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President Joe Biden raises the hand of Vice President Kamala Harris after viewing the Independence Day fireworks display over the National Mall from the balcony of the White House on July 4, in Washington.

Attention turns to Harris

VP looks to lock up Democratic nomination after Biden steps aside

By ZEKE MILLER
AND SEUNG MIN KIM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Kamala Harris moved swiftly to lock up Democratic delegates behind her campaign for the White House after President Joe Biden stepped aside amid concerns from within their party that he would be unable to defeat Republican Donald Trump.

Biden's exit Sunday, prompted by Democratic worries over his fitness for office, was a seismic shift to the presidential contest that upended both major political

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parties' carefully honed plans for the 2024 race.

Aiming to put weeks of intra-

party drama over Biden's candidacy behind them, prominent Democratic elected officials, par-

ty leaders and political organizations quickly lined up behind Harris in the hours after Biden announced he was dropping his re-election campaign.

Biden's departure frees his delegates to vote for whomever they choose. Harris, whom Biden backed after ending his candidacy, is thus far the only declared candidate and was working to quickly secure endorsements from a majority of delegates.

Additional endorsements Monday, including Maryland Gov.

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Foreign policy, trade, wars in question after Biden withdrawal

By ISABEL DEBRE
Associated Press

Joe Biden's withdrawal from the U.S. presidential race injects greater uncertainty into the world at a time when Western leaders are grappling with wars in Ukraine and Gaza, a more assertive China in Asia and the rise of the far right in Europe.

During a five-decade career in politics, Biden developed extensive personal relationships with multiple foreign leaders that none of the potential replacements on the Democratic ticket can match. After his announcement, messages of support and gratitude for his years of service poured in from near and far.

The scope of foreign policy challenges facing the next U.S. president makes clear how consequential what happens in Washington is for the rest of the planet. Here's a look at some of them.

Israel

With Vice President Kamala Harris being eyed as a potential replacement for Biden, Israelis on Sunday scrambled to understand what her candidacy would mean for their country as it confronts in-

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EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Joe Biden is greeted by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during a visit to Tel Aviv in 2023.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Delta says cancellations continue after outage

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Delta Air Lines struggled for a fourth straight day to recover from a worldwide technology outage caused by a faulty software update, stranding tens of thousands of passengers and drawing unwanted attention from the federal government.

Other carriers were returning Monday to nearly normal levels of service disruptions, intensifying the glare on Delta's relatively weaker response to the outage that hit airlines, hospitals and

businesses around the world.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg spoke to Delta CEO Ed Bastian about the airline's high number of cancellations since Friday. Buttigieg said his agency had received "hundreds of complaints" about Delta, and he expects the airline to provide hotels and meals for travelers who are delayed and to issue quick refunds to customers who don't want to be rebooked on a later flight.

Buttigieg vowed to help Delta passengers by enforcing air-trav-

el consumer-protection rules.

Delta has canceled more than 5,500 flights since the outage started, including at least 700 flights canceled on Monday, according to aviation-data provider Cirium. Delta and its regional affiliates accounted for about two-thirds of all cancellations worldwide on Monday, including nearly all those in the United States.

Other airlines that were caught up in the first round of groundings returned mostly to normal operations by Monday.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Switzerland (Franc)	0.8891
Euro costs (July 23)	\$1.06	Thailand (Baht)	32.84
British pound (July 23)	\$1.26	Turkey (NewLira)	32.9435
Japanese yen (July 23)	153.00	(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 (July 23)	1353.00	INTEREST RATES	
Commercial rates		Prime rate	8.50
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769	Interest Rates Discount rate	6.00
Bahrain (Pound)	1.2918	Federal funds market rate	5.33
Canada (Dollar)	1.3769	3-month bill	5.34
China (Yuan)	7.2740	30-year bond	4.45
Denmark (Krone)	6.8582		
Egypt (Pound)	48.4109		
Euro	0.9191		
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8073		
Hungary (Forint)	358.10		
Israel (Shekel)	3.6354		
Japan (Yen)	156.88		
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3057		
Norway (Krone)	10.9968		
Philippines (Peso)	58.43		
Poland (Zloty)	3.94		
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7510		
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3462		
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MILITARY



SETH WATSON/U.S. Air Force

Two B-52H Stratofortresses from Barksdale Air Force Base, La., fly in formation with fighter jets from Romania and Finland as they arrive Sunday at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania. Earlier in the day, the B-52s were intercepted by two Russian aircraft over the Barents Sea.

American B-52s brush off encounter with Russian jets over sea

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes
STUTTGART, Germany — Two U.S. Air Force long-range bombers that had a close encounter over the weekend with Russian fighters over the Barents Sea landed at an allied base near the Black Sea hours later, according to the service.

The arrival of the B-52H Stratofortress bombers at Romania's Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base on Sunday marks the first time U.S. strategic bombers have operated from the installation, U.S. Air Forces Europe and Africa said the same day.

The base, known as MK to forces deployed there, serves as the main operational hub for the U.S. military in the Black Sea region. It is undergoing a multi-billion-dollar expansion by NATO that will make it larger than even Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Earlier in the day, the bombers were intercepted more than 1,000 miles away by Russian fighters over the Barents Sea on a preplanned mission that involved coordination with NATO fighter planes, USAFE-AF said.

"The U.S. aircraft did not change course due to the inter-

cept and continued along their scheduled flight plan without incident," USAFE said.

The B-52s, assigned to the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, are in Europe in connection with the Air Force's ongoing bomber task force missions, which involve short-term deployments to the Continent.

"Through collaborative efforts with our allies, the U.S. enables our forces to combat current and future threats," USAFE-AF commander Gen. James Hecker said in a statement.

In Europe, encounters between allied and Russian aircraft are relatively commonplace. In most cases, intercepts occur over international airspace without incident. However, allies on occasion have accused Russia of crossing into their airspace. In June, Finland said four Russian military aircraft crossed into its airspace for several minutes.

Other aerial confrontations have risked potential escalation between Russia and the U.S. military, such as when a Russian fighter in March 2023 collided with a U.S. drone over the Black Sea, forcing the unmanned aircraft to crash into international waters.

Licensing appointment shortage causing havoc

Kapaun office took on additional burden when Sembach personal vehicle registration office closed

By BRADLEY LATHAM
Stars and Stripes
WIESBADEN, Germany — Access to many registration services for personal vehicles in the largest overseas U.S. military community has grown so scarce that the process for booking time slots is evoking references to "The Hunger Games."

The Kaiserslautern Military Community used to have two places for Defense Department personnel that served as the equivalent of a stateside department of motor vehicles for its tens of thousands of members: the U.S. Army base in Sembach, and Kapaun Air Station in Kaiserslautern.

But in May, the Sembach vehicle registration office, which serves as the central hub for U.S. Army Europe vehicle registrations, discontinued customer service for privately owned vehicles. That shifted the burden solely to Kapaun, setting up the current situation, which has created a black market for service visits.

"When people have appointments scheduled that they no longer need, they are selling them," said Amanda Hays, a KMC resident who works in Darmstadt. "People are desperate."

Customers who don't manage to land one of the 22 daily appointments must use an online queue system originally set up during the COVID-19 pandemic. The queue is accessed through either a link on Kapaun's website or a QR code outside the station.

The queue is the virtual waitlist for walk-ins, which are handled separately from the scheduled appointments. The more people show up for appointments, the less availability there is on a given day for people in the queue.

For now, appointments are scheduled in 20-minute intervals from 7 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. But starting Aug. 5, some days will have 30-minute appointment blocks, reducing the number of available daily appointments to 15.

Hays' family paid 100 euros for an appointment and had to sacrifice vacation time after weeks of unsuccessful attempts at getting into the queue, she said, adding that she was making loan payments on a car she couldn't drive or pick up from the dealership.

A handful of social media users have offered to pay for slots or appointments, while others have alluded to potentially finding a

new "side hustle." With the onset of the military moving season, the daily allotment for appointment slots has been filled for months on end. As of Monday morning, the soonest available appointment offered was Oct. 17.

On a walk-in basis, Kapaun's substation adjacent to the vehicle inspection facility handles registration renewals, conversions of registration from temporary to permanent and cancellation of U.S. Army Europe registration for people who want to sell a vehicle to a non-ID card holder or ship it out of Germany.

Those walk-in services do not require use of the queue. For all other tasks, appointments are required.

"You can't get into the queue. It's almost impossible," said Army officer Matthew Jones, who has been stationed in the KMC since 2017. "I couldn't imagine the headache and the worry that (junior soldiers) would have being able to take care of their families in this position."

According to the Kapaun vehicle registration office website, customers have five minutes to report to a clerk after notification their queue number is called. After 15 minutes, those customers are removed from the current day's queue.

Although vehicle registration has always been problematic in the KMC because of its size, Jones said, this is the worst he has seen it.

For weeks, daily complaints across multiple community Facebook groups have told stories of the queue filling up within minutes of opening around 6:45 each morning.

Some people said they enlisted the help of neighbors and family members in different time zones to secure a place in line. Many have compared the daily struggle to playing the lottery or engaging in gladiatorial combat.

But even with a confirmed slot, customers had no guarantee they would be seen, as appointments still take priority. Queue slots are

secondary to scheduled appointments and are subject to availability.

The vehicle registration office at Kapaun is run by the 569th Forces Police Squadron, which falls under the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base.

Neither Kapaun officials nor the wing answered questions from Stars and Stripes, saying only that leadership is studying the backlog.

Some changes have been implemented, though. In June, Kapaun started an initiative called Fridays for First-timers and Finals, which prioritizes newly arrived personnel who were registering a vehicle

for the first time. Since then, queue slots and customer service at the main station have been limited to that population on Fridays. Customers who are canceling registration can still walk in on

Fridays. On Thursday and Friday of last week, the office rolled over active queue slots to the following days. Previously, all slots were reset at the end of each day.

The 86th Airlift Wing is also seeking to open a substation on a KMC Army installation to help lighten the load at Kapaun, according to an email from the 86th Air Wing that was shared with Stars and Stripes. Kapaun also hired three new clerks to help process more customers.

But those temporary adjustments are far from adequate, Jones said.

"It's like pouring antiseptic on a bullet wound. It's still good, but it's not sufficient to stop the bleeding," Jones said. "Adding two or three more people isn't going to create a situation where you can handle the demand of the Kaiserslautern Military Community."

The Status of Forces Agreement requires DOD-affiliated personnel to register their personal vehicles in the USAREUR system to avoid German taxes and registration fees and use the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's fuel program, which lowers the price drivers pay at on-base gas stations and participating Esso stations.

"When people have appointments scheduled that they no longer need, they are selling them."

Amanda Hays
KMC resident

PACIFIC

Air Force moves fighter jets closer to North Korea

By DAVID CHOI
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — Air Force fighter jets are temporarily moving closer to North Korea to “optimize combat capability and increase readiness” on the Korean Peninsula.

Nine F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, roughly 115 miles southwest of Seoul, will be assigned for a yearlong trial to the 36th Fighter Squadron at Osan Air Base, about 30 miles south of the capital, according to an Air Force news release Thursday.

The F-16s began arriving at Osan earlier this month, 7th Air Force spokesman Maj. Rachel Buitrago told Stars and Stripes by phone Monday. Two fighter squadrons of F-16s and A-10 Thunderbolt IIs are permanently stationed at the base.

“This test is an opportunity for us to see if squadrons of this size increase our training effective-

ness while also increasing our combat capability if deterrence fails,” 7th Air Force commander Lt. Gen. David Iverson said in the release.

Around 150 service members will be moving to Osan, home of the 7th Air Force, as part of the trial, according to the release. The 36th Fighter Squadron will have 31 aircraft with the F-16s from Kunsan.

The 7th Air Force mission is to deter aggression and maintain the armistice in place between North Korea, China and the former Soviet Union on one side and the U.S., South Korea and United Nations Command on the other. The armistice signed 71 years ago this month stopped the fighting, but the war technically has not ended, because a peace agreement was not reached.

Airpower overflights by the U.S. and South Korean air forces have served as a response to North Korean missile tests and other



CHASE VERZAAL/U.S. Air Force

An Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon lands at Osan Air Base, South Korea, on July 9.

demonstrations.

Four F-16s from the fighter squadron flew over international waters alongside two Japanese F-2s on June 20 as part of broader aerial drill in the region, according to a 51st Fighter Wing news release that day.

Roughly 30 F-16s from the 8th Fighter Wing temporarily relocated to Osan for six months last year due to routine repairs on Kunsan’s runway. The \$22 million project to replace over 1,500 concrete slabs was completed in August.

The most recent relocation fol-

lows a series of U.S fighter jets moves in Japan.

A squadron of F-35C Lightning IIs will replace one composed of F/A-18 Super Hornets in Carrier Air Wing 5 based at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, according to a Navy news release on July 15.

The Air Force this month also announced the permanent deployment of 36 F-15EX Eagles to Okinawa to replace 48 F-15C/Ds. Another 48 F-35As are going to Misawa to replace 36 F-16s, the Air Force said in the same announcement July 4.

Pacific Air Forces released a report in September citing a need to revamp its programs for deployed aircraft to minimize response times for crises and deter threats from China, North Korea and Russia.

“Our current basing posture, optimized seventy years ago, adversely affects our ability to rapidly respond to natural disasters and man-made crises today,” the report said. “PACAF is expanding access, basing, and overflight to include distributed operations in new strategic locations.”

Okinawa delegation files protest letters on alleged sex crimes

By BRIAN McELHINEY AND KEISHI KOJA
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Members of the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly visited Tokyo on Friday to file protest and petition letters addressing two U.S. service members’ recent indictments on sexual assault charges.

A seven-member delegation led by Ryotaro Odo flew to the capital that morning and delivered the letters to the U.S. Embassy, Japanese Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a spokesman for Okinawa Prefecture’s Political Affairs Research Division said by phone Monday.

The delegation met with U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission to Japan Katherine Monahan, Japan Cabinet Secretariat Councilor Masaya Tanaka, Japan Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defense Hisashi Matsumoto and Japan State Minister for Foreign Affairs Yoshifumi Tsuge, the spokesman said.

“They filed the petition and protest letters and exchanged opinions,” the spokesman said. Some Japanese officials are required to speak to the media only on condition of anonymity.

Monahan told the delegation the U.S. will take measures to prevent future cases, and will announce additional measures in the coming days, Odo told Stars and Stripes by phone Monday.

Senior Airman Brennon R.E. Washington pleaded not guilty July 12 in Naha District Court to charges of kidnapping and sexually



MEGAN ROSES/U.S. Marine Corps

First Lt. Aivree Kamalzadeh of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit verifies liberty cards and driving documents on Camp Hansen, Okinawa, on Friday.

assaulting a minor in December. The March indictment was revealed publicly in June, setting off protests from Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki and the prefectural assembly.

In a second indictment also revealed in June, Marine Lance Cpl. Jamel Clayton was charged with attempting to sexually assault a woman in Yomitan village in May.

Two formal letters — one a protest, the other a petition — were approved by the prefectural assembly July 10. The petition calls on the U.S. government to take measures to prevent further incidents, and to apologize to and compensate the girl and the woman identified by police as victims.

The committee also requested that Japan and the U.S. “drastically revise” the status of forces agreement governing U.S. military and civilian personnel in the country, saying it privileges U.S. military members.

Earlier this month, U.S. Ambassador to

Japan Rahm Emanuel and III Marine Expeditionary Force commander Lt. Gen. Roger Turner wrote an opinion piece calling for “one set of liberty time rules across all branches of the armed forces.”

A Foreign Affairs official admitted to the delegation that the ministry was responsible for stopping information about the cases from going public, and that it will disclose information as necessary from now on, Odo said.

“All the officials we met recognized the problem, and we could discuss countermeasures,” Odo said. “I could feel that they were working to solve the problems. I’d like to watch attentively and see if these measures will work for future cases.”

In response, the Marine Corps has ramped up sobriety checks at gates to almost 100% the past two weekends and increased courtesy patrols by the Provost Marshal’s Office at popular destinations.

Several people with blood-alcohol content over Japan’s 0.03% legal limit were stopped July 12-13, Marine Corps Installations Pacific spokesman Capt. Brett Dornhege-Lazaroff said by phone Friday, without providing an exact number. No further information was available Monday, he said.

Emanuel, in an X post on Saturday, praised Turner and III MEF for “quickly implementing a series of new and heightened measures that reinforce expected standards of behavior and discipline for all [U.S.] personnel.”

“Our Japanese hosts, allies, and friends expect — and deserve — nothing less,” he wrote. “And we will deliver.”

MILITARY

Coast Guard, Navy rescue 26 in Pacific waters

By ALEX WILSON
Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Navy and Coast Guard rescued 26 people over the weekend from two vessels in distress in the Western Pacific.

The first was a 154-foot yacht designed for scuba diving excursions of a week or more. The second was a 28-foot recreational boat carrying migrants seeking entry to Guam.

The Coast Guard cutter Oliver Henry on Sunday and Monday towed the yacht, the Black Pearl 1, and its crew of 11 to Palau after the boat was disabled and began to take on water.

The Black Pearl 1, a luxury yacht designed for fishing expeditions, was en route to Cebu, Philippines, for maintenance when its rudder locked about 230 miles west of Palau, Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam spokeswoman Chief Warrant Officer Sara Muir wrote in a Sunday news release.

Watchstanders at the Coast Guard's Joint Rescue Sub-Center Guam alerted a nearby U.S. cargo vessel, the SLNC York, and the Oliver Henry, which was on a routine patrol of the region.

The York arrived just after midnight Sunday and found the ship's crew attempting repairs and in no need of assistance, Muir said.

However, the Oliver Henry arrived about six hours later and



U.S. Coast Guard

A crewman aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Oliver Henry tosses a heaving line to set up a tow to the crew of the luxury yacht Black Pearl 1 after responding to a distress call on Sunday.

found the the Black Pearl 1 still unable to steer and now taking on water. Coast guardsmen boarded the vessel to assist, while the cutter began towing it back to Palau.

The Oliver Henry and the yacht arrived there safely around 2 p.m. Monday with no injuries reported, Muir said.

The yacht, owned by Pearl Fleet, weighs nearly 500 tons and

can accommodate up to 24 guests. An eight-day diving trip aboard the yacht costs \$2,940 per person, according to Pearl Fleet's website.

A spokesperson for the company did not respond to a call and email requesting comment.

Third rescue 'of this type'

On Sunday, first responders from Saipan reported the recre-

ational vessel in distress about 24 miles south of Saipan, according to a news release from Muir on Monday.

Weather conditions and lack of communication from the distressed vessel led to an urgent request from Saipan for help from anyone nearby.

A MH-60S Seahawk helicopter from the Navy's Sea Combat

Squadron 25 spotted the vessel around 5:20 p.m. and evacuated two boaters before it had to return to refuel.

The naval logistics vessel USNS Jack Lummus arrived about two hours later and evaluated the remaining 13 people.

All were taken to Saipan, where they were met by various law enforcement agencies.

The vessel's final destination was not clear as of Monday evening, Muir said in a separate email.

