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U.S. airmen wait to board a C-130J Super Hercules at Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal, in Northern Territory, Australia, on Aug. 23. Work is underway on facilities at Tindal and other locations in the country to support U.S. and Australian forces.

## Building a stronger bond

US military's footprint is expanding in Australia to meet rising China

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

DARWIN, Australia — Red dust rises in Australia's Northern Territory as tractors churn the earth to build facilities for U.S. forces deployed to bolster a longtime ally threatened by China's rapid military buildup.

Major construction, funded by the U.S. and Australian governments, is underway in the northern port of Darwin, at Larrakeyah Defence Precinct and at Royal Australian Air Force Bases Darwin and Tindal for facilities

that will be used by the U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

The facilities will support U.S. and Australian forces training to defend chains of small islands that would likely be an arena for any future conflict with China, according to former Australian assistant defense secretary Ross Babbage.

The allies are learning to conduct dispersed operations and deploy anti-ship missiles to island chains in the Western Pacific "to make it extremely difficult and dangerous for Chinese

operations in a crisis," including a conflict over Taiwan, he said by phone Wednesday.

Australians are alarmed at Chinese efforts to gain influence among their South Pacific neighbors following a security pact, signed in April, with the Solomon Islands that many fear could lead to the establishment of a Chinese military base.

East of Darwin's central business district, 400 workers are building 11 massive tanks that

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## US Army housing in Germany ranks low

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Army housing in Europe once again fared poorly in the latest Army customer satisfaction survey when compared to base housing communities in the U.S. and in the Asia-Pacific region.

It's an issue that Army leaders in Europe are vowing to fix with hundreds of millions in housing improvements and new units planned over the next six years.

Out of 20 Army installations with housing managed by the government, the bottom four in overall satisfaction were in Germany: Rheinland-Pfalz, Wiesbaden, Ansbach and Stuttgart, in order from highest to lowest. Bavaria, meanwhile, rated the sixth lowest.

The Army's 2022 Tenant Satisfaction Survey examined privatized and government-owned or leased housing. On installations with government-run family housing, 14 rated between outstanding and average, four scored below average and two — Ansbach and Stuttgart — rated poor.

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U.S. Army

An undated photo of housing on Panzer Kaserne in Stuttgart, Germany.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

UAW workers go on strike at Indiana plant

*Associated Press*

DETROIT — United Auto Workers union members went on strike Saturday at the Stellantis casting plant in Indiana, citing health and safety issues including the company's alleged refusal to repair and replace the plant's air conditioning and heating systems.

The 35-acre plant in Kokomo makes parts used in the power trains of Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and RAM vehicles and a long-term strike could affect vehicle assembly lines across North Amer-

ica.

Stellantis says production had not been scheduled for this weekend and it hoped to resume negotiations as soon as possible on a contract with striking UAW Local 1166.

In a statement, Stellantis said it was committed "to providing a safe and healthy work environment for all employees. After bargaining in good faith for two days and presenting an offer we believed addressed the union's concerns, we are disappointed by the

UAW's decision to walk out."

The 1,200-worker plant, Kokomo Casting, is the world's largest die cast facility, according to Stellantis. It makes aluminum parts for components including transmissions and engine blocks.

The UAW local complained in a statement that Stellantis "claims it has no money to meet its membership's basic needs" — including providing clean uniforms — while "making record profits and investing billions in a new battery plant across the street."

EXCHANGE RATES

| Military rates              |         | South Korea (Won)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1380.26 |
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| Euro costs (Sept. 12)       | \$0.98  | Switzerland (Franc)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 0.9615  |
| Dollar buys (Sept. 12)      | 0.9674  | Thailand (Baht)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 36.40   |
| British pound (Sept. 12)    | \$1.13  | Turkey (NewLira)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 18.2385 |
| Japanese yen (Sept. 12)     | 140.00  | (Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.) |         |
| South Korean won (Sept. 12) | 1346.00 | INTEREST RATES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         |
| Commercial rates            |         | Prime rate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5.50    |
| Bahrain (Dinar)             | 0.3771  | Interest Rates Discount rate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3.00    |
| Britain (Pound)             | 1.1578  | Federal funds market rate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2.32    |
| Canada (Dollar)             | 1.3054  | 3-month bill                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3.03    |
| China (Yuan)                | 6.9249  | 30-year bond                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3.48    |
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PACIFIC

Army leaders agree defense needs to ‘tighten up’

By Kelly Agee  
Stars and Stripes

AMAMI OSHIMA, Japan — A “very severe security environment” surrounding Japan means the country’s Self-Defense Force must tighten up its defensive capability and its alliance with the United States, top brass from both countries said Thursday.

The commander of U.S. Army Pacific, Gen. Charles Flynn, and the head of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force staged a news conference on Amami Oshima days after the largest military exercise the two nations’ armies regularly undertake had concluded.

“Now I look at the current situation surrounding Japan, we are enabled by countries such as China, North Korea and Russia across the sea, so I recognize that Japan is located at the forward edge of a very severe security environment,” said Gen. Yoshihide Yoshida, chief of staff of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.

“It is imperative for Japan to fundamentally reinforce its defense capability and strengthen the ability of the Japan alliance to deter and respond,” he said.

The Japanese garrison on Amami, about 200 miles south of Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan’s four main islands, was reinforced in 2019 as a hedge against “natural disasters or any emergencies,” authorities said at the time.

Plans called for positioning about 800 troops on the island, which is part of the Ryukyu, or Nansei, chain, the “front line of our defense,” former Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya said in 2019.

Flynn is the first U.S. Army Pacific commander to visit Amami. His tour highlighted the com-



Leaders from the U.S. Army and the Japan Self-Defense Force pose following a press conference at Amami Oshima, Japan, on Thursday.

PHOTOS BY KELLY AGEE/Stars and Stripes

bined drills by U.S. and Japanese forces that simulated island defense there.

Orient Shield began Aug. 27, took place at locations around Japan and concluded Sept. 3, according to the Army.

U.S. Army Japan, the 11th Airborne Division, 1st Multi-domain Task Force, 17th Field Artillery Brigade, 38th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and 5th Security Force Assistance Brigade took part, according to an Army news release Aug. 27.

Infantry units from the airborne division out of Fort



The commander of U.S. Army Pacific, Gen. Charles Flynn, and the head of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, Gen. Yoshihide Yoshida, sit inside a Kawasaki OH-1 helicopter on Amami Oshima, Japan, on Thursday.

Wainwright, Alaska, for example, took part in live-fire training with Japan’s Western Army, focusing on the Javelin portable antitank missile, and sniper-, infantry-combat and air-assault operations, according to the Army.

“I can tell you the Orient Shield that we’re doing now, in 2022, is very different from just a few years ago, much more complex, much more challenging, much more rigorous, and demands a lot more from the soldiers in both the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force in the U.S. Army,” Flynn said. “And in my view, that’s exactly the kind of environment and exactly the kind of training rigor that we want to do together.”

Orient Shield training, now in its 37th year, crosses between and incorporates several military “domains,” including ground, air, maritime, space and cyber.

It is also intended to enhance interoperability, the ability of one country’s military to use the equipment and training methods of another country’s military.

The U.S. and Japan alliance has deepened through ties between the Self-Defense Forces and the U.S. military as China has heightened tensions in the Taiwan Strait, Yoshida said.

Flynn said the allied force is part of a multinational response to challenges across the Indo-Pacific region that need joint and multinational solutions.

“That’s exactly what we’re doing here,” he said.

“And that’s exactly the message that I think that the region and all of the partners in it need to need to take from it.”

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Army’s leader says exercises are preparation, not reaction to Chinese

By Kelly Agee  
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — The U.S. and Japanese armies are not reacting to Chinese aggression in the Indo-Pacific when they exercise together as they did last week during the allies’ largest ground-force drills, the commander of U.S. Army Pacific said Friday.

The allied armies are simply preparing for a conflict, Gen. Charles Flynn told reporters during a media roundtable at the New Sanno Hotel.

“Many are saying we are being reactive, and I would say we are not,” he said. “We are being proactive, and we are doing things well in advance of the way that, at least, the Chinese behaved recently.”

Elements of U.S. Army in Japan and Alaska joined up with Japan’s Western Army for Orient Shield, a



AKIFUMI ISHIKAWA/STARS AND STRIPES  
U.S. Army Pacific commander Gen. Charles Flynn poses with Japan’s foreign affairs minister, Yoshimasa Hayashi, in Tokyo, Friday.

week of training in air assault, infantry combat and anti-tank, sniper tactics and other scenarios around Japan. Troops fired the Javelin anti-tank missile on Aug. 30, a first in Japan.

The main focus of Orient Shield is ensuring the two countries can employ the other’s equipment and methods, Flynn said.

He said working together builds a bond.

“I think that is because of the network of allies and partners talking to one another, communicating with one another, planning, synchronizing and integrating our operations together so we can exercise, and we can rehearse and we can demonstrate our commitment to one another,” he said.

Planning for Orient Shield 22, which began Aug. 27 and concluded Sept. 3, started in March, when staff from the Army and Japan Ground Self-Defense Force spent a week discussing exercise locations and training objectives, according to the Army.

“This isn’t something we did in

reaction, it was something we had been planning and coordinating for some time,” Flynn said. “Orient Shield demonstrates the capabilities that we need to have to defend islands, straits or areas where land, people, air and sea come together. We are going to need joint solutions for a joint problem.”

Asked about plans by Japan’s ruling Liberal Democratic Party to increase defense spending again this year, Flynn said he considered it a worthy investment.

“Japan is discussing, along with the U.S., and finding ways to increase training, readiness and rehearsals by taking existing exercises that they do routinely and increasing the scope and duration of them,” Flynn said. “Increasing the scale, the complexity, the size, the duration of the training that our

forces must do together is probably a worthy investment for both the U.S. and the Japanese forces.”

Flynn also addressed the legacy of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who was assassinated July 8 in Nara. Abe’s vision of a bolstered Japanese military survives in the joint exercises led by Flynn’s Japanese counterparts, he said.

“I have also been able to be part of that legacy from the U.S. side as we train together in exercises like Orient Shield, Yama Sakura, Northwind and Operation Pathways,” Flynn said. “So, I think that work that he had put us to task on is bearing fruit today as our forces work together to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific.”

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MILITARY

Building: New pier to allow Marines to bypass civilian wharf

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will be able to store 80 million gallons of fuel, according to Crowley, a Florida-based fuel provider working under contract with the Defense Logistics Agency, according to the company's website. "Construction on all 11 tanks has commenced," the Northern Territory's government said in a statement Sept. 1. "The facility will be the largest of its kind in the Territory."

The \$181 million project, to be completed by September 2023, will provide U.S. defense operations in the region with military-grade fuel, the statement said.

Larrakeyah projects

On the west side of Darwin, at Larrakeyah Defence Precinct, work is underway on a \$317 million upgrade of facilities and a new 820-foot-long wharf and fuel farm, according to the Australian Defence Department's website.

The new facilities, due to be complete in 2023, will support surface warships, submarines, mine hunters and hydrographic ships, the website states.

The base has been home to 100 U.S. Marines, deployed there the past six months as part of a 2,200-strong rotational force that has been training in the Northern Territory during the Southern Hemisphere's cooler months since 2012. The bulk of the force is at Robertson Barracks, an Australian army post about 12 miles to the east.

The Marines at Larrakeyah make up the rotational force's command element and live on base in modern, multistory apartments, each with its own bathroom and balcony.

The base displays old military equipment, including guns used to defend Darwin from Japanese air raids in World War II. The installation, which dates to 1932, was damaged in the bombing.

The Marines work out in a well-equipped fitness center and on a grassy playing field nearby. They eat at the Australian navy dining facility beneath a large portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. They can enjoy an after-work beverage at a bar upstairs decorated with Vietnam War-era souvenirs.

The Marines planned to play rugby against the Stray Cats, a local civilian team, on Sept. 11. The fixture commemorates a match between members of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit deployed from Camp Pendleton, Calif., and local players that happened on the same date in 2001, shortly before the attack on the twin towers.

The Marines share Larrakeyah with 600 Australian sailors assigned to naval base HMAS Coonawarra. Larrakeyah is home to 11 Armidale-class patrol boats. Sailors there can haul the 171-foot-long vessels out of the water and into a massive shed for maintenance.

"They patrol an area from Christmas Island to Ashmore Reef (in the Indian Ocean) and the Timor Strait," a spokesman for the Australian Defence Department in the Northern Territory, Todd Fitzgerald, said during a base tour. "They're looking for anything that shouldn't be there like illegal fishing, human traffickers and drug shipments."

**Pier improvements**

The Australians are adding larger, 262-foot-long offshore patrol vessels to their fleet with the first one to be launched later this year, he said.

The new wharf at Larrakeyah will allow Australia's 755-foot-long landing helicopter dock ships the HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide, to make port calls, Fitzgerald said.

Similar-sized U.S. Navy amphibious assault ships will also be



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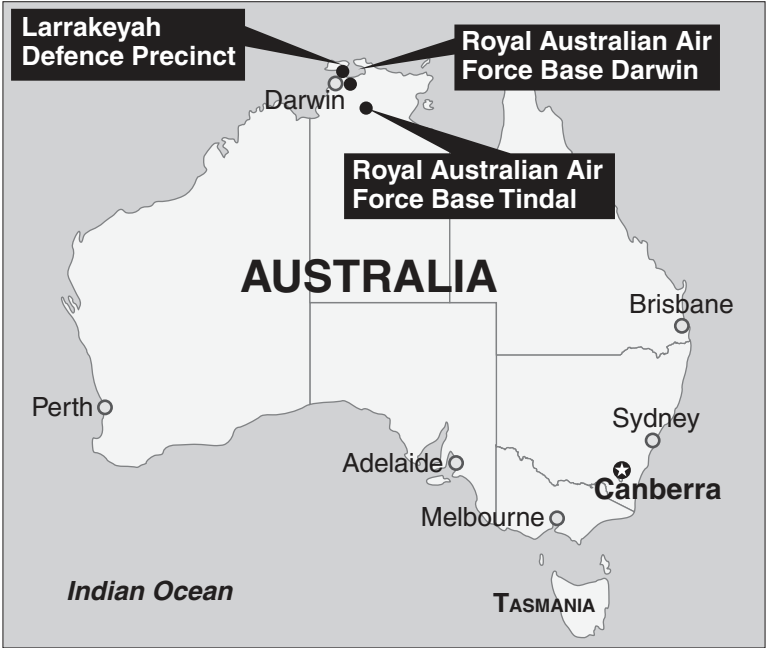
A Royal Australian Air Force plane passes a worksite on RAAF Tindal, Australia, on Sept. 1. The space is being expanded to accommodate aircraft as large as U.S. Air Force B-52 bombers.

able to dock at the new pier, he said, meaning visiting U.S. Marines can disembark there, rather than at Darwin's civilian wharf where commercial berths must be booked in advance.

The base is on the opposite side of town to Fort Hill Wharf, where the U.S. Navy's dock landing ship USS Ashland made a port call in May.

The wharf and other port facilities in Darwin are leased by Landbridge, the Australian subsidiary of a privately owned Chinese company that is reported to have links to China's army.

Larrakeyah is also home to Australia's North-West Mobile Force, a unit made up of indigenous troops who conduct long-range reconnaissance and surveillance missions, Fitzgerald said.



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Facilities used by visiting U.S. forces are being improved in and around Darwin, a port city in Australia's Northern Territory.

also being improved.

At RAAF Darwin, for example, \$88.65 million worth of projects to build fuel tanks, expand the airfield and erect maintenance facilities are due for completion next year.

U.S. Air Force F-15 Eagles from the Okinawa-based 67th Fighter Squadron flew out of RAAF Darwin during the Pitch Black drills, a three-week exercise involving 2,500 personnel, more than 100 aircraft and 17 nations that ended Thursday.

A \$496 million project at RAAF Tindal, a 200-mile drive south of Darwin, will upgrade the airfield, increase aviation fuel storage, reinvest in aging base engineering services and provide additional accommodation for airmen, according to the Australian Defence Department's website.

A concurrent \$294 million project at the base will upgrade power, water and sewerage, the website states.

Heavy equipment was at work on Sept. 1 building new ramp space capable of accommodating American B-52 bombers at Tindal. U.S. stealth fighters including Marine Corps F-36B Lightning IIs deployed from Iwakuni, Japan, and Air Force F-22 Raptors from Hawaii were taking off and landing near the worksite that day.

The Australian government will likely announce more initiatives in the northern Australia before the year is over, Babbage said.

