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VIRUS OUTBREAK

New cases force Ramstein Middle School closure

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Students at Ramstein Middle School won't attend in-person classes this week due to confirmed coronavirus cases among the school population, school and base officials announced Sunday.

"As a result of a cluster of recent positive COVID 19 cases, in coordination with local military command and public health officials, the decision has been made to transition our school to remote learning," said a letter to parents from the RMS administration shared with Stars and Stripes.

School officials did not say in the letter how many positive cases there were or whether stu-



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The doors of Ramstein Middle School, seen closed on Monday.

dents, teachers or both were affected. A post on Ramstein Air Base's official Facebook page Sunday night said the cases were confirmed earlier that day.

Citing policy, the Air Force also declined to provide case numbers.

A spokeswoman for the 86th Airlift Wing on Ramstein said contact tracing was expected to last for the next several days.

Confirmed cases at RMS included both teachers and students, a DODEA-Europe spokesman said Monday.

The number of cases were "significant enough" that public health advised DODEA and the military command at Ramstein to transition to remote learning while they continue

with contact tracing, said Stephen Smith, the DODEA-Europe spokesman.

RMS is the first school in DODEA Europe to implement remote instruction this fall due to the coronavirus, Smith said.

RMS students did not have school on Monday, nor will they Tuesday. Teachers will use those two days to prepare for remote instruction starting Wednesday, the letter stated. The school will let families know by the end of the day Friday whether remote learning will continue.

"Remote instruction will enable the school and installation to assess the situation, provide

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Centenarian: Marine Corps service helped shaped life

For James E. 'Ted' Bassett III, Marines were 'most meaningful phase' of past century

By PHILLIP WALTER
WELLMAN
Stars and Stripes

A decorated World War II veteran who rubbed elbows with world leaders and royalty on the way to becoming one of the most respected figures in the global thoroughbred horse industry celebrates his 100th birthday Tuesday.

But for James E. "Ted" Bassett III, the "most meaningful phase" of the past century was not the one in which he ascended to the pinnacle of achievement in business. It was his service as a U.S. Marine.

"It completely changed me, my outlook, attitude and will to succeed," Bassett told Stars and Stripes. "I shall forever be grateful to the Corps for providing me the opportunity to serve."

Bassett was born in Lexington,



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Left: James E. Bassett III in Okinawa, Japan, in 1944 during his time in the Marine Corps, which he called the "most meaningful phase" of his life. Above: Bassett accompanies Britain's Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Keeneland race track in Lexington, Ky., Oct. 11, 1984.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Business economists less optimistic about growth

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation’s business economists are slightly less optimistic about growth prospects over the next year, noting a number of threats ranging from higher-than-expected inflation to lingering disruptions from COVID-19 and snarled supply chains.

The National Association for Business Economics released a new report Monday that found 66% of NABE members responding to a survey expect the economy to grow by 3% to 5.9% over the

next year while 28% were less optimistic, pegging growth over the next year at a far slower 0.1% to 2.9%.

That result represented a downgrade from the previous survey in July which had found an identical 66% who believed growth would be 3% to 5.9% but 20% of those surveyed expected growth to come in at an even stronger 6% to 8.9%. In the new survey, no NABE member saw growth higher than the 3% to 5.9% range over the next year.

The NABE forecast for GDP over the next year is generally in line with the expectations of many private forecasting firms.

The government on Thursday will release its first look at economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, for the July-September quarter. Economists are forecasting GDP grew at an annual rate of around 3% in the third quarter, a marked slowdown from growth rates of 6.1% in the first quarter and 6.7% in the second quarter.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		
Euro costs (Oct. 26)	\$1.13	
Dollar buys (Oct. 26)	0.8388	
British pound (Oct. 26)	\$1.34	
Japanese yen (Oct. 26)	111.00	
South Korean won (Oct. 26)	1145.00	
Commercial rates		
Bahrain(Dinar)	.3770	
Britain (Pound)	1.3759	
Canada (Dollar)	1.2369	
China(Yuan)	6.3875	
Denmark (Krone)	6.4065	
Egypt (Pound)	15.7102	
Euro	.8612	
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7731	
Hungary (Forint)	315.36	
Israel (Shekel)	3.2044	
Japan (Yen)	113.44	
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Norway (Krone)	8.3553	
Philippines (Peso)	50.67	
Poland (Zloty)	3.97	
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7510	
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3466	
South Korea (Won)	1168.22	
Switzerland (Franc)	.9185	
Thailand (Baht)	33.10	
Turkey (NewLira)	9.6123	

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MILITARY

Iwakuni Marines conduct annual base stress test

By JONATHAN SNYDER
Stars and Stripes

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan — A two-week base-defense exercise is underway at this seaside Marine Corps base near Hiroshima and will finish up on Friday.

Active Shield is an annual exercise by U.S. and Japanese forces that share the installation. It rehearses various elements of the air station's defense plan to ensure it can support its mission.

The air station is home to the Navy's Carrier Air Wing 5, fighters and other aircraft attached to the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan; Marine Aircraft Group 12, which includes fighters and aerial refuelers; and Fleet Air Wing 31 of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.

Active Shield, like similar exercises underway at other U.S. installations in Japan, including Yokota Air Base in Tokyo, means a level of inconvenience for base residents: Gate delays, blocked roads, limited parking

and a scheduled power outage impacting the entire base, according to a statement on MCAS Iwakuni's Facebook page.

"Every man, woman, and child associated with MCAS Iwakuni is a participant in Active Shield," base commander Col. Lance Lewis told Stars and Stripes in an email Thursday. "Prior to the full-scale conduct of the exercise, the air station carried out an emergency evacuation drill to practice our response to a natural disaster or other emergency."

During the exercise "we rehearse and refine our installation's base defense plan to protect our personnel and critical assets so that we maintain ourselves as a platform for force projection in the Indo-Pacific," Lewis said.

The exercise is a stress test that allows the command to evaluate and improve its capabilities as a base for combat power and of support for contingency operations, Lewis said.

"Each year, my goal has been to improve upon the lessons learned from previous years



PHOTOS BY JESSIKA BRADEN/U.S. Marine Corps

Marines respond to a simulated suspicious package during the annual Active Shield base-defense exercise at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, on Thursday.

and to ensure we make MCAS Iwakuni a more capable, and defensible, advanced naval base," he said.

Navy spouse Morgan Dover likened the event to a giant game of cops and robbers.

"They get to have some fun and make sure they are up to standards," she told Stars and Stripes on Friday. "But I don't mind; it's a mild inconvenience for about a week and a half, and I'm not bothered by it."

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A Marine creates a range card in response to a simulated suspicious package during the annual Active Shield base-defense exercise.

S. Korea, Japan debate count from North's latest launch

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Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — South Korean and Japanese military officials disagree about the number of missiles launched by North Korea last week, despite the two countries sharing intelligence on the test.

North Korea on Oct. 19 fired a "new type" of submarine-launched ballistic missile from its eastern coast, according to the state-run Korean Central News Agency. The communist regime's latest launch — its fifth weapons test in recent weeks — sparked concern among missile experts

"Japan said the North launched two SLBMs. We, our military, said the North fired a SLBM. What's right?"

Sung Il-Jong

South Korean opposition party lawmaker

and defense officials for its wartime implications. Submarine-launched missiles are typically viewed as a retaliatory, second-strike weapon.

South Korean lawmakers also voiced concern, particularly after the country's Ministry of National Defense assessed that Pyongyang fired one short-range ballistic missile, while the Japanese government said it detected two.

The intelligence divide was highlighted during a parliamentary briefing with Defense Minister Suh Wook on Thursday.

"Japan said the North launched two SLBMs," opposition party lawmaker Sung Il-Jong said during the briefing. "We, our military,

said the North fired a SLBM. What's right?"

Suh replied: "We think we are right because our detection assets saw it at a close range, and we saw it by using a number of sources."

The defense minister added that the military shared information about the North's missiles "mostly after" a launch "at the request" of Japan.

The two countries are part of the General Security of Military Information Agreement, an intelligence-sharing pact that allows both countries to review military information. Seoul has previously threatened to end the agreement, citing inequities in trade policies and historical wartime grievances.



KCNA

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un waves in this image released in August 2021.

Suh confirmed the pact is still in effect, but while the two countries "sometimes find an agreement of views," it is up to the recipient of the intelligence to come up with a determination.

The intelligence-sharing pact is "critical for South Korea" and "more than just an agreement," according to Kim Tae Woo, former

president of the Korea Institute for National Unification.

"Japan's intelligence, particularly their anti-submarine intelligence system, is superb," Kim told Stars and Stripes by phone Monday. "Japan's [waters] are a hot place for submarine competition between several countries — if North Korea fully deploys a new submarine armed with an SLBM, we very badly need precise intelligence. That's why Japanese help is critical for South Korea's security."

Kim said that while the two militaries have disagreed with each other several times over their intelligence on North Korean missiles, their detection capabilities are "complementary."

"South Korea is in a better position to detect a missile right after launching from North Korea," Kim said. "But if the missile makes some distance in flight, then the Japanese intelligence is in a better position to detect that."

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Correction

An Oct. 25 headline incorrectly stated that a sailor from Yokota Air Base, Japan, is accused of punching a Japanese security guard. The service member is stationed at Yokosuka Naval Base.

MILITARY

Marines test ‘backpackable’ warfare system

By Frank Andrews
Stars and Stripes

Marines aboard the USS New Orleans have launched a portable, electronic-warfare system on drones for the first time at sea, according to the Marine Corps.

A backpackable electronic attack module, or BEAM, uses its technology to detect the radio frequency of a specific threat, a hostile drone, for example, locate it and take it out, according to the Marine officer in charge of the 10 Marines and sailors taking part.

“It is set apart from other systems because of its ease of use,” said Marine Capt. Jesse Schmitt, assistant intelligence officer for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. A 31st MEU spokesman, Capt. Brett Lazaroff, provided Schmitt’s responses to Stars and Stripes’ questions on Oct. 8.

“A basically trained rifleman can be taught to use the system in the course of an afternoon, making it easily deployable alongside Marines in any climate and place,” Schmitt said.