One boater told the Coast Guard they were headed to Rota, but Muir said it was "possible Guam was the final destination." She identified the occupants as three U.S. citizens and 12 Chinese citizens.

"This is the third significant rescue of this type we've effected between Guam and the CNMI since January," Coast Guard Lt. Chelsea Garcia, search and rescue mission coordinator, said in the news release. "While this case appears to involve the transit of foreign nationals from the CNMI, we cannot comment further on the ongoing law enforcement investigation."

Saipan regularly serves as a point of departure for Chinese citizens attempting to illegally enter Guam — usually in search of work — due to a visa waiver program offered by Saipan.

2 US service members killed in WWII identified, memorialized

By ALISON BATH
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Two U.S. service members who died in Italy during World War II are no longer considered missing.

Rosettes were placed Friday beside the names of Army Pfc. Harry Hosfelt and Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Allan Knepper at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery's Wall of the Missing in the Italian town of Nettuno, the American Battle Monuments Commission said in a statement Monday.

The bronze markers indicate that the remains of the service members have been identified.

Hosfelt was killed Feb. 9, 1944, during a battle with German forces near the town of Cisterna di Latina. The 20-year-old Connellsville, Pa., native was assigned to Company A, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division.

His remains were recovered in March 1945, but officials did not have enough information to positively identify him. The remains subsequently were buried at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery,



Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency

Rosettes recently were placed beside the names of U.S. Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Allan Knepper, left, and Army Pfc. Harry Hosfelt on the Wall of the Missing at Sicily-Rome American Cemetery.

the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency said in a June 6 statement.

In 2021, Hosfelt's remains were exhumed and tested, and he ultimately was officially accounted for on Sept. 28, 2023, according to the DPAA. He was buried in Connellsville on June 29.

Knepper, 27, of Lewiston, Idaho, was killed on July 10, 1943, when the P-38 Lightning fighter plane he was flying came under

enemy fire and crashed near Caltagirone in Sicily, the DPAA said in a separate statement July 11.

Knepper's plane crashed in one of many sorties against enemy forces during Operation Husky, the first effort of Allied powers to take back Europe. More than 2,000 U.S. service members were killed in the operation.

From 2015 to 2023, the Defense Department and its partners researched, investigated and excavated a crash site near Caltagirone, recovering evidence and remains thought to be associated with Knepper. He was accounted for on Aug. 10, 2023, according to the DPAA.

Knepper, assigned to the 49th Fighter Squadron, 14th Fighter Group in the north African and Mediterranean theater, will be buried in Lewiston on Aug. 2, the DPAA said.

The rosettes for Hosfelt and Knepper are the 18th and 19th additions to the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery Wall of the Missing, which features the names of 3,095 U.S. service members, the AMBC said.

Air Force Academy eyes \$600M for dorm remodel

The Gazette
(Colorado Springs, Colo.)

The Air Force Academy estimates over time that one of its two dormitories will need almost \$600 million to remodel.

Sijan Hall, built in 1968, is expected to need a major remodel to upgrade its heating, electrical, plumbing and fire protection systems. It also needs work to renovate window walls, bathrooms, cadet rooms and workspaces, an academy spokesman said. It's a six-story building with 625,000 square feet housing 891 dorm rooms.

The academy expects the work on the building could take place over five phases and cost \$597 million, a written statement said.

The dorm's needs were raised in a meeting last week of the Board of Visitors at the Academy.

Patrick Flood, representing U.S. Rep. Don Bacon, R- Neb., highlighted some of his concerns about the building based on an earlier tour.

"The herculean efforts the team has to go through just to keep mechanical systems functioning is not something we should be ac-

cepting as a status quo of operation," he said.

Col. Amy Glisson, the installation commander, pointed out in her presentation that keeping the dorm up to date is key to recruiting cadets.

"We are trying to compete against the Princetons and Harvards for talent," she said.

At the same time, barracks across the Department of Defense are in need of upgrades, an issue lawmakers are planning to tackle, Flood said.

A 2023 Government Accountability Office report found that "thousands of service members may live in substandard barracks." Some of the problems include mold, mildew, pests, extreme temperatures, broken windows and locks.

The funding requirements of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan led to the deferred maintenance, Flood said.

However, the two dorms at the academy are not classified as unaccompanied housing, the way barracks are, and so they would not qualify for that expected funding, he said.

NATION

Biden's legacy goes beyond legislation

‘Perfect person for that moment’ in 2020 election

By JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sitting in the Oval Office behind the iconic Resolute desk in 2022, an animated President Joe Biden described the challenge of leading a psychologically traumatized nation.

The United States had endured a life-altering pandemic. There was a jarring burst of inflation and now global conflict with Russia invading Ukraine, as well as the persistent threat to democracy he felt Donald Trump posed.

How could Biden possibly heal that collective trauma?

“Be confident,” he said emphatically in an interview with The Associated Press. “Be confident. Because I am confident.”

But in the ensuing two years, the confidence Biden hoped to instill steadily waned.

And when the 81-year-old Democratic president showed his age in a disastrous debate in June against Trump, he lost the benefit of the doubt as well.

That triggered a series of events that led him Sunday to step down as his party's nominee for the November's election.

Democrats, who had been united in their resolve to prevent another Trump term, suddenly fractured. And Republicans, beset by chaos in Congress and the former president's criminal conviction, improbably coalesced in defiant unity.

Biden never figured out how to inspire the world's most powerful country to believe in itself, let alone in him.

He lost the confidence of supporters in the 90-minute debate with Trump, even if pride initially prompted him to override the fears of lawmakers, party elders and donors who were nudging him to drop out.

Then Trump survived an assassination attempt in Pennsylvania and, as if on cue, pumped his fist in strength.

Biden, while campaigning in Las Vegas, tested positive for the coronavirus Wednesday and retreated to his Delaware beach home to recover.

The events over the course of three weeks led to an exit Biden never wanted, but one that Democrats felt they needed to maximize their chance of winning in November's elections.

Biden seems to have badly misread the breadth of his support. While many Democrats had deep admiration for the president personally, they did not have the same



President Joe Biden walks in 2023 with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at St. Michael's Golden-Domed Cathedral in Kyiv. Historians and political advisers say history will be kinder to Biden than voters have been.



Vice President-elect Joe Biden, with his wife, Jill, at his side, takes the oath of office from Justice John Paul Stevens in 2009. At right are Biden's children Ashley, Hunter and Beau.

affection for him politically.

Rice University historian Douglas Brinkley said Biden arrived as a reprieve from a nation exhausted by Trump and the pandemic.

“He was a perfect person for that moment,” said Brinkley, noting Biden proved in era of polarization that bipartisan lawmaking was still possible.

Yet, there was never a “Joe Biden Democrat” like there was a “Reagan Republican.”

He did not have adoring, movement-style followers as did Barack Obama or John F. Kennedy. He was not a generational candidate like Bill Clinton. The only barrier-breaking dimension to his election was the fact that he was

the oldest person ever elected president.

His first run for the White House, in the 1988 cycle, ended with self-inflicted wounds stemming from plagiarism, and he didn't make it to the first nominating contest. In 2008, he dropped out after the Iowa caucuses, where he won less than 1% of the vote. In 2016, Obama counseled his vice president not to run. A Biden victory in 2020 seemed implausible, when he finished fourth in Iowa and fifth in New Hampshire before a dramatic rebound in South Carolina that propelled him to the nomination and the White House.

David Axelrod, a former senior adviser to Obama who also

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former senior adviser to
Barack Obama

worked closely with Biden, said that history would treat Biden kinder than voters had, not just because of his legislative achievements but because in 2020 he defeated Trump.

“His legacy is significant beyond all his many accomplishments,” Axelrod said. “He will always be the man who stepped up and defeated a president who placed himself above our democracy.”

But Biden could not avoid his age. And when he showed frailty in his steps and his speech, there was no foundation of supporters that could stand by him to stop calls for him to step aside.

It was a humbling end to a half-century career in politics, yet hardly reflective of the full legacy of his time in the White House.

In March of 2021, Biden launched \$1.9 trillion in pandemic aid, creating a series of new programs that temporarily halved child poverty, halted evictions and contributed to the addition of 15.7 million jobs. But inflation began to rise shortly thereafter as Biden's approval rating as measured by the AP-NORC Center for Public



ALEX BRANDON / AP

President Joe Biden shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2022. Biden sought to compete more aggressively with China during his presidency.

Affairs Research fell from 61% to 39% as of June.

He followed up with a series of executive actions to unsnarl global supply chains and a \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package that not only replaced aging infrastructure but improved internet access and prepared communities to withstand the damages from climate change.

In 2022, Biden and his fellow Democrats followed up with two measures that reinvigorated the future of U.S. manufacturing.

The CHIPS and Science Act provided \$52 billion to build factories and create institutions to make computer chips domestically, ensuring that the U.S. would have access to the most advanced semiconductors needed to power economic growth and maintain national security. There was also the Inflation Reduction Act, which provided incentives to shift away from fossil fuels and enabled Medicare to negotiate drug prices.

Biden also sought to compete more aggressively with China, rebuild alliances such as NATO and completed the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, which resulted in the death of 13 U.S. service members.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in early 2022 worsened inflation as Trump and other Republicans questioned the value of military aid to the Ukrainians. Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack in Israel sparked a war that showed divisions within the Democratic party about whether the United States should continue to support Israel as tens of thousands of Palestinians died in months of counterattacks. The president was also criticized over illegal border crossings at the southern border with Mexico.

Yet it was the size of the stakes and the fear of a Biden loss that prevailed, resulting in a bet by Democrats that the tasks he began could best be completed by a younger generation.

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NATION

Harris: \$49.6M in donations raised after Biden endorsement

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Wes Moore, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, left a dwindling list of potential rivals to Harris.

Winning the nomination is only the first item on a staggering political to-do list for her after Biden's decision to exit the race, which she learned about on a Sunday morning call with the president. If she's successful at locking up the nomination, she must also pick a running mate and pivot a massive political operation to boost her candidacy instead of Biden's with just over 100 days until Election Day.

On Sunday afternoon, Biden's campaign formally changed its name to Harris for President, reflecting that she is inheriting his political operation of more than 1,000 staffers and a war chest that stood at nearly \$96 million at the end of June. It got bigger by Monday morning: Campaign spokesperson Lauren Hitt said Harris had raised \$49.6 million in donations in the first 15 hours after Biden's endorsement.

Harris spent much of Sunday surrounded by family and staff, making more than 100 calls to Democratic officials to line up their support for her candidacy, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the effort. It comes as she tries to move her party past the painful, public wrangling that had defined the weeks since the Biden's disastrous June 27 debate with Trump.

Speaking to party leaders, Harris expressed gratitude for Biden's endorsement but insisted she was looking to earn the



SUSAN WALSH/AP

Vice President Kamala Harris speaks from the South Lawn of the White House in Washington on Monday.

nomination in her own right, the person said.

In a sign that the Democratic Party was moving to coalesce behind her, Harris quickly won endorsements from the leadership of several influential caucuses and political organizations, including the AAPI Victory Fund, which focuses on Asian American and Pacific Islander voters, The Collective PAC, focused on building Black political power, and the Latino Victory Fund, as well as the chairs of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the entire Congressional Black Caucus. Harris, if elected, would be the first woman and first person of South Asian descent to be president.

Notably, a handful of men who had already been discussed as potential running mates for Harris — Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper

and Arizona Sen. Mark Kelly — also swiftly issued statements endorsing her. Aides to Shapiro and Cooper confirmed that Harris spoke with them Sunday afternoon. In her brief call with Cooper, the North Carolina governor told Harris he was backing her to be the Democratic nominee, according to Cooper spokeswoman Sadie Weiner.

But former President Barack Obama held off on an immediate endorsement, as some in the party have expressed worry that the quick shift to Harris would appear to be a coronation, instead pledging his support behind the eventual party nominee.

West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, who left the party earlier this year but considered re-registering as a Democrat to vie for the nomination against the vice president, told CBS News on Monday that he would not be a candidate.

It's an indication of how she will have to balance her day job and her new role as candidate, Harris made her first public appearance Monday morning at the White House, where she opened her address to National Collegiate Athletic Association championship teams by praising Biden's "unmatched" legacy, saying she was "deeply grateful for his service to our nation."

Harris was filling in at the event for Biden, who is recovering at his home in Rehoboth Beach, Del. after contracting COVID-19 last week.

She was later set to travel to Wilmington, where the Biden campaign had been headquartered, to meet with her new campaign staff.

Harris, in a statement, praised Biden's "selfless and patriotic act" in deciding to

leave the race and said she intends to "earn and win" her party's nomination.

"I will do everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party — and unite our nation — to defeat Donald Trump and his extreme Project 2025 agenda," she said.

Biden planned to discuss his decision to step aside later this week in an address to the nation. He wrote in a letter posted Sunday to his X account, "I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term."

Nearly 30 minutes after he delivered the news that he was folding his campaign, Biden threw his support behind Harris.

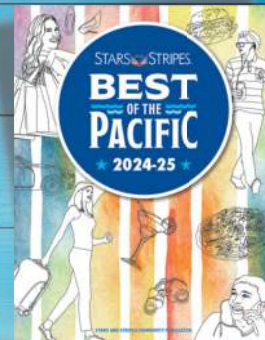
"Today I want to offer my full support and endorsement for Kamala to be the nominee of our party this year," he said in another post on X. "Democrats — it's time to come together and beat Trump."

The Democratic National Convention is scheduled to be held Aug. 19-22 in Chicago, but the party had announced it would hold a virtual roll call to formally nominate Biden before in-person proceedings begin. The convention's rules committee is scheduled to meet this week to finalize its nomination process and it is unclear how it will be adjusted to reflect Biden's exit.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus chairwoman Nanette Barragan, who emphasized that she was "all in" behind the vice president, said she spoke Sunday with Harris, who communicated that she preferred to forego a virtual roll call for the nomination process and instead hold a process that adheres to regular order.

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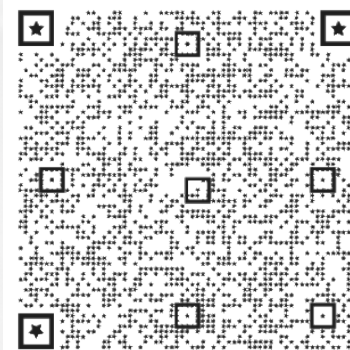
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NATION

Biden: Withdrawal from race injects uncertainty into many areas of policy

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creasing global isolation over its military campaign against Hamas.

Israel's left-wing Haaretz daily newspaper ran a story scrutinizing Harris' record of support for Israel, pointing to her reputation as Biden's "bad cop" who has vocally admonished Israel for its offensive in Gaza. In recent months, she has gone further than Biden in calling for a cease-fire, denouncing Israel's invasion of Rafah and expressing horror over the civilian death toll in Gaza.

"With Biden leaving, Israel has lost perhaps the last Zionist president," said Alon Pinkas, a former Israeli consul general in New York. "A new Democratic candidate will upend the dynamic."

Biden's staunch defense of Israel since Hamas' Oct. 7 attack has its roots in his half-century of support for the country as a senator, vice president, then president. Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant thanked Biden for his "unwavering support of Israel over the years."

"Your steadfast backing, especially during the war, has been invaluable," Gallant wrote on social media platform X.

Israeli President Isaac Herzog praised Biden as a "symbol of the unbreakable bond between our two peoples" and a "true ally of the Jewish people." There was no immediate reaction from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, an ally of former President Donald Trump whose history of cordial relations with Biden has come under strain during the Israel-Hamas war.

Ukraine

Any Democratic candidate would likely continue Biden's legacy of staunch military support for Ukraine. But frustration with the Biden administration has grown in Ukraine and Europe over the slow pace of U.S. aid and restrictions on the use of Western weapons.

"Most Europeans realize that Ukraine is increasingly going to be their burden," said Sudha David-Wilp, director of the Berlin office of the German Marshall Fund, a research institute. "Everyone is trying to get ready for all the possible outcomes."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on X that he respected the "tough but strong decision" by Biden to drop out of the campaign, and he thanked Biden for his help "in preventing (Russian President Vladimir) Putin from occupying our country."

Trump has promised to end

Russia's war on Ukraine in one day if he is elected — a prospect that has raised fears in Ukraine that Russia might be allowed to keep the territory it occupies.

Trump's vice presidential pick, Ohio Sen. J.D. Vance, is among Congress' most vocal opponents of U.S. aid for Ukraine and has further raised the stakes for Kyiv.

Russia, meanwhile, dismissed the importance of the race, insisting that no matter what happened, Moscow would press on in Ukraine.

"That's it for Biden," Dmitry Medvedev, deputy head of Russia's Security council chaired by President Vladimir Putin, said on the Telegram messaging app. "The goals of the special military operation will be achieved," he added, using the Kremlin's term for the war in Ukraine.

China

In recent months, both Biden and Trump have tried to show voters who can best stand up to Beijing's growing military strength and belligerence and protect U.S. businesses and workers from low-priced Chinese imports. Biden has hiked tariffs on electric vehicles from China, and Trump has promised to implement tariffs of 60% on all Chinese products.

Trump's "America First" doctrine exacerbated tensions with Beijing. But disputes with the geopolitical rival and economic colossus over wars, trade, technology and security continued into Biden's term.

China's official reaction to the U.S. presidential race has been careful.

"The U.S. elections are U.S. internal politics. I have no comment on this," said Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning.

The official Xinhua news agency treated the story of Biden's decision as relatively minor. The editor of the party-run Global Times newspaper, Hu Xijin, downplayed the impact of Biden's withdrawal.

"Whoever becomes the presidential candidate of the Democratic Party may be the same," he wrote on X.

Iran

With Iran's proxies across the Middle East increasingly entangled in the Israel-Hamas war, the U.S. confronts a region in disarray.

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthis struck Tel Aviv for the first time last week, prompting retaliatory Israeli strikes inside war-torn Yemen. Simmering tensions and cross-border attacks between Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah



STEFAN ROUSSEAU, POOL/AP

Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer, left, looks on as President Joe Biden introduces Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during an event on the Ukraine Compact at the NATO Summit at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, in Washington on July 11.

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militant group and the Israeli military have raised fears of an all-out regional conflagration.

Hamas, which also receives support from Iran, continues to fight Israel even nine months into a war that has killed 38,000 Palestinians and displaced over 80% of Gaza's population.

The U.S. and its allies have accused Iran of expanding its nuclear program and enriching uranium to an unprecedented 60% level, near-weapons-grade levels.

After then-President Trump in 2018 withdrew from Tehran's landmark nuclear deal with world powers, Biden said he wanted to reverse his predecessor's hawkish anti-Iran stance. But the Biden administration has maintained severe economic sanctions against Iran and overseen failed attempts to renegotiate the agreement.

The sudden death of Ebrahim Raisi — the supreme leader's hard-line protege — in a helicopter crash vaulted a new reformist to the presidency in Iran, generating new opportunities and risks. Masoud Pezeshkian has said he wants to help Iran open up to the world but has maintained a de-

fiant tone against the U.S.

Europe and NATO

Many Europeans were happy to see Trump go after years of disparaging the European Union and undermining NATO. Trump's seemingly dismissive attitude toward European allies in last month's debate did nothing to assuage those concerns.

