-base percentage, Nimmo has taken a slight step back from his career numbers. He has made strong progress in his ability patrolling center field.

Grade: B+

Adam Ottavino, RP

In a bullpen that has sometimes seemed like the Achilles' heel of the Mets, the 36-year-old veteran has been one of their most steady relievers. Ottavino's 2.53 ERA is one of the best among the regulars in the pen. Most of the damage was done in a pair of three-run outings, otherwise he has given up four earned runs in 35 games.

Grade: B+

Chris Bassitt, SP

The Mets' other offseason addition to the rotation started hot, went cold and has gotten back on track over the last few weeks. Bassitt had a 2.34 ERA and 4-2 record after seven starts before giving up eight earned runs and seven earned runs in starts toward the middle of the first half. After five straight quality starts, he is now 7-6 with a 3.79 ERA and 1.14 WHIP.

Grade: B

Mark Canha, OF

Simply put, Canha is a pro's pro. Nothing jumps off the stat sheet, but he grinds at-bats, gets on base and brings a consistent approach to the lineup. He is slashing .269/.370/.381 with seven home runs, 31 RBI and 40 runs. He has been a nice complement to the Mets' outfield, while playing each of the three spots during the season.

Grade: B

David Peterson, SP

Peterson has provided one of the most critical jobs for the Mets starting rotation while filling in during the injuries to deGrom and Scherzer and has asserted himself as a capable starter. After some early struggles with his command, he has slowly reeled it in on the way to a 5-2 record with a 3.24 ERA. Of late, he has gotten more swings and misses and has struck out 84 in 72⅓ innings.

Grade: B

Trevor Williams, SP/RP

Williams has been handed one of the most difficult roles of any player and performed admirably. He has started eight games and made another nine relief appearances. He's had some hard luck with a 2-5 record but has still registered a 3.56 ERA and 1.19 WHIP thus far.

Grade: B-

Drew Smith, RP

Smith began the season as arguably the team's best reliever, opening with 13⅓ scoreless innings and 17 strikeouts. But since that start to the season, Smith has been a bit up and down, allowing 15 earned runs across his last 26⅔ innings with 29 strikeouts. His one flaw has been giving up the home-run ball, which he has done eight times in his last 24 games.

Grade: B-

Carlos Carrasco, SP

With 10 victories, Carrasco is the winningest pitcher in the Mets' starting rotation. His 4.27 ERA is also the highest among all of the team's starters. He has six starts with four earned runs or more but also seven with one earned run or fewer. He has given up 1.33 hits and walks per inning this season.

Grade: C+

Tomas Nido, C

With James McCann landing on the injured list on two separate occasions, Nido has been called upon much more than a season ago. Behind the plate, he is in the 89th percentile for framing pitches, according to Baseball Savant, and has shown a capable arm throwing out runners. His .211 average with 49 strikeouts in 58 games leaves a little to be desired.

Grade: C+

Eduardo Escobar, 3B

The Mets third baseman opened the year scorching hot, with seven doubles in the first 13 games, but has cooled off since. He has struck out a team-high 89 times and is slashing .224/.279/.397. His power comes in flashes as he's hit 11 home runs, driven in 40 runs and knocked 18 doubles. He has also shown off a strong arm at the hot corner.

Grade: C

Tommy Hunter, RP

The June addition to the Mets bullpen has looked hittable in his return from several back surgeries. He has given up 12 hits and three earned runs in 11 innings of work this season. He is able to get some swings and misses with 11 strikeouts.

Grade: C

Seth Lugo, RP

When pitching one inning, Lugo has been solid. But when he has been asked to go two innings or pitch in back-to-back days, things have not gone well. Over the course of the season, Lugo has given up 15 earned runs in 35⅓ innings (3.82 ERA) with 34 strikeouts. In his last 14 games, he has given up seven earned runs.

Grade: C

J.D. Davis, 3B/DH

The Mets have been searching for answers from the designated hitter position, but Davis has not been able to answer the call regularly enough. He is slashing .234/.325/.345 while knocking three home runs, driving in 19 runs and scoring 25 while striking out 61 times in 62 games.

Grade: C-

Dominic Smith, 1B/DH

Smith has shown a little more promise since returning from Class AAA Syracuse, but his numbers remain meager for a team that would love production from the DH position. He has yet to exit the park and has 17 RBI and 11 runs while batting .194 in 58 games.

Grade: C-

Joely Rodriguez, RP

The only remaining lefty arm in the Mets bullpen has had a rocky journey since his trade from the Yankees in spring training. He has given up two runs in five of his 32 appearances, which has been a major factor in his 0-2 record with a bloated 4.67 ERA with a 1.33 WHIP.

Grade: D

Travis Jankowski

Jankowski recently returned to the Mets lineup after missing approximately six weeks with a broken bone in his left hand. He has provided strong speed off the bench but is batting just .167 with 11 runs and two RBI in 39 games.

Grade: Incomplete

Patrick Mazeika, C

Mazeika came back to the Mets for the second time this season after McCann hit the IL with a strained oblique. He has appeared in 21 games, batting .180 with six RBI and four runs in 19 games.