His team of 31st MEU radio experts, Puma drone pilots and sailors spent two days connecting nodes to drones and then launching them off the New Orleans’

flight deck. The trial took place in July off Australia’s northeastern coast in the Coral Sea, according to the Marine Corps.

The BEAM system works through nodes, which are devices that can create, receive, store and communicate information with one another. Three or more nodes form a network.

“Several nodes are networked together to create a web of sensors that can both detect and take action against hostile electromagnetic emitters,” Schmitt said.

The Marines’ BEAM uses three nodes that can be configured for specific battlespaces. Nodes attached to a Puma provide the Marines knowledge of their surroundings at sea and on land, according to Schmitt.

“The idea is you have three squadrons or platoons wandering around doing their assigned mission, and they are each carrying BEAMs with them, creating a network of sensors to aid situational awareness,” he said. “If any of those nodes detects something, it will alert all of the connected BEAMs, and any of those BEAMs could choose to begin jamming the enemy if desired.”

BEAM technology is not



DAISHA RAMIREZ/U.S. Marine Corps

Marines aboard the USS New Orleans prepare to launch a backpackable electronic attack module, or BEAM, in the Coral Sea, on July 25.

equipped with artificial intelligence, but its computer processing capabilities make it “pretty smart,” according to an April article in Signal magazine.

The BEAM radios communicate with one another to “find the best formation to grab the most information about the enemy,” Philip Root, a program manager at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency who helped develop BEAM starting in 2016, told Signal.

Root said Marines and Special Forces consider the BEAM system another team member rather than another tool.

“They would give the BEAM system the mission, and it would modify its behavior depending on the threat it saw and where they

were in the mission, where it saw high-value targets,” Root told the magazine.

Working aboard the New Orleans, Schmitt’s team used BEAM on drones in coordination with a 36-foot, rigid, inflatable boat, “which was something that had never been tested before,” he said.

The New Orleans is an amphibious transport dock ship homeported at Sasebo Naval Base. It supports aircraft and amphibious vehicles and transports Marines for deployments and training events.

“We wanted to ensure that the BEAM could feasibly be employed from a variety of platforms used in a littoral environment,” Schmitt said.

DARPA began to explore

BEAM along with other technologies, including artificial intelligence, Root told Signal in April.

The retired Army lieutenant colonel said his experience tells him the military may not want artificial intelligence systems that are superior to humans.

“That doesn’t mean we shouldn’t try to develop good AI,” Root said in the article. “It just means that instead of trying to replace the wisdom and experience of the small unit commander, we should try to create AI that helps support the wisdom and experience of the most junior Marine on the team, and sometimes that junior Marine is a robot.”

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2 Navy Triton drones wrap up first Japan trip

By Alex Wilson
Stars and Stripes

Two Navy unmanned surveillance aircraft are back on Guam after wrapping up their debut deployment to Japan.

The MQ-4C Tritons recently returned to Andersen Air Force Base, according to a news release Wednesday from Indo-Pacific Command. The drones arrived May 15 at Misawa Air Base in northeastern Japan and departed for Guam on Oct. 12, according to an email from U.S. Naval Forces Japan spokeswoman Cmdr. Katie Cerezo on Thursday.

Naval Forces Japan and Misawa Air Base directed all questions about the Tritons’ deployment to Naval Air Systems Command, which did not respond to multiple emails from Stars and Stripes.

Assigned to Unmanned Patrol Squadron 19 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla., the Tritons were accompanied by approximately 80 personnel, including four pilots. The pilots launch the Tritons before handing control over to Jacksonville.

During its first three months in Misawa, one Triton flew approximately 20 missions, a drone pilot told



MICHAEL MURPHY/U.S. Air Force

An MQ-4C Triton taxis on a runway at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, on April 4, 2020.

Stars and Stripes in August.

Similar to the Air Force’s RQ-4 Global Hawks, the Triton is designed for maritime surveillance rather than terrestrial scouting.

“It provides high-resolution, all-weather imagery across large geographic areas, which offers an important capability in support of the Japan-U.S. alliance,” Cerezo said in August.

The aircraft also complement the capabilities of the P-8A Poseidon surveillance planes, according to the Navy.

The Tritons will continue to operate from Andersen to “provide maritime surveillance and persistent intelligence” to the 7th Fleet, according to the Navy.

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Bill to address higher military uniform price for women introduced

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire said she has introduced a bill to address a so-called “pink tax” in the military, a reference to the higher prices female service members often pay for their uniforms.

Hassan, a Democrat, and Republican U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst, of Iowa, recently introduced the bill together.

Hassan said the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office found that women paid more in out-of-pocket costs for their uniforms than their male counterparts. It also found that while all branches of the military provide an annual clothing allowance for uniform items, some items in certain branches are not eligible for

reimbursements and can drive up costs.

“It is absurd that we are forcing service members to fork over thousands of dollars in order to pay for necessary clothing items that they wear while serving our country,” Hassan said in a statement.

“This disparity in uniform costs is particularly stark for women,” she added.

The bill would require the Department of Defense to develop consistent criteria for determining which uniform items are considered “uniquely military,” so as to reduce differences in out-of-pocket costs across services and by gender. It also would require the department to review each service’s plans for any uniform change.

MILITARY

Cases: Remote learning to start Wednesday at RMS

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proper cleaning, and complete necessary contact tracing and public health procedures to ensure the safety of the students and staff,” Ramstein base officials said in a statement on Facebook.
Some students and family members may be quarantined as a result of contact tracing, school offi-

cials said. Students in quarantine would receive remote instruction for the duration of that period, they said.
Base officials advised affected personnel to contact their supervisors to discuss child care or telework options, if needed.
“If you are not contacted by public health officials, you have

not been deemed to have been in close contact,” RMS said in its letter. The middle school’s closure and shift to remote learning does not affect other base schools on Ramstein or students enrolled in DODEA’s virtual school, officials said.
The coronavirus cases at Ramstein come amid a sharp increase

in cases in Germany, leading some health experts to declare the start of a “fourth wave” of infections.
As of Friday, the seven-day average of new infections in Germany per 100,000 people was approximately 95.1, compared to 68.7 a week ago, according to figures from the Robert Koch Institute. A

total of 19,572 new infections were reported Friday, more than double the number reported seven days ago.
About 66% of the German population is fully vaccinated, according to RKI.
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A Wyoming farewell for Marine killed in Afghan bombing

Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. — Dozens of U.S. fellow Marines joined hundreds of Wyoming residents to bid a final farewell at a memorial for Rylee McCollum, one of 13 U.S. servicemen killed in a suicide bombing as they guarded a gate at a chaotic Kabul, Afghanistan, airport during the final U.S. evacuation from the country.
Many of the Marines were members of the 20-year-old McCollum’s unit serving in Afghanistan when he was killed Aug. 26. McCollum, a Marine lance corporal, grew up, went to school and enlisted in the Corps in the mountain valley area known as Jackson Hole, home to the town of Jackson. He was honored during Saturday’s Jackson service attended by more than 400 people.
“We knew his potential. I knew he had the mindset,” said Staff Sgt. Luis Diaz, who recruited McCollum into the Corps. “I knew he had the spirit to accomplish anything he wanted.”
McCollum was a dedicated Ma-



BRADLY J. BONER, JACKSON HOLE NEWS & GUIDE/AF

A U.S. Marine with the Golf Company, 1st Marines presents Jim McCollum with a folded American flag during memorial services for his son, Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, on Saturday at the Gill Ranch in Jackson, Wyo.

rine, enthusiastic and funny, said Cpl. Wyatt Wilson. When something had to be done, Wilson told

the Jackson gathering, “I always grabbed Rylee because I knew it would be done right the first

time,” the Jackson Hole News & Guide reported.
Ten other Marines, a soldier

and a Navy corpsman also died in the explosion as they guarded a gate at Hamid Karzai International Airport. Twenty other service members were wounded, and dozens of civilians were killed.
Mourners remembered McCollum as a “roly-poly” boy who became a dominant high school wrestler, a young man who always told people he wanted to become a U.S. Marine.
Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon, who attended with U.S. Sen. John Barrasso, said Americans “should rejoice that heroes like Rylee are born.” Gordon ordered U.S. flags in the state to be flown at half-staff to honor McCollum, who died in his first deployment.
On Sept. 13, Jiannah Crayton, McCollum’s widow, gave birth to a girl, Levi Rylee Rose McCollum. Online fundraising efforts have raised over \$1 million for the baby’s education and mother.
McCollum’s widow, his father, Jim, and sisters Cheyenne, Roice and Stephenie attended Saturday’s service.

Century: Marine vet, thoroughbred industry icon rejected party to mark 100th birthday

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Ky., on Oct. 26, 1921. He graduated from Yale in the early 1940s, and shortly thereafter he deployed to the Pacific as an infantry officer in the 4th Marine Regiment, 6th Marine Division, where he led a rifle platoon during the Battle of Okinawa.
He was wounded twice, but recovered in time to participate in allied forces’ initial landing on Japan. He later received the Purple Heart and the Presidential Unit Citation.
Bassett has often attributed the success of his later civilian endeavors to his early military training and combat responsibilities. One of his first civilian posts was director of the Kentucky State Police from 1964 to 1967, at the height of the Civil Rights era.
His work to revamp the force and build trust in the community caught the attention of John Y. Brown, a future Kentucky governor who then owned the fast-food chain Kentucky Fried Chicken.
“I admired what I had heard about him and interviewed him to



Bassett III

see if he would be interested to become the president of Kentucky Fried Chicken,” Brown said in an interview.
Brown still jokes that Bassett made the wrong decision when he turned down his lucrative offer for a job at a race-track that paid considerably less.
The job Bassett chose was at Keeneland, an internationally renowned racecourse in Lexington and the thoroughbred industry’s leading auction house.
Bassett would go on to serve as president, chairman of the board and trustee at Keeneland over the years, and much of the venue’s success has been linked to his leadership, particularly his ability to forge relationships.
“He has got the best human touch of anybody I’ve ever been around,” said Jim Host, whose friendship with Bassett goes back to the late 1960s. “He has no ego. He’s the kind of person who can sit

comfortably with Queen Elizabeth, or he can be just as comfortable sitting with the cooks, waitresses and waiters in the track kitchen.”
Bassett did, in fact, sit with Queen Elizabeth II when she made her first visit to an American track at Keeneland in 1984. She was one of many high-profile visitors Bassett helped attract to the venue. Some years later, the royal family of Dubai made the first ever \$10 million bid for a horse there.
Bassett was also a key architect of the Breeder’s Cup, an annual series of horse races that began in 1984. In addition, he served as president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association and the Thoroughbred Club of America, cementing his legacy in the horse racing industry.
People still visit Bassett regularly for advice and wisdom; one relative likened these sessions to “an audience with the pope.”
Many of the lessons he shares were learned during his time as a Marine, former Lexington Mayor