Biden, on the other hand, has supported close American relations with bloc leaders.

That closeness was on stark display after Biden's decision to bow out of the race. Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk called his choice "probably the most difficult one in your life." The newly installed British prime minister, Keir Starmer, said he respected Biden's "decision based on what he believes is in the best interests of the American people."

There was also an outpouring of affection from Irish Prime Minister Simon Harris, who called Biden a "proud American with an Irish soul."

The question of whether NATO can maintain its momentum in supporting Ukraine and checking the ambitions of other authoritar-

ian states hangs in the balance of this presidential election, analysts say.

"They don't want to see Donald Trump as president. So there's quite a bit of relief but also quite a bit of nervousness" about Biden's decision to drop out, said Jeremy Shapiro, research director of the European Council on Foreign Relations. "Like many in the United States, but perhaps more so, they are really quite confused."

Mexico

The close relationship between Mexico and the U.S. has been marked in recent years by disagreements over trade, energy and climate change. Since President Andrés Manuel López Obrador took power in 2018, both countries have found common ground on issue of migration — with Mexico making it more difficult for migrants to cross its country to the U.S. border and the U.S. not pressing on other issues.

The López Obrador administration kept that policy while Trump was president and continued it into Biden's term.

On Friday, Mexico's president called Trump "a friend" and said he would write to him to warn him against pledging to close the border or blaming migrants for bringing drugs into the United States.

"I am going to prove to him that migrants don't carry drugs to the United States," he said, adding that "closing the border won't solve anything, and anyway, it can't be done."

NATION

Harris already known for breaking barriers

By CHRIS MEGERIAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — She's already broken barriers, and now Kamala Harris could shatter several more after President Joe Biden abruptly ended his reelection bid and endorsed her.

Biden announced Sunday that he was stepping aside after a disastrous debate performance catalyzed fears the 81-year-old was too frail for a second term.

Harris is the first woman, Black person or person of South Asian descent to serve as vice president. If she becomes the Democratic nominee and defeats Republican candidate Donald Trump in November, she would be the first woman to serve as president.

A former prosecutor and U.S. senator from California, Harris' own bid for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination imploded before a single primary vote was cast. She later became Biden's running mate, but she struggled to find her footing after taking office as vice president. Assigned to work on issues involving migration from Central America, she was repeatedly blamed by Republicans for problems with illegal border crossings.

Harris found more prominence, however, as the White House's most outspoken advocate for abortion rights after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in 2022. She has also played a key role in reaching out to young people and voters of color.

Even before Biden's endorsement, Harris was widely viewed as the favorite to replace him on the ticket. With her foreign policy experience and national name recognition, she has a head start over potential challengers, including California Gov. Gavin Newsom, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro.

Vice presidents are always in line to step into the top job if the president dies or is incapacitated. Harris, however, has faced an un-



CORNELL WATSON/The Washington Post

Vice President Harris speaks Thursday at a campaign event in Fayetteville, N.C.

usual level of scrutiny because of Biden's age. He was the oldest president in history, taking office at 78 and announcing his reelection bid at 80. Harris is 59.

Harris was born Oct. 20, 1964, in Oakland, Calif., to parents who met as civil rights activists. Her hometown and nearby Berkeley were at the heart of the racial and social justice movements of the time, and Harris was both a product and a beneficiary.

She spoke often about attending demonstrations in a stroller and growing up around adults "who spent full time marching and shouting about this thing called justice." In first grade, she was bused to school as part of the second class to integrate Berkeley public education.

Harris' parents divorced when she was young, and she was raised

by her mother alongside her younger sister, Maya. She attended Howard University, a historically Black school in Washington, and joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which became a source of sisterhood and political support over the years.

After graduating, Harris returned to the San Francisco Bay Area for law school and chose a career as a prosecutor, a move that surprised her activist family.

She said she believed working for change inside the system was just as important as agitating from outside. By 2003, she was running for her first political office, taking on the longtime San Francisco district attorney.

Few city residents knew her name, and Harris set up an ironing board as a table outside grocery stores to meet people. She won

and quickly showed a willingness to chart her own path. Months into her tenure, Harris declined to seek the death penalty for the killer of a young police officer slain in the line of duty, fraying her relationship with city cops.

The episode did not stop her political ascent. In late 2007, while still serving as district attorney, she was knocking on doors in Iowa for then-candidate Barack Obama. After he became president, Obama endorsed her in her 2010 race for California attorney general.

Once elected to statewide office, she pledged to uphold the death penalty despite her moral opposition to it. She refused to defend Proposition 8, a voter-backed initiative banning same-sex marriage. Harris also played a key role in a \$25 billion settlement

with the nation's mortgage lenders following the foreclosure crisis.

As killings of young Black men by police received more attention, Harris implemented some changes, including tracking racial data in police stops, but didn't pursue more aggressive measures such as requiring independent prosecutors to investigate police shootings.

Harris married entertainment lawyer Douglas Emhoff in 2014, and she became stepmother to Emhoff's two children, Ella and Cole, who referred to her as "Mommala."

Harris had a rare opportunity to advance politically when U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, who had served more than two decades, announced she would not run again in 2016.

In office, Harris quickly became part of the Democratic resistance to Trump and gained recognition for her pointed questioning of his nominees. In one memorable moment, she pressed now-Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh on whether he knew any laws that gave government the power to regulate a man's body. He did not, and the line of questioning galvanized women and abortion rights activists.

About two years after becoming a senator, Harris announced her campaign for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination. But her campaign was marred by infighting and she failed to gain traction, ultimately dropping out before the Iowa caucuses.

Eight months later, Biden selected Harris as his running mate. As he introduced her to the nation, Biden reflected on what her nomination meant for "little Black and brown girls who so often feel overlooked and undervalued in their communities."

"Today, just maybe, they're seeing themselves for the first time in a new way, as the stuff of presidents and vice presidents," he said.

Several early contenders emerge as possible running mate for Harris

By CALEB GROVES
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

President Joe Biden on Sunday ended his reelection bid against former President Donald Trump and threw his support behind Vice President Kamala Harris.

The unprecedented move upended the presidential race less than four months before the election. It's not yet clear who would be Harris' running mate, but here are some of the contenders:

■ **Gov. Andy Beshear:** Public policy runs in the blood of Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear. His father, Steve Beshear, served two

terms as state governor. Before his tenure as governor, Andy Beshear, 46, served as the state's attorney general from 2016 to 2019. The Kentucky governor recently reiterated his support for President Biden.

■ **Gov. Roy Cooper:** North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper has also been mentioned as a potential running mate. Cooper, 67, served four terms as the state's attorney general before his tenure as state governor. The lifelong North Carolina resident also served as a state representative and state senator. Cooper publicly stated his support for Biden's run for a second presi-

dential term.

■ **Sen. Mark Kelly:** U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly of Arizona, 60, backed the Biden-Harris ticket, as pressure for Biden to step aside continued to grow. Before Kelly made his way to Capitol Hill, representing a key swing state, he was a captain in the U.S. Navy and a NASA astronaut. Kelly is married to former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords, who survived a shooting in 2011 while meeting with constituents in Tucson, Ariz.

■ **Gov. Gavin Newsom:** California Gov. Gavin Newsom, 56, is serving his second term as governor.

Before winning over Californians for a second term in a recall election, he served as San Francisco mayor and as lieutenant governor. The progressive governor had reiterated his support for the president in the wake of Biden's debate performance in Atlanta.

■ **Gov. Josh Shapiro:** Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, 51, gained attention for his swift response and public communication following the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump. But Shapiro's track record goes beyond the shooting in Butler, Pa. Shapiro, the governor of a key swing state,

grew up in Pennsylvania and started his career as a political rookie, working his way up the ladder to governor.

■ **Gov. Gretchen Whitmer:** As governor of a swing state and co-chair of the Biden campaign, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, 52, continued to support Biden while acknowledging concerns over the president's mental acuity. Before being elected governor, Whitmer served as a state representative and state senator. She was elected to the Michigan State Senate in 2006 where she served as the Senate Democratic Leader.



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Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle testifies before the House Oversight and Accountability Committee about the attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump, at the Capitol on Monday.

Secret Service chief: Trump attack biggest failure in decades

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle said Monday that her agency failed in its mission to protect former President Donald Trump during a highly contentious congressional hearing with lawmakers of both major political parties demanding she resign over security failures that allowed a gunman to scale a roof and open fire at a campaign rally.

In her first congressional hearing over the July 13 assassination attempt, Cheatle repeatedly angered lawmakers by evading questions, citing ongoing investigations. She called the attempt on Trump's life the Secret Service's "most significant operational failure" in decades. Cheatle acknowledged that the Secret Service was told about a suspicious person "between two and five times" before the shooting.

Yet, Cheatle gave no indication she intends to resign even as she said she takes "full responsibility" for any security lapses at the Pennsylvania rally. Cheatle vowed to "move heaven and earth" to ensure that nothing like it ever happens again.

"The Secret Service's solemn mission is to protect our nation's leaders. On July 13th, we failed," Cheatle said.

Lawmakers peppered Cheatle with questions about how the gunman could get so close to the Republican presidential nominee when he was supposed to be carefully guarded and about why Trump was allowed to take the stage after local law enforcement had identified Thomas Matthew Crooks as suspicious.

Cheatle acknowledged that Crooks had been seen by local law

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Rep. Mike Turner
R-Ohio

enforcement before the shooting with a rangefinder, a small device resembling binoculars that hunters use to measure distance from a target. She said the Secret Service would have paused the rally if agents had been told there was an "actual threat," but she said there's a difference between someone identified as suspicious and someone identified as a true threat.

Asked about why there were no agents on the roof where the shooter was located or if the Secret Service used drones to monitor the area, Cheatle said she is still waiting for the investigation to play out, prompting groans and outbursts from members on the committee.

"Director Cheatle, because Donald Trump is alive, and thank God he is, you look incompetent," said Rep. Mike Turner, R-Ohio. "If he were killed you would look culpable."

Cheatle, who has spent nearly three decades at the agency, remained defiant that she was the "right person" to lead the Secret Service despite the failures.

Trump campaign quickly switches target to Harris

By JILL COLVIN
AND MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump's campaign has spent the last year-and-a-half viciously attacking Joe Biden, ridiculing his policies, mocking his fumbles and relishing a rematch they felt they were winning.

But they have also spent weeks preparing for the possibility that Biden might exit the race, readying a bevy of attacks against Vice President Kamala Harris that they unleashed as soon as Biden made his stunning announcement Sunday that he would step aside. Biden soon after endorsed Harris, who was quickly winning support from Democrats to be the party's nominee.

"Rest assured, we are 100% ready," Trump pollster and senior adviser Tony Fabrizio said at last week's Republican National Convention. He noted speakers at the event often referred to the "Biden-Harris" administration in their speeches and said the campaign had prepared anti-Harris videos to swap in just in case Biden stepped down sooner.

Still, the shakeup less than four months before Election Day lays out new challenges for Trump's team, which had until recently been focused on contrasting the former president's vigor and mental acuity with Biden's. Trump will now face a new, yet-to-be-determined opponent at a time when voters have made clear that they are frustrated by their current choices and desperate for new, younger options.

Though Trump aides had wanted Biden to remain in the race, they have argued a campaign against Harris — who they believe is the most likely Democratic nominee — wouldn't be all that different from their race against Biden.

They will try to tie her to what they see as the Biden administration's failures, saying Harris is complicit in everything that occurred under Biden's watch. That's particularly true when it comes to the handling of the Southern border. Harris had been tapped to lead the administration's response to the border crisis.

In a statement Sunday responding to the news, Trump campaign senior adviser Chris LaCivita and fellow campaign chief Susie Wiles railed against Harris, insisting she "will be even WORSE for the people of our Nation than Joe Biden."

"They own each other's records, and there is no distance be-



EVAN VUCCI/AP

Former President Donald Trump and his running mate Sen. J.D. Vance, R-Ohio, arrive a campaign rally on Saturday in Grand Rapids, Mich.

tween the two," they said.

They will also continue to accuse her of being part of a coverup of Biden's deteriorating health, believing voters have lost trust in Democrats and the press for failing to shed light on Biden's weaknesses sooner. And they will attack her record in California, where she served as district attorney and attorney general before being elected to the Senate.

They have also made clear that they plan to continue to hammer Biden — still running against him, in a way — by arguing that if he is not fit to run than he is not fit to complete his term, and should resign as well.

"Joe Biden cannot take himself out of a campaign for President because he is too mentally incompetent and still remain in the White House," LaCivita and Wiles wrote in their memo. "Biden is a national security threat in great cognitive decline and a clear and present danger to every man, woman, and child in our country."

Trump's campaign had tried to goad Biden to stay in the race, including by casting Democrats' efforts to replace him as a "coup."

But they began ramping up their attacks on Harris right after the debate last month.

In a post celebrating Independence Day, Trump singled out Harris on his Truth Social site, calling her his "potentially new Democrat Challenger" and giving her a new derisive nickname: "Laffin' Kamala Harris."

While Trump insisted publicly that he still believed Biden would

be the ultimate nominee, he was captured in an expletive-laced video saying he thought she was "going to be better" as a rival.

"She's so bad. She's so pathetic," he said.

At his rally in Michigan Saturday night, Trump polled the crowd, asking if they'd prefer that he face Biden or Harris. The crowd erupted into cheers when Trump mentioned Biden. Harris' name was met with boos.

He also continued to mock Harris' laugh, and called her "nuts" and "crazy."

When the news finally came, Republicans were ready.

Less than an hour after Biden's announcement, Trump's campaign was filling its social media channels with clips of past Harris statements that could turn off some voters, including one of her supporting a ban on plastic straws.

Trump's chief super PAC, Maga Inc., also released a new ad that tried to blame Harris for Biden's policies.

"They created the mess. They — no, Kamala — owns this failed record," says the narrator.

It remains unclear, however, how a new candidate atop the Democratic ticket will change the dynamics of the race.

Polling has shown Harris' favorability ratings are similar to those of Trump and Biden. A June AP-NORC poll found about 4 in 10 Americans have a favorable opinion of her, though the share of those who have unfavorable opinion was slightly lower than for Trump and Biden.

NATION

Tiny tree kangaroo
peeks out
at the zoo

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The second baby of a tree-dwelling kangaroo made its public debut this week in New York, poking its pink head head out of its mom’s furry white pouch.

The tiny Matschie’s tree kangaroo, or *Dendrolagus matschiei*, was born in December and is the second born to the same mother since 2021. It also was the third of its kind born at the Bronx Zoo since 2008.

The tree kangaroo species only gestate for about six weeks before they are born and immediately crawl into their marsupial moms’ pouches, the zoo said in a statement.

It takes around seven months for the young to start peeking out of the pouch.

There are only around 2,500 tree kangaroos in the wild and 42 in captivity, the zoo said.

In a statement Friday, a Bronx Zoo spokesperson said that the kangaroo’s birth was significant for the network of zoos that aims to preserve genetic diversity among endangered animals.

“It’s a small population and because of that births are not very common,” said Jessica Moody, curator of primates and small mammals at the Bronx Zoo.

“So it’s a rare and exciting event,” adding that baby tree kangaroos are “possibly one of the cutest animals to have ever lived. They look like stuffed animals, it’s amazing.”

The tree kangaroos are native to the Huon Peninsula in Papua New Guinea, where they are threatened by human activities such as habitat destruction and hunting, the statement said.

They live primarily in trees and are smaller than Australia’s better-known red kangaroo. An adult tree kangaroo weighs between 20 and 25 pounds.

The joeys are about the size of a human thumb when they are born, but grow to as long as 30 inches.



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A Matschie's tree kangaroo joey peeks out from its mother's pouch at New York's Bronx Zoo in these photos Thursday. The joey, born at the end of December, is the second of its species born at the Bronx Zoo and to this female since 2021.

Wildlife restoration programs often lean on zoos for genetic diversity.

For example, wolves reintro-

duced to the wild are often given zoo-born pups to raise, reducing the risk of inbreeding while expanding wild populations.

Several wildfires pop up across California

Associated Press

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Homes burned Sunday when flames descended on a Southern California neighborhood as wildfires popped up across the state amid soaring temperatures.

Evacuations were ordered when the Hawarden Fire grew to more than 400 acres and spread to

a residential area of Riverside, about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

Aerial footage from KABC-TV showed at least three houses burning. The fire sparked Sunday had no containment and was threatening several other homes, the City of Riverside Fire Department said. Multiple other small fires were burning across inland South-

ern California as temperatures reached triple digits in some areas.

Far to the north in Colusa and Lake Counties, evacuations were ordered Sunday for remote homes threatened by the Ridge Fire. The blaze broke out Saturday and grew to more than 4 square miles. It was 15% contained on Sunday.

\$4.3B EPA funds
aim to reduce
climate pollution

Grants to be disbursed across 30 states

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency is awarding \$4.3 billion in grants to fund projects in 30 states to reduce climate pollution. The money will go to 25 projects targeting greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, electric power, commercial and residential buildings, industry, agriculture and waste and materials management.

The grants are paid for by the 2022 climate law approved by congressional Democrats. The law, officially known as the Inflation Reduction Act, includes nearly \$400 billion in spending and tax credits to accelerate the expansion of clean energy such as wind and solar power, speeding the nation’s transition away from the oil, coal and natural gas that largely cause climate change.

The latest round of grants includes \$396 million to Pennsylvania to reduce industrial greenhouse gas emissions from cement, asphalt and other material. EPA Administrator Michael Regan planned to join Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro in Pittsburgh on Monday to announce grant recipients in his state, a political battleground in the 2024 election, and across the nation.

Senior EPA leaders were also to join Democratic Sen. Alex Padilla of California on Monday to announce nearly \$500 million for transportation and freight decarbonization at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The grants will provide incentives for electric charging equipment, zero-emission freight vehicles and conversion of cargo handling equipment to lower emissions.

“President Biden understands that America needs a strong EPA,” Regan told reporters Friday, noting the Democratic administration “has made the largest climate investment in history, providing billions of dollars to state, local and tribal governments to tackle climate change with the urgency it demands.”

The funds, to be delivered this fall, “will help implement community-driven solutions that reduce air pollution, advance environmental justice and help accelerate America’s clean energy transition,” Regan said.

Shapiro, a Democrat who has

been mentioned as a possible vice presidential pick now that Biden has stepped down from the presidential race, said his administration has addressed climate change while continuing to create energy jobs and expand the economy.

The grant being announced Monday “is one of the largest federal grants Pennsylvania has ever received,” Shapiro said in a statement ahead of Monday’s announcement. The state will work with RISE PA, an initiative aimed at reducing industrial sector emissions in Pennsylvania.

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy will receive \$307 million to boost “climate-smart” agriculture and reduce agricultural waste from livestock, officials said. The grant also will fund projects to improve energy efficiency in commercial and industrial facilities and low-income households, as well as deploy solar panels and electrify irrigation wells.

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird of Lincoln, Neb., said the grant will enhance energy efficiency of homes and commercial buildings. An analysis indicates that investing in energy efficiency and electrification could reduce Lincoln’s emissions by 77% by 2050, Baird said on a White House call Friday.