"There is a lot of space and scope for doing innovative things and big things," he said.

MILITARY

# Philippines considers more US base access

By **SETH ROBSON**  
*Stars and Stripes*

The United States and the Philippines are talking about increasing the number of military bases in the island nation that visiting American forces may use, according to the Philippine ambassador to the United States.

The talks on expanded base access were revealed by Ambassador Jose Manuel Romualdez in comments reported Sept. 5 by The Nikkei newspaper in Japan.

“Our military and the military of the United States are all looking into what are the possible areas,” he said.

A naval base may be included in the list of sites available to the U.S., Romualdez told the newspaper.

Facilities for visiting American forces were supposed to be built on five Philippine military bases

under the 2014 Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement. However, the only facility completed to date is a warehouse at Cesar Basa Air Base on Luzon.

The agreement also covers Antonio Bautista Air Base, Palawan; Benito Ebbed Air Base, Mactan; Cebu, Fort Magsaysay; Nuyve Ecija, and Lumbia Airport, Cagayan de Oro.

Asked when the base access plans might be implemented, Romualdez told Nikkei: “Hopefully, in the next three years, that we can have all of these areas that we have identified already.”

The U.S. Embassy in Manila did not provide Stars and Stripes a response to questions about the talks.

An unnamed Pentagon spokesperson quoted in the Nikkei report said the U.S. and the Philippines

“hold regular discussions on deepening our enduring security alliance under the auspices of the Mutual Defense Treaty and multiple other agreements, including the 2014 Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement.”

The allies seek to enhance the posture of their alliance to address new and emerging challenges, the spokesperson said.

“We intend to continue to implement infrastructure projects at current EDCA locations and explore additional sites for further development,” the spokesperson said.

U.S. military planners focus on the Philippines as they consider dispersing their forces among small islands in the Western Pacific and size up the prospect of a conflict over Taiwan.

For example, members of the

Marine Corps’ newly formed 3rd Marine Littoral Regiment practiced the tactics of expeditionary advanced base operations during the annual Balikatan drills in the Philippines in April.

The U.S. in 2015 requested access to eight bases in the Philippines, including Subic Bay and Clark Air Base, according to Carlyle Thayer, an emeritus professor at the University of New South Wales and lecturer at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Subic and Clark formed America’s largest overseas military community before both were damaged in the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo and, soon after, returned to the Philippines.

Former Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte, whose six-year term ended in June, had threatened to withdraw from an agree-

ment that facilitates training by U.S. forces in his country, and he excluded Clark and Subic from the bases covered by the defense cooperation agreement, Thayer said in an email Tuesday.

“U.S. access was always under the shadow of Duterte’s whims,” he said.

The Philippines’ new president, Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr., the son of the country’s late dictator who ruled from 1965-1986, “doesn’t have the anti-American chip on his shoulder that Duterte had,” Thayer said. “It is difficult to imagine the Philippines refusing a request from the U.S. for access if a major conflict broke out between China and the U.S. over Taiwan.”

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# US soldiers, big guns go aerial at 14-nation exercise in Germany

By **MICHAEL SLAVIN**  
*Stars and Stripes*

HOHENFELS, Germany — The weather wasn’t perfect, but it was good enough to parachute a howitzer and a tactical vehicle out the back of a plane.

The drop at the sprawling Hohenfels Training Area in Bavaria came courtesy of an Air Force C-130 cargo plane during Saber Junction, an exercise that tests the 173rd Airborne Brigade’s ability to move fast and work with 13 other allied nations.

Poor weather has delayed some of the airborne training for the exercise, which began Aug. 29 and runs through Sept. 20. But Army officials say the soldiers still have been able to successfully insert people and equipment into the drop zones.

Coordinating and communicating with service members from so many other countries also is a key

focus.

“We can never get enough opportunity to work with our NATO allies and partners,” said Col. Tim Shaffer, officer in charge of training for Southern European Task Force, Africa.

The annual exercise was canceled last year. Since 2020, responsibility for it was transferred from the 7th Army Training Command to the Vicenza, Italy-based task force.

The airborne brigade is also based in Vicenza. It made the journey to Germany on seven hours’ notice to add realism.

About 4,400 participants from Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Georgia, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey and the United Kingdom are part of the exercise.

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An M119A3 howitzer and a tactical vehicle are dropped from a C-130 aircraft during exercise Saber Junction at the Hohenfels Training Area in Germany, on Thursday.



Soldiers with the 173rd Airborne Brigade gather parachutes that dropped an M119A3 howitzer and a tactical vehicle from a C-130 aircraft. The heavy equipment was dropped using five separate parachutes and packaged with cardboard to soften the landing.



A soldier unpacks and assembles an M119A3 howitzer and a tactical vehicle after they were dropped by parachute from a C-130 aircraft.



Soldiers prepare for an aerial drop of heavy equipment at the Hohenfels Training Area in Germany. Soldiers had to adapt to changing weather conditions while awaiting the drop.

## MILITARY

## Troops clear city streets in wake of typhoon

By DAVID CHOI  
Stars and Stripes

U.S. service members joined their South Korean counterparts to clean up one of the places hit hardest in South Korea by Typhoon Hinnamnor.

Starting Wednesday morning about 50 Marines and sailors from Camp Mujuk and nearly 200 South Korean marines of the 1st Marine Division hauled debris and shoveled mud in nearby Pohang city.

The typhoon killed 11 people after making landfall Monday evening in South Korea, according to a Central Disaster and Safety Countermeasures Headquarters update on Thursday. Seven died in a flooded underground parking lot at an apartment complex in Pohang, 175 miles from Seoul on the southeastern coast.

The Americans and South Koreans worked through the debris

in local markets and historical areas of the city, where they routinely train together.

"Because of the strength of the alliance and our relationship with the [South Korean marines], we were able to swiftly provide aid to the surrounding community following the damages caused by Typhoon Hinnamnor," 1st Lt. Austin Gallegos, spokesman for U.S. Marine Corps Forces Korea, told Stars and Stripes in an email Friday.

The Marines and sailors answered a call for help from the Pohang mayor's office, which fielded a blizzard of aid requests from local citizens, according to Gallegos.

South Korea's presidential office declared special disaster zones in Pohang and nearby Gyeongju city, designations that mean the state will cover much of the recovery and cleanup costs.

Around 1,300 South Korean

troops have been directly involved in recovery efforts since the typhoon made landfall, South Korea's 1st Marine Division said in a news release Tuesday.

The South Korean service members pulled debris from municipal drains, ferried first responders in amphibious assault vehicles and delivered water pumps and other heavy equipment to restore the city's infrastructure.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol visited Pohang on Wednesday to survey the damage and greeted service members helping in the recovery effort. Yoon said he felt "solidarity and hope" for the country after seeing firsthand the volunteers who came together to restore the city and comfort the victims.

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**U.S. and South Korean troops clean up Ocheon Market in Pohang, South Korea, on Wednesday in the wake of Typhoon Hinnamnor.**

## Marine gets one-year suspended sentence for LSD possession

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
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Stars and Stripes

NAHA, Okinawa — A Japanese court handed a Marine sergeant a one-year suspended sentence Friday for a small amount of LSD found at his residence on Camp Kinser.

Sgt. Christian Matlock, 24, pleaded guilty on Sept. 2 in Naha District Court to violating Japan's Narcotics and Psychotropics Control Law, District Court Judge Takashi Kato said during Friday's sentencing hearing. Matlock possessed a piece of paper that contained lysergic acid diethylamide, or LSD.

A "military friend" recommended the synthetic hallucinogen to Matlock, a mortarman with the 3rd Marine Logistics Group, Kato said from the bench.



HENRY ANTENOR/U.S. Marine Corps

**A Marine Corps sergeant assigned to Camp Kinser, Okinawa, was sentenced Friday for a small amount of LSD found at his residence.**

Matlock had second thoughts and did not ingest the narcotic, Kato said.

Matlock, a native of California, is assigned to Kinser, a Marine

Corps logistics base in Urasoe, logistics group spokesman 1st Lt. Johnny Coronel wrote in an email on Wednesday.

Authorities discovered the

drug in Matlock's possession on Nov. 22, 2021, but he wasn't charged until July 8, a spokeswoman from the Naha District Public Prosecutor's Office said Tuesday, citing the indictment. Japanese authorities provided no further details about his apprehension.

It's customary in Japan for some government officials to speak to the media on condition of anonymity.

At Matlock's Sept. 2 trial, prosecutors sought a year in prison with hard labor, the spokeswoman said.

The Marine's attorneys had requested a suspended sentence.

Matlock's sentence is suspended for three years, meaning if he commits another offense in Japan during that time, he must serve the 12-month sentence.

Kato said several factors played into his sentencing decision. Matlock did not possess a large quantity of the drug, he admitted his guilt and showed remorse; he also faces military justice.

"I'm looking forward to you recovering from this and not repeating this," Kato said.

Matlock's supervisor plans to support and assist the Marine in his rehabilitation, Kato said.

"We are aware of the matter and take all instances or allegations of misconduct such as this seriously, and the vast majority of our Marines and Sailors uphold our standards of conduct," Coronel said.

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## Housing: \$50 million set aside to refurbish living spaces in Germany

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The poor rating, according to the survey, signifies "substandard performance and strong displeasure" with the property and/or level of service.

"Improvements are needed immediately," according to the Army's standards for housing rated as poor.

In recent years, Army leaders at base town hall meetings in Europe have fielded concerns from families about housing issues ranging from mold and brown drinking water to plumbing problems.

Those issues, however, aren't unique to Europe. At Fort Bragg, N.C., the Army since August has moved more than 200 soldiers out

of condemned barracks due to substandard heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

In Europe, Army family housing tends to be older, with less living space, than homes provided by Army installations in the U.S., said Mark Heeter, spokesman for Installation Management Command-Europe.

"Many are 1950s-era stairwell quarters, are smaller, and do not have many of the amenities commonly found in stateside residences such as yards, garages, air conditioning and privacy," Heeter said in a statement Thursday.

IMCOM is spending about \$50 million per year to refurbish quarters across installations in Germa-

ny, Heeter said. Improvements planned include installing rolling window shutters, new balconies, interior and exterior renovations and demolishing lower-quality units. From 2022 through 2028, \$785 million worth of construction is planned for 990 new housing units in Europe. Another 100 to 200 units per year will be improved or repaired, IMCOM said.

In Vicenza, Italy, new housing is being built at a cost of \$84 million in 2021 and \$90 million in 2022, Heeter said.

Overall satisfaction with housing at Vicenza improved by nearly 7 points from 2021 to 2022 in the housing survey. Survey responses for the 2022 survey were collected

between January and March of this year. Vicenza's average score of 74.8 nearly boosted it to "good," a rating needing a score of 75 to 79.

Rheinland-Pfalz, which includes Baumholder — where old housing units are also being replaced or refurbished — also improved its score, from 65.8 in 2021 to 68.4 this year.

Rheinland-Pfalz also had one of the higher participation rates in Europe, with 305 of 654 surveys answered, a response rate of 46.6%.

Ansbach, by contrast, had a response rate of 17.6%, with 84 of 478 surveys distributed turned in.

The survey has provided IMCOM-Europe with "insight into

residents' feelings about various areas of housing operations, customer service, and projects for Army Family Housing dwelling units," Heeter said in a statement. "We always encourage their participation, which is central to helping us understand how we can improve."

Among Army housing managed by the government, Fort McCoy in Wisconsin received the top overall score on the survey with a satisfaction rate of 94.1%. The highest rated Army housing overseas was Camp Zama in Japan, with a satisfaction rate of 87%.

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# MILITARY

## National Defense Service Medal to return to shelf

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The National Defense Service Medal, most recently available to service members to signify duty during the war on terrorism, is heading once again for retirement.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin signed a memo terminating eligibility for the National Defense Service Medal on Aug. 30, the first anniversary of the last U.S. troops leaving Afghanistan.

The U.S. is no longer conducting large-scale combat operations rooted in the response to the 9/11 terror attacks on New York City, in Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, according to the memo.

Any active-duty member was el-

**The medal was authorized in 1953 for service members who saw duty from June 1950 to July 1954, the Korean War era**

igible for the award if they served in the conflict between Sept. 11, 2001, and Dec. 31, according to federal regulations.

The medal's history starts in April 1953, when it was authorized for service members who saw duty from June 1950 to July 1954, the Korean War era. It was revived for the Vietnam era from 1961 to 1974, and Operations Desert Shield and

Desert Storm in the early 1990s.

Its retirement may signal an end to the war on terrorism, but the Pentagon chief spokesman declined to frame it as such when asked at a briefing Sept. 6.

"Well, certainly, we want to recognize those who have supported and engaged in this operation," said Air Force Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder. "Certainly, over the last 20 years, a lot of men and women in the U.S. military have worked very hard to counter terrorism."

The war on terrorism was the longest period for which service members were eligible for the medal.

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EUROPE

Ukraine reclaims large parts of south, east

Associated Press

As the war in Ukraine marked 200 days on Sunday, the country has reclaimed broad swaths of the south and east in a long-anticipated counteroffensive that has dealt a heavy blow to Russia.

The counterattack began in the final days of August and at first focused on the southern region of Kherson, which was swept by Russian forces in the opening days of the invasion. But just as Moscow redirected attention and troops there, Ukraine launched another, highly effective offensive in the northeast, near Kharkiv.

Facing the prospect of a large group of its forces becoming surrounded, Moscow pulled back its troops from Kharkiv in a dramatic shift in the state of play that posed the biggest challenge to the Kremlin since it launched the invasion Feb. 24.

“The Ukrainian army has taken advantage of the relocation of the bulk of the Russian forces to the south and is trying to direct the course of the war, excelling in maneuver and showing great ingenuity,” said Mykola Sunhurovskyi, a military expert with the Razumkov Centre, a Kyiv-based think tank. Ukraine’s quick gains, he added, are “important both for seizing initiative and raising troops’ spirit.”

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy praised the military in a video address Saturday night, saying it has reclaimed over 770 square miles of territory so far this month. He also taunted Moscow over its withdrawal, saying the Russian army was “demonstrating the best it can do — showing its back” and “they made a good choice to run.”

The Russian military debacle has provoked outrage among Russian military bloggers and patriotic commentators, who chastised the Kremlin for failing to mobilize more forces and take stronger action against Ukraine. Even Ramzan Kadyrov, the Moscow-backed leader of the Russian region of Chechnya, publicly criticized the



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A Russian convoy near Kharkiv, Ukraine, is shown in this handout photo taken from video released Friday.

Russian Defense Ministry for what he called “mistakes” that made the Ukrainian blitz possible.

Both sides have suffered heavy losses in Europe’s largest conflict since World War II. Ukraine’s military chief said last month that nearly 9,000 of its soldiers have been killed in action. And while Moscow hasn’t reported its own losses since March, Western estimates put the toll as high as 25,000 dead, with the wounded, captured and deserters bringing the overall Russian losses to more than 80,000.

Ukraine has sought to mobilize the population to reach an active military of 1 million people, while Russia, in contrast, has continued to rely on a limited contingent of volunteers for fear that a mass mobilization could fuel discontent and upset internal stability.

As the war slogs on, a growing flow of Western weapons over the summer is playing a key role in the counteroffensive, helping Ukraine significantly boost its precision strike capability.

Since the counteroffensive began, Ukraine said, its forces have



A Russian Su-25 ground attack jet fires rockets at an undisclosed location in Ukraine.

reclaimed more than 30 settlements in the Kharkiv region.

In the Kherson region, troops sought to drive Russian forces from their foothold on the west bank of the Dnieper River, a potential vantage point for a push deeper into Ukraine by Moscow.

The city of Kherson, an economic hub at the confluence of the Dnieper and the Black Sea with a prewar population of about 300,000, was the first major popu-

lation center to fall in the war.

Moscow has installed puppet administrations in occupied areas, introduced its currency, handed out Russian passports and prepared for local plebiscites to pave the way for annexation. But the counteroffensive has derailed those plans, with a top Moscow-backed official in Kherson saying the vote there needs to be put off.

The counterattack followed methodical strikes on Russian infras-

tructure and supply lines. Ukrainian forces have used U.S.-supplied HIMARS multiple rocket launchers to pound the two bridges on the Dnieper, forcing Russian troops in the Kherson region to rely on pontoon crossings that also have faced daily strikes.

Last month, a series of explosions also hit airbases and a munitions depot in Crimea, underlining the vulnerability of the peninsula that was annexed by Russia in 2014 and has been crucial for its southern operations. Ukrainian authorities initially refrained from claiming responsibility, but the country’s military chief, Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyy, acknowledged in recent days that his forces hit them with rockets.