Jim Gray said.
“Ted Bassett is still a shining example of that mission, of the character that it took to carry us through that period and really until today,” Gray said.
Those closest to Bassett have said that his philanthropic legacy in central Kentucky is just as strong as his reputation in the racing world. Bassett has used Keeneland’s success to support local charities.
He’s also built links between the racecourse and the local Black community.
“There have been numerous things that he’s done in a quiet manner but very efficient manner to help bridge the gap between African Americans and the traditionally white horse racing community,” Host said.
Bassett has no children, and his wife, Lucy, died in 2016 after more than six decades of marriage.
Holly Wiedemann, Bassett’s goddaughter, said he nixed plans for a grandiose party because he considered it inappropriate to celebrate his longevity when so many

others are dying of COVID-19.
“I think that speaks volumes to his character,” Wiedemann said. “Those who know him will tell you that there is another day of the year more important to him than his birthday: Nov. 10, the Marines’ birthday, which he regularly hosts parties for.”
On that day in 2007, Bassett was presented with the Navy’s Superior Public Service Award, the second-highest civilian honor given by the branch. It recognizes significant contributions by a civilian to the Navy, Marine Corps or entire Department of the Navy.
“Mr. Bassett’s selfless patriotism and dedication reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service,” his award citation said. “Throughout his distinguished career as a Marine and as a private citizen, Mr. Bassett continues to epitomize ‘once a Marine, always a Marine.’”
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MILITARY

Confederate name changes draw emotions

BY ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

BLACKSTONE, Va. — Civil War history casts a long shadow in Virginia, the birthplace of Confederate generals, scene of their surrender and now a crossroad of controversy over renaming military bases that honor rebel leaders.

In and around Blackstone, about 50 miles southwest of Richmond, that shadow can stir passions when talk turns to nearby Fort Pickett. Some are troubled by Congress requiring the Pickett name be dropped as part of a wider scrubbing of military base names that commemorate the Confederacy or honor officers who fought for it. In all, the names of at least nine Army bases in six states will be changed.

Others here say it's high time to drop the names.

"Change them!" says Nathaniel Miller, a Black member of the town council who was stationed at Pickett after he returned from Vietnam in 1973. "It should have happened a long time ago," he says, because the names are a reminder of slavery and a period in American history when Black peo-

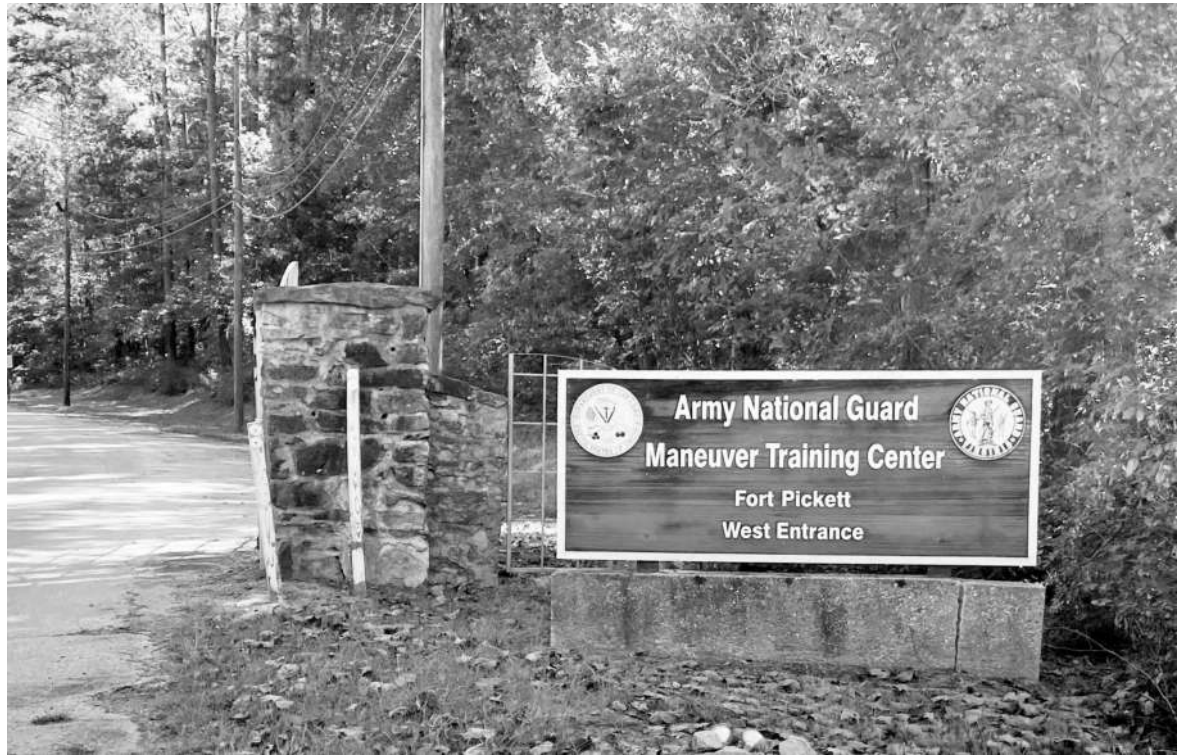
ple had no voice.

Fort Pickett's namesake is Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett, best remembered for a failed Confederate assault at Gettysburg that became known as Pickett's Charge. He was a Virginia native and a West Point graduate who resigned from his U.S. Army officer commission shortly after the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861.

The push to rename Fort Pickett and other bases is part of a national reckoning with centuries of racial injustice, triggered most recently by the May 2020 police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. For years, the military defended the naming of bases after Confederate officers; as recently as 2015 the Army argued that the names did not honor the rebel cause but were a gesture of reconciliation with the South.

Congress easily agreed last year to compel the name changes to remove what are seen by many as emblems of human bondage and Black oppression.

Reflecting a shift in the military's thinking, Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has spoken force-



PHOTOS BY ROBERT BURNS/AP

Fort Pickett in Nottoway County, Va., near Blackstone, Va., on Oct. 19.

fully about a legacy of Black pain reflected in Confederate names at Army bases where today at least 20% of soldiers are Black. He said those names can be reminders to Black soldiers that the rebel officers fought for an institution that may have enslaved their ancestors.

Milley told a House committee in June 2020 the Confederacy doesn't deserve to be commemorated in this way.

"It was an act of rebellion, it was an act of treason at the time, against the Union, against the Stars and Stripes, against the U.S. Constitution," he said. "And those officers turned their back on their oath. Now, some have a different view of that. Some think it's heri-

tage. Others think it's hate."

No one around Blackstone seems to know why the government picked the Pickett name in the first place. The 1942 dedication ceremony for what originally was called Camp Pickett, attended by the general's descendants, was held on July 3 to coincide with the 79th anniversary of his Gettysburg charge. An Associated Press account of the ceremony quoted Virginia Gov. Colgate Darden saying the story of Pickett's Charge "will live forever as an epic of superb courage" that made him a Virginia "immortal."

Some folks, like Greg Eanes, an Air Force veteran who grew up in the nearby town of Crewe, see removing the Pickett name as disre-

specting the rebels and their descendants.

"In my opinion, it is nothing less than cultural genocide, albeit with a velvet glove," Eanes says, standing beside a still-visible Confederate trench on a battlefield in an adjacent county. "The South has a unique history. Many of its people have ancestors and family members who were in the Confederate armies. It would be wrong, in my opinion, to dismiss — just arbitrarily dismiss — their concerns."

Still, stripping Fort Pickett of its Confederate connection is hardly a hot topic around here.

"There was probably a time in my life when this would have gotten me riled up," says Billy Coleburn, 52, a Blackstone native who publishes the local newspaper and is mayor of the town of about 3,500 residents.

"The times change," he adds.

Local innkeepers Jim and Christine Hasbrouck applaud the removal of Confederate generals' names.

"We need to stop putting them on a pedestal," says Jim.

Whatever the details of his legacy, people who grew up near Fort Pickett say the name change won't really matter.

"It will always be Pickett to me," says Leigh Hart, who was born and raised in Blackstone. "It will be Pickett forever."



Greg Eanes, a retired Air Force colonel and resident of Crewe, Va., poses for a photo at Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park in Rice, Va..



Mayor of Blackstone, Va., Billy Coleburn, speaks during AP interview at his home in Blackstone, Va., on Wednesday.

Deadly storm brings power outages, flooding to Sigonella

Stars and Stripes

Naval Air Station Sigonella in Sicily was ordering people living in family housing Monday to boil their water in the aftermath of a Mediterranean "hurricane" that caused widespread flooding and power outages.

The base also said some residents may have to move into temporary housing depending on the extent of the damage.

Marinai housing complex residents were told to boil water used for cooking, brushing teeth and washing dishes, among other things, said a post on the base's Facebook page.

The post also warned people with open wounds or sores not to bathe or wash their hands in water that had not been boiled. By early Monday afternoon, the base said water was being re-

stored to family housing but it was still not drinkable.

Efforts to restore power to homes were underway but would be delayed for those that were flooded, a later post said.

The galley and the USO were feeding family housing residents at a youth community center, and some restaurants, the base's food court and the commissary were open. But a

Navy Exchange mini mart was closed because of damage, the base said.

The advisory came as severe wind and rain pummeled the area around Catania, near where the base is located, causing severe flooding on the weekend.

A 67-year-old man was swept away by floodwaters Sunday and later found dead, the Italian

news agency Ansa reported.

Base schools and others in the region were closed Monday, and classes also were canceled Tuesday. The base hospital and clinic were closed Monday except for essential services.