The grant also will ensure Lincoln residents have “equitable access to the clean energy transition” by providing assistance to low-income residents, she said.

Other grants include nearly \$250 million to boost electric vehicle infrastructure along Interstate 95 from Maryland to Connecticut. The project will provide charging infrastructure for commercial zero-emission vehicles and provide technical assistance for workforce development along the I-95 corridor, one of the most heavily traveled in the nation.

Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine will get a total of \$450 million to accelerate adoption of cold-climate heat pumps and water heaters.

Michigan will get \$129 million to accelerate the siting, zoning and permitting of renewable energy. The grants will help Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, another potential vice presidential choice, achieve a goal of 60% renewable energy by 2035.

MIDEAST

Israel orders evacuation of Gaza humanitarian zone

War's toll up to more than 39,000 Palestinians killed

BY WAFAA SHURAF
AND MELANIE LIDMAN
Associated Press
 DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — The Israeli military ordered the evacuation Monday of part of a crowded area in the Gaza Strip it had designated a humanitarian zone, saying it is planning an operation against Hamas militants there.
 Thousands of Palestinians, many carrying backpacks and accompanied by children, walked down dusty roads under the scorching sun, navigating dilapidated cars with belongings tied on top. Many Palestinians have been uprooted multiple times in search of safety during Israeli's air and ground campaign.
 "We do not know where we are walking," said Kholoud Al Dadas, as she clutched her children. "This is our seventh or eighth time we have been displaced. While we were sleeping in our homes, they started shooting at us, bombing

from everywhere." Moments later, she collapsed in exhaustion.
 The Israeli military said it is planning to begin an operation against Hamas militants who have embedded themselves in the area and used it to launch rockets toward Israel. The area includes the eastern part of the Muwasi humanitarian zone in the southern Gaza Strip.
 Earlier this month, Israel estimated at least 1.8 million Palestinians are now in the humanitarian zone it declared, covering about 8.6 miles along the Mediterranean.
 That's the bulk of Gaza's 2.3 million population.
 Much of the area is blanketed with tent camps that lack sanitation and medical facilities and have limited access to aid, U.N. and humanitarian groups say. Families live amid mountains of trash and streams contaminated by sewage.
 Gaza's Health Ministry said the

toll from Israel's nine-month war against Hamas in Gaza has surpassed 39,000 Palestinians killed and 89,800 wounded. The ministry's count does not distinguish between combatants and civilians.
 The war began with an assault by Hamas militants on southern Israel on Oct. 7 that killed 1,200 people, most of them civilians, and took about 250 hostages. About 120 remain held, about a third of them believed to be dead, according to Israeli authorities.
 Delicate negotiations continued for a cease-fire and hostage release, with U.S. and Israeli officials expressing hope that an agreement was closer than ever. A negotiating team will be sent to continue talks on Thursday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said. Egypt, Qatar and the United States are pushing Israel and Hamas toward a phased cease-fire deal that would stop the fighting and free the host-



ABDEL KAREEM HANA/AP
Palestinians displaced by the Israeli air and ground offensive on the Gaza Strip flee from parts of Khan Younis on Monday.

ages.
 Netanyahu left Monday on a much-anticipated trip to the United States to meet with President Joe Biden, who on Sunday said he would not seek another term, and address Congress. Netanyahu said that regardless of who be-
 comes the next U.S. president, "our enemies must know that Israel and the United States stand together tomorrow and always."
 He said he will thank Biden for more than 40 years of friendship, while pushing him for more support on certain issues.

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WORLD

Hundreds of migrants leave southern Mexico headed for US border

By EDGAR H. CLEMENTE
Associated Press
CIUDAD HIDALGO, Mexico — Hundreds of migrants from around a dozen countries left from Mexico's southern border on foot Sunday, as they attempt to make it to the U.S. border.

Some of the members of the group said they hoped to make it to the U.S. border before elections are held in November, because they fear that if Donald Trump wins, he will follow through on a promise to close the border to asylum-seekers.

"We are running the risk that permits (to cross the border) might be blocked," said Miguel Salazar, a migrant from El Salvador. He feared that a new Trump administration might stop granting appointments to migrants through CBP One, an app used by asylum-seekers to enter the U.S. legally — by getting appointments at U.S. border posts, where they make their cases to

officials. The app only works once migrants reach Mexico City, or states in northern Mexico.

"Everyone wants to use that route" said Salazar, 37.

The group left Sunday from the southern Mexican town of Ciudad Hidalgo, which is next to a river that marks Mexico's border with Guatemala.

Some said they had been waiting in Ciudad Hidalgo for weeks for permits to travel to towns further to the north.

Migrants trying to pass through Mexico in recent years have organized large groups to try to reduce the risk of being attacked by gangs or stopped by Mexican immigration officials as they travel. But the caravans tend to break up in southern Mexico, as people get tired of walking for hundreds of miles.

Recently, Mexico has also made it more difficult for migrants to reach the U.S. border



Migrants walk along the highway through Suchiate, Chiapas state in southern Mexico on Sunday as they journey north toward the U.S. border.

EDGAR H. CLEMENTE/AP

on buses and trains.

Travel permits are rarely awarded to migrants who enter the country without visas and thousands of migrants have been detained by immigration officers at checkpoints in the center and north of Mexico and bused back to towns deep in the south of the country.

Oswaldo Reyna, a 55-year-old Cuban migrant, crossed from Guatemala into Mexico 45 days

ago and waited in Ciudad Hidalgo to join the new caravan announced on social media.

He criticized Trump's recent comments about migrants and how they are trying to "invade" the United States.

"We are not delinquents," he said. "We are hard-working people who have left our country to get ahead in life, because in our homeland we are suffering from many needs."

Internet is still down in Bangladesh

Associated Press

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Bangladesh remained without internet for a fifth day, as authorities maintained tight control amid apparent calm following a court order that scaled back a controversial system for allocating government jobs that sparked violent protests.

This comes after a curfew with a shoot-on-sight order was installed days earlier and military personnel could be seen patrolling the capital and other areas.

The South Asian country witnessed clashes between the police and mainly student protesters demanding an end to a quota that reserved 30% of government jobs for relatives of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's war of independence in 1971. The violence has killed more than a hundred people, according to at least four local newspapers. Authorities have not so far shared official figures for deaths.

There was no immediate violence reported Monday morning after the Supreme Court ordered, the day before, the veterans' quota to be cut to 5%.

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TECHNOLOGY

US to deploy new satellite jamming devices

By TONY CAPACCIO
Bloomberg

The U.S. is about to deploy a new ground-based jammer designed to blunt Chinese or Russian satellites from transmitting information about U.S. forces during a conflict, the Space Force disclosed.

The Pentagon's space service branch tested the system for the first time earlier this year at two different locations, with control of the system at a third. The devices aren't meant to protect U.S. satel-

lites from Chinese or Russian jamming but "to responsibly counter adversary satellite communications capabilities that enable attacks," the Space Force said in a statement to Bloomberg News.

The Pentagon strives — on the rare occasions when it discusses such space capabilities — to distinguish its emerging satellite-jamming technology as purely defensive and narrowly focused. That's as opposed to a nuclear weapon the U.S. says Russia is developing that

could create high-altitude electromagnetic pulses that would take out satellites and disrupt entire communications networks.

The first 11 of 24 Remote Modular Terminal jammers will be deployed in several months, and all of them could be in place by Dec. 31 at undisclosed locations, according to the Space Force statement. The terminals "are small, transportable and low-cost satellite communications jammers that can be deployed in austere environments to

protect" U.S. forces, the Space Force's Rapid Capabilities Office said in a posting online.

The new terminals augment a much larger jamming weapon called the Counter Communications System that's already deployed and a mid-sized one called Meadowlands "by providing the ability to have a proliferated, remotely controlled and relatively relocatable capability," the Space Force said. The Meadowlands system has encountered technical

challenges that have delayed its delivery until at least October, about two years later than planned.

China has "hundreds and hundreds of satellites on orbit designed to find, fix, track, target and yes, potentially engage, U.S. and allied forces across the Indo-Pacific," General Stephen Whiting, head of U.S. Space Command, said Wednesday at the annual Aspen Security Forum. "So we've got to understand that and know what it means for our forces."

How NASA, SpaceX will bring the space station down when it's retired

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX will use a powerful, souped-up capsule to shove the International Space Station out of orbit once time is up for the sprawling lab.

NASA and Elon Musk's company on Wednesday outlined the plan to burn the space station up on reentry and plunge what's left into the ocean, ideally at the beginning of 2031 when it hits the 32-year mark. The space agency rejected other options, like taking the station apart and bringing everything home or handing the keys to someone else.

NASA gave SpaceX a \$843 million contract to bring down the station — the biggest structure ever built off the planet.

Here's a rundown on the work and challenges ahead:

■ Why get rid of the space station?

The space station is already showing signs of age. Russia and the U.S. launched the first pieces in late 1998, and astronauts moved in two years later. Europe and Japan added their own segments, and Canada provided robotic arms. By the time NASA's shuttles retired in 2011, the station had grown to the size of a football field, with a mass of nearly 1 million pounds. NASA figures the station will last until at least 2030. The goal is for private companies to launch their own space stations by then, with NASA serving as one of many customers. That strategy — already in place for station cargo and crew deliveries — will free NASA up to focus on moon and Mars travel. NASA could decide to extend the station's life, too, if no commercial outposts are up there yet. The aim is to have an overlap so scientific research is not interrupted.

■ Why not bring it back to Earth?

NASA considered dismantling the space station and hauling the

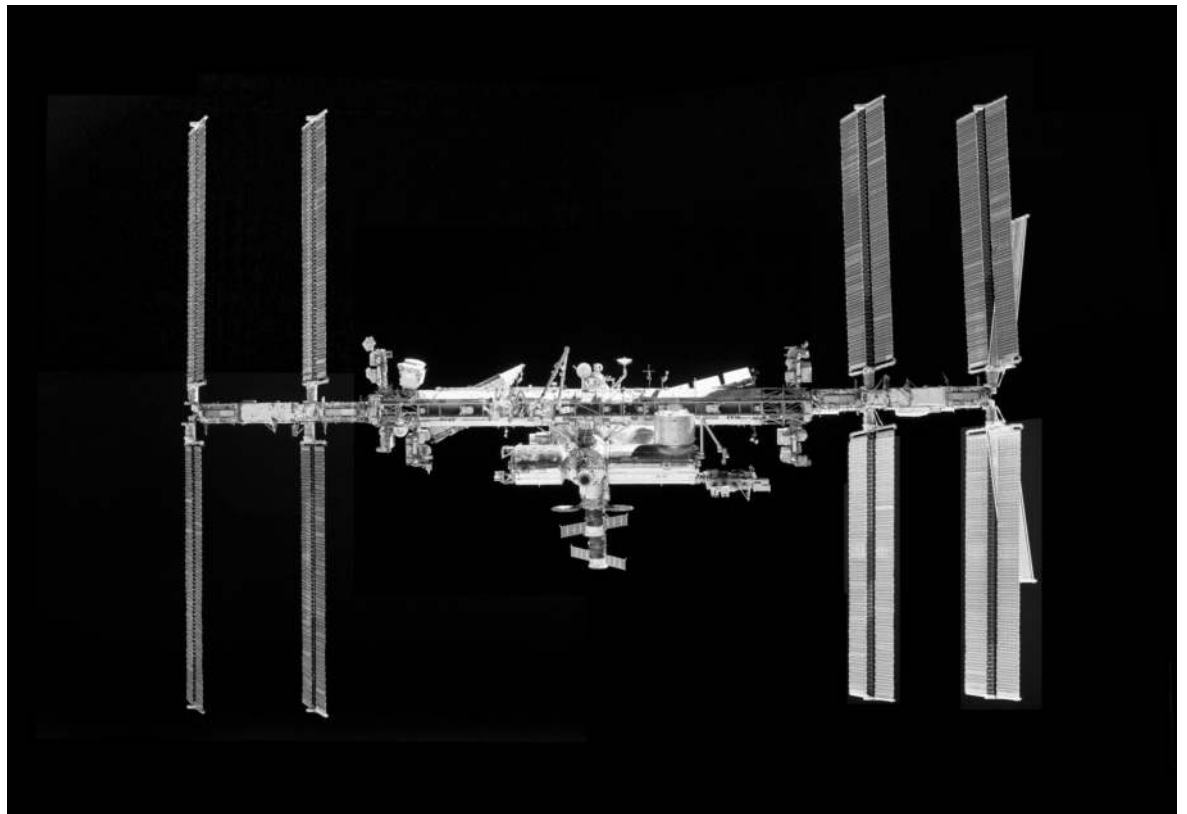
pieces back to Earth, or letting private companies salvage the parts for their own planned outposts. But the station was never intended to be taken apart in orbit, according to NASA, and any such effort would be expensive and also risky to the astronauts who would handle the disassembly. Besides, there's no spacecraft as big as NASA's old shuttles to bring everything down. Another option would be to boost the empty station to a higher, more stable orbit. But that, too, was dismissed given the logistical issues and the increased risk of space junk.

■ How will it be brought down?

Visiting spacecraft periodically boost the space station so it remains in an orbit approximately 260 miles high. Otherwise, it would keep getting lower and lower until it plunged, uncontrolled, from orbit. NASA wants to ensure a safe reentry over a remote section of the South Pacific or possibly the Indian Ocean, so that means launching a spacecraft that will dock to the station and steer it toward a watery grave. NASA expects some denser pieces to survive, ranging in size from a microwave oven to a sedan, in a narrow debris field 1,200 miles long. NASA and its partners considered using three Russian supply ships for the job, but a more robust craft was needed. The call went out to industry and, in June, SpaceX won the contract for a deorbit vehicle.

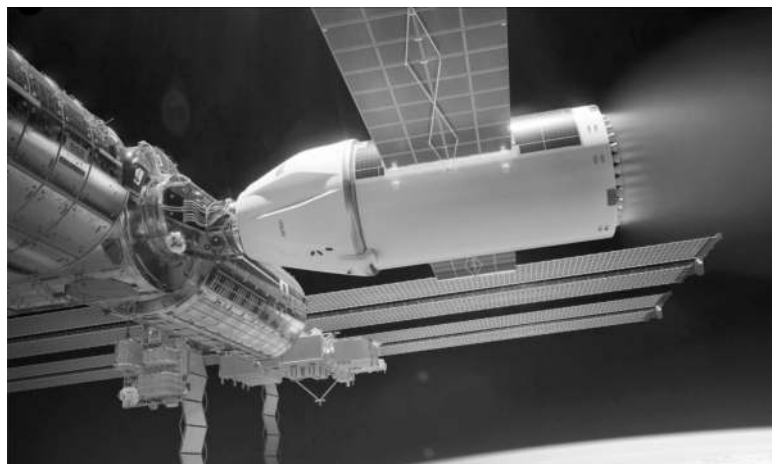
■ What will the deorbit spacecraft look like?

SpaceX plans to use an ordinary Dragon capsule — the kind that carries supplies and astronauts to the space station — but with a much bigger trunk housing a record 46 engines and more than 35,000 pounds of fuel. SpaceX's Sarah Walker said the challenge will be creating a spacecraft powerful enough to guide the space station while resisting the tugs and forces from increased atmospheric drag during final descent. This space-



NASA/AP

The International Space Station is seen in a photo taken from the SpaceX Crew Dragon Endeavour in November 2021. NASA and SpaceX discussed plans on Wednesday to shove the International Space Station out of orbit and steer it toward a watery grave in the next decade.



SpaceX/AP

An artistic rendering of the powerful capsule that will be used, once developed, to bring the International Space Station down through the atmosphere in January 2031.

craft will require an especially powerful rocket just to get to orbit, according to NASA. The capsule would be launched 1½ years before the station's planned demise. Astronauts still would be aboard as it's gradually lowered. Six months before the station's destruction, the crew would abandon ship and return home. Once the station is

down to about 137 miles, the Dragon would bring it down four days later.

■ Has this been done before?

NASA's first space station, Skylab, came crashing down in 1979, with debris raining down onto Australia and the surrounding Pacific. The space agency had hoped one of the first space shuttle crews

could attach a rocket to control Skylab's descent or boost its orbit. But the shuttle wasn't ready by then, with its first flight not until 1981. Ground controllers managed to send Skylab into a slow tumble, aiming for the Indian Ocean. But some pieces also landed in Western Australia. Russia has had more experience with incoming space stations. Mir operated for 15 years before being guided to a fiery reentry over the Pacific in 2001. Before that, several Salyut stations bit the dust.

■ Will anything be saved?

NASA wants to bring back some small items from inside the space station for museum display, like the ship's bell and logs, panels with patches and other mementos. Those can come down in SpaceX supply ships in the final year or two. "Unfortunately, we can't bring home really, really big stuff," said NASA's Ken Bowersox. "The emotional part of me would love to try and save some," but the most practical approach is to bring everything down in one destructive stroke, he said.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Waterline break at Grand Canyon National Park

AZ GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK — Grand Canyon National Park is using water conservation measures again at the South Rim after another break in the Trans Canyon Waterline.

Park officials announced last week that the waterline was recently shut off for repairs and crews were trying to re-pressurize the line when the break occurred. It's unclear when repairs will be completed.

The mandatory conservation measures require all park residents and visitors to conserve and reduce water usage when at homes, hotel rooms and campgrounds.

The National Park Service is in the process of replacing the 12½-mile pipeline that was constructed in the 1960s.

Manganese is discoloring city's water supply

LA SHREVEPORT — Unusually high concentrations of the mineral manganese are discoloring the drinking water in the northwest Louisiana city of Shreveport, where officials have been fighting the problem for over a month.

The manganese isn't considered a health hazard for the general population. But the Shreveport-Bossier City Advocate reported that drinking water from taps in many Shreveport homes began to take on a yellowish or greenish color soon after early June rains were followed by a buildup of manganese in Cross Lake. The lake is the source of the city's drinking water.

City workers' latest efforts to fight the problem include scraping the tanks where impurities settle out of the drinking water during the treatment process. The unusually high concentration of manganese coming from the lake created sludge piles on the tank bottoms.

City officials aren't sure of the reasons for the increased manganese levels.

Money raised from climate law to help tribes

WA SEATTLE — Tens of millions of dollars raised by a landmark climate law in Washington state will go to Native American tribes that are at risk from climate change and rising sea levels to help them move to higher ground, install solar panels, buy electric vehicles and restore wetlands, Gov. Jay Inslee announced Tuesday.

The money — \$52 million — comes from the 2021 Climate Commitment Act, which auctions off allowances for heavily polluting companies to emit carbon, with the revenue invested in education, transportation and other programs. Conservative critics



NICK ROHLMAN/AP

Hay there!

University of Iowa Track and Field athlete Ali Dorn competes during the annual Solon Beef Days Hay Bale Toss in Solon, Iowa, on Friday. The annual summer festival is headlined by the hay bale toss which is typically won by University of Iowa football players.

who blame it for increased gas prices are seeking to repeal the law in November.