Ukrainian military analyst Oleh Zhdanov said Kyiv “has used the tactics of methodically exhausting the Russian army, weakening it and depriving it of a possibility to regularly beef up its forces.”

Unlike in the south, where Ukraine’s counteroffensive proceeded more slowly on the barren steppes of Kherson that left troops vulnerable to Russian artillery, the Kharkiv region’s forests offered natural cover that allowed for lightning-fast surprise attacks from multiple directions.

“Swiftness and surprise have become key components of the Ukrainian army action in the Kharkiv region after Russian forces deployed there had been relocated to the south,” Zhdanov said.

After capturing the town of Balakliia, about 34 miles southeast of Kharkiv, Ukrainian forces quickly pressed their offensive farther east to Kupiansk, a rail hub vital for sustaining Russian operations in the region.

They claimed control of the strategic city Saturday, cutting supply lines to a big group of Russian forces around Izyum to the south. To prevent their complete encirclement, Moscow ordered the hasty retreat, claiming they were relocating to focus on the neighboring Donetsk region.

Last reactor at Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant stopped

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Europe’s largest nuclear plant has been reconnected to Ukraine’s electricity grid, allowing engineers to shut down its last operational reactor in an attempt to avoid a radiation disaster as fighting rages in the area.

The six-reactor Zaporizhzhia plant lost its outside source of power a week ago after all its power lines were disconnected as a result of shelling. It was operating in “island mode” for several days, generating electricity for crucial cooling systems from its only re-

maining operational reactor.

Nuclear operator Energoatom said one of those power lines was restored “to its operational capacity” late Saturday, making it possible to run the plant’s safety and other systems on electricity from the power system of Ukraine.

“Therefore, a decision was made to shut down power unit No. 6 and transfer it to the safest state — cold shutdown,” the company said in a statement.

Energoatom said the risk remains high that outside power is cut again, in which case the plant

would have to fire up emergency diesel generators to keep the reactors cool and prevent a nuclear meltdown. The company’s chief told The Associated Press on Thursday that the plant only has diesel fuel for 10 days.

The plant, one of the 10 biggest atomic power stations in the world, has been occupied by Russian forces since the early stages of the war. Ukraine and Russia have blamed each other for shelling around the plant that has damaged the power lines connecting it to the grid.

Energoatom renewed its appeal for Russian forces to leave the Zaporizhzhia plant and allow for the creation of a “demilitarized zone” around it.

The International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog which has two experts at the plant, confirmed to the AP on Sunday that external power has been restored at Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant.

“After yesterday’s restoration of the power line — which connects the ZNPP to the switchyard of a nearby thermal power station

— the operator of the ZNPP this morning shut down its last operating reactor, which over the past week had been providing the plant with the required power after it was disconnected from the grid,” the IAEA said in an emailed statement. “IAEA staff present at the ZNPP were informed this morning about these new developments, which were also confirmed by Ukraine.”

IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi has called for a safe zone around the plant to avert a disaster.

NATION

# For 9/11 families, ‘the wounds are still fresh’

Terror attacks ripple through American life 21 years later

By JENNIFER PELTZ,  
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*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Americans remembered 9/11 on Sunday with tear-choked tributes, and pleas to “never forget,” 21 years after the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil.

Bonita Mentis set out to read victims’ names at the ground zero ceremony wearing a necklace with a photo of her slain sister, Shevonne Mentis, a 25-year-old Guyanese immigrant who worked for a financial firm.

“It’s been 21 years, but it’s not 21 years for us. It seems like just yesterday,” Mentis said. “The wounds are still fresh.”

“No matter how many years have passed, nobody can actually comprehend that what happened that very day,” she added.

Victims’ relatives and dignitaries also convened at the other two attack sites, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania.

More than two decades later, Sept. 11 remains a point for reflection on the hijacked-plane attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people, reconfigured national security policy and spurred a U.S. “war on terror” worldwide. Sunday’s observances, which follow a fraught milestone anniversary last year, come little more than a month after a U.S. drone strike killed a key al-Qaida figure who helped plot the 9/11 attacks, Ayman al-Zawahri.

Pierre Roldan, who lost his cousin Carlos Lillo, a paramedic, said “we had some form of justice” when a U.S. raid killed Osama bin Laden in 2011.

“Now that al-Zawahri is gone, at least we’re continuing to get that justice,” Roldan said.

The Sept. 11 attacks also stirred — for a time — a sense of national pride and unity for many, while subjecting Muslim Americans to years of suspicion and bigotry and engendering debate over the



STEFAN JEREMIAH/AP

**Firefighters salute each other outside the FDNY Engine 10, Ladder 10 fire station near the commemoration ceremony on the 21st anniversary of 9/11 on Sunday, in New York.**

balance between safety and civil liberties. In ways both subtle and plain, the aftermath of 9/11 ripples through American politics and public life to this day.

But like some other victims’ relatives, Jay Saloman fears that Americans’ consciousness of 9/11 is receding.

“It was a terrorist attack against our country that day. And theoretically, everybody should remember it and, you know, take precautions and watch out,” said Saloman, who lost his brother.

Like a growing number of those who read names at ground zero, firefighter Jimmy Riches’ namesake nephew wasn’t born yet when his relative died. But the boy took the podium to honor him.

“You’re always in my heart. And I know you are watching over me,” he said after reading a portion of the victims’ names.

Readers often add personal remarks that form an alloy of American sentiments about Sept.



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

**First responders salute as an American flag is unfurled at the Pentagon on Sunday, at sunrise on the morning of the 21st anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.**

11 — grief, anger, toughness, appreciation for first responders and the military, appeals to patriotism, hopes for peace, occasional political barbs, and a poignant accounting of the graduations, weddings, births and daily lives that victims have missed.

Some relatives also lament that a nation which came together — to some extent — after the attacks has since splintered apart. So much so that federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, which were reshaped to focus on international terrorism after 9/11, now see the threat of domestic violent extremism as equally urgent.

“It took a tragedy to unite us. It should not take another tragedy to unite us again,” said Andrew Colabella, whose cousin, John Di-Giovanni, died in the 1993 bombing World Trade Center bombing that presaged 9/11.



BARRY REEGER/AP

**A visitor looks at the Wall of Names before a ceremony commemorating the 21st anniversary of 9/11 at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pa., on Sunday.**



SUSAN WALSH/AP

**President Joe Biden participates in a wreath-laying ceremony while visiting the Pentagon on Sunday, to honor and remember the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.**

## Biden honors 9/11 victims at Pentagon

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden marked the 21st anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, laying a wreath at the Pentagon in a somber commemoration held under a steady rain.

Sunday’s ceremony occurred a little more than a year after Biden ended the long and costly war in Afghanistan that the U.S. and allies launched in response to the terror attacks.

Speaking at the Pentagon on Sunday, Biden recalled seeing smoke

rise from the stricken U.S. military headquarters on 9/11, when he was a senator.

He vowed that the U.S. would continue working to root out terrorist plots and called on Americans to stand up for democracy on days beyond the anniversary.

“We have an obligation, a duty, a responsibility to defend, preserve and protect our democracy — the very democracy that guarantees the right to freedom that those terrorists on 9/11 sought to bury in the burning fire, smoke and ash,” he

said.

First lady Jill Biden was scheduled to speak in Shanksville, Pa., where one of the hijacked planes went down after passengers and crew members tried to storm the cockpit as the hijackers headed for Washington. Al-Qaida conspirators had seized control of the jets to use them as passenger-filled missiles.

Vice President Kamala Harris and husband Doug Emhoff joined the observance at the National Sept. 11 Memorial in New York, but by tradition, no political figures speak.

## NATION

# Visa to use specific code for gun sales

By KEN SWEET  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Payment processor Visa Inc. said Saturday that it plans to start separately categorizing sales at gun shops, a major win for gun control advocates who say it will help better track suspicious surges of gun sales that could be a prelude to a mass shooting.

But the decision by Visa, the world's largest payment processor, will likely provoke the ire of gun rights advocates and gun lobbyists, who have argued that categorizing gun sales would unfairly flag an industry when most sales do not lead to mass shootings. It joins Mastercard and American Express, which also said they plan to move forward with categorizing gun shop sales.

Visa said it would adopt the International Organization for Standardization's new merchant code for gun sales, which was announced on Friday. Until Friday, gun store sales were considered "general merchandise."

"Following ISO's decision to establish a new merchant category code, Visa will proceed with next steps, while ensuring we protect all legal commerce on the Visa network in accordance with our long-standing rules," the payment processor said in a statement.

Visa's adoption is significant as the largest payment network, and with Mastercard and AmEx, will likely put pressure on the banks as the card issuers to adopt the standard as well. Visa acts as a middleman between merchants and banks, and it will be up to banks to decide whether they will allow sales at gun stores to happen on their issued cards.

Gun control advocates had gained significant wins on this front in recent weeks. New York City officials and pension funds had pressured the ISO and banks

to adopt this code.

Two of the country's largest public pension funds, in California and New York, have been pressing the country's largest credit card firms to establish sales codes specifically for firearm-related sales that could flag suspicious purchases or more easily trace how guns and ammunition are sold.

Merchant category codes now exist for almost every kind of purchase, including those made at supermarkets, clothing stores, coffee shops and many other retailers.

"When you buy an airline ticket or pay for your groceries, your credit card company has a special code for those retailers. It's just common sense that we have the same policies in place for gun and ammunition stores," said New York City Mayor Eric Adams, a former police captain who blames the proliferation of guns for his city's deadly violence.

The pension funds and gun control advocates argue that creating a merchant category code for standalone firearm and ammunition stores could aid in the battle against gun violence. A week before the mass shooting at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Fla., where 49 people died after a shooter opened fire in 2016, the assailant used credit cards to buy more than \$26,000 worth of guns and ammunition, including purchases at a stand-alone gun retailer.

Gun rights advocates argue that tracking sales at gun stores would unfairly target legal gun purchases, since merchant codes just track the type of merchant where the credit or debit card is used, not the actual items purchased. A sale of a gun safe, worth thousands of dollars and an item considered part of responsible gun ownership, could be seen as a just a large purchase at a gun shop.



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President Donald Trump sits at his desk after a meeting with Intel CEO Brian Krzanich, left, and members of his staff in the Oval Office in 2017 as a lockbag is visible on the desk, the key still inside at left.

## In Congress, classified materials held in sealed rooms, lock bags

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Security-sealed rooms. Lock bags. And in the most rare of circumstances, the ability to handcuff a document pouch to a messenger to transport the nation's secrets.

These are some of the ways Capitol Hill keeps classified documents secured, an elaborate system of government protocols and high-level security clearances that stands in stark contrast to the storage room stash of secrets at Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

As the Justice Department's probe into the Republican former president's possession of White House materials deepens, lawmakers of both parties have more questions than answers. Intelligence officials have offered to brief congressional leaders, possibly as soon as next week, senators said, as they launch a lengthy risk assessment.

Congress had asked for the briefing soon after the revelation of the unprecedented Aug. 8 search, but it may be delayed by the legal fight between Trump and the government.

"We need to be able to do appropriate oversight for the Intelli-

gence Committee so that we have a better handle on how this particular incident was handled, but so that we avoid problems like this in the future," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.

A culture of secrecy may not necessarily be expected from Capitol Hill, where 535 elected members of Congress, alongside thousands of aides and countless more visitors broker information on a daily basis as a routine part of governing.

Secrets large and small — from the most mundane details about when an upcoming vote will be scheduled to the parlor intrigue of transitional alliances — are among the more valued bits of currency that pass through the place.

But when it comes to classified materials, the stream of information tends to clamp shut.

Lawmakers who serve on the House and Senate Intelligence committees are traditionally among the most publicly tight-lipped about their work, and staff for those panels must obtain security clearances to handle the documents and perform their jobs. Others serving on committees dealing with military affairs

and certain national security funds face similar restrictions.

When members of Congress want to peruse classified materials, they descend deep into the basement of the Capitol to a sensitive compartmented information facility, known as a SCIF. Other SCIFs are scattered throughout the Capitol complex.

If documents need to be ferried in or out of secure locations, they are typically transported in a lock bag, a briefcase-sized pouch under lock and key.

Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., a member of the Intelligence Committee, said staff will often use a lock bag even simply to transport materials from committee offices to a SCIF some 30 feet away.

"The idea that anyone would leave any building or any room with those documents not secure — it's just, the word is, unfathomable," Casey said in an interview.

In rare instances, a document pouch can be handcuffed to a person's wrist for travel, though several senators and staff said they have never seen that happen.

"I've only seen that in movies," said Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, the top-ranking Republican on the Intelligence Committee.

## EPA loses key ruling in appeal to district court on Flint water claims

Associated Press

DETROIT — A judge blocked the Environmental Protection Agency from appealing a key ruling in a long-running lawsuit claiming negligence by the federal government in Flint's lead-contaminated water in 2014-15.

U.S. District Judge Judith Levy ruled in 2020 that Flint residents

could sue the EPA. Now, two years later, she said she won't put the case on hold to allow the government to appeal that decision to a higher court. Levy said more work must be done by lawyers to develop the case.

"The United States characterizes this case as one of merely a series of discrete, clean legal ques-

tions — questions it says are all independently controlling, wrongly decided, and subject to reasonable disagreement," the judge said. "But this is far from the case."

Starting in April 2014, Flint pulled water from the Flint River for 18 months without treating it to reduce corrosion. The water caused lead to be released from old

pipes and into kitchen taps, bathrooms and water heaters.

Much of the blame rested with regulators in Gov. Rick Snyder's administration who didn't require corrosion control. The state agreed to pay much of a \$626 million settlement with Flint residents, mostly children, who were exposed to the water.

But residents are also suing the EPA, which was aware of complaints about the water and had authority to aggressively intervene. The EPA's inspector general found that a regional office failed to establish clear roles and responsibilities. A federal agency has defenses to negligence claims in court, but Levy so far has rejected them.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Lawyer charged after slap outside of courthouse

**CT** DERBY — A Connecticut attorney is accused of slapping another lawyer during an argument outside a courthouse.

Robert Serafinowicz, 43, was charged with third-degree assault on an elderly person and breach of peace.

News 12 Connecticut posted a video of the incident on its website. It showed Serafinowicz arguing with another attorney just outside the Derby Superior Court building before slapping the man across the face and walking away.

Serafinowicz was arrested by Derby police shortly after the incident.

Serafinowicz did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment, but he sent a statement to News 12 accusing the other attorney of “trying to destroy his career and reputation.”

## Landlord arrested in death of a tenant

**NV** PAHRUMP — A Pahrump landlord accused of running over a tenant with a vehicle and dragging the victim on a road has been arrested, authorities said.

Nye County Sheriff’s officials said William Stanley, 70, remains jailed without bail on suspicion of an open count of murder.

Las Vegas TV station KLAS reported that Stanley and Frank Brink, 66, also of Pahrump, got into an argument.

Sheriff’s officials said Stanley allegedly ran over Brink with a vehicle and then tied the man to the bumper and dragged him at least a half mile.

Investigators told KLAS that they found Brink’s body on the side of the road and were able to follow a trail of blood back to Stanley’s property.

## 28 sites renamed to remove racist word

**WI** GREEN BAY — The government has renamed more than two dozen lakes and other sites on federal land in Wisconsin to remove a racist term for a Native American woman.

The changes announced capped a nearly yearlong process that began when Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, an American Indian, took office in 2021 and worked to remove the offensive word “squaw” from the names of nearly 650 peaks, lakes, streams and other places nationwide.

“I feel a deep obligation to use my platform to ensure that our public lands and waters are accessible and welcoming. That starts with removing racist and derogatory names that have graced federal locations for far too long,” said Haaland, from Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico.

In Wisconsin, 28 places have been renamed, including Squaw Island in Door County, now



ANDY NEWMAN, FLORIDA KEYS NEWS BUREAU/AP

# Swim to Alligator Lighthouse

**Swimmers cross under a starting arch to begin the Swim for Alligator Lighthouse on Saturday, in Islamorada, Fla. The 8-mile roundtrip open-water swim to the lighthouse off the Florida Keys has attracted more than 420 competitors who are swimming in various divisions. Alligator Reef Lighthouse is named after the USS Alligator, a U.S. Navy schooner that ran aground on the reef in 1822 and sank. The annual event is staged to create awareness of the need to preserve the almost 150-year-old beacon.**

named Keyes Island.

