BY GEORGE DICKIE



Q: I was sad to read of the passing of Hal Holbrook. I know he appeared on "Designing Women," but did he ever have a series of his own? - Julie Carr, via

A: The celebrated actor - who made a virtual second career out of his frequent performances

out of his frequent performances as Mark Twain – also was a regular cast member on "Evening Shade" and had recurring roles on "The Event" and "Sons of Anarchy." In terms of a show in which he was the top-billed star, though, that would be "The Senator" ... one element of the rotating anthology "The Bold Ones."

Though that drama lasted only one season (1970-71) on NBC, it cemented Holbrook's television cred by earning him a Primetime Emmy Award for his portrayal of a political newcomer to Washington, D.C. The show might seem dated and almost quaint by the standards of current politics, but it also gave its start the image of an authority figure that would serve him well in numerous its star the image of an authority figure that would serve him well in numerous other roles on TV and in movies.

Holbrook also had considerable TV-movie and miniseries credits on his resume, including the groundbreaking 1972 drama "That Certain Summer" and such projects as "Lincoln" (in which he played that iconic president, a part he reprised in two "North and South" sagas), "George Washington" (Holbrook was John Adams), "The Awakening Land" and "Celebrity."

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BY JAY BOBBIN

Politics gave

Hal Holbrook

a memorable

series

Clippers look to Leonard to raise game in teammate's absence



Kawhi Leonard's role as the focal point of the Los Angeles Clippers' offense has never been in question. But now with teammate Paul George's absence, the time has come for him to play like the MVP he has been in two NBA Finals.

Indeed, with George out indefinitely with bone edema – a condition that has no set timetable for recovery - the scoring load has fallen squarely on Leonard's shoulders. And as of early February he had responded only mildly.

In three games without his running mate, Leonard averaged 26 points, 8 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 1 steal per game with just 1.7 turnovers. That's not far off his seasonto-date averages of 26 points, 5.8 boards, 5.1 assists and 1.8

It's also worth noting that the Clips lost two of those games - to the Boston Celtics and Cleveland Cavaliers, both teams with unimpressive records – which dropped them out of first place in the Pacific Division behind the Los Angeles Lakers and into the third seed in the Western Conference.

It goes without saying, then, that if the Clips are to survive this period of unknown duration without their No.

2 scoring option, they'll need their No. 1 to step up and take control as he did for the San Antonio Spurs in 2014 and the Toronto Raptors in 2019 – both championship teams.

Leonard and the Clippers can be seen in action Tuesday, March 2, when they pay a visit to the Celtics in a game airing on TNT.

FULL NAME: Kawhi Anthony Leonard

BIRTH DATE: June 29, 1991

BIRTHPLACE: Los Angeles

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6 feet, 7 inches/230 pounds

TEAM: San Antonio Spurs (2011-18); Toronto Raptors

(2018-19); Los Angeles Clippers (2019-present)

DRAFT: Selected in the first round (15th overall) of the 2011 draft by Indiana Pacers, then was immediately traded to the Spurs

POSITION: Small forward NO.: 2

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS: NBA All-Star

(2016, 2017, 2019, 2020); NBA champion and Finals MVP (2014, 2019); Defensive Player of the Year (2015, 2016); NBA steals leader (2015)

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sports quiz

March in sports

Questions:

- 1) What two future Hall of Famers' teams clashed in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Final on March 26, 1979?
- 2) What NBA great announced he was coming out of retirement, after a brief baseball career, on March 19, 1995?
- 3) What baseball great announced his retirement at an emotional March 1, 1969, press conference?
- 4) What sports post did FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover decline on March 10, 1951?
- 5) With his 802nd career goal on March 23, 1994, Wayne Gretzky passed what NHL great on the all-time
- 6) What legendary college football coach was killed in a March 31, 1931, plane crash?
- 7) Who scored 100 points in an NBA game on March 2, 1962?
- 8) Who defeated Muhammad Ali in New York on March 8, 1971, for the world heavyweight championship in what was then dubbed the "Fight of the Century"

Answers:

8) Joe Frazier

7) Wilt Chamberlain

6) Knute Rockne

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2) Michael Jordan

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