Nearly every Native American tribe in Washington is receiving money. Among them is the 3,000-member Quinault Indian Nation on the Pacific coast of the Olympic Peninsula, which is getting \$13 million to help relocate its two main villages to higher ground, away from the tsunami zone and persistent flooding. Part of one of the villages is below sea level, separated from the roaring ocean by a seawall, and high tides and storm surges have flooded homes and government buildings.

Backup power plant gets OK, with conditions

NJ NEWARK — In the first major decision issued under an environmental justice law designed to prevent additional sources of pollution in already overburdened communities, New Jersey will allow construction of a backup power plant at one of the country's largest sewage treatment facilities.

The facility dumped some 840 million gallons of raw sewage into waterways when Superstorm Sandy knocked out electricity in 2012. Anticipating the fury of environmental and community activists who have fought the project, Shawn LaTourette, the state's environmental protection commissioner, said his department will require the new facility to use solar panels and battery storage to ensure a net decrease in pollution.

The decision tries to thread the needle between two of New Jer-

sey's big priorities: protecting the environment, and keeping certain communities from being overburdened with pollution, particularly those where a majority of the population is made up of people of color. That second goal is part of an environmental justice movement taking aim at such projects nationwide.

89-year-old comedian punched on city street

NY NEW YORK — An 89-year-old comedian is recovering after being randomly punched and knocked to the ground while waiting to cross a street in New York earlier this month.

D'yan Forest said she had just stopped at a coffee shop and was heading to a swimming pool when someone came up to her from behind and hit her in the eye. She lay on the ground in shock as police and paramedics came to her aid.

"I thought I had lost use of the eye because I couldn't see anything," Forest said. Her eyesight returned over the next four hours while she underwent tests at a hospital.

Police on Saturday said the female suspect in the July 10 incident had a medium complexion and cornrow braids and was last seen wearing a tank top and shorts with a Jurassic Park logo.

Fire severely damages Dallas church sanctuary

TX DALLAS — A fire all but destroyed the historic church sanctuary at First

Baptist Dallas, sending smoke billowing over the city but causing no deaths or injuries, Dallas firefighters said.

The fire in the Texas Historic Landmark, a Victorian-style red brick church built in 1890, was reported about 6:30 p.m. Friday, and contained about three hours later, firefighters said.

A fire department spokesperson did not immediately return a phone call for comment Saturday morning.

"We are grateful that no one was injured ... and are thankful for the first responders who helped contain the fire to our historic sanctuary," senior Pastor Robert Jeffress said. "We just had 2,000 children and volunteers on campus for Vacation Bible School earlier in the day."

State won't enforce abortion question law

KS TOPEKA — Kansas isn't enforcing a new law requiring abortion providers to ask patients why they want to terminate their pregnancies, as a legal challenge against that rule and other older requirements makes its way through the courts.

Attorneys for the state and for providers challenging the new law along with other requirements announced a deal Thursday. In return for not enforcing the law, the state will get another four months to develop its defense of the challenged restrictions ahead of a trial now delayed until late June 2025. The agreement was announced during a Zoom hearing in Johnson County District Court in the Kan-

sas City area.

Kansas doesn't ban most abortions until the 22nd week of pregnancy. Its clinics now see thousands of patients from other states with near bans on abortion, most notably Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas.

Rushdie's attacker won't see author's private notes

NY MAYVILLE — Author Salman Rushdie does not have to turn over private notes about his stabbing to the man charged with attacking him, a judge ruled Thursday, rejecting the alleged assailant's contention that he is entitled to the material as he prepares for trial.

Hadi Matar's lawyers in February subpoenaed Rushdie and publisher Penguin Random House for all source material related to Rushdie's recently published memoir: "Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder," which details the 2022 attack at the Chautauqua Institution. Public Defender Nathaniel Barone said the material he sought contained information not available anywhere else.

"You could obtain it from the book," Chautauqua County Judge David Foley told Barone during arguments Thursday, before ruling the request too broad and burdensome. Additionally, the judge said, Rushdie and the publisher are covered by New York's Shield law, which protects journalists from being forced to disclose confidential sources or material.

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OPINION

For Joe Biden, who never gave up

By DAVID IGNATIUS
 The Washington Post

President Joe Biden has always had trouble letting go, even if it was something as simple as a hand-shake in a receiving line. He might be tired and stressed at the end of a workday, but he would clasp each guest's palm, maybe a pat on the back, too, or a hug, reminiscing and cajoling as the minutes ticked by and the line backed up.

Biden seemed to love all his jobs in government, especially this last one. The whole world was waiting in line to shake his hand. He could be irascible and demanding with his staff, but in his public role as president he was nearly always the genial patriarch. After a lifetime of being underestimated, he liked being in charge. And it was hard to give that up.

The country has watched Biden's agonizing path toward Sunday's announcement that he won't run for a second term. By the end, he seemed nearly alone in resisting this decision. Three-quarters of the country told pollsters a year ago that he was too old to serve another term as president. But perhaps Biden saw that long receiving line stretching toward the horizon, and he didn't want to step away.

Biden's decision will allow a relieved country to applaud his success as president. Much of the Republican critique of Biden is pure nonsense. In fact, he helped steward sustained economic growth. He made critical investments in technology and infrastructure. He rebuilt America's foreign alliances. And he was steadfast in the great moral challenge of our time, which was resistance to Russian President Vladimir Putin's dark designs on Ukraine and the world.

It's often said that if we could see ourselves through others' eyes, we would make better decisions about our weaknesses. But Biden for many months resisted recognizing what television viewers could plainly see: that he was aging and increasingly unsteady in ways that made another term as commander in chief problematic.

Simply raising the question drew the wrath of Biden and his inner circle, as I discovered when I wrote a column in September arguing that despite my admiration for him and his policies, he shouldn't run for reelection.

In Biden-world, retirement was unmentionable, and his team quickly closed off any real discussion last year of his age and fitness for office. It wasn't the best moment for his party, or for some members of the news media, who were so focused on the threat they saw in former President Donald Trump that they deflected any real discussion of Biden's weaknesses.

Why was Biden so resistant? Part of it surely was the pride and vanity everyone feels as they age. Older people don't want to give up the keys to their cars even as they become a danger to others. They insist they can do everything as well as they could decades earlier, even when they can't. It's human to resist the signs of aging. I'm 74 myself, and I am deep into denial.

But it's different when you're commander in chief. You can't talk about getting to bed earlier when you're the person who could receive the ominous phone call at 2 a.m. warning that an adversary has launched a missile strike. "I just got to pace myself a little more, pace myself," Biden said in a July 11 news conference. That's



DEMETRIUS FREEMAN/The Washington Post

President Joe Biden shakes hands with Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., after signing the Inflation Reduction Act at the White House on Aug. 16, 2022.

good advice for most people, but if you hold the fate of the world in your hands, it's not enough. Covering over your infirmities can be an act of recklessness.

Biden's stubbornness has in some ways been one of his superpowers. He was the guy who was always undervalued. Others might be sharper debaters or more innovative thinkers, but Biden stayed in the fight, through personal tragedies and political reversals. That bred a self-confidence that could be downright ornery at times. One of Biden's close advisers likened the Biden White House to a sentimental but sometimes dysfunctional Irish family. You did not want to make the boss angry.

The public Biden conveyed the common sense of a normal person. He was the guy from Scranton, Pa., who had grown up in the middle of the middle. He prized the "regular order" of the Senate. After spending more than half his life as a legislator, he knew how to compromise. He was the scrappy come-from-behind guy. People didn't think he could win the White House in 2020 or be a good president. But he proved them wrong, twice over, and that reinforced his belief in his own judgment and resistance to others.

Biden's mission, as he so often said, was to defeat Trump, who he thought was genuinely dangerous to the country. If Trump hadn't cruised toward the nomination, Biden might have stepped back months ago, one of his close friends told me. Biden truly felt an obligation to halt the MAGA menace

again, as he had in the 2020 presidential race and the 2022 midterm elections.

"I think I'm the most qualified person to run for president. I beat him once, and I will beat him again," he said at that July 11 news conference. "I got more work to do. We've got more work to finish." Really, it was as simple as that.

On Sunday, Biden quickly backed Vice President Harris for the Democratic presidential nomination, but I hope he will still allow space for the competitive race the party needs. Harris will be a better candidate and potential president if she goes through a tumultuous one-month barnstorming campaign that should energize the Democrats and the country.

When President Lyndon B. Johnson stepped back from reelection in March 1968, he had a kind of rebirth. Doris Kearns Goodwin writes in a new book that "the lame duck rose like a phoenix from the ashes." Johnson's poll ratings reversed from 57% disapproval to 57% approval. An editorial in The Washington Post said he had made "a personal sacrifice in the name of national unity that entitles him to a very special place in the annals of American history."

A similar wave of public admiration should follow Biden's decision. He did the right things as president for America and the world, even when it hurt. He put the country back together after a bruising Trump presidency. And in the end, he understood it was time to go.

Bizarro



Loose Parts



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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24 Hawaiian city
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26 Landlord's log
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33 Quaint desk
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37 Forehead fringe
38 Moses of
the NBA
41 Sailor
42 "Hey, sailor!"
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- 24 Lends a hand
26 Sleeping-
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27 Warning sign
28 TV journalist Lisa
29 Young fellows
31 Powerful auto
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34 London insurer
35 City in Iran
37 Fluffy neckpiece
38 "Das Kapital"
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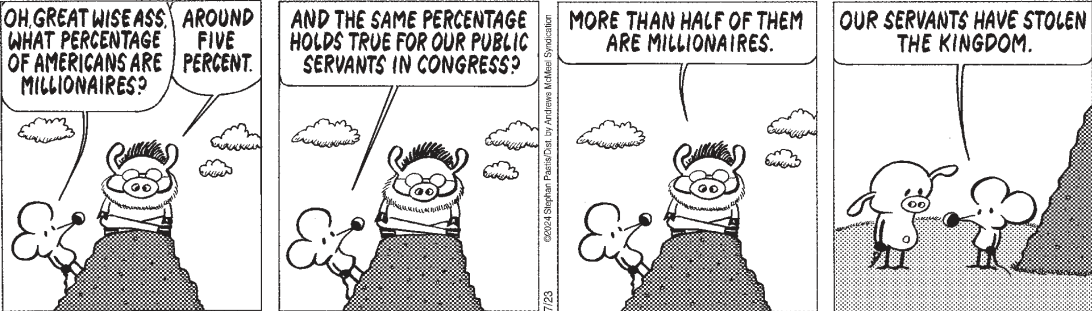
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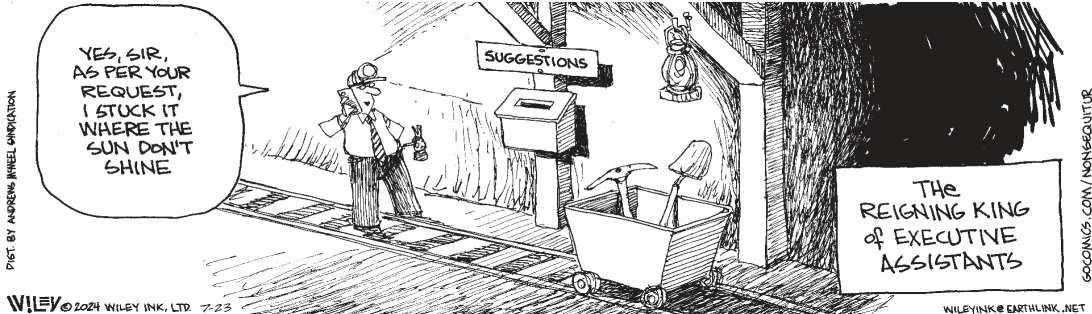
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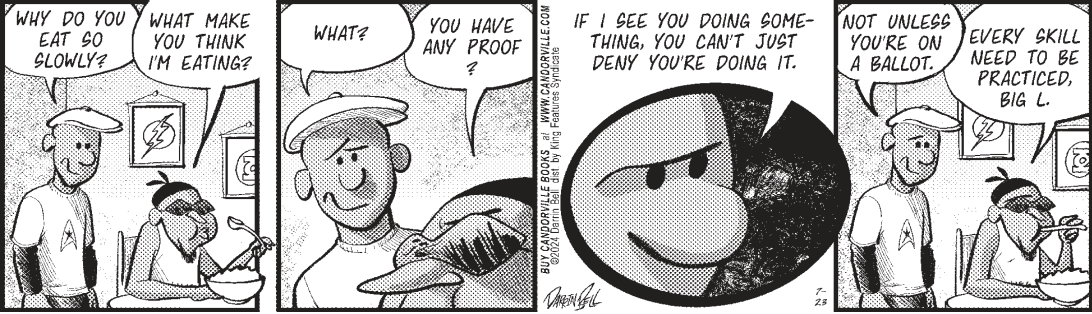
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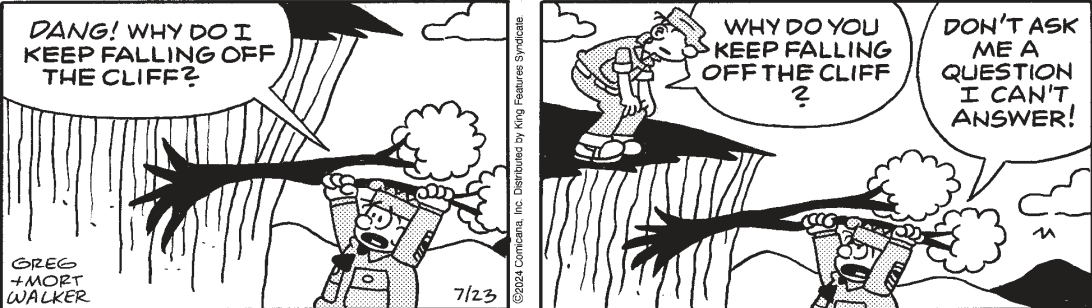
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FACES

‘Twisters’ whips up \$80.5M at box office

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

Moviegoers ran toward the tornadoes this weekend, propelling “Twisters” to a blockbuster opening. The standalone sequel to the 1996 hit made \$80.5 million in North America, according to studio estimates Sunday.

That’s about \$30 million more than analysts expected initially, and makes for the biggest opening of a live-action movie so far this summer.

“We had big aspirations for it to begin with, and it certainly exceeded those,” said Jim Orr, who heads distribution for Universal.

Its overperformance recalled “Oppenheimer’s” debut last year on the same weekend. There are some similarities: The studio, Universal, and the numbers. But there are also important differences: “Oppenheimer” was 3 hours long, R-rated (“Twisters” is PG-13) and historical, not to mention the collective enthusiasm around its release date companion, “Barbie.”

“Twisters,” meanwhile, is a franchise. It may not be a direct sequel to “Twister” but it is benefiting from the brand recognition. The original Jan de Bont-directed film starring Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton was a financial hit at the time and has only become more beloved over the years. This film, directed by Lee Isaac Chung, does not include any of the characters from the original and introduces a new crowd of storm chasers.

The Universal, Warner Bros. and Amblin production cost \$155 million to produce and millions more to promote. Part of the push included a country music-heavy soundtrack, with a new Luke Combs single “Ain’t No Love in Oklahoma” that has racked up more than 56 million audio streams. The soundtrack as a whole, featuring the likes of Bailey Zimmerman, Tucker Wetmore, Tanner Adell, Lainey Wilson, Tyl-



UNIVERSAL PICTURES/AP
Kate (Daisy Edgar-Jones), Javi (Anthony Ramos) and Tyler (Glen Powell) weather the storm in “Twisters,” which blew in a big pile of money in its debut.

er Childers, Thomas Rhett and Miranda Lambert, has more than 75 million streams.

Critics were mixed but mostly positive about the 2-hour thriller.

“Our director crafted exactly what audiences want to see in theaters: A very immersive, exciting, mayhem everywhere story with a charming cast,” Orr said.

Universal also had the No. 2 movie in the country with “Despicable Me 4,” now in its third weekend. It added \$23.8 million from North America, bringing its domestic total to \$259.5 million.

Third place went to another animated juggernaut: Disney and Pixar’s “Inside Out 2,” now in its sixth weekend, and boasting a global total of \$1.4 billion. It is quickly closing in on “Frozen 2” to earn the title of the biggest animated movie of all time.

Last year on this weekend, “Barbenheimer” helped propel the box office to more than \$311 million.

And another force is storming theaters next weekend in “Deadpool & Wolverine,” which is tracking to open in the \$160 million range. That would be enough to unseat “Inside Out 2” for the biggest opening of the year.

Springsteen achieves billionaire status

The Boss can now be known as “the Billionaire” — Bruce Springsteen is the latest musician to achieve billionaire status.

According to Forbes, the 74-year-old New Jersey native now has an estimated net worth of \$1.1 billion.

The financial outlet reported July 19 that most of Springsteen’s net worth was accumulated in recent years with the 2021 sale of his music catalog to Sony for a reported \$550 million. At the time, the transaction was the biggest ever sale of a single artist’s body of work.

Springsteen also generated

\$380 million in revenue from selling more than 1.6 million concert tickets in 2023, Pollstar reported.

Throughout a career that began in the early 1970s, Springsteen has sold well more than 140 million albums internationally. His 2017 Broadway debut became a hot ticket, grossing more than \$2 million in its first five performances.

The 20-time Grammy winner, whose vast repertoire includes the rock and pop hits “Dancing in the Dark,” “Born in the USA” and “Hungry Heart,” joins a growing list of music acts who are worth more than \$1 billion.

New York Daily News



Tightening his rap game

LL Cool J seeks true inspiration, originality on his first album in 11 years, ‘The FORCE’

MARIA SHERMAN
Associated Press

The Grammy award-winning rapper-actor-author LL Cool J will release his first new album in 11 years, “The FORCE,” in September — 40 years into his hip-hop career.

Not that he hasn’t been making music in that time.

“I’ve always tinkered around in the studio here and there,” he said. But over the past two or so years, inspiration really struck. He started working with a producer and pursuing music-making more seriously.

Then he hit a roadblock. “I just felt like the tracks that this producer was giving me were better than the songs that I was writing,” he said. Then the late Phife Dawg of A Tribe Called Quest came to him in a dream. “He told me, ‘Yo, man, that new music you’re working on is great, man.’ But he had a look on his face like a Cheshire cat, like he was lying to me,” he says.

It was a wakeup call — and something told him to call A Tribe Called Quest’s Q-Tip to work together. The move worked: Q-Tip produced every track and made all the beats on “The FORCE,” which will be released Sept. 6.

LL Cool J describes the process of making his 14th studio album as “going back to the drawing board and learning how to rap again ... making sure I was really inspired by the things I was saying. That’s why there isn’t a lot of fluff on this album.”

“The LeBrons, the Stephs, the Jordans and the Kobes, they all go

back to the drawing board, they always try to make themselves better” he continued. “I wasn’t trying to do trendy, and I wasn’t trying to recapture anything I did before.”

“The FORCE” is an inventive rap record, informed by LL Cool J’s lengthy career, touching on various themes, like the power of self-motivation (“Passion”), full-force swag (“Murdergram Deux,” a long-awaited collab with Eminem), not-safe-for-work sensuality (“Proclivities” featuring Saweetie) and cautionary tales, as evidenced in the lead single, “Saturday Night Special,” featuring Rick Ross and Fat Joe.