Chairman of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Ron Corn Sr., told WLUK-TV he had hoped the names would be removed sooner, but it is gratifying that it’s finally happening.

## Officials: Car left running in garage led to 3 deaths

**NE** OMAHA — A car left running inside a garage led to the carbon monoxide deaths of three Omaha residents, investigators said.

The car was the source of the colorless, odorless gas that killed David Coleman, 52, Thomas Coleman, 18, and Cole Oban, 19, inside a west Omaha home, the Omaha Fire Department confirmed.

Their bodies were found in a home in Omaha’s Millard community. A fourth person, a woman, was taken to a hospital for treatment of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Investigators believe the car was accidentally left running in the home’s garage.

## Town wants to help after human waste found

**VT** BOLTON — Bags of human waste have been appearing all summer near the Winooski River in the town of Bolton and local and state officials want to help whoever is responsible.

ble.

Officials suspect whoever is doing the dumping has a failed septic system. There is a program to help Vermonters replace failed septic systems.

“Our goal is to help get the system fixed and make sure that people have a safe, clean environment to live in,” Megan Cousino of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation told WCAX-TV.

Back in May, volunteers discovered trash bags containing upward of 400 pounds of human waste and toilet paper that had been dumped over a guardrail. Volunteers cleaned up the original mess, but the dumping has continued.

Bolton officials said some of the bags had been ripped open by animals and their contents spread on to nearby properties.

## University professor arrested on incest charge

**KY** LEXINGTON — Police have arrested the chair of the University of Kentucky’s communications department on charges of incest, sexual abuse of a person under 12 and sodomy.

Kevin Real, a UK professor of communication, was arrested by the Lexington Police Department, the Herald-Leader reported.

Real allegedly sexually abused the victim when the victim was 6,

and again in July, an arrest citation said.

He has been placed on administrative leave from the university, spokesman Jay Blanton said. “The university is aware of this issue and takes it very seriously,” Blanton said. “Professor Real is on administrative leave and not on campus at this time.”

## Natural gas pipeline blast started fire in a lake

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — Federal agencies are investigating a natural gas pipeline explosion that started a towering blaze in a lake southeast of New Orleans.

The line exploded shortly before 4 p.m. Thursday in Lake Lery and the fire was out by about 4:45 p.m. Friday, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

Preliminary information indicates a barge broke loose from its mooring and hit the pipeline, according to the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

“The pipeline has been shut down and the affected section of pipe has been isolated. Remaining gas will be allowed to burn off,” said a statement from the agency, part of the Department of Transportation.

Nobody was hurt by the rupture and fire, the Coast Guard said in a news release. There was a silver

sheen Friday on the water between St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes, Coast Guard spokesperson Riley Perkofski said in an email. It is expected to dissipate, the Coast Guard said Friday evening.

## Trooper trainee dies after collapsing after training

**GA** FORSYTH — A Georgia state trooper cadet has died during training.

The state Department of Public Safety said that Trooper Cadet Patrick Dupree died at a hospital after collapsing at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.

The department said in a statement that Dupree collapsed after the end of a training exercise and that medical staff at the training center tried to save his life before Dupree was taken to a hospital.

Dupree was part of a class training to be state troopers.

Monroe County Coroner Joey Proctor told WMAZ-TV that Dupree was from Rome, Ga. His body will undergo an autopsy by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to determine the cause of death.

The City of Euharlee in Bartow County said Dupree was a police officer there from 2015 to 2021 before starting trooper school.

## WORLD

# Elizabeth II's coffin makes journey through Scotland

Associated Press

EDINBURGH, Scotland — In a somber, regal procession, Queen Elizabeth II's flag-draped coffin was driven slowly through the Scottish countryside Sunday from her beloved Balmoral Castle to the Scottish capital of Edinburgh. Mourners packed city streets and highway bridges or lined rural roads with cars and tractors to take part in a historic goodbye to the monarch who had reigned for 70 years.

The hearse drove past piles of bouquets and other tributes as it led a seven-car cortege from Balmoral, where the queen died Thursday at age 96, for a six-hour trip through Scottish towns to Holyroodhouse palace in Edinburgh. The late queen's coffin was draped in the Royal Standard for Scotland and topped with a wreath made of flowers from the estate, including sweet peas, one of the queen's favorites.

The procession was a huge event for Scotland as the U.K. takes days to mourn its longest-reigning monarch, the only one most Britons have ever known. People turned out hours early to grab a space by the police barrier.



SCOTT HEPPELL/AP

Members of the public line the streets in Ballater, Scotland, as the hearse carrying the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II passes through on its journey to Edinburgh from Balmoral in Scotland, on Sunday.

**Britain's King Charles III, back to camera, greets well-wishers as he walks by the gates of Buckingham Palace following Thursday's death of Queen Elizabeth II, in London, on Friday.**

Yui Mok/AP

acades in Edinburgh. By afternoon, the crowds were 10 people deep in places.

"I think she has been an ever-constant in my life. She was the queen I was born under, and she has always been there," said Angus Ruthven, 54, a civil servant from Edinburgh. "I think it is going to take a lot of adjusting that she is not here."

Silence fell on the packed Royal Mile in Edinburgh as the hearse

carrying the queen arrived. But as the convoy vanished from view, the crowd spontaneously started clapping.

When the hearse reached Holyroodhouse, members of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, wearing green tartan kilts, carried the coffin past the queen's youngest three children — Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward — and into the throne room, where it was to remain until Mon-

day afternoon so staff can pay their last respects.

King Charles III and his Queen Consort Camilla will travel Monday to Edinburgh to join another solemn procession that takes the queen's coffin to St. Giles Cathedral on the city's Royal Mile. There the coffin will remain for 24 hours so the Scottish public can pay their respects before it is flown to London on Tuesday.

In each Scottish town and village, the entourage was met with muted scenes of respect. People stood mostly in silence; some clapped politely, others pointed their phone cameras at the passing cars. In Aberdeenshire, farmers lined the route with an honor guard of tractors.

Sunday's solemn drive came as

the queen's eldest son was formally proclaimed the new monarch — King Charles III — in the rest of the nations of the United Kingdom: Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It came a day after a pomp-filled accession ceremony in England.

Charles, even as he mourned his late mother, was getting to work at Buckingham Palace, meeting with the secretary-general and other representatives of the Commonwealth.

Many in those nations are grappling with affection for the queen and lingering bitterness over their colonial legacies, which ranged from outright slavery to corporal punishment in African schools to looted artifacts held in British cultural institutions.

## Taliban close girls schools in eastern Afghanistan that had briefly opened

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Taliban authorities Saturday shut down girls schools above the sixth grade in eastern Afghanistan's Paktia province, according to witnesses and social media posts. The schools had briefly opened after a recommenda-

tion by tribal elders and school principals.

Earlier this month, four girls schools above grade 6 in Gardez, the provincial capital, and one in the Samkani district began operating without formal permission from the Taliban Education Ministry.

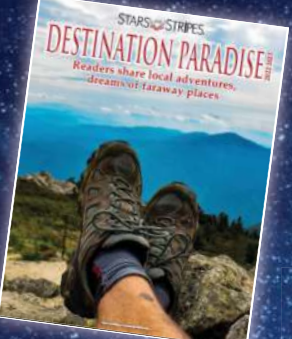
On Saturday, all five schools were once again closed by the Taliban.

Dozens of tearful former students — some in head-to-toe burqas, others in school uniforms and white veils — protested Saturday in the streets of Gardez, according to social media posts.

Taliban government spokespersons and Education Ministry officials were not immediately available for comment.

A year after the Taliban took power in Afghanistan, teenage girls are still barred from school and women are required to cover themselves

from head to toe in public, with only their eyes showing. Hard-liners appear to hold sway in the Taliban-led government, which imposed severe restrictions on access to education and jobs for girls and women, despite initial promises to the contrary.



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## WORLD

# Aid for flood victims arrives in hard-hit Pakistani province

Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — Two more U.S. military planes loaded with tons of aid for Pakistanis affected by flooding from deadly monsoon rains landed Sunday in southern Sindh province, one of the worst-affected regions in the impoverished country.

Saif Ullah, spokesman for the country's Civil Aviation Authority, said each plane was loaded with about 35 tons of relief aid that would be distributed in the province by the World Food Program. The aircraft landed at Sukkur Airport in Sindh and Ullah said the U.S. operation that began Thursday would continue until Sept. 16.

Pakistan has suffered under extremely heavy monsoon rains that started early this year — in mid-June. Multiple officials and experts have blamed the rains and resulting floodwaters on climate change. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres last week called



Pakistan Foreign Ministry Press Service/AP

**U.S. forces look on while local workers unload relief sent by the U.S. government to Pakistani people from a U.S. Air Force plane at Noor Khan Air Base, in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Friday.**

on the world to stop “sleepwalking” through the dangerous environmental crisis.

He has called repeatedly on the international community to send massive amounts of aid to Pakistan.

Nearly 1,400 people have been killed, 13,000 injured and millions left homeless by the heavy flooding since mid-June.

The waters also destroyed road and communications infrastructure.

# Powerful earthquake hits Papua New Guinea

Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — At least three people are dead after a powerful earthquake hit a remote part of Papua New Guinea Sunday morning, authorities say. Others were injured and infrastructure damaged in the magnitude 7.6 jolt that was felt across the Pacific country.

The three people died in a landslide in the gold-mining town of Wau, said Morobe Provincial Disaster Director Charley Masange. Other people had been injured from falling structures or debris, and there was damage to some health centers, homes, rural roads and highways, Masange told The Associated Press.

Masange said it could take some time to assess the full extent of the injuries and damage in the region. But he said the sparse and scattered population and lack of large buildings near the epicenter in the nation's largely undeveloped highlands may have helped prevent a bigger disaster, given the earthquake was so strong.

One resident from the town closest to the epicenter described his ordeal to the AP.

Renagi Ravu was meeting with two colleagues at his home in Kainantu when the quake struck.

Ravu tried to stand up from his chair but couldn't maintain his balance and ended up in a kind of group hug with his colleagues, while plates and cups crashed from his shelves to the ground, he said. His children, ages 9 and 2, had their drinks and breakfast spill over.

Ravu, who is a geologist, said he tried to calm everybody as the shaking continued for more than a minute.

Ravu said that about 10,000 people live in and around his town, which is located 41 miles from the quake's epicenter.

He said people were feeling rattled.

“It's a common thing that earthquakes are felt here, but it usually doesn't last as long and is not as violent as this one,” Ravu said. “It was quite intense.”

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## Regal role

Actors who have played Queen Elizabeth II weigh in on the sometimes challenging task

BY YVONNE VILLARREAL  
AND JOSH ROTTENBERG  
*Los Angeles Times*

The death of Queen Elizabeth II on Sept. 8 at age 96 spurred an immediate outpouring of mourning and memories throughout the United Kingdom and around the globe. But Elizabeth, who marked 70 years on the throne this year, didn't simply make herself known to the public through radio addresses and Christmas greetings. The media's fascination with the woman behind the carefully cultivated persona also led to a raft of fictional portrayals of the queen that sought to understand her, and her relationship to crown and country, more intimately.

From the actors who've played her at different ages in Netflix's "The Crown" to Helen Mirren, who won an Oscar for her role as Elizabeth in the 2006 film "The Queen," here's what thespians who've studied Britain's longest-serving monarch most closely had to say about what they learned from the experience.

### Helen Mirren ('The Queen')

Mirren earned a slew of awards, including the lead actress Oscar as well as a Golden Globe and a BAFTA, for her turn as the queen in Stephen Frears' film, which chronicled the events following the death of Princess Diana in 1997. The queen herself praised the performance. While accepting the Golden Globe, Mirren dedicated the award to the royal matriarch: "I honestly think this award belongs to her, because I think you fell in love with her, not me," she said.

Speaking with Charlie Rose in 2006 about the experience of playing the queen, Mirren said:

"You cannot go anywhere near this subject without being under

the most intense kind of scrutiny. It's a hot potato in England. There's scrutiny by the press, by the family, by everyone. ... Although the monarchy is generally a very beloved and respected institution, parallel with that we have a huge tradition of satirizing and criticizing and mocking the royal family. If you're doing anything about the royal family, especially coming from the arts world, they expect a mocking, satirical take. And in a strange way what was controversial about this film is the fact that it's actually not."

### Claire Foy ('The Crown')

Foy earned acclaim and two Emmy wins with her portrayal of the young Queen Elizabeth II in the first two seasons of "The Crown," in which Elizabeth's long and storied reign is covered at a rate of approximately one decade per season — with an emphasis on the push and pull of her private and public roles.

"All the people who are closest to her would never speak to anyone. You're sort of doomed in that there is no way in," she told the *Los Angeles Times* in 2016. "So you just have to do the thing where you go, 'OK, I'm a girl of a certain age, of a certain background, these are my interests, this is the person I want to marry,' and then just flesh it out."

Foy said the role forced her to consider the circumstances surrounding the queen's rise to power.

"I'd never really registered the fact that in order for her to become queen, her dad had to die," she says. "The one person who could tell you how to do the job is dead, and everyone is looking to you to know what to do, and you're terrified. But she just keeps calm and carries on, and that's it, really. That's the story of her life."



Netflix photos

Claire Foy, left, and Olivia Colman, right, played Queen Elizabeth II for two seasons each on "The Crown."



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Queen Elizabeth II, right, meets actress Helen Mirren, left, at a Dramatic Arts reception at Buckingham Palace in London in 2014. Mirren played the monarch in the 2006 film "The Queen."

### Olivia Colman ('The Crown')

Colman succeeded Foy as Queen Elizabeth II for the third and fourth seasons, covering the years 1964 through 1990 and winning both an Emmy and a Golden Globe award for her portrayal.

In a 2018 interview with *Vanity Fair*, Colman said finding restraint in her performance proved

to be a challenge.

"I emote. The Queen is not meant to," Colman said. "She's got to be a rock for everyone, and has been trained not to [emote]. We've discovered that ... whenever anyone is telling me something sad, it makes me cry."

During an online conversation staged by the Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts, Colman talked about the difficulty in playing a re-

### 'The Crown' is likely to pause production

The death of Queen Elizabeth II has put many things on a brief pause, including production on the Netflix series "The Crown."

Deadline reported Sept. 8 that Peter Morgan, the writer and creator of the Emmy-winning period drama, expects to temporarily suspend production on Season 6 "out of respect" for the royal family's loss.

"The Crown" is a love letter to her and I've nothing to add for now, just silence and respect," he told *Deadline* in an email. "I expect we will stop filming out of respect too."

Morgan did not share exactly how long production would be on hold.

The late monarch has been heavily featured in "The Crown," which debuted in 2016. "The Crown" returns for Season 5 in November.

*Los Angeles Times*

al public person who lives a mostly private life.

"Because behind closed doors, we don't know what she's like," she said, according to *Radio Times*. "I had a little bit of play with that. But definitely ... the hardest part I've done is someone who's real. I'm not ashamed to say that I'm quite pleased now to be able to move on to something else."

## 'Lost' alum Matthew Fox finds his way back to TV in 'Last Light'



MGM Television/NBCU/Peacock

Matthew Fox plays Andy Yeats, a chemist trying to figure out the cause of a sudden global oil crisis, in "Last Light."

BY KATE FELDMAN  
*New York Daily News*

After more than a decade off TV, Matthew Fox is back.

The actor, best known for playing Jack Shephard in "Lost," the surreal series about a group of people who survive a plane crash, is returning to the small screen 12 years later, starring in Peacock's "Last Light" as a petrochemist suddenly tasked with figuring out why the global oil supply has vanished.

The decision to go back to TV didn't come lightly for Fox, 56, who earned a Golden Globe award and an Emmy nomination for his role in "Lost," despite initial plans for

Jack to appear only in the pilot.

Since "Lost" wrapped, Fox, who also co-starred in the original "Party of Five" series, has appeared in just a few projects, including the 2012 movie "Alex Cross," the 2015 horror Western "Bone Tomahawk" and a West End play in 2011.

Now, he says, he knows returning to television was the right call.

"The core story was attractive to me, the timeliness, the macro picture and the backdrop against which its set, this oil crisis and this family being torn apart by this crisis and trying to reunite and be together again," Fox said of "Last Light," which co-stars "Downton Abbey" alum Joanne Frog-

gatt as his wife.

But behind the scenes, he had also been looking to get into executive producing, where he would have more control over the project than as just an actor, and to work more closely with his managing partner, William Choi, who also serves as an EP on the show.