The bad weather is expected to continue through the week, news reports said.

VIRUS OUTBREAK



KOJI SASAHARA/AP

Tokyo restaurants return to normal

People in Tokyo can eat and drink in bars and restaurants later in the evening starting Monday as officials ease social distancing rules with the country's daily coronavirus cases reaching their lowest levels in more than a year. But officials in Tokyo had asked food and beverage businesses to maintain their early closures through Sunday as a precaution against a quick resurgence.

Moderna: Low-dose shot works for kids

Associated Press

Moderna said Monday that a low dose of its COVID-19 vaccine is safe and appears to work in 6- to 11-year-olds, as the manufacturer joins its rival Pfizer in moving toward expanding shots to children.

Pfizer's kid-size vaccine doses are closer to widespread use. They are undergoing evaluation by the

Food and Drug Administration for youngsters in nearly the same age group, 5 to 11, and could be available by early November. The company's vaccine already is authorized for anyone 12 or older.

Moderna hasn't yet gotten the go-ahead to offer its vaccine to teens but is studying lower doses in younger children while it waits.

Researchers tested two shots for the 6- to 11-year-olds, given a month apart, that each contained half the dose given to adults. Preliminary results showed vaccinated children developed virus-fighting antibodies similar to levels that young adults produce after full-strength shots, Moderna said in a news release.

Africa tries to end vaccine inequity by replicating its own

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — In a pair of Cape Town warehouses converted into a maze of airlocked sterile rooms, young scientists are assembling and calibrating the equipment needed to reverse engineer a coronavirus vaccine that has yet to reach South Africa and most of the world's poorest people.

The energy in the gleaming labs matches the urgency of their mission to narrow vaccine disparities. By working to replicate Moderna's COVID-19 shot, the scientists are effectively making an end run around an industry that has vastly prioritized rich countries over poor in both sales and manufacturing.

And they are doing it with unusual backing from the World Health Organization, which is coordinating a vaccine research, training and production hub in South Africa along with a related supply chain for critical raw materials. It's a last-resort effort to make doses for people going without, and the intellectual property implications are still murky.

"We are doing this for Africa at this moment, and that drives us," said Emile Hendricks, a 22-year-old biotechnologist for Afrigen Biologics and Vaccines, the company trying to reproduce the Moderna shot. "We can no longer rely on these big superpowers to come in and save us."

Some experts see reverse engineering — recreating vaccines from fragments of publicly available information — as one of the few remaining ways to redress the power imbalances of the pandemic. Only 0.7% of vaccines have gone to low-income countries so far, while nearly half have gone to wealthy countries, according to an analysis by the People's Vaccine Alliance.

Until now, WHO has never directly taken part in replicating a novel vaccine for current global use over the objections of the original developers. The Cape Town hub is intended to expand access to the novel messenger RNA technology that Moderna, as well as Pfizer and German partner BioNTech, used in their vaccines.

Merck asks EU regulator to authorize pill meant to treat COVID-19

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — The pharmaceutical company Merck says it has asked the European Medicines Agency to authorize its COVID-19 antiviral treatment, the first pill that has been shown to treat the disease.

In a statement on Monday, Merck

said the EU drug regulator had started an expedited licensing process for molnupiravir. If given the green light, it would be the first treatment for COVID-19 that does not need to be administered through needles or intravenous infusions.

Earlier this month, Merck asked

the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to OK molnupiravir, and a decision is expected within weeks.

The company reported this month that the pill cut hospitalizations and deaths by half among patients with early symptoms of COVID-19. The results were so strong

that independent medical experts monitoring the trial recommended stopping it early.

An antiviral pill that people could take at home to reduce their symptoms and speed recovery could prove groundbreaking, easing the crushing caseload on hospitals and

helping to curb outbreaks in poorer countries with weak health care systems.

It would also bolster a two-pronged approach to the pandemic: treatment, by way of medication, and prevention, primarily through vaccinations.



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NATION

Drought-ridden California hit with rainstorm

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A powerful storm barreled toward Southern California after flooding highways, toppling trees and causing mud flows in areas burned bare by recent fires across the northern part of the state.

Drenching showers and strong winds accompanied the weekend's arrival of an atmospheric river — a long and wide plume of moisture pulled in from the Pacific Ocean. The National Weather Service's Sacramento office warned of "potentially historic rain."

Flooding was reported across the San Francisco Bay Area, closing streets in Berkeley, inundating Oakland's Bay Bridge toll plaza and overflowing rivers in Napa and Sonoma counties. Power poles were downed and tens of thousands of people in the North Bay were without electricity.

By Sunday morning, Mount Tamalpais just north of San Francisco had recorded a half foot of rainfall during the previous 12 hours,

the weather service said.

"Some of our higher elevation locations could see 6, 7, 8 inches of rain before we're all said and done," weather service meteorologist Sean Miller said.

About 150 miles to the north, the California Highway Patrol closed a stretch of State Route 70 in Butte and Plumas counties because of multiple landslides within the massive Dixie Fire burn scar.

"We have already had several collisions this morning for vehicles hydroplaning, numerous trees falling, and several roadways that are experiencing flooding," the highway patrol's office in Oroville tweeted on Sunday. "If you can stay home and off the roads today, please do. If you are out on the roads, please use extreme caution."

The same storm system also slammed Oregon and Washington state, causing power outages affecting tens of thousands of people. Two people were killed when a tree fell on a vehicle in the greater Seattle area. Eastside Fire &



Caltrans maintenance supervisor Matt Martin walks by a landslide covering Highway 70 in the Dixie Fire zone Sunday, in Plumas County, Calif. NOAH BERGER/AP

Rescue responded to the scene of the fatalities near Preston, Wash., which is about 20 miles east of Seattle.

In California's Colusa and Yolo counties, state highways 16 and 20 were shut for several miles due to mudslides, the state Department of Transportation said.

Burn areas remain a concern, as land devoid of vegetation can't soak up heavy rainfall as quickly, increasing the likelihood of flash flooding.

"If you are in the vicinity of a recent burn scar and haven't already, prepare now for likely debris

flows," the Sacramento weather service tweeted. "If you are told to evacuate by local officials, or you feel threatened, do not hesitate to do so. If it is too late to evacuate, get to higher ground."

South of San Francisco, evacuation orders were in effect in the Santa Cruz Mountains over concerns that several inches of rain could trigger debris flows in the CZU Lightning Complex Fire burn scar when the storm moves through early Monday. Further south, parts of western Santa Barbara County saw evacuation

warnings upgraded to orders in the area burned by this month's Alisal Fire.

Strong winds were also expected, with gusts of up to 60 mph at the windiest spots in Northern California. Elevations above 9,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada could get 18 inches of snow or more from Sunday until Monday morning.

Recent storms have helped contain some of the nation's largest wildfires this year. But it remains to be seen if the wet weather will make a dent in the drought that's plaguing California and the western United States.

Suspected tornadoes cause damage in Missouri, Illinois

Associated Press

ST. MARY, Mo. — A suspected tornado damaged buildings and knocked out power in communities along the state line between Missouri and Illinois, and damage was reported in other parts of the states from severe weather.

One suspected tornado moved Sunday night through St. Mary, Mo., about 55 miles southeast of St. Louis, before crossing the Mississippi River into Chester, Ill., the National Weather Service reported. There were no immediate reports of severe injuries.

A large fall storm system developed Sunday over the central part of the country and strengthened as it passed over the St. Louis region, weather service meteorologist Jared Maples, based in St. Charles, Mo., told The Associated Press on Monday. The storms dropped heavy rain, leading to some flooding around tributaries and in low-lying areas, and spawned several suspected tornadoes in eastern Missouri and southwestern Illinois.

"There's structures around the Farmington and Fredericktown area of Missouri that have been hit," Maples said. "Chester, Illinois, is another area that was hit hard."

The weather service is sending out survey teams to confirm whether those areas were hit by tornadoes, he said.

Felix Meyer, Ste. Genevieve County



Jeff Schroeder, from Anna, Ill., looks at the debris strewn around a house in his sister's neighborhood in St. Mary, Mo., after a tornado hit the area on Sunday. DAVID CARSON, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH /AP

emergency management director, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that St. Mary, which has several hundred residents, was without power. Power outages were reported in some other Missouri communities, as well as in parts of Illinois.

Tina Lowry was in bed and her sister was in the living room when they heard a whooshing sound Sunday night. Lowry said she took shelter in her closet and her sister

hunkered down in the bedroom as the home was ripped apart. Vehicles also were destroyed by the storm.

"I'm just happy we're alive," she said.

Across the river in Illinois, Chester fire Chief Marty Bert said the main damage in the community was confined to power lines and downed trees. Wind ripped off part of the roof at Three Springs Lodge nursing home, but all the residents were safe, he

said.

In Fredericktown, a storage building was leveled, the Post-Dispatch reported, and other buildings lost roofs and had their windows cracked.

Earlier Sunday, video from a KMBC-TV helicopter captured a funnel cloud forming near Kansas City around the Missouri community of Kingston. There appeared to be some damage on the ground, the station reported.

The severe weather in the Midwest came as a powerful storm barreled toward Southern California after flooding highways, toppling trees and causing mud flows in areas burned bare by recent fires across the northern part of the state. Drenching showers and strong winds accompanied the storm.

The system that hit the Midwest continued east into the Ohio Valley on Monday, said weather service meteorologist Alex Elmore, who is based in St. Charles.

"It has weakened as it moves east," Elmore said. "There is a chance of severe weather later Monday in the Carolinas and portions of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee."

Forecasters are expecting more stormy weather later in the week. On Tuesday, parts of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas could see severe storms, according to the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla.

NATION



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Assistant to the President and White House Counsel Dana Remus, left, and Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff Jen O'Malley Dillon walk toward Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington to join President Joe Biden for a short trip to Joint Base Andrews, Md., in July.

To navigate legal quandaries, Biden leans on low-key counsel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Election lawsuits multiplying by the day. An obscure federal agency blocking the presidential transition. The very legitimacy of Joe Biden's victory under assault as supporters of Donald Trump riot at the Capitol.

Amid all the turmoil, lawyer Dana Remus was the voice of calm for Team Biden.