Particularly effective is the one-two punch of “Huey in the Chair,” — a reference to a famous photo of Black Panther Party co-founder Huey P. Newton — what the rapper describes as “taking a stand for what you believe in,” into the funky downtown beats of “Basquiat Energy,” a celebration of the namesake artist’s innovative spirit. The rapper says the American icons share an ability to “express their personal truths,” something he aimed to do on this album.

In that way, “The FORCE,” which stands for “frequencies of real creative energy,” became an unofficial mantra for the release.

“That’s what we wanted to present to the world,” he said. “It’s about wanting to vibrate at a high level.”

And following the 50th anniversary of hip-hop last year, LL Cool J says he “wanted to show people that artists that have had long, storied careers, so to speak, can make modern contributions to hip-hop



‘The FORCE’ track list

1. “Spirit of Cyrus” (feat. Snoop Dogg)
2. “The FORCE”
3. “Saturday Night Special” (feat. Rick Ross and Fat Joe)
4. “Black Code Suite” (feat. Sona Jobarteh)
5. “Passion”
6. “Proclivities” (feat. Saweetie)
7. “Post Modern”
8. “30 Decembers”
9. “Runnit Back”
10. “Huey In Da Chair” (feat. Busta Rhymes)
11. “Basquiat Energy”
12. “Praise Him” (feat. Nas)
13. “Murdergram Deux” (feat. Eminem)
14. “The Vow” (feat. Mad Squablz, J-S.A.N.D., and Don Pablito)

Associated Press

that have a major impact. I hadn’t seen that done before. It was another challenge: Can I create something that sounds new and fresh?”

He’s not leaning into fads here — expect to hear rappers actually rapping — but no one should consider this a play at nostalgia. The album is stacked with features, even beyond Ross, Fat Joe, Saweetie and Eminem: Snoop Dogg, Sona Jobareth, Busta Rhymes, Nas, Mad Squablz, J-S.A.N.D. and Don Pablito are among them.

SCOREBOARD

AUTO RACING

Brickyard 400

NASCAR Cup Series
Sunday
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Speedway, Ind.
Lap length: 2.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 167 laps, 49 points.
2. (1) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 167, 46.
3. (7) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 167, 49.
4. (18) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 167, 35.
5. (17) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 167, 42.
6. (24) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 167, 31.
7. (38) Austin Cindric, Ford, 167, 30.
8. (25) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 167, 29.
9. (21) Noah Gragson, Ford, 167, 29.
10. (3) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 167, 36.
11. (9) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 167, 32.
12. (30) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 167, 25.
13. (11) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 167, 24.
14. (19) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 167, 23.
15. (28) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 167, 22.
16. (8) Michael McDowell, Ford, 167, 26.
17. (27) Zane Smith, Chevrolet, 167, 20.
18. (36) Cody Ware, Ford, 167, 19.
19. (22) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 167, 0.
20. (35) Justin Haley, Ford, 167, 17.
21. (26) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 167, 16.
22. (23) Chris Buescher, Ford, 167, 15.
23. (6) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 167, 17.
24. (20) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 167, 14.
25. (34) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 166, 12.
26. (31) Ryan Preece, Ford, accident, 165, 11.
27. (14) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 165, 13.
28. (29) Erik Jones, Toyota, 165, 9.
29. (10) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, accident, 161, 14.
30. (32) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, accident, 161, 7.
31. (13) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, accident, 161, 10.
32. (2) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, accident, 161, 23.
33. (33) Jimmie Johnson, Toyota, accident, 110, 4.
34. (12) Joey Logano, Ford, accident, 109, 3.
35. (37) Josh Berry, Ford, accident, 104, 2.
36. (16) Harrison Burton, Ford, accident, 74, 1.
37. (15) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, accident, 74, 0.
38. (4) William Byron, Chevrolet, accident, 73, 8.
39. (39) BJ McLeod, Ford, engine, 15, 0.

Race statistics
Average speed of race winner: 119.776 mph.
Time of race: 3 hours, 29 minutes, 9 seconds.
Margin of victory: Under Caution.
Caution flags: 10 for 34 laps.
Lead changes: 18 among 13 drivers.
Lap leaders: T.Reddick 0-36; M.McDowell 37; C.Bell 38-39; B.Keselowski 40; D.Hamlin 41-51; T.Reddick 52-55; J.Nemechek 56-69; K.Busch 70-72; T.Gilliland 73; K.Busch 74-75; B.Wallace 76-101; D.Hamlin 102-111; J.Nemechek 112-113; R.Chastain 114-121; K.Larson 122; C.Elliott 123; N.Gragson 124-126; B.Keselowski 127-160; K.Larson 161-167
Leaders summary (driver, times led, laps led): T.Reddick, 2 times for 40 laps; B.Keselowski, 2 times for 35 laps; B.Wallace, 1 time for 26 laps; D.Hamlin, 2 times for 21 laps; J.Nemechek, 2 times for 16 laps; K.Larson, 2 times for 8 laps; R.Chastain, 1 time for 8 laps; K.Busch, 2 times for 5 laps; N.Gragson, 1 time for 3 laps; C.Bell, 1 time for 2 laps; T.Gilliland, 1 time for 1 lap; C.Elliott, 1 time for 1 lap; M.McDowell, 1 time for 1 lap.

GOLF

Barracuda Championship

PGA Tour Sunday At Old Greenwood Truckee, Calif. Purse: \$4 million Yardage: 7,480; Par: 71 Final Round	
Nick Dunlap, \$720,000	65-69-66-62–262 -22
Patrick Fishburn, \$276,000	65-68-64-65–262 -22
Vince Whaley, \$436,000	65-68-64-67–264 -20
Mac Meissner, \$196,000	67-63-65-70–265 -19
Taylor Pendrith, \$154,500	66-66-70-64–266 -18
Patrick Rodgers, \$154,500	69-68-64-65–266 -18
Chad Ramey, \$76,000	66-67-65-69–267 -17
Patton Kizzire, \$117,000	70-67-66-65–268 -16
Henrik Norlander, \$97,000	67-71-66-64–268 -16
Hayden Buckley, \$135,000	69-67-67-66–269 -15
Kevin Chappell, \$59,000	69-65-70-65–269 -15

Dana Open LPGA Tour Sunday At Highland Meadows Golf Club Sylvania, Ohio Purse: \$1.8 million Yardage: 6,666; Par: 71 Final Round	
C. Wannasaen, \$262,500	66-65-66-67–264 -20
Hae-Ran Ryu, \$159,008	67-68-65-65–265 -19
Ssu-Chia Cheng, \$102,290	69-67-66-68–270 -14
Linn Grant, \$102,290	67-65-70-68–270 -14
Xiyu Lin, \$65,292	65-67-70-70–272 -12
Mary Liu, \$65,292	68-65-70-69–272 -12
Dottie Ardina, \$38,232	71-69-68-66–274 -10
Celine Borge, \$38,232	71-67-67-69–274 -10
Hye Jin Choi, \$38,232	64-71-69-70–274 -10
Sarah Kemp, \$38,232	68-67-69-70–274 -10
Stacy Lewis, \$38,232	67-70-67-70–274 -10

Wins: K.Larson, 4; D.Hamlin, 3; W.Byron, 3; C.Bell, 3; R.Blaney, 2; C.Elliott, 1; T.Reddick, 1; B.Keselowski, 1; A.Bowman, 1; J.Logano, 1; D.Suárez, 1; A.Cindric, 1.
Top 16 in points: 1. K.Larson, 749; 2. C.Elliott, 739; 3. T.Reddick, 734; 4. D.Hamlin, 706; 5. R.Blaney, 676; 6. W.Byron, 654; 7. M.Truex, 653; 8. C.Bell, 651; 9. B.Keselowski, 615; 10. A.Bowman, 606; 11. T.Gibbs, 587; 12. C.Buescher, 562; 13. R.Chastain, 552; 14. B.Wallace, 545; 15. J.Logano, 525; 16. C.Briscoe, 469.

Hungarian Grand Prix

Formula 1
Sunday
At Hungaroring
Budapest
Lap length: 4.00 kilometers
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (2) Oscar Piastri, Australia, McLaren, 70 laps, 1:38:01.989, 25 points.
2. (1) Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren, 70, +2.141 seconds, 18.
3. (5) Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes, 70, +14.880, 15.
4. (6) Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 70, +19.686, 12.
5. (3) Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing, 70, +21.349, 10.
6. (4) Carlos Sainz Jr, Spain, Ferrari, 70, +23.073, 8.
7. (16) Sergio Perez, Mexico, Red Bull Racing, 70, +39.792, 6.
8. (17) George Russell, Great Britain, Mercedes, 70, +42.368, 5.
9. (10) Yuki Tsunoda, Japan, Racing Bulls, 70, +1:17.259, 2.
10. (8) Lance Stroll, Canada, Aston Martin, 70, +1:17.976, 1.
11. (7) Fernando Alonso, Spain, Aston Martin, 70, +1:22.460.
12. (9) Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Racing Bulls, 69, +1 lap.
13. (11) Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Haas, 69, +1 lap.
14. (13) Alexander Albon, Thailand, Williams, 69, +1 lap.
15. (15) Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas, 69, +1 lap.
16. (12) Valtteri Bottas, Finland, KICK Sauber, 69, +1 lap.
17. (14) Logan Sargeant, USA, Williams, 69, +1 lap.
18. (15) Esteban Ocon, France, Alpine, 69, +1 lap.
19. (18) Guanyu Zhou, China, KICK Sauber, 69, +1 lap.
20. (20) Pierre Gasly, France, Alpine, did not finish, 33.

Driver standings
1. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing, 265 points.
2. Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren, 189.
3. Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 162.
4. Carlos Sainz Jr, Spain, Ferrari, 154.
5. Oscar Piastri, Australia, McLaren, 149.
6. Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes, 125.
7. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Red Bull Racing, 124.
8. George Russell, Great Britain, Mercedes, 116.
9. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Aston Martin, 45.
10. Lance Stroll, Canada, Aston Martin, 24.
11. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Haas, 22.
12. Yuki Tsunoda, Japan, Racing Bulls, 22.
13. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Racing Bulls, 11.
14. Oliver Bearman, Great Britain, Haas, 6.
15. Pierre Gasly, France, Alpine, 6.
16. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas, 5.
17. Alexander Albon, Thailand, Williams, 4.

Sunday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League
CLEVELAND GUARDIANS — Sent LHP Matthew Boyd to Arkon (EL) on a rehab assignment. Designated RHP Spencer Howard for assignment. Recalled RHP Peter Strzelecki from Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Transferred OF Kerry Carpenter to the 60-day IL. Placed RHP Reese Olson on the 15-day IL. Selected the contract of OF Bligh Madris from Toledo (IL). Optioned 3B Ryan Vilade to Toledo. Recalled Easton Lucas from Toledo.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Drew Beam, LHP Langevin, A.J. Causey, Tanner Jones, Dennis Colleran Jr., Nick Conte, Zachary Cawyer, Tommy Molsky and Andrew Morones, LHPs David Shields, Nate Ackenhausen, Tyler Davis and Dash Albus, OF Carter Frederick, INFs Colton Becker and Sam Kulasingam and C Canyon Brown on minor league contracts.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed LHP Kody Funderburk on the 15-day IL, retroactive to July 18. Recalled RHP Ronny Henriquez from St. Paul (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled RHP Yoendrys Gómez from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Optioned LHP Josh Maciejewski to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed SS Jacob Wilson on the 10-day IL, retroactive to July 20. Reinstated 3B Abraham Toro from the 10-day IL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed RHP Ryan Pepiot on the 15-day IL, retroactive to July 19. Sent RHP Drew Rasmussen to Durham (IL) on a rehab assignment. Recalled RHP Tyler Zuber from Durham.
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Daniel Robert to Round Rock (PCL). Recalled RHP

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18. Esteban Ocon, France, Alpine, 3.
Manufacturers standings
1. Red Bull Racing, 389.
2. McLaren, 338.
3. Ferrari, 322.
4. Mercedes, 241.
5. Aston Martin, 69.
6. Racing Bulls, 33.
7. Haas, 27.
8. Alpine, 9.
9. Williams, 4.
10. KICK Sauber, 0.

Indy Toronto

IndyCar Series
Sunday
At Exhibition Place Street Circuit
Toronto
Lap length: 1.786 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (1) Colton Herta, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running.
2. (2) Kyle Kirkwood, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
3. (15) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
4. (18) Alex Palou, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
5. (13) Marcus Armstrong, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
6. (6) David Malukas, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
7. (16) Christian Lundgaard, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
8. (22) Rinus VeeKay, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
9. (5) Romain Grosjean, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
10. (8) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
11. (7) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
12. (9) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
13. (24) Linus Lundqvist, Dallara-Honda, 84, Running.
14. (26) Theo Pourchaire, Dallara-Chevrolet, 84, Running.
15. (21) Toby Sowery, 84, Running.
16. (4) Scott McLaughlin, Dallara-Chevrolet, 76, Did not finish.
17. (14) Pato O'Ward, Dallara-Chevrolet, 72, Did not finish.
18. (11) Marcus Ericsson, Dallara-Honda, 72, Did not finish.
19. (23) Pietro Fittipaldi, Dallara-Honda, 72, Did not finish.
20. (17) Santino Ferrucci, Dallara-Chevrolet, 72, Did not finish.
21. (19) Nolan Siegal, Dallara-Honda, 72, Did not finish.
22. (20) Kyffin Simpson, Dallara-Honda, 66, Did not finish.
23. (3) Felix Rosenqvist, Dallara-Honda, 63, Did not finish.
24. (25) Hunter McElrea, 57, Did not finish.
25. (27) Sting Ray Robb, Dallara-Chevrolet, 13, Did not finish.
26. (10) Austin Canapino, Dallara-Chevrolet, 4, Did not finish.
27. (12) Christian Rasmussen, Dallara-Chevrolet, 0, Did not finish.

Race statistics
Average speed of race winner: 91.568 mph.
Time of race: 01:39:28.4293.
Margin of victory: 0.3469 seconds.
Cautions: 5 for 15 laps.
Lead changes: 5 among 3 drivers.
Lap leaders: Herta 1-34, Dixon 35-36, Herta 37-53, Dixon 54, Ericsson 55, Herta 56.
Points: Palou 411, Power 362, Dixon 358, Herta 354, O'Ward 338, McLaughlin 328, Kirkwood 314, Newgarden 266, Rossi 265, Ferrucci 231.

Gerson Garabito from Round Rock.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed LHP Max Fried on the 15-day IL, retroactive to July 18. Recalled LHP Dylan Dodd from Gwinnett (IL). Optioned RHP Bryce Elder to Gwinnett.
CINCINNATI REDS — Sent OF TJ Friedl to Louisville (IL) on a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Reinstated OF Jason Heyward from the 10-day IL. Optioned OF James Outman to Oklahoma City (PCL). Sent RHP Brusdar Graterol to Oklahoma City on a rehab assignment.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Sent LHP DL Hall to Nashville (IL) on a rehab assignment. Reinstated LHP Jared Koenig from the 15-day IL. Designated RHP Joel Kuhnel for assignment. Optioned RHP Tyler Jay to Nashville.
NEW YORK METS — Acquired RHP TJ Shook from Milwaukee in exchange for LHP Tyler Jay.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned RHP Kyle Leahy to Memphis (IL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed S Eddie Jackson.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LB Javin White.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed DL Kenny Clark to a contract extension.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed TE Isaiah Gathings. Waived TE Gerrit Prince. Activated RB Clyde Edwards-Helaire from the non-football illness list.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed QB J.J. McCarthy and OLB Dallas Turner.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Loaned G A.J. Marcucci to IF Gnistan (Finland).

PRO SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	16	4	5	53	56	39
Cincinnati	15	7	3	48	44	33
Columbus	12	4	7	43	47	22
New York	10	4	11	41	42	31
NYCFC	11	9	5	38	36	30
Charlotte FC	10	8	7	37	30	27
Orlando City	9	9	7	34	39	38
Toronto FC	9	14	3	30	34	47
Atlanta	7	11	7	28	35	36
Philadelphia	6	10	9	27	45	42
CF Montréal	6	10	9	27	34	49
Nashville	6	11	8	26	26	39
D.C. United	6	11	8	26	35	50
Chicago	6	12	7	25	30	42
New England	7	14	2	23	23	47

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
LA Galaxy	14	5	7	49	50	36
LAFC	14	5	5	47	48	30
Real Salt Lake	12	5	8	44	51	34
Colorado	12	9	5	41	50	43
Vancouver	11	8	5	38	43	35
Houston	10	7	7	37	35	30
Seattle	10	8	7	37	34	29
Portland	10	9	6	36	50	42
Minnesota	9	10	6	33	40	41
Austin FC	8	10	7	31	28	37
FC Dallas	8	11	6	30	38	39
Sporting KC	6	14	6	24	41	52
St Louis City	4	10	11	23	32	46
San Jose	4	19	2	14	31	61

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

Saturday, Aug. 24
Seattle at Minnesota
Los Angeles FC at Vancouver
New York at Charlotte FC
FC Dallas at D.C. United
Cincinnati at Miami
New England at CF Montréal
Chicago at New York City FC
Columbus at Philadelphia
Toronto FC at Houston
Orlando City at Sporting Kansas City
Austin FC at Nashville
San Jose at Real Salt Lake
Atlanta at LA Galaxy
St Louis City at Portland

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Orlando	11	0	5	38	32	12
Kansas City	10	1	5	35	40	22
Washington	11	4	1	34	32	18
Gotham FC	9	3	4	31	19	13
Portland	8	5	3	27	27	20
North Carolina	8	7	1	25	20	17
Chicago	7	7	2	23	23	22
Bay FC	6	10	0	18	19	28
Louisville	3	6	7	16	21	22
San Diego	3	7	6	15	12	17
Angel City	4	9	3	15	16	26
Houston	3	8	5	14	11	23
Seattle	2	9	5	11	16	28
Utah Royals FC	2	11	3	9	8	28

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

Friday, Aug. 23
Orlando at Houston
Bay FC at Utah Royals FC

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	4	.840	—
Connecticut	18	6	.750	2½
Indiana	11	15	.423	10½
Chicago	10	14	.417	10½
Atlanta	7	17	.292	13½
Washington	6	19	.240	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	17	8	.680	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	—
Las Vegas	16	8	.667	½
Phoenix	13	12	.520	4
Los Angeles	6	18	.250	10½
Dallas	6	19	.240	11

Sunday's games
No games scheduled.
Monday's games
No games scheduled.
Tuesday's games
No games scheduled.
Wednesday's games
No games scheduled.

TENNIS

Palermo Ladies Open

Sunday
At Country Time Club
Palermo, Italy
Purse: Euro 232,244
Surface: Red clay
Women's Singles
Championship
Zheng Qinwen (1), China, def. Karolina Muchova (2), Czechia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Hall of Fame Open

Sunday
At International Tennis Hall of Fame
Newport, R.I.
Purse: \$661,585
Surface: Grass
Men's Singles
Championship
Marcos Giron (2), United States, def. Alex Michelsen (3), United States, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 7-5.