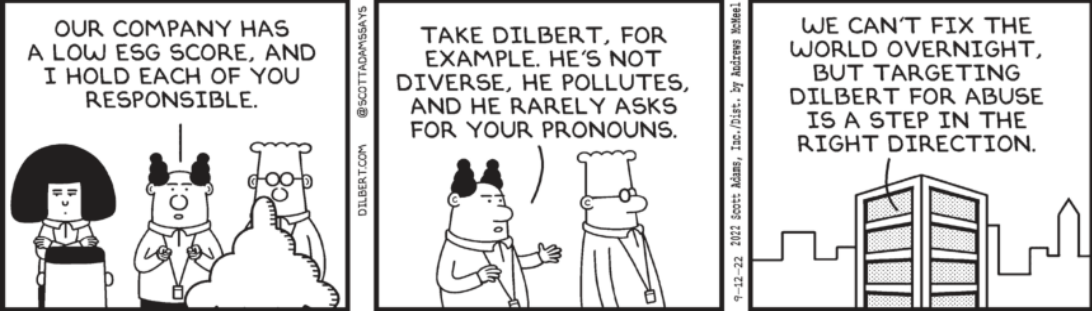
"This came along and it fit the bill and I'm really happy that I jumped at the opportunity and got involved in it. The cast and the crew and everybody put so much time and effort and passion into it. It actually felt really amazing to act again," Fox said.

"I'm really pleased to have done it and it's gotten me excited to do more."

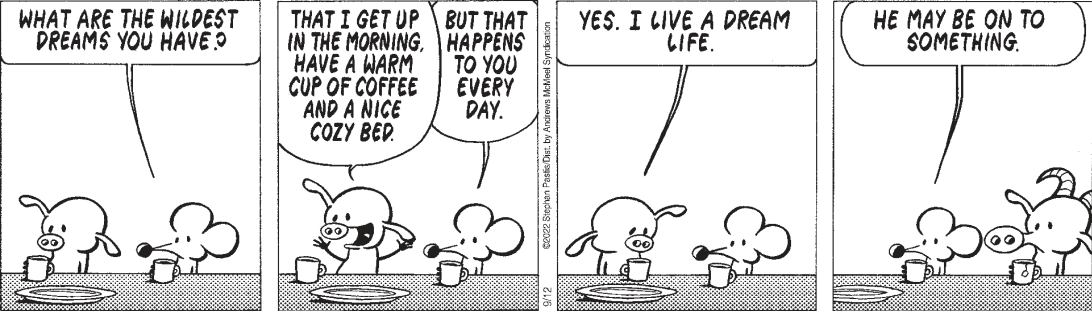
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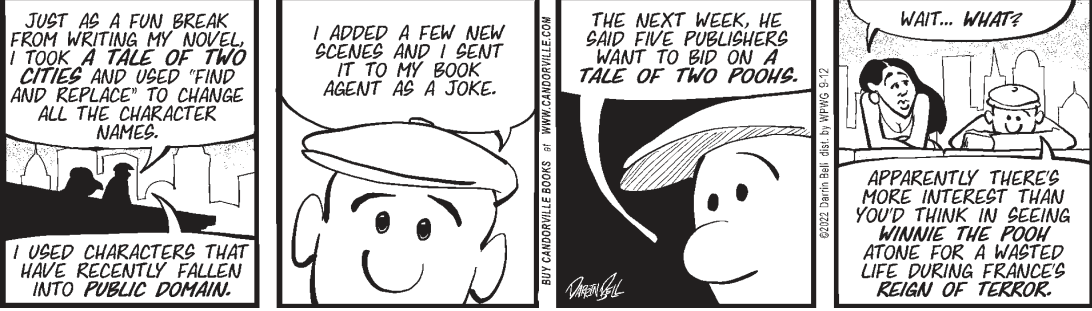
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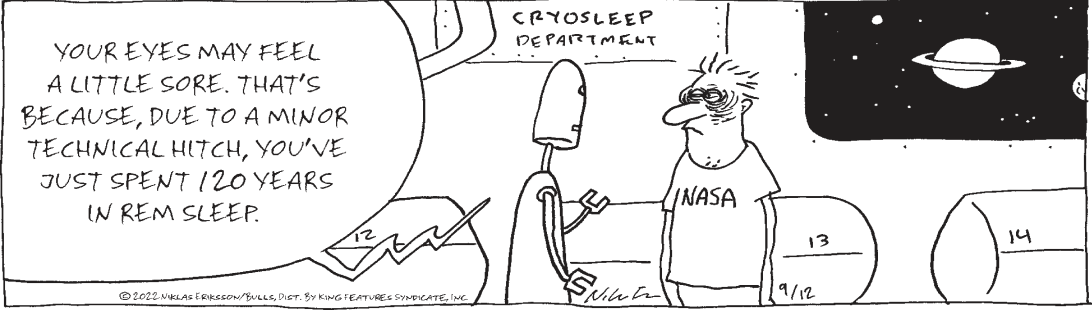
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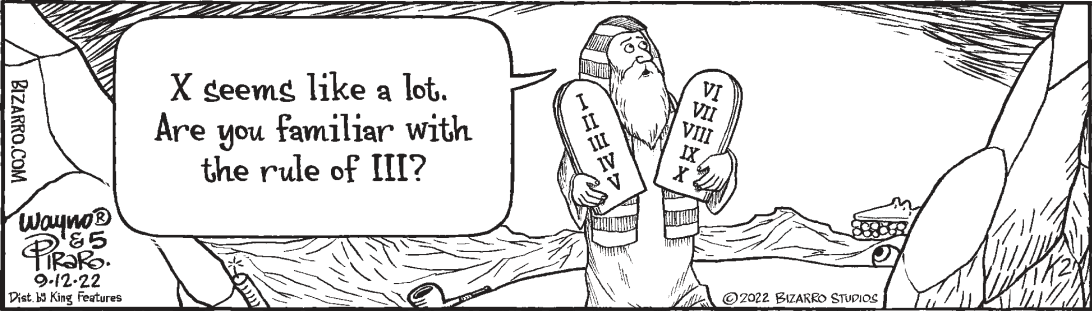
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OPINION

21 years after 9/11, the war has not ended for anyone

By DAVID VON DREHLE  
The Washington Post

Twenty-one years after the destruction of the World Trade Center towers in Lower Manhattan, one can ask whether the United States has yet learned the principal lesson of that shocking, savage day. It is a lesson well-known to military planners, yet hard for a nation with allies on its borders and oceans at its sides to believe bone-deep.

In the starting and ending of wars, the letting of blood and the waging of battle, the enemy has a vote. The day that has come to be known as 9/11 began a war only for us; for the enemy, the war had been raging for years. The little army of Osama bin Laden had hit American embassies in Africa, bombed a U.S. naval ship at Aden Harbor in Yemen, even signaled its intentions to destroy the twin towers by planting a truck bomb in a World Trade Center garage in 1993.

The audacity of 9/11 — using 19 al-Qaida fighters, civilian lives and lakes of jet fuel to carry out a massively destructive attack — finally convinced Americans that we were at war. And for the next 20 years, we fought until we tired of the idea.

Every president going back to George W. Bush wanted to end the awful business. “Mission Accomplished,” one banner declared as early as 2003. Barack Obama promised to wrap things up. Donald Trump also promised to wrap things up and negotiated the withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan. President Joe Biden completed the withdrawal in ugly fashion just in time for the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

But we no more control the ending of the

war than we controlled the beginning. With the drone-strike killing of al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri in July, the known enemy commanders of 9/11 are all captured or dead. Yet the enemy has morphed and migrated. The war has not ended for Islamic State or for other violent jihadi groups around the world. It hasn’t ended for the governments offering them support and encouragement.

Therefore, the war has not ended for us. What’s more, it is impossible to say when, or even how, it might come to an end. These 21 years since 9/11 have changed the tactics and appearance of war, and not necessarily for the better. Though the U.S. continues to train and equip hundreds of thousands of conventional troops, and to arm them with the latest weapons, most of our fighting against terrorists is done by small teams of highly skilled commandos — Navy SEALs, Army Rangers and so on — from the special operations forces.

Rarely do we see or hear of their work. They fight mostly by night, often in places where their presence is unacknowledged. They work to weaken terrorist networks and preempt attacks. Often this involves up-close combat and intimate killing in places where information can be unreliable and identities confused.

Gradually we are learning of the trauma and damage this work can cause among even the strongest, best-trained, most carefully vetted warriors. The human mind and soul are not constituted for endless years of risking and inflicting violence in nightly doses. A 2019 article in the Journal of Special Operations Medicine pointed out this wrenching juxtaposition of vulnerable souls inside hardened shells by noting:

“In 2017, one of the largest suicide studies in

military history concluded that [special operations forces] had nearly zero risk of suicide, asserting SOF are highly resilient due to their ‘rigorous selection, intense training, strong unit cohesion, or psychological and biological characteristics.’ In 2018, SOF suicides tripled.”

Because we cannot see what these warriors do on our behalf and in our name, we make cultural cartoons of them — Rambos and video-game avatars. No doubt some of them come to see themselves in those same terms. But they are not cartoon supermen; they are human beings — highly skilled and disciplined, but still human. And they are bearing extraordinary weight in a war without clear boundaries: physical, temporal or moral. A war that will end only when the enemy consents to end it.

As the journalist Dan Taberski brilliantly documented in his 2021 podcast “The Line,” the fogged frontier between war and not-war, combatants and noncombatants, permissible and nonpermissible violence takes a profound toll on the people assigned to navigate the morass.

“The job that they do hurts them and hurts their families,” a former Navy psychiatrist named Bill Nash says on the podcast.

Though the American public is tired of war, and the United States’ leaders prefer to act as if it is all over, American warriors must continue to fight because our enemies still have a vote. As another 9/11 anniversary comes and goes, we owe it to those warriors to remember them, to care for them, and to honor their sacrifices of body and soul.

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Former US military chiefs seek to disarm politicians

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America’s most recent defense secretaries and military chiefs united behind a bold and unprecedented initiative this past week, hoping to prevent our democracy from being shattered by a future president who ignites a full-blown coup.

Eight former defense secretaries and five former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff issued an open letter to the nation Tuesday — and posted it on a website known as War on the Rocks. But you may well have missed that big story entirely. After all, the open letter didn’t come complete with videos of explosions, flames and bloodshed. Just a few sound bites from talking heads. So the news was buried on an inside page. Or way down on your news screen list.

In their open letter, these former military and defense leaders, who served all the presidencies of this century, warned us:

“Politically, military professionals confront an extremely adverse environment characterized by the divisiveness of affective polarization that culminated in the first election in over a century when the peaceful transfer of political power was disrupted and in doubt. Looking ahead, all of these factors could well get worse before they get better.”

The letter, academic in tone and content, consisted of 16 numbered “core principles and best practices” by which our war machine’s civilian and military chiefs hope to avoid the peril of being exploited by politicians. For starters:

“1. Civilian control of the military is part of

the bedrock foundation of American democracy ...” And: “2. ... Military officers swear an oath to support and defend the Constitution, not an oath of fealty to an individual or to an office ...”

Then it specifically reminds all military commanders they must always verify that the order the president gave them is “legal.”

While the open letter never mentions Donald Trump, nor the specifics of the Jan. 6 insurrection rioters, it isn’t hard to connect the dots. For example, that bit about military officers not swearing “an oath of fealty to an individual.”

Trump famously complained that top officials weren’t sufficiently loyal to him. And he frequently included his generals in that complaint, his top generals — which enraged his chief of staff, former Gen. John Kelly. In a new book, “The Divider: Trump in the White House, 2017-2021,” The New York Times’ Peter Baker and The New Yorker’s Susan Glasser recount a scene where Trump tells Kelly he’d like his generals to be as loyal to him as Adolf Hitler’s generals were to Der Fuhrer. “Why can’t you be like the German generals?” Trump asked. When Kelly tried to explain that Hitler’s generals tried three times to kill him, Trump insisted: “No, no, no, they were totally loyal to him.”

After the Pentagon leaders’ open letter received scant initial coverage, Leon Panetta, who was defense secretary in the Obama years, went on MSNBC’s “Morning Joe” and explained why all the Pentagon’s former leaders wanted to jointly sign the open letter.

“President Trump used the military as his own security force,” Panetta said. “He wanted

to deploy them to the border, he wanted to deploy them against protesters. He was actually urged to take over the military following the election. All dangerous, dangerous steps that would undermine the traditional military-civilian relationship that is critical to the operation of our national security. It’s for all those reasons that we felt it was critical to come together and ... reestablish the standards — the best practices — of how we are to operate in a military-civilian relationship that is the bedrock of our democracy.”

Trump’s defense secretaries, Mark Esper and former Marine Gen. Jim Mattis, signed the open letter. Both resisted Trump’s impulsive efforts to misuse the military and were fired by Trump.

Another signer, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, who headed the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, told a Washington Post interviewer: “We live in remarkably confusing times, and clarity on this issue is very important. It’s a really dangerous time for us in the military, and the forces are out there to try to politicize us more, so clarity here is really important.”

Panetta said he believes this is America’s fork-in-the-road moment. “I honestly believe that America can be an America in renaissance in the 21st century,” Panetta said. “ ... But ... if we allow our fears, hates, frustrations to divide us — and turn against one another — I think there’s a very good chance that we can follow the paths of past empires. And we can lose our democracy.”

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# SCOREBOARD/NFL

## PRO SOCCER

### MLS

#### Eastern Conference

|                | W  | L  | T  | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| Philadelphia   | 18 | 4  | 9  | 63  | 68 | 22 |
| CF Montréal    | 16 | 9  | 5  | 53  | 55 | 47 |
| New York       | 14 | 9  | 8  | 50  | 47 | 37 |
| NYCFC          | 13 | 11 | 7  | 46  | 51 | 39 |
| Orlando City   | 12 | 11 | 6  | 42  | 36 | 45 |
| Cincinnati     | 10 | 8  | 12 | 42  | 54 | 49 |
| Columbus       | 9  | 6  | 14 | 41  | 39 | 33 |
| New England    | 9  | 10 | 11 | 38  | 43 | 44 |
| Inter Miami CF | 10 | 13 | 6  | 36  | 36 | 49 |
| Atlanta        | 9  | 12 | 9  | 36  | 45 | 50 |
| Charlotte FC   | 11 | 17 | 2  | 35  | 35 | 46 |
| Chicago        | 9  | 13 | 8  | 35  | 31 | 39 |
| Toronto FC     | 9  | 15 | 7  | 34  | 49 | 57 |
| D.C. United    | 7  | 17 | 6  | 27  | 32 | 59 |

#### Western Conference

|                | W  | L  | T  | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|
| LAFC           | 19 | 8  | 3  | 60  | 60 | 34 |
| Austin FC      | 15 | 9  | 6  | 51  | 60 | 45 |
| FC Dallas      | 13 | 8  | 10 | 49  | 45 | 34 |
| Nashville      | 12 | 9  | 10 | 46  | 49 | 38 |
| Portland       | 11 | 8  | 12 | 45  | 50 | 47 |
| Minnesota      | 13 | 12 | 5  | 44  | 44 | 44 |
| Real Salt Lake | 11 | 9  | 10 | 43  | 38 | 38 |
| LA Galaxy      | 11 | 11 | 7  | 40  | 47 | 43 |
| Seattle        | 12 | 15 | 3  | 39  | 43 | 40 |
| Colorado       | 9  | 12 | 9  | 36  | 41 | 51 |
| Vancouver      | 9  | 14 | 7  | 34  | 33 | 54 |
| Sporting KC    | 8  | 15 | 7  | 31  | 33 | 51 |
| Houston        | 8  | 16 | 6  | 30  | 36 | 48 |
| San Jose       | 7  | 13 | 9  | 30  | 44 | 61 |

**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

|                                        |
|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday's games</b>                |
| Charlotte FC 1, New York City FC 0     |
| LA Galaxy 1, Nashville 1, tie          |
| New York 2, New England 1              |
| Atlanta 4, Toronto FC 2                |
| Cincinnati 6, San Jose 0               |
| Philadelphia 5, Orlando City 1         |
| Chicago 3, Miami 1                     |
| Seattle 3, Austin FC 0                 |
| FC Dallas 2, Los Angeles FC 1          |
| Sporting Kansas City 0, Houston 0, tie |
| Colorado 3, Vancouver 1                |
| D.C. United 0, Real Salt Lake 0, tie   |
| Portland 1, Minnesota 0                |