Fighting on multiple fronts as Biden's top lawyer during the presidential transition, Remus made a lasting impression on her colleagues with her ability to block out the noise as she battled legal challenges and pushed ahead with the screening of Cabinet and judicial nominees. Now, she's the White House counsel.

"You could be in the middle of the hurly-burly and have a conversation with her, and the sort of atmospheric anxiety doesn't get in the way of the legal issues that you're dealing with," recalled Andrew Wright, who worked with Remus during the transition. "She's not panicky, which is always a good thing in a lawyer."

Remus' toughest task may lie ahead: guiding Biden as the White House supports efforts to investigate and hold accountable those involved in the Jan. 6 insurrection, while avoiding setting a precedent that could weaken the office of the presidency for generations to come.

Colleagues have said the president would be hard-pressed to find a lawyer better suited for the moment.

Her office has helped Biden navigate legal decisions on pandemic policy, led the administration's effort to make more judicial nominations to this point than any president since Richard Nixon and offered advice on how the president's adult son, Hunter Biden, can go about selling his paintings without creating conflicts of interest.

Before working for Biden, Remus, 46, spent years as a judicial and ethics expert in academia, and served as President Barack Obama's chief ethics lawyer in the final 14 months of his presidency. Her stint as Biden's general counsel during the 2020 elec-

tion was her first campaign job.

"I think what her credentials and her experience reflect is a clear determination by President Biden after the four-year, scandal-laden confuse-a-rama of the Trump administration that he was going to have a first-rate lawyer empowered with a strong background in ethics serve as his White House counsel," White House chief of staff Ron Klain said.

The work of Remus and her deputies hasn't gone without critique, including knocks on how the administration went about extending a pandemic-era eviction moratorium even after the majority of Supreme Court justices signaled they would reject any additional extension without authorization from Congress.

Republicans and ethics lawyers also have pilloried the White House over the Hunter Biden artwork sale setup. Obama-era Office of Government Ethics chief Walter Schaub has called the art arrangement "the perfect mechanism for funneling bribes" to the president.

Hackers backed by Russia reportedly targeting Microsoft

By ALAN SUDERMAN
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Microsoft said Monday that the same Russia-backed hackers responsible for the 2020 SolarWinds breach continue to attack the global technology supply chain and have been relentlessly targeting cloud service companies and others since summer.

The group, which Microsoft calls Nobelium, has employed a new strategy to piggyback on the direct access that cloud service resellers have to their customers' IT systems, hoping to "more easily impersonate an organization's trusted technology partner to gain access to their downstream customers." Resellers act as intermediaries between giant cloud companies and their ultimate customers, managing and customizing accounts.

"Fortunately, we have discovered this campaign during its early stages, and we are sharing these developments to help cloud service resellers, technology providers and their customers take timely steps to help ensure Nobelium is not more successful," Tom Burt, a Microsoft vice president, said in a blog post.

The Biden administration downplayed Microsoft's announcement. A U.S. government official briefed on the issue who insisted on anonymity to discuss the government's response noted that "the activities described were unsophisticated password spray and phishing, run-of-the mill operations for the purpose of surveillance that we already know are attempted every day by Russia and other foreign governments."

The Russian Embassy did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

U.S. and Russian ties have already been strained this year over

a string of high-profile ransomware attacks against U.S. targets launched by Russia-based cyber gangs. U.S. President Joe Biden has warned Russian President Vladimir Putin to get him to crack down on ransomware criminals, but several top administration cybersecurity officials have said recently that they have seen no evidence of that.

Supply chain attacks allow hackers to steal information from multiple targets by breaking into a single product they all use. The U.S. government has previously blamed Russia's SVR foreign intelligence agency for the SolarWinds hack, a supply-chain hack that went undetected for most of 2020, compromised several federal agencies and badly embarrassed Washington.

Microsoft has been observing Nobelium's latest campaign since May and has notified more than 140 companies targeted by the group, with as many as 14 believed to have been compromised. The attacks have been increasingly relentless since July, with Microsoft noting that it had informed 609 customers that they had been attacked 22,868 times by Nobelium, with a success rate in the low single digits. That's more attacks than Microsoft had flagged from all nation-state actors in the previous three years.

"Russia is trying to gain long-term, systematic access to a variety of points in the technology supply chain and establish a mechanism for surveilling — now or in the future — targets of interest to the Russian government," Burt said.

Microsoft did not name any of the hackers' targets in their latest campaign. But cybersecurity firm Mandiant said it had seen victims in both Europe and North America.

One hundred teenagers get lifetime support to foster global service work

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Christian Maboko wants to change the world. Starting Monday, the 18-year-old from Burundi, who lives in a Kenyan refugee camp and has co-founded a nonprofit to help address poverty there, will get a lifetime of help with his work from a new philanthropic program to nurture talented teens around the world.

Schmidt Futures announced that Maboko is one of the inaugural 100 Rise Global Winners, part of a \$1 bil-

lion program funded by philanthropists Wendy and Eric Schmidt, the former CEO of Google and executive chairman of its parent company, Alphabet Inc. The program aims to foster collaboration and new projects from young people to help solve the world's thorniest problems.

Maboko plans to use Rise's financial support to further his work in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya and go to college, even though only 1% of high school graduates in

the camp do so.

"I'm trying my best to be among the 1%," he told The Associated Press.

Rise winners will receive lifetime access to higher education scholarships, career development and funding for projects they create for public benefit. They also receive an annual three-week residential summit with the other winners, and mentorship and internship opportunities in their fields of interest. Because the costs of college degrees

vary widely around the world, the prize for each winner also will vary.

Rise will notify the winners, which include teens from 42 countries speaking 20 languages, on Monday.

"We think talent around the world is distributed evenly," Wendy Schmidt said. "But opportunity isn't."

Schmidt Futures and The Rhodes Trust invited teens to explain how they would address an issue or are already addressing it. More than

50,000 teens from 170 countries applied last year.

For his application, Maboko developed a program to teach girls and young women in his refugee camp about reproductive health and the importance of remaining in school even if they get pregnant.

"I don't want to see my younger sisters dropping out," said Maboko, whose family has been unable to return to Burundi due to political unrest. "So I had to come up with a solution and do it for the community."

NATION

Facebook knew of impact of language gap

BY ISABEL DEBRE
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Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — As the Gaza war raged and tensions surged across the Middle East last May, Instagram briefly banned the hashtag #AlAqsa, a reference to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City, a flash point in the conflict.

Facebook, which owns Instagram, later apologized, explaining its algorithms had mistaken the third-holiest site in Islam for the militant group Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, an armed offshoot of the secular Fatah party.

For many Arabic-speaking users, it was just the latest potent example of how the social media giant muzzles political speech in the region. Arabic is among the most common languages on Facebook's platforms, and the company issues frequent public apologies after similar botched content removals.

Now, internal company documents from the former Facebook product manager-turned-whistle-blower Frances Haugen show the problems are far more systemic than just a few innocent mistakes, and that Facebook has understood the depth of these failings for years while doing little about it.

Such errors are not limited to Arabic. An examination of the files reveals that in some of the world's most volatile regions, terrorist content and hate speech proliferate because the company remains short on moderators who speak local languages and understand cultural contexts. And its platforms have failed to develop artificial-intelligence solutions that can catch harmful content in different languages.

In countries like Afghanistan and Myanmar, these loopholes have allowed inflammatory language to flourish on the platform, while in Syria and the Palestinian territories, Facebook suppresses ordinary speech, imposing blanket bans on common words.

"The root problem is that the platform was never built with the intention it would one day mediate the political speech of everyone in the world," said Eliza Campbell, director of the Middle East Institute's Cyber Program. "But for the amount of political importance and resources that Facebook has, moderation is a bafflingly under-resourced project."

This story, along with others published Monday, is based on Haugen's disclosures to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which were also provided to Congress in redacted form by her legal team. The redacted versions received by Congress were reviewed by a consortium of news organizations, including The Associated Press.



ALTAF QADRI/AP

An Indian woman walks past a group of Indian paramilitary soldiers on patrol on a street vandalized in February 2020 violence in New Delhi, India.

"For the amount of political importance and resources that Facebook has, moderation is a bafflingly under-resourced project."

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In a statement to the AP, a Facebook spokesperson said that over the last two years the company has invested in recruiting more staff with local dialect and topic expertise to bolster its review capacity around the world.

But when it comes to Arabic content moderation, the company said, "We still have more work to do. ... We conduct research to better understand this complexity and identify how we can improve."

In Myanmar, where Facebook-based misinformation has been linked repeatedly to ethnic and religious violence, the company acknowledged in its internal reports that it had failed to stop the spread of hate speech targeting the minority Rohingya Muslim population.

The Rohingya's persecution, which the U.S. has described as ethnic cleansing, led Facebook to publicly pledge in 2018 that it would recruit 100 native Myanmar language speakers to police its platforms. But the company never disclosed how many content moderators it ultimately hired or revealed which of the nation's many dialects they covered.

Despite Facebook's public

promises and many internal reports on the problems, the rights group Global Witness said the company's recommendation algorithm continued to amplify army propaganda and other content that breaches the company's Myanmar policies following a military coup in February.

In India, the documents show Facebook employees debating last March whether it could clamp down on the "fear mongering, anti-Muslim narratives" that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's far-right Hindu nationalist group, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, broadcasts on its platform.

In one document, the company notes that users linked to Modi's party had created multiple accounts to supercharge the spread of Islamophobic content. Much of this content was "never flagged or actioned," the research found, because Facebook lacked moderators and automated filters with knowledge of Hindi and Bengali.

Arabic poses particular challenges to Facebook's automated systems and human moderators, each of which struggles to understand spoken dialects unique to each country and region, their vocabularies salted with different

historical influences and cultural contexts.

The Moroccan colloquial Arabic, for instance, includes French and Berber words, and is spoken with short vowels. Egyptian Arabic, on the other hand, includes some Turkish from the Ottoman conquest. Other dialects are closer to the "official" version found in the Quran. In some cases, these dialects are not mutually comprehensible, and there is no standard way of transcribing colloquial Arabic.

Facebook first developed a massive following in the Middle East during the 2011 Arab Spring uprisings, and users credited the platform with providing a rare opportunity for free expression and a critical source of news in a region where autocratic governments exert tight controls over both. But in recent years, that reputation has changed.