Grade: Incomplete

Buck Showalter, manager

Talk about an instant culture change. Showalter has driven the Mets to a first-half success story that was the best-case scenario, considering injuries to key starting pitchers Jacob deGrom and Max Scherzer. The players have bought into his style, which leans on fundamentals with a foundation of accountability.

Grade: A

Billy Eppler, GM

Eppler had a more challenging start than most incoming general managers as he had to overcome a work stoppage before the season's quick start. He solidified the lineup with the additions of Marte and Mark Canha and the rotation with the splash of bringing in Scherzer. Adam Ottavino's late signing flies under the radar. Now, the big question is how he will handle the first deadline leading the charge.

Grade: B+

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New nonprofit to boost diversity

Hollywood producer's goal to help more people of color create, produce

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Rideback Rise held its first event in October, inviting comedian Hasan Minhaj, left, to give advice to Circle members. JENNA KIM/RIDEBACK RISE VIA AP

Hollywood film producer Dan Lin – known for movies such as Disney's live action "Aladdin" and "The Two Popes" – is launching a nonprofit with more than $1 million from the Ford and MacArthur foundations as well as several other philanthropies. His goal is to help more people of color create and produce film, television, digital, and audio projects.

"There's no shortage of talented, diverse creators, artists, and entrepreneurs," said Lin, founder and CEO of the film and television company Rideback. "The only scarcity is opportunity, the funding and the risk-taking that's always existed at the center of this Hollywood content machine. We're really determined to break through these restricted access points, enlarge the funnel, and activate more creatives of color."

Just three in 10 film directors are Black, Latino, Asian-American, multiracial, or Native American.

And only a third of film writers are people of color, according to a recent study by the University of California at Los Angeles.

Rideback Rise, the company's nonprofit arm, which hopes to raise $2 million in total this year, will oversee a fellowship program for writers, directors, podcast creators, and other artists of color selected each year who want to launch a project.

Each fellow will receive a $50,000 stipend plus access to a fund that will allow creators to obtain material to adapt for their projects, such as books that could become screenplays and support to market their projects to potential buyers.

Lin says it's important to help creators use content from existing materials because some financial backers of film and other projects believe that content by diverse artists and for diverse audiences might not generate significant profits.

While developing their projects, fellows will receive coaching and mentoring from filmmakers and other professionals in the entertainment industry through Rideback, while also collaborating with other fellows.

Fellows can then bring their projects to either Rideback or another production company with the nonprofit's support.

Once projects are completed and become commercially viable, Rise will receive royalties ranging from 2% to 10% on each project, depending on its budget and format. Lin hopes that, over time, those fees will eventually help make Rideback Rise a self-sustaining organization.

"A typical film can take three to five years," Lin said. "A TV show could take a similar amount of time. Why we went to the nonprofit space (was) that we really need that funding for the runway to build this organization."

The Ford Foundation, which gave $600,000 to Rideback Rise, made the grant in large part because it wants to help ensure mid-career creators can get greater opportunities and because of Rideback Rise's Intellectual Property Fund, which allows participants to obtain rights to use certain content for their projects.

"We saw this as an opportunity to not only support these creators but to support a pretty novel approach to how to lift POC content more broadly in the Hollywood industry," said Chi-hui Yang, a senior program officer at Ford Foundation who oversees grants for filmmaking.

For the MacArthur Foundation, the grant to the new nonprofit moves the organization in a new direction from largely supporting only nonfiction media.

"For us to make a direct grant to something like Rideback Rise, this is a little bit of a departure for us and one of the first of its kind," said Kathy Im, who oversees the foundation's journalism and media program. The grant maker, which contributed $200,000 to Rideback Rise, may use this as a pilot to evaluate whether it wants to support similar efforts in the future.

"We have come to realize and recognize that all forms of popular culture, including mainstream fiction films and scripted television shows, in addition to journalism and documentary films, which is our sweet spot, have a huge educational value and social impact," Im said.

People of color remain underrepresented among film directors and writers, according to an annual report on diversity in Hollywood from UCLA.

"People in positions of authority in Hollywood, because of the fast-paced nature of production and so forth, tend to feel more comfortable hiring people that they've worked with before, who they're familiar with, who kind of thought like them and could crank out projects at a pace that the industry demanded," said Darnell Hunt, dean of social sciences at UCLA and co-author of the Hollywood diversity report. "So you had this self-perpetuating machine whereby the door revolved opportunities for the same people over and over again. Typically, those people were white males."

Rideback Rise hopes to select its first five fellows by this fall and has plans to gradually increase the number each year. By its fifth year of operation, Rideback Rise wants to have a total of 25 fellows.

The nonprofit will also reach a greater number of creators through the Rise Circle, a group of more than 500 writers, filmmakers and other people working in entertainment who will have access to career-building and networking events. The nonprofit held its first event in October, inviting the comedian Hasan Minhaj to give advice to Circle members. The nonprofit plans to host a two-night event soon focused on emerging and established comedians of color.

"We'll do inspiring talks, but we also want to have more kind of tactical, practical training," Lin said. He said it was important for people to be "able to ask questions that you may think are dumb questions, but they're basic questions that you just don't get educated on because Hollywood does not have a set training system the way some other industries do."

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