### NWSL

|                | W | L  | T  | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|---|----|----|-----|----|----|
| San Diego      | 9 | 6  | 4  | 31  | 29 | 19 |
| Portland       | 8 | 3  | 7  | 31  | 39 | 20 |
| Houston        | 8 | 5  | 5  | 29  | 31 | 23 |
| Kansas City    | 8 | 4  | 5  | 29  | 24 | 23 |
| OL Reign       | 7 | 4  | 7  | 28  | 24 | 18 |
| Chicago        | 7 | 5  | 6  | 27  | 28 | 24 |
| Angel City     | 7 | 5  | 4  | 25  | 19 | 18 |
| North Carolina | 6 | 7  | 4  | 22  | 38 | 31 |
| Orlando        | 5 | 7  | 6  | 21  | 20 | 35 |
| Washington     | 2 | 6  | 10 | 16  | 22 | 26 |
| Louisville     | 2 | 8  | 8  | 14  | 17 | 31 |
| Gotham FC      | 4 | 13 | 0  | 12  | 13 | 36 |

**Note:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday's games</b>        |
| Washington 4, San Diego 3      |
| North Carolina 5, Louisville 1 |
| <b>Sunday's games</b>          |
| Kansas City at Gotham FC       |
| Angel City at Houston          |
| Angel City at San Diego        |

## GOLF

### Kroger Queen City Championship

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| <b>LPGA Tour</b>                  |
| <b>Saturday</b>                   |
| <b>At Kendale Course</b>          |
| <b>Cincinnati</b>                 |
| <b>Purse: \$1.8 million</b>       |
| <b>Yardage: 6,515; Par: 72</b>    |
| <b>Third Round</b>                |
| Ally Ewing 69-64-67—200 -16       |
| Maria Fassi 68-66-67—201 -15      |
| Xiyu Lin 64-68-70—202 -14         |
| Ariya Jutanugarn 68-67-69—204 -12 |
| Sarah Kemp 66-68-70—204 -12       |
| Megan Khang 69-66-69—204 -12      |
| Jeongeun Lee6 68-63-73—204 -12    |

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|----------------------------------|
| <b>Ascension Charity Classic</b> |
| <b>PGA Champions Tour</b>        |
| <b>Saturday</b>                  |
| <b>At West Course</b>            |
| <b>St. Louis</b>                 |
| <b>Purse: \$2 million</b>        |
| <b>Yardage: 6,992; Par: 71</b>   |
| <b>Second Round</b>              |
| Padraig Harrington 65-66—131 -11 |
| Bernhard Langer 65-67—132 -10    |
| Steve Stricker 67-65—132 -10     |
| John Huston 67-66—133 -9         |
| Steven Alker 66-68—134 -8        |
| Y.E. Yang 68-66—134 -8           |
| Doug Barron 67-68—135 -7         |
| Darren Clarke 68-67—135 -7       |

## PRO BASKETBALL

### WNBA Playoffs

(x-if necessary)

#### First Round

##### (Best-of-3)

#### Las Vegas 2, Phoenix 0

Las Vegas 79, Phoenix 63  
Las Vegas 117, Phoenix 80

#### Chicago 2, New York 1

New York 98, Chicago 91  
Chicago 100, New York 62  
Chicago 90, New York 72

#### Connecticut 2, Dallas 1

Connecticut 93, Dallas 68  
Dallas 89, Connecticut 79  
Connecticut 73, Dallas 58

#### Seattle 2, Washington 0

Seattle 86, Washington 83  
Seattle 97, Washington 84

#### Semifinals

##### (Best-of-5)

#### Las Vegas 3, Seattle 1

Seattle 76, Las Vegas 73  
Las Vegas 78, Seattle 73  
Las Vegas 110, Seattle 98, OT  
Las Vegas 97, Seattle 92

#### Connecticut 3, Chicago 2

Connecticut 68, Chicago 63  
Chicago 85, Connecticut 77  
Chicago 76, Connecticut 72  
Connecticut 104, Chicago 80  
Connecticut 72, Chicago 63

#### Finals

##### (Best-of-5)

#### No. 1 Las Vegas vs. No. 3 Connecticut

**Sunday's game:** Connecticut at Las Vegas

**Tuesday's game:** Connecticut at Las Vegas

**Thursday's game:** Las Vegas at Connecticut

**x-Sunday, Sept. 18:** Las Vegas at Connecticut

**x-Tuesday, Sept. 20:** Connecticut at Las Vegas

## AUTO RACING

### Kansas Lottery 300

#### NASCAR-Xfinity Series

##### Saturday

#### At Kansas Speedway

##### Kansas City, Kan.

#### Lap length: 1.50 miles

##### (Start position in parentheses)

1. (5) Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, 93 laps, 59 points.

2. (9) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 93, 50.

3. (2) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 93, 52.

4. (1) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 93, 48.

5. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 93, 0.

6. (4) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 93, 39.

7. (10) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, 93, 36.

8. (11) Sammy Smith, Toyota, 93, 39.

9. (8) Sam Mayer, Chevrolet, 93, 30.

10. (16) Brett Moffitt, Ford, 93, 33.

11. (3) Sheldon Creed, Chevrolet, 93, 26.

12. (6) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, 93, 29.

13. (14) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 93, 24.

14. (13) Ryan Sieg, Ford, 93, 23.

15. (7) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 93, 22.

16. (12) Riley Herbst, Ford, 93, 22.

17. (20) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 93, 20.

18. (22) Anthony Alfredo, Chevrolet, 93, 19.

19. (21) Myatt Snider, Chevrolet, 93, 18.

20. (37) Kris Wright, Chevrolet, 93, 0.

21. (17) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 92, 16.

22. (28) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 92, 15.

23. (31) David Starr, Ford, 92, 14.

24. (29) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 92, 13.

25. (27) Rajah Caruth, Chevrolet, 92, 0.

26. (34) Stefan Parsons, Chevrolet, 92, 0.

27. (35) Derek Griffith, Toyota, 92, 10.

28. (25) Howie Disavino III, Chevrolet, 92, 9.

29. (26) Dillon Bassett, Chevrolet, 92, 8.

30. (36) Joey Gase, Ford, 92, 7.

31. (24) Mason Massey, Chevrolet, 91, 6.

32. (33) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 91, 5.

33. (38) Ryan Vargas, Chevrolet, 91, 4.

34. (32) CJ McLaughlin, Ford, 91, 3.

35. (23) Bayley Currey, Chevrolet, 90, 2.

36. (18) Jesse Iwuji, Chevrolet, 89, 1.

37. (30) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, transmission, 73, 0.

38. (19) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, engine, 51, 1.

**Race Statistics**

**Average Speed of Race Winner:** 118.521 mph.

**Time of Race:** 1 hour, 13 minutes, 37 seconds.

**Margin of Victory:** Caution.

**Caution Flags:** 4 for 18 laps.

**Lead Changes:** 6 among 4 drivers.

**Lap Leaders:** B.Jones 0-4; T.Gibbs 5-47; N.Gragson 48; T.Gibbs 49-71; N.Gragson 72; A.Hill 73-75; N.Gragson 76-93

**Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led):** T.Gibbs, 2 times for 66 laps; N.Gragson, 3 times for 20 laps; B.Jones, 1 time for 4 laps; A.Hill, 1 time for 3 laps.

**Wins:** T.Gibbs, 5; N.Gragson, 5; A.Allmendinger, 3; J.Allgaier, 3; J.Berry, 2; A.Hill, 2; B.Jones, 1; J.Clements, 1.

**Top 16 in Points:** 1. A.Allmendinger, 1003; 2. T.Gibbs, 965; 3. J.Allgaier, 948; 4. N.Gragson, 931; 5. J.Berry, 866; 6. A.Hill, 769; 7. B.Jones, 756; 8. S.Mayer, 678; 9. R.Herbst, 673; 10. D.Hemric, 615; 11. L.Cassill, 597; 12. R.Sieg, 578; 13. S.Creed, 565; 14. B.Brown, 478; 15. A.Alfredo, 477; 16. B.Moffitt, 416.

## DEALS

### Saturday's transactions

#### BASEBALL

##### Major League Baseball American League

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Reinstated C Kurt Suzuki from the bereavement list. Optioned C Chad Wallach to Salt Lake (PCL).

**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Reinstated INF Josh Donaldson from the paternity list.

Designated INF Ronald Guzman for assignment. Sent RHP Luke Bard outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

##### National League

**CHICAGO CUBS** — Reinstated INF Patrick Wisdom from the 10-day IL. Placed INF Nick Madrigal on the 10-day IL.

**CINCINNATI REDS** — Activated RHP Luke Farrell. Optioned RHP Art Warren to Louisville (IL).

**MILWAUKEE BREWERS** — Placed LHP Eric Lauer on the 15-day IL, retroactive to September 8. Recalled RHP Trevor Kelley from Nashville (IL).

**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Recalled RHP Andre Jackson from Oklahoma City (PCL). Placed RHP Blake Treinen on the 10-day IL.

**NEW YORK METS** — Sent RHP Drew Smith to Binghamton (EL) on a rehab assignment. Recalled INF Mark Vientos from Syracuse (IL). Placed OF Starling Marte on the 10-day IL.

**PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** — Sent RHP Hans Crouse to Lehigh Valley (IL) on a rehab assignment.

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Assigned LHP Cam Vieaux outright to Indianapolis (IL).

**ST. LOUIS CARDINALS** — Recalled LHP Packy Naughton from Memphis (IL). Optioned RHP James Naile to Memphis.

**SAN DIEGO PADRES** — Reinstated 1B Austin Nola from the paternity list and RHP Pierce Johnson from the 60-day IL. Optioned RHP Reiss Knehr to El-Paso (PCL). Designated OF Matt Beaty for assignment.

**SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS** — Released RHP Dominic Leone.

#### FOOTBALL

##### National Football League

**ARIZONA CARDINALS** — Signed OL Max Garcia from New York Giants practice squad to the active roster and WR Andre Baccellia to the active roster from the practice squad. Promoted LB Devon Kennard and CB Jace Whittaker to the active roster from the practice squad. Placed OL Cody Ford on injured reserve. Released CB Javelinn Guidry.

**ATLANTA FALCONS** — Promoted TE Anthony Firkser to the active roster from the practice squad. Released DL Abdullah Anderson.

**CHICAGO BEARS** — Signed DL Mike Pennel Jr. to the practice squad and promoted him to the active roster. Promoted OL Dieter Eiselen to the active roster from the practice squad.

**CLEVELAND BROWNS** — Promoted LB Jordan Kunaszzyk and DE Isaac Rochell to the active roster from the practice squad.

**DALLAS COWBOYS** — Promoted QB Cooper Rush and K Brett Maher to the active roster.

**DETROIT LIONS** — Promoted RB Justin Jackson and LB Anthony Pittman to the active roster from the practice squad. Placed DL Levi Onwuzurike on injured reserve.

**GREEN BAY PACKERS** — Promoted S Micah Abernathy and WR Juwann Winfree to the active roster from the practice squad.

**HOUSTON TEXANS** — Signed DE Demone Harris and LB Kevin Pierre-Louis to the active roster. Placed DE Marion Addison on injured reserve. Promoted QB Jeff Driskel and WR Chris Conley to the active roster from the practice squad.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** — Promoted CB Tony Brown to the active roster from the practice squad.

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** — Promoted WR Daurice Fountain and LB Elijah Lee to the active roster from the practice squad.

**LAS VEGAS RAIDERS** — Promoted S Matthias Farley to the active roster from the practice squad.

**LOS ANGELES CHARGERS** — Promoted TE Richard Rodgers and DB Kemon Hall to the active roster from the practice squad.

**MIAMI DOLPHINS** — Promoted WR River Cracraft and S Verone McKinley III to the active roster from the practice squad.

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS** — Promoted S Myles Dorn to the active roster from the practice squad.

**NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** — Promoted WR Lil'Jordan Humphrey and LB Harvey Langi to the active roster from the practice squad.

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** — Promoted DT Christian Ringo to the active roster from the practice squad.

**NEW YORK GIANTS** — Promoted DB Tony Jefferson and LB Quincy Roche to the active roster from the practice squad.

**NEW YORK JETS** — Placed LT Duane Brown on injured reserve.

**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** — Promoted WR Britain Covey and TE Noah Togiai to the active roster from the practice squad.

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** — Promoted S Tashaun Gipson and WR Malik Turner to the active roster from the practice squad.

**TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS** — Promoted LB Genard Avery to the active roster from the practice squad.

**TENNESSEE TITANS** — Promoted RB Trenton Cannon and LB Joe Jones to the active roster from the practice squad.

#### HOCKEY

##### National Hockey League

**ANAHEIM DUCKS** — Announced RW Dominik Simon signed a two-year contract with HC Sparta Praha.

**LOS ANGELES KINGS** — Signed D Mikey Anderson to a one-year contract.

## PRO FOOTBALL

### NFL

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

##### East

|             | W | L | T | Pct   | PF | PA |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Buffalo     | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 31 | 10 |
| Miami       | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000  | 0  | 0  |
| N.Y. Jets   | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000  | 0  | 0  |
| New England | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000  | 0  | 0  |

##### South

|              | W | L | T | Pct  | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Houston      | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |
| Indianapolis | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |
| Jacksonville | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |
| Tennessee    | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |

##### North

|            | W | L | T | Pct  | PF | PA |
|------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Baltimore  | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |
| Cincinnati | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |
| Cleveland  | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |
| Pittsburgh | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |

##### West

|               | W | L | T | Pct  | PF | PA |
|---------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Denver        | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |
| Kansas City   | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |
| L.A. Chargers | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |
| Las Vegas     | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0  | 0  |

MLB

Scoreboard

| American League                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    |    |      |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| East Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |    |      |     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| New York                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 84 | 56 | .600 | —   |
| Tampa Bay                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 78 | 59 | .569 | 4½  |
| Toronto                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 78 | 60 | .565 | 5   |
| Baltimore                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 73 | 66 | .525 | 10½ |
| Boston                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 68 | 72 | .486 | 16  |
| Central Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |    |    |      |     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Cleveland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 72 | 65 | .526 | —   |
| Chicago                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 72 | 68 | .514 | 1½  |
| Minnesota                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 69 | 69 | .500 | 3½  |
| Kansas City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 56 | 84 | .400 | 17½ |
| Detroit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 54 | 85 | .388 | 19  |
| West Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |    |      |     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Houston                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 89 | 50 | .640 | —   |
| Seattle                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 78 | 61 | .561 | 11  |
| Los Angeles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 61 | 78 | .439 | 28  |
| Texas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 59 | 79 | .428 | 29½ |
| Oakland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 50 | 90 | .357 | 39½ |
| National League                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    |    |      |     |
| East Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |    |      |     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| New York                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 88 | 52 | .629 | —   |
| Atlanta                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 87 | 52 | .626 | ½   |
| Philadelphia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 77 | 62 | .554 | 10½ |
| Miami                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 57 | 81 | .413 | 30  |
| Washington                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 49 | 91 | .350 | 39  |
| Central Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |    |    |      |     |
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| St. Louis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 82 | 58 | .586 | —   |
| Milwaukee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 74 | 66 | .529 | 8   |
| Chicago                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 58 | 81 | .417 | 23½ |
| Cincinnati                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 56 | 81 | .409 | 24½ |
| Pittsburgh                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 51 | 87 | .370 | 30  |
| West Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |    |      |     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Los Angeles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 95 | 43 | .688 | —   |
| San Diego                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 77 | 63 | .550 | 19  |
| San Francisco                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 66 | 73 | .475 | 29½ |
| Arizona                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 65 | 73 | .471 | 30  |
| Colorado                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 61 | 79 | .436 | 35  |
| Saturday's games                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |    |    |      |     |
| N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 3<br>Detroit 8, Kansas City 4, 8 innings<br>Chicago White Sox 10, Oakland 2<br>Boston 17, Baltimore 4<br>L.A. Angels 6, Houston 1<br>Cleveland 6, Minnesota 4<br>Toronto 11, Texas 7<br>Seattle 3, Atlanta 1<br>San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 2<br>Philadelphia 8, Washington 5<br>N.Y. Mets 11, Miami 3<br>Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 1<br>St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 5<br>Colorado 4, Arizona 1<br>L.A. Dodgers 8, San Diego 4 |    |    |      |     |
| Sunday's games                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    |    |      |     |
| Boston at Baltimore<br>Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees<br>Cleveland at Minnesota<br>Detroit at Kansas City<br>L.A. Angels at Houston<br>Toronto at Texas<br>Chicago White Sox at Oakland<br>Atlanta at Seattle<br>Washington at Philadelphia<br>St. Louis at Pittsburgh<br>N.Y. Mets at Miami<br>Cincinnati at Milwaukee<br>Arizona at Colorado<br>L.A. Dodgers at San Diego<br>San Francisco at Chicago Cubs                                               |    |    |      |     |
| Monday's games                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    |    |      |     |
| Texas (Otto 6-8, TBD) at Miami (Rogers 4-11, TBD), 2<br>L.A. Angels (Detmers 5-5) at Cleveland (Pilkington 1-2)<br>Houston (Valdez 14-5) at Detroit (Rodriguez 3-4)<br>Tampa Bay (TBD) at Toronto (Berríos 10-5)<br>Pittsburgh (Wilson 2-8) at Cincinnati (Minor 4-10)<br>Chicago Cubs (Assad 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Bassitt 13-7)<br>L.A. Dodgers (Anderson 14-3) at Arizona (Kelly 12-5)<br>Atlanta (Wright 17-5) at San Francisco (Cobb 5-6)           |    |    |      |     |
| Tuesday's games                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    |    |      |     |
| Tampa Bay at Toronto, 2<br>L.A. Angels at Cleveland<br>Houston at Detroit<br>N.Y. Yankees at Boston<br>Kansas City at Minnesota<br>Oakland at Texas<br>Colorado at Chicago White Sox<br>San Diego at Seattle<br>Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 2<br>Philadelphia at Miami<br>Baltimore at Washington<br>Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets<br>Milwaukee at St. Louis<br>L.A. Dodgers at Arizona<br>Atlanta at San Francisco                                         |    |    |      |     |

ROUNDUP

Pujols ties A-Rod in Cards' win

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Albert Pujols hit his 696th home run, tying Alex Rodriguez for fourth place on the career list, and the St. Louis Cardinals rallied past the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-5 Saturday night.