Scores of Palestinian journalists and activists have had their accounts deleted. Archives of the Syrian civil war have disappeared. And a vast vocabulary of everyday words have become off-limits to speakers of Arabic, Facebook's third-most common language with millions of users worldwide.

For Hassan Slaieh, a prominent journalist in the blockaded Gaza Strip, the first message felt like a punch to the gut. "Your account has been permanently disabled for violating Facebook's Community Standards," the company's notification read. That was at the peak of the bloody 2014 Gaza war, following years of his news posts on violence between Israel and

Hamas being flagged as content violations.

Within moments, he lost everything he'd collected over six years: personal memories, stories of people's lives in Gaza, photos of Israeli airstrikes pounding the enclave, not to mention 200,000 followers. The most recent Facebook takedown of his page last year came as less of a shock. It was the 17th time that he had to start from scratch.

He had tried to be clever. Like many Palestinians, he'd learned to avoid the typical Arabic words for "martyr" and "prisoner," along with references to Israel's military occupation. If he mentioned militant groups, he'd add symbols or spaces between each letter.

But Slaieh's tactics didn't make the cut. He believes Facebook banned him simply for doing his job. As a reporter in Gaza, he posts photos of Palestinian protesters wounded at the Israeli border, mothers weeping over their sons' coffins, statements from the Gaza Strip's militant Hamas rulers.

"If you posted about militant activity without clearly condemning what's happening, we treated you like you supported it," said Mai el-Mahdy, a former Facebook employee who worked on Arabic content moderation until 2017.

In response to questions from the AP, Facebook said it consults independent experts to develop its moderation policies and goes "to great lengths to ensure they are agnostic to religion, region, political outlook or ideology."

"We know our systems are not perfect," it added.

Facebook outsources most content moderation to giant companies that enlist workers far afield, from Casablanca, Morocco, to Essen, Germany. The firms don't sponsor work visas for the Arabic teams, limiting the pool to local hires in precarious conditions — mostly Moroccans who seem to have overstated their linguistic capabilities. They often get lost in the translation of Arabic's 30-odd dialects, flagging inoffensive Arabic posts as terrorist content 77% of the time, one document said.

Many across the Middle East worry the stakes of Facebook's failings are exceptionally high, with potential to widen longstanding inequality, chill civic activism and stoke violence in the region.

"We told Facebook: Do you want people to convey their experiences on social platforms, or do you want to shut them down?" said Husam Zomlot, the Palestinian envoy to the United Kingdom, who recently discussed Arabic content suppression with Facebook officials in London. "If you take away people's voices, the alternatives will be uglier."

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Gates installed on bat cave to protect habitat

AL ANNISTON — Gates have been installed at the mouth of a cave in eastern Alabama to protect the habitat of two endangered species that live in the cavern, the state wildlife agency said.

Mined by the Confederacy during the Civil War for saltpeter, a component of gunpowder, Weaver Cave near Anniston is an important home for gray bats and tricolored bats, according to a release from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

The cave was purchased by the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust in 2020, and gates were installed to prevent people from entering using money from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The barriers are meant to keep out humans but protect the winged mammals, said Nick Sharp of the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.

Police: 2 critically injured in road rage shooting

KS WICHITA — Two people were critically injured in a road rage shooting in Wichita, police said.

Officers responding to an 11 p.m. call of a shooting arrived to find two people with gunshot wounds, KSN-TV reported.

One is a 26-year-old woman believed to be the driver and the other is a man in his mid-20s who is believed to be a passenger, said Police Sgt. Brian Mock.

Both were transported to a local hospital in critical, but stable condition.

Police said they were headed eastbound on Kellogg when they were involved in some sort of road rage incident with another vehicle. Several shots were fired from a white four-door car.

Atlantic mackerel fishing shut down for rest of year

ME PORTLAND — The federal government is shutting down the harvest of an important species of fish for the rest of the year because of concerns about overfishing.

Fishermen from Maine to North Carolina commercially harvest Atlantic mackerel, which is used as food as well as bait. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said it closed the fishery starting Oct. 15.

NOAA said the most recent assessment of the species found it is overfished and that the level of overfishing has increased slightly. The agency said it's implementing the new closure to slow down catch of the fish.

Fishermen have usually caught between 10 million and 20 million pounds of Atlantic mackerel per year in recent years. The most productive states are Massachu-



ADAM HUNGER/AP

Nothing to see here

Army cadets cheer as they take on Wake Forest during the first half of an NCAA college football game Saturday in West Point, N.Y.

setts, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Maine.

City's 1st female police chief officially sworn in

MS HATTIESBURG — Another Mississippi city has a woman as police chief for the first time.

Hattiesburg Mayor Toby Barker swore in career police officer Peggy Sealy on Thursday, the Hattiesburg American reported.

The city council approved Barker's nomination of Sealy for police chief in August. Sealy had been interim chief since Anthony Parker retired as the city's top officer in December.

After Sealy's swearing-in, she promoted 13 Hattiesburg officers whose formal proceedings had been delayed since January because of COVID-19 precautions.

Feds seize \$12M, part of money laundering scheme

MI DETROIT — Federal prosecutors in Detroit have seized about \$12 million in cash that they alleged was part of a money laundering scheme operating between the United States and the United Arab Emirates.

A forfeiture complaint unsealed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Detroit alleges that some of the laundered money was used to buy armored vehicles for an illegal drug trafficking operation based in Michigan, the Detroit Free Press reported.

THE CENSUS

\$1 The sale price a town is offering for a set of vacant downtown buildings in hopes of finding new life for its tie to southern Indiana's once-thriving limestone industry. The cluster of four one-story limestone buildings was built in the Monroe County town of Stinesville between 1886 and 1894. The Indiana Landmarks historic preservation group is working with the 200-person town about 10 miles northwest of Bloomington and has suggested that the buildings could become an events venue, a restaurant or workspace for artisans or craftspeople, WRTV reported. The landmarks group described Stinesville as a boom town in the 1890s with nearly 1,000 residents, as stone workers and carvers arrived for jobs at nearby limestone quarries.

Prosecutors are seeking court approval to allow the U.S. Treasury to keep the \$12 million in cash, which was seized in separate actions in 2020 and 2021.

The forfeiture complaint alleges that "The Shadow Exchange" moved cash from the United Arab Emirates to the U.S. using shell companies, mostly located in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

Those shell companies allegedly used fake invoices and other methods to disguise the origins of money, sent to banks — including major U.S. banks — using dozens of wire transfers.

Shipwreck on beach to be removed over a year later

NC MANTEO — An abandoned vessel that ran aground on a North Carolina beach over a year ago will finally be removed.

Initially, most of the former scallop boat was visible along the shoreline.

But it has been slowly sinking in sand along the beach south of

Cape Hatteras National Seashore's Oregon Inlet Campground. Now, more than half of it is buried.

The haunting 72-foot-long shipwreck became a popular lure for tourists after it ran aground in March 2020. The crew was rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The National Park Service has been warning people to stay away. They said exploring the vessel is dangerous because of unstable sand shifting beneath it. Also, while the wrecked vessel is visible during low tide, it becomes completely surrounded by the ocean during high tide.

The removal project is expected to cost around \$295,000. It is expected to take roughly a month to complete.

Police find about \$200K worth of stolen band gear

NM ALBUQUERQUE — A high school's stolen truck that was filled with about \$200,000 in band equipment has been recovered, according to Al-

buquerque police.

On the day of a major competition just a few hours before they were supposed to perform, the Las Cruces High School marching band discovered that all their equipment and instruments were gone. School officials said some of the stolen equipment was new and some of it wasn't insured.

Other schools reached out to help by lending the band some band equipment so Las Cruces High Bulldogs could compete in the Zia Marching Band Fiesta, a major competition at the University of New Mexico.

Police said the truck was later found Saturday in Albuquerque.

Authorities seize nearly 63 pounds of cocaine

SD SIOUX FALLS — Authorities seized almost 63 pounds of cocaine during a traffic stop in Sioux Falls.

Police and the South Dakota Highway Patrol said it's likely the largest amount of cocaine seized in the city in recent history.

The Argus Leader reported that the investigation into the cocaine trafficking started last year and police received a tip that drugs were being transported to Sioux Falls on Tuesday.

Troopers arrested two men from Houston, Texas, during the traffic stop. The are being held on \$500,000 cash-only bonds.

WORLD

Sudan's military seizes power, arrests PM

By SAMY MAGDY
Associated Press

CAIRO — Sudan's military seized power Monday, dissolving the transitional government hours after troops arrested the prime minister. Thousands of people flooded into the streets to protest the coup that threatens the country's shaky progress toward democracy.

Security forces opened fire on some of the crowds, and three protesters were killed, according to the Sudan Doctors' Committee, which said 80 people were wounded.

The takeover comes more than two years after protesters forced the ouster of long-time autocrat Omar al-Bashir and just weeks before the military was supposed to hand the leadership of the council that runs the country over to civilians.

After the early morning arrests of Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and other senior officials, thousands poured into the streets of the capital, Khartoum, and its twin city of Omdurman. They blocked



Burhan



NEW SUDAN NNS/AP

In this frame taken from video, people gather during a protest in Khartoum, Sudan, on Monday. Military forces arrested Sudan's acting prime minister and senior government officials, the country's information ministry said, describing the actions as a coup.

streets and set fire to tires as security forces used tear gas to disperse them.

As plumes of smoke filled the air, protesters could be heard chanting, "The people are stronger, stronger!" and "Retreat is not an option!" Videos on social media showed large crowds crossing bridges over the Nile to the center of the capital,

while the U.S. Embassy warned troops were blocking off parts of the city.

"We call for the military to immediately cease violence, release detained officials, and ensure the safety of Sudanese citizens demonstrating for democratic and civilian leadership," the embassy said, urging a return to a civilian-led govern-

ment.

Pro-democracy activist Dura Gambo said paramilitary forces chased protesters through some neighborhoods of Khartoum. She said the sporadic sound of gunshots could be heard in many parts of the capital.

Records from a hospital in Khartoum obtained by The Associated Press showed some people admitted with gunshot wounds.