Men's Doubles
Championship
Andre Goransson, Sweden, and Sem Verbeek (6), Netherlands, def. Robert Cash and James Tracy, United States, 6-3, 6-4.

Croatia Open

Sunday
At ITC Stella Maris
Umag, Croatia
Purse: Euro 579,320
Surface: Red clay
Men's Singles
Qualification
Enzo Couacaud, France, def. Renzo Oli-vo, Argentina, 6-0, 6-1.
Marco Trungelliti (3), Argentina, def. Henrique Rocha (7), Portugal, 6-3, 6-2.
Guido Andreozzi, Argentina, def. Chun Hsin Tseng (5), Taiwan, 6-4, 7-5.
Filip Misolic, Austria, def. David Jorda Sanchis, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.

Round of 32
Alexandre Muller, France, def. Matteo Arnaldi (8), Italy, 7-6 (8), 6-4.
Fabian Marozsan, Hungary, def. Alexander Shevchenko, Russia, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (8).
Camilo Ugo Carabelli, Argentina, def. Luka Mikrut, Croatia, 6-2, 7-5.

Prague Open

Sunday
At TK Sparta Praha
Prague
Purse: \$267,082
Surface: Red clay
Women's Singles
Qualification
Louisa Chirico (6), United States, def. Alison van Uytvanck (10), Belgium, 6-2, 6-4.
Mona Barthel (4), Germany, def. Kathinka von Deichmann (9), Liechtenstein, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Tara Wurth, Croatia, def. Ena Shibahara, Japan, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-4.
Anastasiya Soboleva (7), Ukraine, def. Jesika Maleckova, Czechia, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.
Oksana Selekhmeteva (12), Russia, def. Zhibek Kulambayeva, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-3.
Katarina Zavatska (3), Ukraine, def. Conny Perrin, Switzerland, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Round of 32
Elsa Jacquemot, France, def. Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.
Ella Seidel, Germany, def. Nadia Podoroska (7), Argentina, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.
Viktoriya Tomova (5), Bulgaria, def. Renata Jamrichova, Slovakia, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Rebeka Masarova, Spain, def. Suzan Lamens, Netherlands, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Anhelina Kalinina (3), Ukraine, def. Sara Bejlek, Czechia, 7-5, 6-7 (7), 6-2.

Hamburg European Open

Sunday
At Am Rothenbaum Rot-Weiss Tennis Club
Hamburg, Germany
Purse: Euro 1,891,995
Surface: Red clay
Men's Singles
Championship
Arthur Fils (5), France, def. Alexander Zverev (1), Germany, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (1).
Men's Doubles
Championship
Kevin

ROUNDUP

Mariners win despite Astros' cycle

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Luke Raley hit a three-run homer, Bryan Woo pitched 5⅔ solid innings and the Seattle Mariners overcame an injury to Julio Rodríguez and a cycle from Yordan Alvarez to beat the Houston Astros 6-4 on Sunday.

Rodríguez left the game with two outs in the sixth inning after he leapt for a fly ball and appeared to twist his right ankle against the pad of the center field fence on a triple by Alvarez.

Rodríguez grabbed at his ankle in pain and stayed on the ground for several minutes before walking off the field with manager Scott Servais and trainer Taylor Bennett. Servais said initial X-rays were negative.

“He’s got a little bit of an ankle sprain there,” Servais said. “Right now what I’ve been told is it’s going to be day-to-day. We’ll see where it’s at there.”

The hit against Taylor Saucedo was the third of the game for Alvarez, who also had a first-inning single and a fourth-inning homer against Woo. Alvarez completed the cycle with a double in the eighth against Mariners reliever Gregory Santos.

“I’m very excited,” Alvarez said. “I felt a little bit of pressure there, but I knew I needed a double and when I hit the ball, I said, ‘There it is.’”

It was the first cycle of Alvarez’s career and the 10th in Astros history.

“That’s not easy to do, especially for a slugger,” Astros manager Joe Espada said. “It tells you how athletic he is. Able to hit, that looked like 500 feet on that homer, and then able to triple, just tells you not only how good of a hitter he is, but how athletic he is.”

Rays 6, Yankees 4: Richie Palacios led off the game against Marcus Stroman with the first of visiting Tampa Bay’s four home runs, Jose Siri took a 34-second trot after his homer and the Rays beat New York.

Randy Arozarena hit his third home run in two days and José Caballero also went deep as the Rays hit four homers for the second straight day, something they had done once in their first 97 games.

Cardinals 6, Braves 2: Paul Goldschmidt hit one of four St. Louis home runs after getting dropped to the No. 7 spot in the order as the visiting Cardinals knocked off Atlanta to win the weekend series.

Cardinals designated hitter Alec Burleson had a homer and two RBIs, giving him 21 in 16 games in July. He has an RBI in six straight games, which is one shy of the Cardinals record.

Nationals 5, Reds 2: James



STEPHEN BRASHEAR/AP

The Seattle Mariners’ Luke Raley, right, celebrates with Dylan Moore after hitting a three-run home run during the sixth inning against the Houston Astros on Sunday in Seattle.

Wood hit a three-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning, and host Washington completed a three-game sweep of Cincinnati.

Wood, a 21-year-old rookie and the Nationals’ top prospect, sent a first-pitch fastball from Justin Wilson 405 feet the opposite way to left field. His second homer since his debut on July 1 gave the Nationals their fifth win in six games.

Blue Jays 5, Tigers 4: George Springer hit two home runs, including the 58th leadoff shot of his career, and host Toronto avoided a three-game sweep by beating Detroit.

Ernie Clement delivered a tie-breaking single in the sixth inning and Toronto outfielder Daulton Varsho made a sensational leaping catch at the wall with two runners on to preserve the one-run lead in the eighth.

Padres 2, Guardians 1: Michael King didn’t allow a hit until the seventh inning and Kyle Higashioka had a two-run double as visiting San Diego beat AL Central-leading Cleveland.

King’s bid for the second no-hitter in franchise history ended when Angel Martínez led off the seventh with a bloop single to center. Jeremiah Estrada followed King (8-6), while Robert Suarez recorded the final four outs for his 23rd save and completed the two-hitter. The Padres won two of three over the Guardians, who have the best home record in the majors at 31-13.

Phillies 6, Pirates 0: Rookie Tyler Phillips (2-0) gave up four hits in six innings, and visiting Philadelphia avoided a three-game sweep with a victory over Pitts-

burgh.

The Phillies, who had lost three straight and four of their last five, ended the Pirates’ winning streak at six. Pittsburgh was shut out for the seventh time this season.

Royals 4, White Sox 1: Seth Lugo retired 14 straight batters in his first career complete game as host Kansas City rallied past Chicago for a win and series sweep.

Lugo (12-4) surrendered one run while striking out six on 103 pitches. He allowed an infield hit to Tommy Pham leading off the game before retiring the next 14 batters.

Rangers 3, Orioles 2: Jonah Heim hit a three-run homer, Andrew Heaney pitched two-hit ball over five scoreless innings and host Texas beat Baltimore to avoid a three-game sweep in a postseason rematch from last year.

Anthony Santander closed the gap with his 27th home run and third of the series, a two-run shot in the eighth inning, before the Rangers held on to finish the season 2-5 against the Orioles. Texas swept Baltimore in the AL Division Series last year on the way to its first World Series title.

Cubs 2, Diamondbacks 1 (10): Nico Hoerner doubled and scored the tying run in the ninth inning, then walked with the bases loaded in the 10th to give host Chicago victory over the Arizona.

Chicago entered the ninth with just one hit before Hoerner sparked the late rally as the Cubs avoided the sweep.

Brewers 8, Twins 7: Rhys Hoskins hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the eighth inning and rookie Jackson Chourio homered and

drove in three runs to lift visiting Milwaukee to a two-game sweep of Minnesota at Target Field.

With the game tied 5-all, Hoskins took Twins reliever Griffin Jax (3-4) deep to left for his 15th home run of the season. A fan leaned over the railing to catch the ball before Minnesota left fielder Austin Martin had a chance to make a play, but the call stood after review as he didn’t reach into the field of play.

Marlins 4, Mets 2: Jazz Chisholm Jr. hit a three-run homer, Jake Burger also went deep and host Miami beat New York.

Vidal Bruján had his second career three-hit game for the National League-worst Marlins, who are 5-4 against the NL East rival Mets this season.

Giants 3, Rockies 2: Jorge Soler opened the game with the longest homer in the majors this season, rookie Hayden Birdsong struck out a career-high 12 and visiting San Francisco beat Colorado.

Soler hit the fourth pitch of the game 478 feet to dead center for his 11th homer of the season, staking the Giants to an early lead. Tyler Fitzgerald led off the third with his second homer of the series and fourth of the year, and Matt Chapman scored on a passed ball in the fourth inning to give San Francisco a 3-0 lead it never relinquished.

Dodgers 9, Red Sox 6: Shohei Ohtani hit a 473-foot home run and host Los Angeles went deep six times in a victory over Boston.

Freddie Freeman, Teoscar Hernández, Gavin Lux, Austin Barnes and Jason Heyward also connected as Los Angeles swept the three-game series.

Scoreboard

American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	60	39	.606	—
New York	59	42	.584	2
Boston	53	45	.541	6½
Tampa Bay	50	49	.505	10
Toronto	45	54	.455	15

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	59	39	.602	—
Minnesota	54	44	.551	5
Kansas City	55	45	.550	5
Detroit	49	51	.490	11
Chicago	27	74	.267	33½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	53	48	.525	—
Houston	52	47	.525	—
Texas	47	52	.475	5
Los Angeles	42	57	.424	10
Oakland	39	62	.386	14

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	63	36	.636	—
Atlanta	54	44	.551	8½
New York	50	48	.510	12½
Washington	47	53	.470	16½
Miami	35	64	.354	28

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	57	42	.576	—
St. Louis	52	47	.525	5
Pittsburgh	50	49	.505	7
Chicago	48	53	.475	10
Cincinnati	47	53	.470	10½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	59	41	.590	—
San Diego	52	50	.510	8
Arizona	51	49	.510	8
San Francisco	48	52	.480	11
Colorado	36	64	.360	23

Sunday's games				
Toronto 5, Detroit 4				
Milwaukee 8, Minnesota 7				
San Diego 2, Cleveland 1				
Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 1				
Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Yankees 4				
Texas 3, Baltimore 2				
Seattle 6, Houston 4				
L.A. Angels 8, Oakland 5				
L.A. Dodgers 9, Boston 6				
St. Louis 6, Atlanta 2				
Washington 5, Cincinnati 2				
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 0				
Miami 4, N.Y. Mets 2				
Chicago Cubs 2, Arizona 1, 10 innings				
San Francisco 3, Colorado 2				

Monday's games				
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees				
Detroit at Cleveland				
N.Y. Mets at Miami				
St. Louis at Pittsburgh				
Cincinnati at Atlanta				
Philadelphia at Minnesota				
Chicago White Sox at Texas				
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs				
Arizona at Kansas City				
Boston at Colorado				
Houston at Oakland				
L.A. Angels at Seattle				
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers				

Tuesday's games				
Baltimore (Suárez 5-3) at Miami (TBD)				
Detroit (TBD) at Cleveland (Curry 0-2)				
St. Louis (Lynn 5-4) at Pittsburgh (Skenes 6-0)				
San Diego (Vásquez 2-5) at Washington (TBD)				
N.Y. Mets (Quintana 4-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Gil 10-5)				
Tampa Bay (TBD) at Toronto (Berríos 8-7)				
Cincinnati (TBD) at Atlanta (Sale 13-3)				
Philadelphia (Wheeler 10-4) at Minnesota (Woods Richardson 3-1)				
Chicago White Sox (Crochet 6-6) at Texas (Gray 4-4)				
Milwaukee (Rea 9-3) at Chicago Cubs (Taillon 7-4)				
Arizona (TBD) at Kansas City (Marsh 7-6)				
Boston (TBD) at Colorado (Márquez 0-0)				
Houston (Bloss 0-0) at Oakland (Bido 1-1)				
L.A. Angels (Soriano 5-7) at Seattle (Gilbert 6-5)				
San Francisco (Hicks 4-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Knack 1-2)				

Calendar

Aug. 18 — MLB Little League Classic: New York Yankees vs. Detroit Tigers at Williamsport, Pa.

BASEBALL/OLYMPICS



JULIA NIKHINSON/AP

Baseball Hall of Fame inductees, from left, Jim Leyland, Adrián Beltré, Todd Helton and Joe Mauer hold their plaques Sunday.

3 phenoms as youth inducted into Hall

By KENNY LACY JR.
Associated Press

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Adrian Beltré, Joe Mauer and Todd Helton were pegged as athletic phenoms from a young age and all three lived up to expectations with their induction to the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday.

The Los Angeles Dodgers were so sold on Beltré early on that they broke MLB rules to sign him before he turned 16.

Beltré reached the big leagues just after his 19th birthday and was quickly considered one of the best prospects in sports as a teenager.

In Beltré's induction speech, he said he played for his first team at age 13 and was a second baseman because his dad told him that was the position he should play.

After a teammate asked him to switch and play third base, Beltré obliged and the decision paid off.

Beltré played 21 years for the Dodgers, Seattle Mariners, Boston Red Sox and Texas Rangers. He became a five-time Gold Glove winner and is the first third baseman with at least 450 home runs and 3,000 hits.

During his playing days, Beltré made it clear that he did not like anyone touching his head so, of course, his teammates ignored the request and made a habit of touching his head anyway. At Sunday's ceremony, fellow Hall of Famer David Ortiz continued the tradition by touching Beltré's head prior to his speech.

"That never relaxes me," Beltré said with a laugh. "(But) it was a little cute to go back to my playing days. ... It's just part of being in this fraternity. Even though I don't love it, I don't like it, but it felt like I'm open to people to be able to play around with me. I always like that."

Mauer was a high school phenom in both football and baseball in St. Paul, Minn., and was named USA Today's High School Player of the Year in football in 2000 and baseball in 2001.

He was drafted by his hometown Twins with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 MLB Draft.

"It was truly an honor to be a

(Minnesota Twin) and represent my hometown team," Mauer said.

The future six-time All-Star catcher spent just three years in the minors before spending all 15 years of his big league career with the Twins.

Mauer finished with one Most Valuable Player award and three batting titles, and is the only catcher in history with at least 2,000 hits, a .300 batting average and a .380 on-base percentage.

Mauer noted the emotion he felt seeing all the Minnesota fans throughout the weekend.

"It's not easy to get to Cooperstown and especially with the events that have happened this last week," he said. "But to see that many Twins fans out there, I just felt the love and I was just hoping that I could deliver the speech that I wrote down."

Helton was also a football and baseball star and played both sports at Tennessee.

Despite his dominance in both sports at an early age, Helton never felt comfortable in the spotlight or felt like a Hall of Famer.

"Those of you who know me know I'd be more comfortable doing anything other than standing up here talking about myself," Helton said to open his speech. "I'm just a ballplayer and anyone in the media can attest to that fact."

Helton was selected by the Colorado Rockies with the No. 8 overall pick in the 1995 amateur draft and never left the Mile High City.

After becoming the starting first baseman in 1995, Helton finished second in NL Rookie of the Year voting and posted a .315 batting average with 25 home runs and 97 RBIs.

He went on to become one of just three players to record multiple seasons with 100-plus extra-base hits in his career and helped the Rockies reach the 2007 World Series.

Jim Leyland was elected by the Contemporary Baseball Era Committee. He managed for 22 seasons, won three Manager of the Year awards, the 1997 World Series, had a 1,769-1,728 career record as a manager.

James named flagbearer for opening ceremony

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

LeBron James wasn't totally sure what the opening ceremony was all about when he was picked for his first Olympics in 2004.

This time, he'll be one of the stars of the show.

James has been picked by his fellow U.S. Olympians to serve as the male flagbearer for the Americans in Friday night's opening ceremony for the Paris Games. He becomes the third basketball player — and the first men's player — to carry the U.S. flag at the start of an Olympics, joining Dawn Staley for the Athens Games in 2004 and Sue Bird for the Tokyo Games that happened in 2021.

"It's an incredible honor to represent the United States on this global stage, especially in a moment that can bring the whole world together," James said. "For a kid from Akron, this responsibility means everything to not only myself, but to my family, all the kids in my hometown, my teammates, fellow Olympians and so many people across the country with big aspirations. Sports have the power to bring us all together, and I'm proud to be a part of this important moment."

The 39-year-old James got word of the honor Monday in London, a few hours before the U.S. men's team was scheduled to play its final pre-Olympics exhibition game against World Cup champion Germany.

Fellow U.S. star and first-time Olympian Stephen Curry, on behalf of the U.S. men's team, nominated James for the flagbearer role.

"We understand how much of an honor it is to be in that position and I think Bron's entire career, on and off the court, speaks for itself as him being worthy of that honor," Curry said in the nomination video.

"He has represented what it means to be excellent both on and off the court in his commitment to service and to uplifting the community in all ways that he knows how has been a lifelong passion," Curry added. "And the work speaks for itself."

The female U.S. flagbearer is expected to be revealed Tuesday. The International Olympic Committee decided in 2020 that national delegations would have two flagbearers — one male, one female — at the opening ceremony at an Olympics, a move to promote gender parity. The U.S. is expect-



KIN CHEUNG/AP

LeBron James waves to the crowd after the US beat South Sudan on Saturday. James has been picked by his fellow U.S. Olympians to serve as the male flagbearer in Friday night's opening ceremony.

ed to have nearly 600 athletes in the Paris Games, about 53% of them female.

"Being selected by your teammates to carry the flag is a tremendous honor — and a testament to LeBron's passion for Team USA and his dedication to his sport," U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah

"He has represented what it means to be excellent both on and off the court in his commitment to service and to uplifting the community."

Stephen Curry
in nomination video for LeBron James

Hirshland said.

James — a global icon, a four-time NBA champion and the league's all-time leading scorer set to go into his record-tying 22nd NBA season — is set to play in the Olympics for the fourth time, after he was part of U.S. teams that won bronze in 2004, gold at Beijing in 2008 and gold again in London in 2012. He walked in the opening ceremony at each of his three previous Olympics.

This time, he'll float.

This will be an opening ceremony like none other in Olympic his-

tory: Thousands of athletes will be part of a flotilla sailing along the River Seine at sunset toward the Eiffel Tower. It's a 3.7-mile route, with about 320,000 guests set to watch from the river bank and about 1 billion more, Olympic officials estimate, watching on television around the world.

Not all Olympic athletes take part in the opening ceremony; many skip it for logistical reasons, such as having to compete the following day. James and the four-time defending gold medalist U.S. men don't open Olympic play until Sunday, when they face Serbia at Lille, France.

James and the U.S. Olympians will be waiting longer than almost any other nation for their trip on the Seine. By IOC custom, Greece — which will have NBA star Giannis Antetokounmpo as one of its two flagbearers — will lead the procession, followed by the Refugee Olympic Team and then about 200 more national delegations. The U.S. is scheduled to go next-to-last in the procession, because Los Angeles will play host to the next Summer Games in 2028.