Pujols trails only Barry Bonds (762), Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714) on the all-time homer chart. The 42-year-old Pujols has 22 games left in his 22nd and final season in the big leagues.

With St. Louis down 3-1 in the sixth, Pujols connected on a first-pitch slider from JT Brubaker. He sent a two-run shot 418 feet into the left-field bleachers at PNC Park, launched with an exit velocity of 111.2 mph.

Pujols also doubled and singled for the NL Central leaders. His RBI single in the eighth made it 4-all.

Nolan Arenado broke the tie with a three-run double with two outs in the ninth off Wil Crowe (5-9).

Giovanny Gallegos (3-5) pitched a perfect eighth inning for the Cardinals. Ryan Helsley allowed a two-out RBI single by Bryan Reynolds in the ninth before getting Rodolfo Castro to ground out for his 15th save.

**Angels 6, Astros 1:** Mike Trout homered in his sixth straight game to set a Los Angeles franchise record, Shohei Ohtani threw five solid innings before exiting because of a blister in a win at Houston.

Trout hit his 34th homer, a three-run drive to left field in the second inning. The three-time AL MVP broke the club mark of five games in a row with a homer set by Bobby Bonds in 1977.

Ohtani (12-8) yielded one run on six hits with seven strikeouts before leaving.

**Dodgers 8, Padres 4:** Freddie Freeman drove in four runs on four hits, including a two-run homer, and Trea Turner hit a go-ahead, three-run double for visiting Los Angeles, which beat San Diego and reduced its magic number to four for clinching the NL West.

The Dodgers are closing in on their ninth division title in 10 seasons. They continue to dominate the Padres, winning for the 11th time in 14 games this season and for the 21st time in their last 24 matchups.

Julio Urías (16-7) allowed two home runs to Manny Machado but otherwise quieted the Padres for seven innings to win his third straight start and for the 12th time in 13 decisions.

**Yankees 10, Rays 3:** Leadoff man Aaron Judge singled twice during a six-run first inning off Corey Kluber as host New York started with seven straight hits for the first time since 1990 and routed



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

**The Cardinals' Albert Pujols is greeted by Yadier Molina after hitting a two-run home run off Pirates pitcher JT Brubaker in the sixth inning.**

Tampa Bay.

Josh Donaldson homered early and Giancarlo Stanton connected late as both players returned to the lineup and helped the AL East-leading Yankees move 4½ games ahead of Tampa Bay.

Judge hit three singles and is the first Yankee to reach base at least three times in seven straight games since Mickey Mantle in June 1957.

New York hit six singles on the first 21 pitches from Kluber (10-8).

**Phillies 8, Nationals 5:** Bryce Harper ended the longest home run drought of his career and Kyle Schwarber hit his 37th homer of the year to help host Philadelphia over Washington.

Harper homered for the first time since June 5, a span of 102 plate appearances that also included a two-month stint on the IL with a broken thumb. Schwarber homered for the first time since Aug. 29 to keep the National League lead.

**Mariners 3, Braves 1:** Sam Haggerty and Eugenio Suárez each hit a solo homer, George Kirby pitched into the seventh inning and host Seattle snapped Atlanta's eight-game winning streak.

In the 21st start of his rookie sea-

son, Kirby (7-3) struck out six and didn't walk a batter. In his past 11 starts, he has a 1.99 ERA.

**White Sox 10, Athletics 2:** Elvis Andrus connected for a three-run homer against host Oakland, which cut him last month, and Chicago had 20 hits in its fourth straight win.

AJ Pollock and Andrew Vaughn each had four hits, helping Lance Lynn (6-5) and the surging White Sox win for the ninth time in 11 games. Lynn allowed three hits in six innings.

Andrus is 22-for-60 with five homers over his past 14 games.

**Mets 11, Marlins 3:** Francisco Lindor had three hits, including his 22nd home run, Mark Canha launched a grand slam to cap an eight-run fourth inning and visiting New York took down Miami.

Eduardo Escobar also went deep among his three hits for the Mets, who moved back into first place in the NL East by a half-game over Atlanta.

**Guardians 6, Twins 4:** Triston McKenzie pitched seven shutout innings, Amed Rosario hit a two-run homer and AL Central-leading Cleveland held off host Minnesota. José Ramírez went 3-for-4 with

two runs, a walk and an RBI for the Guardians, who improved to 13-5 in its past 18 road games and stayed 1½ games ahead of Chicago in the three-team division race. Minnesota dropped 3½ games back and fell to .500 for the first time since April 24.

**Red Sox 17, Orioles 4:** Rafael Devers hit a first-inning grand slam, Kiké Hernández had four hits and visiting Boston slugged its way to a lopsided win over Baltimore.

Jordan Lyles (10-10) couldn't make it out of the fourth in his first start this month, and the Orioles lost for the fifth time in seven games.

**Blue Jays 11, Rangers 7:** Danny Jansen homered and matched a career high with four hits, Santiago Espinal tied career bests with three hits and three RBIs, and Raimel Tapia hit a three-run homer as the bottom of Toronto's order led an early onslaught in a win over host Texas.

All 11 Blue Jays runs came in the first four innings, helping Kevin Gausman to his fourth consecutive win. Toronto is aseason-best 18 games over .500 and pulled within one-half game of AL wild-card leader Tampa Bay.

**Giants 5, Cubs 2:** Joey Bart and David Villar each homered, doubled and drove in two runs, helping visiting San Francisco end a five-game losing streak.

Logan Webb (13-8) allowed two runs on six hits in seven innings, while striking out six and walking none. The 25-year-old right-hander retired 17 of his last 19 hitters, and extended his career highs for wins and innings pitched.

**Brewers 5, Reds 1:** Willy Adames and Andrew McCutchen each hit a two-run homer, Adrian Houser allowed one hit in six innings and host Milwaukee beat Cincinnati.

Houser (6-9) permitted a leadoff double by José Barrero in the third and a sacrifice fly by TJ Friedl — but nothing more.

**Rockies 4, Diamondbacks 1:** C.J. Cron hit a three-run home run, José Ureña gave up one run in 5½ innings and host Colorado beat Arizona for its fourth-consecutive victory.

Cron's 457-foot shot to center field off Madison Bumgarner (6-14) was his team-high 28th home run of the season and his fourth in the past seven games.

**Tigers 8, Royals 4 (8):** Victor Reyes drove in three runs, and visiting Detroit beat Kansas City in a rain-shortened game.

Javier Báez and Harold Castro each had two hits and two RBIs as the Tigers earned their third straight win

US OPEN/UFC

# Swiatek tops Jabeur for third Slam title

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Good as she’s been this year, Iga Swiatek came to the U.S. Open unsure of what to expect.

She complained that women use different, slightly lighter, tennis balls than the men do at Flushing Meadows, where she’d never been past the fourth round. She was trying to grow accustomed to the noise and distractions, the hustle and bustle, of the Big Apple. And she arrived with a record of just 4-4 since her 37-match winning streak ended in July.

None of that matters now. Cementing her status as her sport’s new dominant figure by winning what is expected to be the last tournament of Serena Williams’ career, the No. 1-ranked Swiatek outplayed No. 5 Ons Jabeur 6-2, 7-6 (5) in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Saturday to claim her first championship at the U.S. Open and third Grand Slam title overall.

“It’s something that I wasn’t expecting, for sure. It’s also like a confirmation for me that the sky’s the limit,” said Swiatek, who is 55-7 in tour-level matches with seven trophies in 2022, both best in the WTA. “I’m proud. Also surprised little bit.”

She acknowledged harboring concerns about the U.S. Open after a couple of shaky showings at hard-court tune-up tournaments.

It turned out OK: She is the first top-seeded woman to win the U.S. Open since 23-time major champion Williams in 2014.

“I feel like on court, I can just do my job,” Swiatek said, “and I’m happy about it, that I kind of can make these doubts go away.”

Swiatek, like Jabeur, travels with a sports psychologist, and it took some fortitude to finish this one off. At 6-5 in the second set, Swiatek held her first championship point. Right before Jabeur served, Swiatek jogged over to the sideline to change rackets — an unusual choice at that moment.

When action resumed, Swiatek missed a backhand. That could have been tough to recover from. Indeed, Jabeur pushed things to the tiebreaker, which she then led 5-4. But Swiatek steeled herself, took the last three points and soon was accepting the silver trophy and a \$2.6 million winner’s check, joking: “I’m really glad that is not in cash.”

The 21-year-old from Poland won the French Open for the second time in June and is the first woman since Angelique Kerber in 2016 to collect two major titles in a single season.

“She’s really set the bar very high. It’s great for our sport,” said Jabeur, a 28-year-old from Tunisia who will rise to No. 2 in the rankings on Monday.

She is the first African woman and first Arab woman to reach a Grand Slam final and was participating in her second in a row.

But she is 0-2 at that stage, including a runner-up showing at Wimbledon in July.

“Definitely, I’m not someone that’s going to give up,” said Jabeur, whose support team wore black shirts with white writing that read “Yalla Habibi,” Arabic for “Let’s go, my love!”

“I am sure,” she added, “I’m going to be in the final again.”



**Iga Swiatek holds up the championship trophy after defeating Ons Jabeur to win the final of the U.S. Open on Saturday.**

Didn’t help on this sunny, 85-degree Fahrenheit afternoon that Jabeur needed to deal with Swiatek, who has won her past 10 finals — all in straight sets — and was great from the get-go.

Jabeur did not face a single break point in her semifinal victory, but she got broken right away when Swiatek laced a cross-court backhand winner off a short ball to cap a 15-stroke exchange.

“The only match here where I started that well,” said Swiatek, who had to come back from a set down in the fourth round and the quarterfinals.

Eight minutes in against Jabeur, Swiatek had grabbed 12 of the first 14 points for a 3-0 edge.

“Put a lot of pressure on me,” Jabeur said.

Using her heavy topspin forehand to take charge from the baseline, Swiatek dictated the tempo and trajectory of points. She ran her opponent this way and that, never letting Jabeur use the sorts of spins and variety that she’s accustomed to.

When Jabeur did show off some of what she can do, Swiatek would manage, more often than not, to elongate points. She used her strong court coverage, backed by a sound-track of squeaky sneakers as she darted everywhere, sometimes even sliding as she arrived at a ball, the way one does on red clay, her favorite surface.

When Jabeur missed a slice forehand early in the second set, she dropped her racket to reflect her despair. A few points later, she flung her racket while off balance and falling face down. A running, down-the-line backhand passing shot from Swiatek on the next point made it 2-0 in that set. Swiatek raised a clenched fist and yelled, “Come on!”

Then Jabeur did make things interesting, briefly.

Jabeur got to 4-all and earned three break chances in the next game, any one of which would have allowed her to serve for the set. She could not cash in there, though, missing a groundstroke on each.



**Nate Diaz reacts after defeating Tony Ferguson in a welterweight bout at UFC 279 on Saturday in Las Vegas. The card was shuffled after Khamzat Chimaev missed weight.**

## Diaz caps chaotic event by choking out Ferguson

*Associated Press*

LAS VEGAS — Nate Diaz stopped Tony Ferguson with a guillotine choke in the fourth round of the hastily arranged main event of UFC 279 on Saturday night.

The 37-year-old Diaz (21-13) finished his current UFC contract by finishing fellow veteran Ferguson (25-9) in a matchup only made on Friday after Khamzat Chimaev badly missed weight for his main-event bout with Diaz.

Chimaev stopped Kevin Holland with a D’Arce choke 2:13 into the first round of their grudge match, which was also created after Chimaev (12-0) missed weight by 7½ pounds on Friday morning. The UFC dramatically shuffled its card to keep both Chimaev and Diaz on the show, resulting in three new matchups for the final three fights at T-Mobile Arena.

Diaz’s desire to fight the vaunted Chimaev seemed foolhardy in a distinctly Diaz way, but the late matchup with Ferguson was much more competitive than the original booking likely would have been. Ferguson, who only agreed to be on the card three weeks ago, had lost his previous four fights over the past three years, while Diaz was 1-2 in the last six years.

“At the end of the day, I love the UFC,” Diaz said. “I feel like I’ve had the longest career in the UFC, and I’ve had the most successful one out of everybody.”

Diaz landed punches regularly on Ferguson in the first two rounds, and he played to the crowd in the third with long walks around the cage between exchanges, even resting with one arm atop the cage momentarily.

Ferguson got Diaz’s attention with leg kicks — but when Ferguson attempted to get into a grappling match, Diaz applied the choke and finished at 2:52 of the fourth.

Diaz has already announced plans to start his own promotional company outside the UFC, and each fight could be the last for a well-loved fighter who has competed only four times in the last six years.

But Diaz might not be done with the UFC, since he got a tweet earlier Saturday from

Conor McGregor, who promised to complete their trilogy. Diaz and McGregor split two largely thrilling bouts in 2016, and the results catapulted Diaz into the top echelon of celebrities in mixed martial arts.

“I want to get out of the UFC for a minute and show these UFC fighters how to take over and own up another sport how you’re supposed to do it,” Diaz said. “Because Conor McGregor didn’t know how to do it, and none of these other fighters know how to do it, so I’m going to go out there and I’m going to take over another organization, another profession, and become the best at that, and then I’m going to be right back here to get another UFC title. It’s the best battle in the world.”

The pay-per-view went off with several significant changes made just one day earlier because Chimaev didn’t come close to his contracted weight — and then shrugged and smiled about it on the scale. Chimaev, the Chechnya-born Swede considered one of MMA’s top rising talents, was loudly booed by the crowd just off the Las Vegas Strip on fight night.

Instead of removing Chimaev or Diaz from the card, the UFC scrambled to make three new matchups for the top three fights on the show. Diaz and Ferguson were paired in a fight long coveted by MMA fans but initially rejected by Diaz, while Chimaev was matched at a catchweight against Holland.

Chimaev and Holland already had bad blood from earlier in the week when they fought backstage at the UFC 279 news conference, forcing the event’s cancellation.

After a frantic exchange in the opening seconds, Chimaev made quick work of Holland. His burgeoning reputation as a heel only grew when he was asked about missing weight in the post-fight interview and responded “I don’t care about (that),” to thunderous boos.

Li Jingliang, who began the week expecting to face Ferguson, was matched with Daniel Rodriguez, Holland’s scheduled opponent. Rodriguez (17-2) beat Li (19-8) by split decision in an uneventful bout.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Hooker, defense lead Vols past Pitt

By WILL GRAVES  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Tennessee coach Josh Heupel isn't sure his team would have found a way a year ago to win a game where it fumbled twice and allowed a blocked punt. All in the second half. On the road. Against a program coming off a Power Five conference title.

It's not last season. The 24th-ranked Volunteers may be maturing in front of their coach's eyes. The latest proof came in a draining 34-27 overtime victory over No. 17 Pitt on Saturday, a four-hour physical and emotional marathon that ended with Tennessee spilling onto the field in a mixture of joy and relief.