In the afternoon, the head of the military, Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan, announced on national TV that he was dissolving the government and the Sovereign Council, a joint military and civilian body created soon after al-Bashir's ouster to run the country.

Burhan said quarrels among political factions prompted the military to intervene. Tensions have been rising for weeks over the course and the pace of the transition to democracy in Sudan, a nation in Africa linked by language and culture to the Arab world.

The general declared a state of emergency and said the military will appoint a technocratic government to lead the country to elections, set for July 2023. But he made clear the military will remain in charge.

"The Armed Forces will continue completing the democratic transition until the handover of the country's leadership to a civilian, elected government," he said. He added that the country's constitution would be rewritten and a legislative body would be formed with the participation of "young men and women who made this revolution."

The Information Ministry, still loyal to the dissolved government, called his speech an "announcement of a seizure of power by military coup."

White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre said the United States was "deeply alarmed at reports of a military takeover" and called for the immediate release of the prime minister and other officials.

"The actions today are in stark opposition to the will of the Sudanese people and their aspirations for peace, liberty and justice," Jean-Pierre said.

The U.N. political mission to Sudan described the detentions of government officials as "unacceptable," and the African Union called for them to be freed. EU foreign affairs chief Joseph Borrell tweeted that he was following the events with the "utmost concern."



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People run for cover Saturday as police shoot into the air to disperse a crowd threatening to burn down a gas station because they believed the station was withholding the gas in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Fuel shortages bring Haiti's beleaguered capital to brink

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's capital has been brought to the brink of exhaustion by fuel shortages after staggering along despite an earthquake, the assassination of the president, gang violence and mass kidnappings.

More than two weeks of fuel deliveries interrupted by gang blockades and abductions of fuel truck drivers have driven residents of Port-au-Prince to a desperate search for gasoline and diesel. The fuels are widely used to run generators needed to

compensate for the country's unreliable electrical system.

The city's main fuel terminals are located in or near gang-dominated neighborhoods like Martissant, La Saline and Cite Soliel, and some gangs have reportedly been demanding extortion payments to allow fuel trucks through.

Protests broke out Saturday in the Delmas neighborhood, where gas stations have run out of fuel. Police arrived and dispersed the crowds with warning shots of what appeared to be live rounds.

Greenhouse gas levels reportedly hit a new record high last year

By JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

GENEVA — The World Meteorological Organization reported Monday that greenhouse gas concentrations hit a new record high last year and increased at a faster rate than the annual average for the last decade despite a temporary reduction during pandemic-related lockdowns.

In its annual report on heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere, the U.N. weather agency also pointed to signs of a worrying new development: Parts of the Amazon rainforest have gone from being a carbon "sink" that sucks carbon dioxide from the air to a source of CO2 due to deforestation and reduced humidity in the region, it said.

The report's release came days before the start of a U.N. climate change conference in Glasgow, Scotland. Many environmental activists, policymakers and scientists have said that the Oct. 31-Nov.

12 event, known as COP26 for short, marks an important and even crucial opportunity for concrete commitments to the targets set out in the 2015 Paris climate accord.

"The Greenhouse Gas Bulletin contains a stark, scientific message for climate change negotiators at COP26," World Meteorological Organization Secretary-General Petteri Taalas said of his agency's report. "At the current rate of increase in greenhouse gas concentrations, we will see a temperature increase by the end of this century far in excess of the Paris agreement targets of 1.5 to 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

"We are way off track," Taalas said.

The report draws on information collected by a network that monitors the amount of greenhouse gases that remain in the atmosphere after some quantities are absorbed by oceans and the biosphere.

"One of the striking messages from our report is that the Amazonian region, which used to be a sink of carbon, has become a source of carbon dioxide," Taalas said. "And that's because of deforestation. It's because of changes of the global local climate, especially. We have less humidity and less rainfall."

Oksana Tarasova, chief of WMO's atmospheric and environment research division, said the results showing the Amazon going from sink to source were a first, but noted they were from a specific southeastern portion of the Amazon, not the entire rainforest.

The global average of carbon dioxide concentrations hit a new high of 413.2 parts per million last year, according to the WMO report. The 2020 increase was higher than the annual average over the last decade despite a 5.6% drop in carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels due to COVID-19 restrictions, WMO said.

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When deafness is a superpower

‘Eternals’ character played by Lauren Ridloff is rewriting limitations on superheroes

By **CHRISTI CARRAS**
Los Angeles Times

Lauren Ridloff is eager for audiences to meet her groundbreaking “Eternals” character, Makkari.

In the comics, Makkari is known primarily for her superhuman speed, which allows her to spin cyclones, run on water and defy gravity. In Marvel Studios’ forthcoming adaptation, Makkari is also deaf — a key asset that distinguishes her from her fellow celestial protectors.

“Let’s just say Makkari would not be as

fast as she is if it wasn’t for her deafness,” Ridloff said. “I can’t wait for people to see the movie and be able to finally talk about it.”

“Eternals” follows a coalition of cosmic beings tasked with saving humanity from monstrous forces known as the Deviants. Directed by Oscar winner Chloe Zhao, the film boasts the most diverse cast in MCU history — including Ridloff, a Black and Mexican-American deaf actor who plays the franchise’s first deaf superhero.

“When I came to the process, Marvel already had a treatment, and these characters were written in the treatment, so I was very impressed by their fight for diversity,” Zhao said. “Not just in terms of gender and race. Different types of diversity. That’s one of the reasons why I was drawn to the project.”

The Disney tentpole is also the first MCU installment helmed by a woman of color: Zhao, who is Chinese and made history when she won an Academy Award this year for directing “Nomadland.”

“Just to know that I was working with a director like Chloe, I felt very safe,” Ridloff said. “We went through this whole new path as the first deaf superhero in the MCU, but under her direction, I knew that she would do me justice. And I knew that ... authentic representation really is important to her.”

Throughout the production process, Ridloff and Zhao engaged in many conversations about portraying Makkari authentically in an effort to defy stereotypes surrounding the deaf community.

“I kept wanting to check in about how we would actually reveal my deafness in the storyline, and we finally got to a point where I felt like we could actually show Makkari as having a deaf benefit or a deaf gain,” Ridloff said.

“That’s a word that we use within the community” — as opposed to “hearing loss” — “to show the idea that being deaf can actually be a good

thing too, and we show that in the movie.”

The crowded “Eternals” ensemble represents a variety of abilities, ethnicities, genders, ages and sexualities. Though there are a whopping 10 Eternals in the main cast, the president of Marvel Studios has said that, if there’s a lead in the film, it’s Gemma Chan’s Sersi.

That would make Chan the first woman of Asian descent to headline a Marvel movie.

“We are so different — each of us, from each other — our backgrounds, our cultural heritage,” Chan said. “But we kind of became like one big, dysfunctional family, and it was about being supportive of each other and celebrating our differences.”

“Eternals,” which opens in theaters Nov. 5, also introduces the franchise’s first gay superhero in Brian Tyree Henry’s Phastos. And Haaz Sleiman, who plays Phastos’ mortal husband, said he “couldn’t be luckier to be a part of” the inclusive project.

“This is the world that we live in,” Sleiman said. “It is diverse. We are all these different kinds of people. That’s what makes us beautiful.”

Marvel producer Nate Moore — who has also worked on the “Captain America” movies, “The Falcon and the Winter Soldier” and “Black Panther” — cited the success of “Black Panther,” “Captain Marvel” and “Shang-Chi” as evidence that inclusivity attracts moviegoers.

“For a long time, there seemed to be an unspoken rule that diverse casts wouldn’t draw people to theaters, and I don’t think that’s true,” Moore said. “Hopefully, this is just another brick in the wall that proves that hypothesis is wrong and encourages other studios to take chances on big movies with diverse casts.”

In addition to being diverse, the cast of “Eternals” is also star-studded. Rounding out the titular team of godlike saviors are Salma Hayek as Ajak, Richard Madden as Ikaris, Don Lee as Gilgamesh, Barry Keoghan as Druig, Kumail Nanjiani as Kingo, Lia McHugh as Sprite and Angelina Jolie as Thena.



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Timothée Chalamet stars in “Dune.”

Despite hybrid release, ‘Dune’ draws \$40.1M

By **JAKE COYLE**
Associated Press

Denis Villeneuve’s “Dune” debuted with \$40.1 million in ticket sales in its opening weekend in North America, drawing a large number of moviegoers to see the thundering sci-fi epic on the big screen despite it also being available to stream in homes.

Warner Bros. launched the Legendary Entertainment production simultaneously in theaters and on HBO Max.

When the studio first charted that course for all of its 2021 releases due to the pandemic, how the strategy would affect “Dune” — one of the year’s most anticipated spectacles — was always one of the biggest question marks. Villeneuve vehemently protested the decision.

“I strongly believe the future of cinema will be on the big screen, no matter what any Wall Street dilettante says,” Villeneuve wrote in a lengthy statement to *Variety* last December.

Warner Bros. says it will return to exclusive theatrical releases next year. For now, the \$165 million-budgeted “Dune” marks the best domestic opening for any of the studio’s hybrid releases, surpassing the \$31.7 debut of “Godzilla vs. Kong” in March.

The studio didn’t release streaming figures.

Coming into the weekend, “Dune” had grossed \$130 million internationally. “Dune” added \$47.4 million internationally for a global gross of \$220.7 million.

“Dune” is the second big-screen attempt to adapt Frank Herbert’s 1965 epic, following David Lynch’s much-derided 1984 version. Villeneuve’s “Dune,” which adapts only the first half of the book, stars Timothée Chalamet, Oscar Isaac, Rebecca Ferguson, Zendaya and Javier Bardem.

Last week’s top film, Universal Pictures’ horror sequel “Halloween Kills,” debuted with \$50.4 million, but slid steeply in its second week with \$14.5 million, good for second place. In two weeks, it has grossed \$73.1 million domestically.

“No Time to Die,” Cary Fukunaga’s James Bond film starring Daniel Craig, came in third with \$11.9 million in its third week. Worldwide, the film has brought in more than \$525 million.