France, as the host, will be the final nation in the opening ceremony procession. Its men's basketball team, featuring reigning NBA rookie of the year Victor Wembanyama, opens Olympic play on Saturday and isn't expected to be present for the opening ceremony.

AUTO RACING



Kyle Larson, fourth from bottom left, celebrates with his crew after winning the NASCAR Cup Series race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday. Larson came back from 12th place to win the Brickyard 400.

Larson rebounds for first victory at Brickyard 400

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Kyle Larson left Indianapolis in May in the middle of one of the most agonizing days of his racing career.

In his return Sunday, Larson finished one of the most memorable races of his career with one of sports' more revered celebrations — kissing the bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The 31-year-old Californian overcame an early, unscheduled pit stop by charging from 12th place into the lead over the final 32 laps. He won battles for the lead off the final two restarts and barely avoiding a third overtime to win his first Brickyard 400 under caution.

"Today was definitely meant to be for us with the way the strategy was working out and all that fell into place," Larson said after jumping on the roof of his car and climbing through the fence to thank the roaring fans. "I just can't believe it. It's just surreal to win here."

Perhaps it will help Larson forget just how miserable he was Memorial Day weekend when rain in Indianapolis and Charlotte, N.C., washed away his shot at completing the full 1,100 miles of the two races. He didn't even turn a lap in the Coca-Cola 600 after scrambling to fly in.

On Sunday, though, he rebounded with brilliant tactical racing and, yes, some good luck.

Larson was running third in the paint scheme he was supposed to have for the 600 when race leader Brad Keselowski ran out of fuel and pulled off the track just before the second-to-last restart. That put Larson in position to pull into the shorter inside lane, next to Ryan Blaney's second-place car, and Larson easily leapfrogged Blaney — just ahead of a five-car crash that brought a red flag and a second overtime.

This time, after needing an assist to get his No. 5 Chevrolet re-fired, Larson again beat Blaney on

the inside and reached the finish line before another caution flag came out.

"I don't know what was driving him today other than he wanted to win the Brickyard 400," said Jeff Gordon, who won five Brickyard 400s before rejoining the Hendricks team as an executive. "You could tell he was driving for a purpose."

Pole winner Tyler Reddick wound up second as Blaney dropped to third.

Larson has now won three of NASCAR's four crown jewel races, all but the Daytona 500, and this one came in the first Cup race held on Indy's historic 2.5-mile track since 2020. The last three covered 200 miles on the track's 14-turn road course.

His fourth win of the season also put him atop the Cup standings, ahead of Hendrick Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott, with four races left before the playoff begins.

Herta wins in Toronto to end 2-year drought

Associated Press

TORONTO — Colton Herta won the chaotic Honda Indy Toronto on Sunday for his first victory in more than two years, starting from the pole and maintaining control throughout at Exhibition Place.

The 24-year-old American completed the first weekend sweep in IndyCar history, posting the fastest times in both practices, qualifying and the warmup Sunday before winning the race for his eighth career victory.

"It's awesome. It's amazing," Herta said. "For whatever reason it just hasn't gone our way. We've had speed, we've had plenty of podiums, we've had a lot of poles, a lot of top fives, but no wins. And so it feels great to finally get one back."

The race was the first street event for the hybrid powertrains introduced two weeks ago on the road course at Mid-Ohio, with Herta putting a lot of extra stress to the engine by spinning around his car in triumphant doughnuts.

"I love doing doughnuts," Herta said. "And this engine's getting ripped out after this race so I can destroy it as much I want. ... I hate when I don't get to do doughnuts and this was the perfect race to win."

Andretti Global teammate Kyle

Kirkwood was second, 0.3469 seconds back on the street course, followed by four-time Toronto champion Scott Dixon of Chip Ganassi Racing.

"Super happy with second, especially when a teammate wins," Kirkwood said. "That was the goal today. We started 1-2 and we wanted to finish 1-2. Of course I would have (preferred to) have won, but I also wasn't going to push the envelope whatsoever."

Series leader Alex Palou of Chip Ganassi Racing was fourth after starting 18th following a penalty for interference in qualifying. He increased his lead to 49 points over Will Power, the Team Penske driver who ended up 12th after a late penalty.

The race featured six restarts, with a multi-car crash forcing a red flag on the 73rd lap after Pato O'Ward spun out into a wall, leaving the nose of his car jutting out onto the track.

Marcus Ericsson locked up into the wall behind O'Ward, then three more racers — Pietro Fittipaldi, Santino Ferrucci and Nolan Siegel — clipped O'Ward's nose. Ferrucci's car went airborne and landed upside down, but the American immediately signaled to his team that he was OK and emerged from his vehicle.



Colton Herta of the United States celebrates with his team after winning Sunday's IndyCar race in Toronto.

Piastri gets first F1 win, McLaren goes 1-2 in Hungarian GP

Associated Press

BUDAPEST — Australian driver Oscar Piastri won his first Formula One race after teammate Lando Norris handed him back the lead to complete a McLaren one-two at the Hungarian Grand Prix on Sunday.

That outstanding result came after a long and at times awkward back-and-forth between the British team and its top driver before Norris finally obeyed orders to let Piastri back in front.

Piastri started second behind pole-sitting Norris and beat him to the first turn. Norris then got ahead after a pit-stop strategy that favored him despite being behind his teammate, but he eventually listened to team orders and let Piastri take the victory.



Piastri

decision to swap us back at the end."

Lewis Hamilton finished third behind the papaya-colored pair for his record-extending 200th career podium.

Points leader Max Verstappen finished fifth behind Charles Leclerc in a Ferrari and has now gone three races without a victory. Ver-

"This is the day I dreamed of as a kid, standing on the top step of the podium," the 23-year-old Piastri said. "A bit complicated at the end, but I put myself in a good position off the start."

"I had a lot of trust in Lando, and I think it was a fair

stappen still leads the standings with 265 points to Norris' 189, but the Dutchman has seen Red Bull's speed advantage evaporate this summer.

McLaren's huge victory will also be remembered for the team debate over which driver would finally come out on top.

At first, the team told Piastri that the pit strategy was to ensure Norris could keep Hamilton at bay, while asking Norris to give the place back "at his convenience."

As the laps ticked by and Norris didn't budge, McLaren told Piastri that he could get back in front when he caught up with Norris. Finally, the team turned to pleading with Norris just to let Piastri by.

"I know you will do the right thing," the team told Norris. After a long silence, Norris replied "tell him to catch up then, please."

The tension was building until Norris eased up and allowed Piastri past with two laps to go.

Piastri and Norris exchanged a brief handshake while taking off their helmets and after both were congratulated by McLaren staff and other drivers.

"I don't know any driver who when leading the race is happy to swap back, that's not the nature of drivers," McLaren team principal Andrea Stella said. "That's why we have to recall our principles ... in these battles, Lando will need the support of Oscar and the support of the team."

BRITISH OPEN

Scoreboard

Sunday		
At The Old Course		
Troon, United Kingdom		
Purse: \$17 million		
Yardage: 7,385; Par: 71		
Final Round		
X. Schauffele, \$3,100,000	69-72-69-65=275	-9
Billy Horschel, \$1,443,500	72-68-69-68=277	-7
Justin Rose, \$1,443,500	69-68-73-67=277	-7
Thriston Lawrence, \$876,000	71-74-65-68=278	-6
Russell Henley, \$705,000	69-75-66-69=279	-5
Shane Lowry, \$611,000	66-69-77-68=280	-4
Sungjae Im, \$451,833	76-72-66-69=283	-1
Scottie Scheffler, \$451,833	70-70-71-72=283	-1
Jon Rahm, \$451,833	73-70-72-68=283	-1
Adam Scott, \$317,533	70-77-66-71=284	E
Daniel Brown, \$317,533	65-72-73-74=284	E
Matthew Jordan, \$317,533	71-71-71-71=284	E
Byeong Hun An, \$248,667	75-71-68-71=285	+1
Jason Day, \$248,667	73-68-76-68=285	+1
Alex Noren, \$248,667	69-75-71-70=285	+1
Mackenzie Hughes, \$202,700	69-74-75-68=286	+2
Collin Morikawa, \$202,700	73-70-72-71=286	+2
John Catlin, \$202,700	76-70-69-71=286	+2
Dean Burmester, \$176,367	71-69-76-71=287	+3
Daniel Hillier, \$176,367	76-71-68-72=287	+3
S. Sharma, \$176,367	76-72-67-72=287	+3
P. Harrington, \$151,067	72-73-71-72=288	+4
Sepp Straka, \$151,067	70-74-73-71=288	+4
Ewen Ferguson, \$151,067	74-73-70-71=288	+4
Patrick Cantlay, \$124,617	73-68-75-73=289	+5
Corey Connors, \$124,617	71-70-80-68=289	+5
Ryan Fox, \$124,617	73-73-76-67=289	+5
Jordan Spieth, \$124,617	71-74-74-70=289	+5
Laurie Canter, \$124,617	71-74-70-74=289	+5
Joe Dean, \$124,617	69-77-71-72=289	+5
Sam Burns, \$90,220	76-69-65-80=290	+6
Eric Cole, \$90,220	72-73-72-73=290	+6
Chris Kirk, \$90,220	70-76-69-75=290	+6
Justin Thomas, \$90,220	68-78-67-77=290	+6
Brendon Todd, \$90,220	73-73-70-74=290	+6
Cameron Young, \$90,220	73-73-71-73=290	+6
Dustin Johnson, \$90,220	74-69-72-75=290	+6
Minkyu Kim, \$90,220	73-71-72-74=290	+6
Matteo Manassero, \$90,220	73-73-70-74=290	+6
Guido Migliozzi, \$90,220	73-75-71-71=290	+6
Kurt Kitayama, \$70,050	77-69-74-71=291	+7
Matt Wallace, \$70,050	70-77-71-73=291	+7
Jorge Campillo, \$57,200	80-68-73-71=292	+8
Emiliano Grillo, \$57,200	71-74-72-75=292	+8
Max Homa, \$57,200	76-72-70-74=292	+8
Si Woo Kim, \$57,200	76-71-71-74=292	+8
Thorbjorn Olesen, \$57,200	72-73-76-71=292	+8
Brooks Koepka, \$57,200	70-73-78-71=292	+8
Calum Scott, \$0	71-75-70-76=292	+8
Harris English, \$45,238	76-71-72-74=293	+9
Matt Fitzpatrick, \$45,238	70-78-73-72=293	+9
Robert Macintyre, \$45,238	72-75-72-74=293	+9
Adrian Meronk, \$45,238	73-72-73-75=293	+9
Matthieu Pavon, \$45,238	72-72-77-72=293	+9
Gary Woodland, \$45,238	76-68-72-77=293	+9
Sean Crocker, \$45,238	72-74-69-78=293	+9
Richard Mansell, \$45,238	75-71-74-73=293	+9
Abraham Ancer, \$42,150	73-75-70-76=294	+10
Joaquin Niemann, \$42,150	71-71-76-76=294	+10
Brian Harman, \$41,325	73-73-72-77=295	+11
Rasmus Hojgaard, \$41,325	74-72-74-75=295	+11
Phil Mickelson, \$41,325	73-74-72-76=295	+11
Thomas Morrison, \$0	75-73-74-73=295	+11
Jacob Skov Olesen, \$0	76-71-72-76=295	+11
Jeunghun Wang, \$41,325	72-72-77-74=295	+11
Austin Eckroat, \$40,280	73-73-72-78=296	+12
Nicolai Hojgaard, \$40,280	69-75-75-77=296	+12
Hideki Matsuyama, \$40,280	75-72-75-74=296	+12
Davis Thompson, \$40,280	74-73-71-78=296	+12
Tom McKibbin, \$40,280	73-72-77-74=296	+12
Rickie Fowler, \$39,400	79-69-74-75=297	+13
Tom Hoge, \$38,925	74-70-74-80=298	+14
Marcel Siem, \$38,925	73-71-77-77=298	+14
Younghan Song, \$38,925	71-76-77-74=298	+14
Alex Cejka, \$38,525	73-74-72-80=299	+15
Darren Clarke, \$38,525	77-71-76-75=299	+15
Aaron Rai, \$38,525	73-74-75-77=299	+15
Luis Masaveu, \$0	73-75-78-76=302	+18
Andy Ogletree, \$38,275	75-72-79-77=303	+19
Darren Fichard, \$38,150	77-71-80-78=306	+22



SCOTT HEPPLE/AP
Billy Horschel of the United States started the final round with a one-shot lead, but wound up tied for second.

Rose’s great round isn’t enough

By KEN MAGUIRE
Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — It felt like a must-have putt for Justin Rose as he tried to keep pace with Xander Schauffele on No. 12 at Royal Troon on Sunday.

Rose kneeled for a closer peek and stepped to the ball. The 21-footer looked good and the crowd was ready to erupt. It caught the left side of the cup, though, and lipped out.

Rose tossed his putter in the air, catching it on the way down. His British Open dream was dented, and Schauffele surged to the title.

Rose’s lone bogey of the day dropped him a shot behind Schauffele and two strokes back of then-leader Thriston Lawrence.

The 43-year-old Englishman — carrying the hopes of the country in search of a champion — never caught up.

“Just a critical moment mid-way through the back nine just momentum-wise,” he said. “Obviously, Xander got it going. I hit a couple of really good putts that didn’t fall, and then suddenly that lead stretched.”

Schauffele birdied the next two holes to pull away. They both picked up a shot on the 16th, but it was settled by the time Rose birdied the last to card a 4-under 67.

Rose finished tied for second with Billy Horschel at 7-under overall, two shots behind Schauffele.

Rose, the 2013 U.S. Open champion, briefly led by one shot Sunday after his birdie on the par-5 fourth. He had plenty of support



JON SUPER/AP
England’s Justin Rose throws his putter in the air after missing a putt on the 12th green Sunday during the final round of the British Open at Royal Troon golf club in Troon, Scotland.

from the home fans. There was even a dude braving the Firth of Clyde supporting Rose.

“In terms of how I played and the execution of my emotions today, my mindset, I left it all out there. I’m super proud of how I competed,” he said.

Closing out his weekend with a birdie was about “being a professional,” he said.

“Then I walk 10 steps later, and I’m choking back tears. So that’s the shift. Yeah, just personal, and enjoying 18 with the fans, too. I

just think it’s such an amazing stage,” he said. “For me, like that’s the best look in golf, those two long grandstands that you walk down and the big yellow leaderboard. That’s what I associate as a magic moment.”

Rose wasn’t considered a favorite coming into the week. In fact, he had dropped out of the top 50 in the world rankings and went through a qualification tournament to earn his spot at the Open, where he also had a share of second place at Carnoustie in 2018

when Francesco Molinari won.

“I’ll have a few more chances, of course, but you know that this is a great opportunity today. You want to walk off the golf course going, ‘Yeah, I didn’t squander that,’” he said.

“I ran putts at the hole today. I feel like I had opportunities. I felt like I took a lot of them,” he added. “But I felt super comfortable out there, which the fact that I haven’t really been in contention much this year, that gives me a lot of heart.”

Double: Potential shootout turns into 1-man show

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round with no less than golf’s oldest trophy at stake. He was two shots behind going to the back nine and shot 31. He missed only two greens Sunday, none on the back nine. He had only six bogeys over 72 holes.

This was the stuff of major champions.

Schauffele was asked how that stacked up against other rounds he has played, including the 65 he shot at Valhalla on the last day to win the PGA Championship.

“At the very tip-top,” Schauffele said. “Best round I’ve played.”

Two majors in one year puts him into a different conversation.

Schauffele is the first player since Jordan Spieth in 2015 to win his first two majors in the same year, and the first since Brooks Koepka in 2018 to win two in one year.

No one in the 90-year history of the four majors had ever won two majors in one year by shooting 65 in the final round. Jack Nicklaus is the only player who has done that twice in his career, at the 1967 U.S. Open and 1986 Masters. Tiger Woods never did it once, though he led in 14 of the 15 majors and never had to.

“I don’t know if anyone identified the weakness in there. It’s all really good,” Adam Scott said. “Although it’s probably been at times



JON SUPER/AP
Xander Schauffele, left, and caddy Austin Kaiser walk up the 18th fairway Sunday during his final round of the British Open.

frustrating for him this year, but then winning the PGA ... two majors, that kind of ‘all-around really good’ gets it done in the biggest events. I think the greats of the game kind of did that, especially Tiger.”

Schauffele didn’t know much about Royal Troon when he arrived. The last time the British Open was on the Ayrshire coast of Scotland, Schauffele was playing the Lincoln Land Char-

ity Championship on the Korn Ferry Tour, still a long way off from even getting on the PGA Tour.

But he watched that fabulous duel between Henrik Stenson and Phil Mickelson in 2016 at Royal Troon to get acquainted and get inspired.

This had all the trappings of a shootout with six players one shot out of the lead (including Schauffele) and two more within three of the lead.

But it turned into a one-man show.

There was only one birdie in the final round — on No. 11, the notorious “Railway” hole. That belonged to Schauffele, who came out of the rough left of the fairway and judged it so perfectly it settled 3 feet away. That was the start of three birdies in a four-hole stretch that allowed him to seize control, and one last birdie stretched it to three shots.

That afforded him one of the best walks in golf, massive grandstands lining both sides of the 18th green, a 50-yard walk of constant ovation.

“It really is one of the coolest feelings I’ve ever had in my life,” Schauffele said. “I got chills walking down and quickly had to zap myself back into focus because the tournament wasn’t over yet.”

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Chosen by his peers
James selected by fellow athletes to be US male flagbearer » **Olympics, Page 21**



PETER MORRISON/AP

Xander Schauffele of the United States kisses the claret jug on Sunday after winning the British Open at Royal Troon golf club in Troon, Scotland. Schauffele shot a 6-under 66.

Doing a double take

Schauffele in elite category with 2 majors in 2 months



SUE OGROCK/AP

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — The only company Xander Schauffele kept at the start of the season was his name mentioned among the best players who had yet to win a major.

He had a key miss at Carnoustie that cost him a chance at the 2018 British Open. He was a runner-up the following year to Tiger Woods at the Masters. He was closing in on Hideki Matsuyama in the 2021 Masters until hitting into the water on the

16th hole. In the first 27 majors he played, he had 12 finishes in the top 10.

Now he has the Wanamaker Trophy at home from his nail-biter of a victory in the PGA Championship. And he couldn't take his eyes off the gleaming claret jug Sunday evening after delivering what he considers the best round of his life.

Two months, two majors, no more questions about whether he can win the big one.

"It's a dream come true to win two majors in one year," Schauffele said after his 6-under 65 took him from a two-shot def-

icit to a two-shot victory in the British Open at Royal Troon. "It took me forever just to win one, and to have two now is something else."

He made it look easy — Schauffele exudes so much California chill that he makes everything look that way — it took some astonishing golf on a links course made even more challenging by a daunting wind off the Irish Sea.

He played bogey-free in the final

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Xander Schauffele holds the Wanamaker Trophy on May 19 after winning the PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky.

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