"There's a certain level of maturity that we certainly didn't have last year at times," said Heupel, who is in his second season of trying to restore the Volunteers to relevancy in the SEC. "Our kids are willing to continue to compete. They handled the flows, the ups and downs of the game the right way."

There were plenty of each to go around. Tennessee (2-0) allowed a game-tying touchdown pass from Panthers backup quarterback Nick Patti with 2:23 to go but regrouped to win it on a 28-yard lob from Hendon Hooker to Cedric Tillman on the Vols' first possession of the extra period.

Their defense, which had been relentless over the final three-plus quarters following a slow start, did the rest. It used a third-down sack and the one last of a seemingly unending streak of quarterback pressures to force Patti to throw incomplete on fourth down to end it.

"The second, third and fourth quarter, that's as good a performance as I've been around in a long time," Heupel said of a defense that struggled against quality competition in 2021. "They got put in a lot of bad positions. ... I thought the overall effort from them was special."

The defense needed to be on a night when the offense, which has become the program's calling card, spent much of the second half running in place.

While Hooker finished with 325 yards passing and two touchdowns and Tillman caught nine passes for 162 yards, Tennessee couldn't put the Pitt away even with the Panthers severely limited.

Pitt (1-1) lost starting quarterback Kedon Slovis to an undisclosed injury at the end of the first half and Patti spent the final quarter-plus effectively on one leg after twisting his knee while getting sacked.

Tennessee allowed a blocked punt, saw a fumble cut short a drive and gave the Panthers life late when Tre Flowers muffed a punt with 7:28 to go. The Panthers slowly moved the ball deep into Vols territory before a backpedaling Patti found Jared Wayne for a 4-yard score on fourth-and-goal to tie it at 27 with 2:23 to play.

Pitt finally ran out of chances in overtime. Patti — who finished 9 of 20 for 79 yards — drove the Panthers inside the 10 but Tennessee's fourth sack forced Patti into a "heave and pray" and when his final pass fell to the turf, the Volunteers had found a way to win the type of game they'd grown accustomed to losing in recent years.

"(The defense) played amazing, you know, especially in the second half," Tillman said. "You know, we're not in his game if they don't make the plays that they did."



Pittsburgh quarterback Kedon Slovis gets a pass away as Tennessee defensive back Kamal Hadden pressures him on Saturday.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Air Force running back Brad Roberts fights for some of his 174 yards against Colorado on Saturday.

ACADEMIES

FB Roberts scores 3 TDs, Air Force routs Colorado

Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Fullback Brad Roberts ran for 174 yards and three touchdowns to help Air Force overcome several miscues, including a snap over the punter's head, in a 41-10 win over Colorado on a dreary Saturday.

Hosting the Buffaloes for the first time since 1974, the Falcons built a 20-0 lead. Air Force entered the nationally televised game as a 17½-point favorite, according to FanDuel Sportsbook, but couldn't shake the Buffs until late in the third quarter, when they scored 21 straight points.

"It's an awesome feeling (to beat Colorado)," said Roberts, who is from a Denver suburb and went to a few Buffaloes games growing up. "We played a really good game and our defense really stepped up to the plate."

The Falcons (2-0) and Colorado (0-2) combined for six turnovers in the rainy conditions, including each team fumbling at the goal line while going in for a score.

The Buffaloes' goal-line fumble occurred in the third and right after Air Force set them up in good field position after a snap sailed well over the head of punter Carson Bay. Alex Fontenot was trying to wiggle into the end zone when the ball was ripped away. It would have made it a one-score game.

Falcons quarterback Haaziq Daniels scored from a yard out late in the third to wrap up a second straight win over Colorado. Air Force won in Boulder in 2019.

"Just being able to come out here and dominate, can't put it into words," said Daniels, who completed

one pass for 8 yards and rushed for 29 yards. "It's a good feeling."

The Buffaloes are off to an 0-2 start for the first time since 2012. They tried to shake things up by going with quarterback J.T. Shrout over Brendon Lewis. Shrout finished 5 of 21 for 51 yards and one interception. He also slid too early on a fourth-and-short play in the fourth quarter when he could have had the first down.

"Today was a disappointing performance," Colorado coach Karl Dorrell said. "We didn't play well. We didn't play to our capabilities. ... We've got to continue this work and develop this football team. It's unfortunate, though, that we had a performance like that."

The Falcons finished with 435 yards rushing after gaining 582 a week ago against Northern Iowa. Leading the way was Roberts, who relishes his role as a fullback.

"I'm trying to make (fullback) hip again," Roberts cracked. "I love being a fullback, especially the way we run our fullbacks in this offense. It's awesome."

It wasn't the start the Buffaloes envisioned when Shrout bobbled the ball on the second play of the game. Air Force defensive end Christopher Herrera recovered the fumble, setting up Roberts' 14-yard score a play later to make it 7-0 just 33 seconds into the contest.

The Falcons should creep closer to being ranked after receiving votes last week. They are 30-4 in nonconference home games under coach Troy Calhoun.

**UTSA 41, Army 38 (OT):** Frank Harris threw for 359 yards and three touchdowns, including the

game-winner to JT Clark in overtime, rallying the visiting Roadrunners over the Black Knights.

UTSA (1-1) missed a 41-year field-goal attempt on the final play of regulation and Army (0-2) took the lead on the first possession of overtime on Quinn Marezki field goal.

Harris directed the Roadrunners to three straight touchdowns, taking the lead 34-28 with Brenden Brady's 1-yard run.

The Black Knights' Cade Ballard, who left the game midway through the third quarter with leg cramps, returned to throw a 42-yard score to Tyrell Robinson with just over a minute left in regulation.

The teams combined for 995 yards of offense. Ballard threw for 221 yards and Army finished with 304 yards in the air, the most for the Black Knights since they had 305 against Houston in 2001.

Tyhier Tyler, who had a 77-yard TD pass to Ay'Jaun Marshall for the game's first points, reentered the game for Ballard, and scored on a 16-yard run for a 14-point lead midway through the third quarter.

But Harris threw 9 yards to Zakhari Franklin for a score and Brady added a pair of 1-yard scores.

**Memphis 37, Navy 13:** Seth Henigan threw for 415 yards and two touchdowns and the visiting Tigers led all the way.

Henigan completed passes to eight receivers. Javon Ivory had seven catches for 89 yards, and Gabriel Rogers caught five for 95.

Tai Lavatai threw for 99 yards and Maquel Haywood had eight carries for 54 yards for the Midshipmen (0-2, 0-1).



COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Michael Thomas/AP  
**Texas defensive edge rusher T'Vondre Sweat knocks down Alabama quarterback Bryce Young in the end zone Saturday in Austin, Texas, during Alabama's 20-19 win.**

App State stuns No. 6 Texas A&M

**By Kristie Rieken**  
*Associated Press*

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — On paper, there was no reason to believe that Appalachian State would have a chance Saturday against No. 6 Texas A&M.

But Mountaineers coach Shawn Clark, who makes 10 times less than the over \$9 million Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher receives each season at the Southeastern Conference school, made it clear to his 18½-point underdog team that the game is not played on paper and mindset would mean everything.

“The key was belief,” an exhausted Clark said. “You have to believe in yourself and believe in this program. I told them take the logo off of the helmet, take the logo off the field and let’s go play football.”

And play football they did, with Chase Brice throwing for 134 yards and a touchdown and a stingy defense taking advantage of two turnovers to stun the Aggies 17-14.

“It didn’t feel real at first,” Brice said. “I’ll be honest, I was just in shock. I just couldn’t believe the way we fought and finished. It was just great.”

Appalachian State won a week after scor-



Sam Craft/AP  
**Appalachian State offensive lineman Bucky Williams celebrates with fans after his team's 17-14 win over No. 6 Texas A&M, Saturday, in College Station, Texas.**

ing six touchdowns and 40 points in the fourth quarter in a 63-61 opening loss to North Carolina.

“It means something to me to beat the No. 6-ranked program,” Clark said. “It’s two different programs. We don’t recruit at the same level. We don’t have what they have, but we have a lot of heart and we have the right kind of players in our program.”

Clark was thrilled to see Brice lead his team to the win after his school-record six-touchdown performance last week wasn’t enough to complete the comeback.

“He was crushed,” Clark said. “He loves this program and today was his shining moment.”

Along with the victory, the Mountaineers got a fat \$1.5 million check to take back with them to Boone, N.C., for playing this game.

No. 1 Alabama escapes Texas with a late FG

**By Jim Vertuno**  
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AUSTIN, Texas — First came the twisting, falling backward touchdown throw. Then came the duck and dodge slip away from a sack that turned into a 20-yard scamper.

Two fourth-quarter plays by Bryce Young once again carried top-ranked Alabama to a victory. The Crimson Tide escaped Texas with 20-19 win Saturday after Young’s scramble set up Will Reichard’s 33-yard field goal with 10 seconds left.

“Houdini act,” Longhorns coach Steve Sarkisian said of the player he once helped recruit when he was an assistant at Alabama.

Texas had pressured last season’s Heisman Trophy winner for most of the day, only to lose its grip on him late.

“We know what it takes,” Young said of the final drive that started at the Crimson Tide 25 and moved across midfield in two plays. “We embrace that challenge. That’s where we want to be at.”

Young’s clutch play rescued Alabama on an uncharacteristically sloppy day for the Crimson Tide (2-0), who struggled with penalties and dropped passes and was forced into six consecutive punts in one stretch. The Longhorns (1-1) stuffed Alabama on fourth-and-inches late to set up a go-ahead field goal by Bert Auburn with 1:39 remaining.

“When his best was needed, he was really good,” Tide coach Nick Saban said of Young. “And that’s what we needed.”

Young also spoiled what could have been a program-defining victory for Texas and Sar-

kisian after last season’s 5-7 finish. Longhorns quarterback Quinn Ewers was knocked out with a shoulder injury at the end of the first quarter. Sarkisian said Ewers had a sprained clavicle and would have more tests to determine how bad it is.

The steady hand of backup Hudson Card and an inspired defense helped Texas build a 16-10 lead early in the fourth, and then drive for the lead again on Auburn’s fourth field goal of the day.

Young was 27-of-39 passing for 213 yards with the scrambling TD throw to Jahmyr Gibbs that gave Alabama a 17-16 lead. Jase McLellan had an 81-yard touchdown run for the Crimson Tide in the first quarter.

Alabama avoided its first nonconference regular-season loss since 2007 against Louisiana-Monroe in Saban’s first season.

**The takeaway**

**Alabama:** The Tide was all out of sorts. Eleven first-half penalties and dropped passes showed a level of sloppy play seldom seen by Saban teams. Last season’s Bronko Nagurski Award winner Will Anderson struggled to make plays against an inexperienced Texas offensive line that started two freshmen.

**Texas:** The Longhorns look reborn on defense. Sarkisian hired defensive guru and former TCU head coach Gary Patterson as a special assistant last spring. But Texas now has new questions at quarterback if Ewers is out for an extended period.

Marshall’s rally drops No. 8 Notre Dame, Freeman to 0-3

**By Tom Coyne**  
*Associated Press*

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame fans could live with the Fighting Irish being overpowered in the fourth quarter against then-No. 2 Ohio State. Being pushed around by Marshall is a different story.

Notre Dame Stadium is supposed to be a place to shake down the thunder, not where the Thundering Herd celebrate a 26-21 victory.

The eighth-ranked Irish led 15-12 when Tyler Buchner ran in for a 1-yard run to open the fourth quarter Saturday, then added a 2-point conversion. It went downhill from there for Notre Dame (0-2). Marcus Freeman is now the first Irish coach to open his career 0-3.

Freeman, the 36-year-old, first-time head coach, was asked whether his inexperience coaching was a factor in the poor start.

“If it’s my experience as head coach, and I don’t know if that’s a reason why, or the lack of execution? But it starts with me, right? It starts with me as the head coach and looking at myself and saying, ‘What do I have to do to help this football team and really look at everything we’re doing?’ Because the performance isn’t where we needed to be,” he said.

Steven Gilmore returned an interception 37 yards for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter and Khalan Labron ran for 163 yards as Marshall shocked the Irish. Gilmore, the brother of Stephon Gilmore of the Indianapolis



Michael Conroy/AP  
**Marshall wide receiver Jayden Harrison runs after a catch in a 26-21 win Saturday at Notre Dame.**

Colts, picked off a pass by Tyler Buchner with 4:35 left, raced to the end zone and then jumped into the stands where Thundering Herd fans were already celebrating the victory.

“Obviously, a phenomenal day,” second-year Marshall coach Charlie Huff said. “I’m really proud of the way they competed. I’m really proud of their competitive spirit, the consistency of what we needed to do to come out with a win.”

Marshall (2-0), the first Sun Belt Conference team to play at Notre Dame Stadium, beat a team ranked in the top 10 for just the second time in school history. The Thundering Herd beat No. 6 Kansas State 27-20 in 2003.

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# Sun belted

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL CONROY (ABOVE) AND SAM CRAFT (BELOW)/AP  
Above: Marshall offensive lineman Ethan Driskell throws up wide receiver Cam Pedro as they celebrate a touchdown in a 26-21 win over No. 8 Notre Dame Saturday in South Bend, Ind. Below: Appalachian State running back Daetrich Harrington reacts as time expires after upsetting No. 6 Texas A&M 17-14 in College Station, Texas.

## No. 6 Texas A&M, No. 8 Notre Dame stunned by Sun Belt foes Appalachian State, Marshall

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
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The college football offseason is mostly spent trying to figure what's going to happen when the games start. We speculate. Predict. Make an educated guess.

Then in Week 2 we realize just how much we didn't know — and that's when the fun starts.

While No. 1 Alabama needed every little bit of misfortune that conspired against Texas, there was no escape for No. 6 Texas A&M and No. 8 Notre Dame. The Aggies and Fighting Irish were Sun Belted.

In South Bend, Ind., the honeymoon for coach Marcus Freeman came to a resounding and stunning end when Marshall not only beat the eighth-ranked Fighting Irish, but pushed them around right in front of Touchdown Jesus.

Marshall's upset was only the opening act for the Sun Belt Conference.

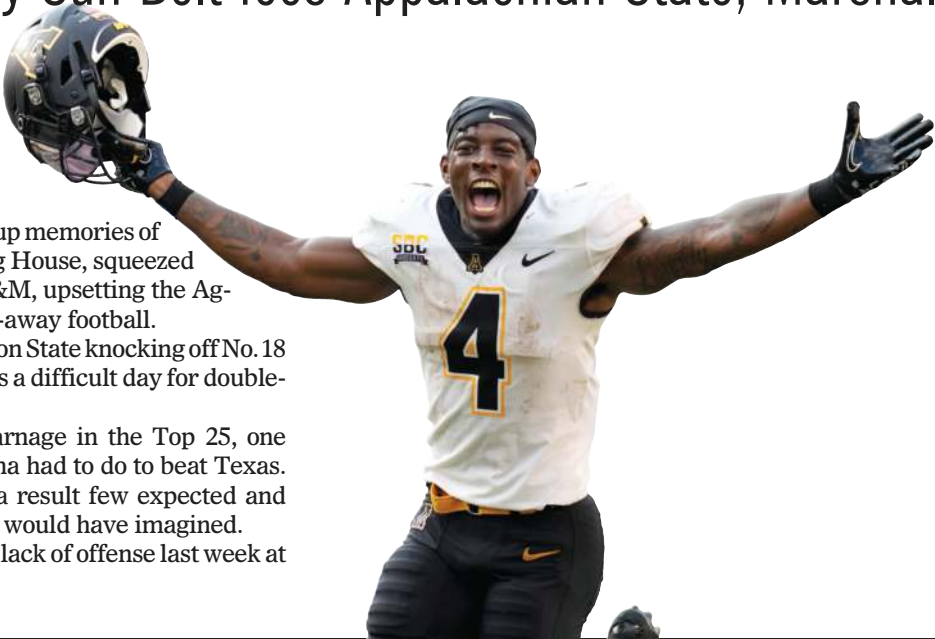
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Appalachian State, conjuring up memories of 2007 against Michigan at the Big House, squeezed the breath out of No. 6 Texas A&M, upsetting the Aggies with a master class of keep-away football.

Throw on top of that Washington State knocking off No. 18 Wisconsin in Madison, and it was a difficult day for double-digit favorites.

With all the midafternoon carnage in the Top 25, one might have forgotten all Alabama had to do to beat Texas. The game in Austin produced a result few expected and played out in a way that nobody would have imagined.

Voters excused Notre Dame's lack of offense last week at  
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