The weekend’s biggest disappointment, albeit not unexpectedly, was “Ron’s Gone Wrong.” The lightly marketed Disney animated release, produced by 20th Century Fox before Disney acquired the studio, opened with a modest \$7.3 million domestically and about the same internationally.

“Ron’s Gone Wrong” is about a middle-schooler and his walking, talking digital device Ron (voiced by Zach Galifiniakis).



Lauren Ridloff attends the Oct. 18 premiere of “Eternals” in Los Angeles.
VALERIE MACON, AFP/TNS

COVID case complicates Sheeran’s schedule

From wire reports

Singer Ed Sheeran said on Sunday that he had tested positive for the coronavirus, days before his new album is set to be released.

In a note posted on Instagram, Sheeran said he had “sadly tested positive for COVID,” and that he was “now self-isolating and following government guidelines.”

“It means that I’m now unable to plough ahead with any in person commitments for now, so I’ll be doing as many of my planned interviews/performances I can from my house,” he wrote. “Apologies to anyone I’ve let down.”

Sheeran’s latest album, “=,” is set to be released Friday.

Per British coronavirus rules, people who test positive must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, or if asymptomatic, from the date the test was taken.

Sheeran is scheduled to perform on NBC’s “Saturday Night Live” on Nov. 6, which is outside of the 10-day isolation period, but it is unclear whether he would be able to travel to the United States in time for the performance. The United States requires a negative coronavirus test for entry.

Sheeran’s team has offered for him to perform remotely for “Saturday Night Live,” but the show was not keen on the idea, according

to a report by Page Six. A spokesperson for NBC did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

ABC bans live weapons from ‘The Rookie’

ABC’s popular procedural “The Rookie” has banned the firing of real guns on the show after a fatal accident Oct. 21 on a movie set.

Alexi Hawley, the showrunner on the cop drama starring Nathan Fillion as a Los Angeles Police Department newcomer, wrote to crew members Oct. 22 with the new policy, according to an email seen by the Los Angeles Times.

“There will be no more ‘live’ weapons on the show,” he said, while urging the crew to report anything that made them feel unsafe. Instead, replica toy guns will be used, with computer-generated muzzle flashes added in postproduction, he said.

The change comes after actor Alec Baldwin fatally shot cinematographer Halyna Hutchins on the New Mexico set of the low-budget film “Rust” on Oct. 21. Prop guns used in films can either be dummy guns or real guns that can fire blanks.

The accident has raised the question from many filmmakers about how necessary live weapons are on sets, given how convincing modern special effects can be.



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OPINION

Johnson may be ‘Global Britain’s’ biggest enemy

BY STRYKER MCGUIRE
Special to The Washington Post
About six months after Britons voted in 2016 to leave the European Union, then-Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson gave a speech on his country’s putative new place in the world. “Brexit emphatically does not mean a Britain that turns in on herself,” he said. “We are not some bit part or spear-carrier on the world stage. We are a protagonist—a global Britain running a truly global foreign policy.”
Johnson, the prime mover behind Brexit, is now prime minister. When world leaders come together in Scotland for the Glasgow Climate Change Conference at the end of this month, he’ll have a chance to show whether his “Global Britain” ambition is for real. It’s going to be a tough sell.
Twenty-one months after officially leaving the EU, Johnson’s Britain continues to search for its identity. It’s no longer part of the world’s second-largest consumer market. It’s nowhere near doing a trade deal with the No. 1 market, the United States. And for all of Johnson’s talk of a “buccaneering” Britain that would reinvent itself as a kind of Singapore-on-Thames, the post-Brexit United Kingdom has barely begun to do that—or even to nail down deals with other partners.
Militarily, Britain has traditionally sought to enhance its power by hitching itself to the United States. That’s not going so well either. President Joe Biden’s abrupt withdrawal from Afghanistan this summer caught Johnson unaware and left Washington’s most important ally there looking like a bystander. In the House of Commons, Johnson’s predecessor as prime minister, fellow Conservative Theresa May, acidly asked him, “Where is

Global Britain on the streets of Kabul?”
In March, the Johnson government published “Global Britain in a Competitive Age: the Integrated Review of Security, Defense, Development and Foreign Policy.” Though its importance has been somewhat lost in the fog of COVID-19 and Brexit, the review is probably Britain’s most substantial strategic rethink since the Cold War.
The review’s central aspiration is that Britain should be “a soft power superpower.” There are valid historical reasons to make such a claim, but the Johnson government is already undermining some of them. Among other things, it has reduced foreign aid from 0.7% of gross domestic product to 0.5%, a reduction of more than £4 billion (\$5.45 billion). But that’s just the beginning.
Among Britain’s soft-power strengths, the review cites first and foremost the BBC, “the most trusted broadcaster worldwide.” And yet Conservative politicians, including Johnson, have long waged war on the BBC. In early October, the Johnson Cabinet member whose portfolio includes the media, Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries, said, “Will the BBC still be here in 10 years? I don’t know.”
Johnson is not the first prime minister to seek to elevate the U.K.’s global standing since the sun set on the British Empire. Former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson said in 1962 that Britain’s days as an independent world power were “about played out.” “Great Britain has lost an empire and has not yet found a role,” he said. (Ironically, Acheson prescribed joining the Common Market, precursor to the EU, as the antidote to decline.)
Margaret Thatcher tapped into U.S. power by standing with her fellow Cold Warrior, Ro-

nald Reagan. Tony Blair embraced what critics archly called a “51st state” strategy that locked Britain into America’s wars and, in the case of Iraq, backfired so spectacularly that London-Washington relations, though durable, have been strained ever since.
Now it’s Johnson’s turn, but he’s arguably “Global Britain’s” greatest enemy. Though he’s a genuinely charismatic politician, he makes it hard for all but his devotees to take him seriously. His serial prevarication is Trumpian in scale. He disdains detail. He relies on theatrical antics over substance.
A case in point is the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement’s Northern Ireland Protocol, which is meant to protect the 1998 Good Friday Agreement that has reduced sectarian violence in Northern Ireland (and, incidentally, is considered sacrosanct by the Biden administration). Johnson cynically negotiated the protocol prior to the 2019 election, which he then won in a landslide with the slogan “Get Brexit Done.”
It was clear even then that Johnson had no intention of honoring it because it established a border down the middle of the Irish Sea, leaving Northern Ireland sitting within the EU single market and causing havoc with trade. Ever since, Johnson has been trying to undo an international treaty he himself signed—undermining his credibility and Britain’s.
Of course, the pandemic has drained resources and delayed plans. But Britain urgently needs new ideas if it is to fulfill a new global destiny. It also needs a leader to match its ambitions. So far, at least, Johnson shows no sign of being that person.

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‘Fair and Equal’ could unfairly harm faith-based work

BY INGRID JACQUES
The Detroit News
DETROIT
Paul Propson just wants to fulfill his mission to the people of Metro Detroit.
As CEO of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, Propson’s goal is twofold: to serve the church and serve the community. The organization helps more than 20,000 people every year, from its behavioral health programs and substance-abuse counseling to foster care and adoption and senior care.
Propson’s faith is integral to his work. It’s the reason he does it.
“This duty we have, we’re bound to do as part of our faith,” he says. “We recognize as Catholics, to say we believe something, and then not to act on it is in fact not to have any belief at all. Taking action is part of the faith, part of being Catholic.”
These faith-based services—from Catholic to Muslim—are at risk. Propson and many others who do this work in Michigan believe that their undertaking is being targeted.
The latest push to include more protections for the LGBTQ community in the state’s 1976 Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act does more than just broaden the definition of sex to include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity or expression.”
Fair and Equal Michigan, which spearheaded a ballot proposal last year, also wants to add a new definition of religion in the anti-discrimination law that includes these words: “the religious beliefs of an individual.”

It’s this phrasing in Section K of the initiative that has the religious community concerned.
The backers of Fair and Equal chose the word “individual” for a reason. Elliott-Larsen currently defines “person” as an individual, agent, association, corporation and labor organization, in addition to other entities.
Section K makes it clear that religious protections don’t extend to an organization.
Many religious groups hold strong beliefs on the definition of marriage and the differences between men and women, and they fear this would make them a target of discrimination lawsuits and could push them out of the marketplace altogether.
If you think that’s far-fetched, just look at the legal battle in Michigan between Democratic Attorney General Dana Nessel and St. Vincent Catholic Charities over its child-placement services. Nessel would rather force St. Vincent to stop doing this work than allow it the option of recommending same-sex couples work with another agency.
Both the Michigan Catholic Conference and the Michigan chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MI) have conducted legal analyses of the proposal’s language and have come to the same conclusions.
“Section K is highly problematic for us,” says Dawud Walid, executive director of CAIR-MI. “We believe people should not be coerced or compelled to act against their sincerely held religious beliefs.”
This summer, the Board of State Canvassers—at the recommendation of the Bureau of Elections—did not certify Fair and Equal’s

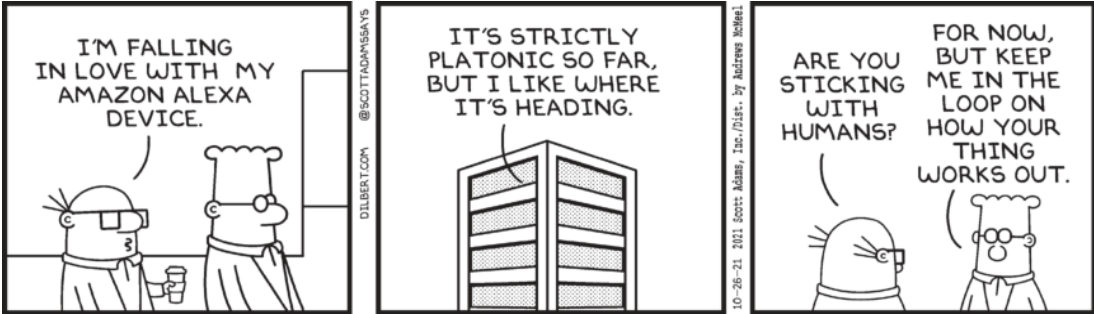
petition on the grounds that it didn’t meet the required number of valid signatures to make the ballot.
The canvassers applied the same rules to its evaluation as it does any ballot initiative. But the backers of Fair and Equal want special treatment. They filed suit with the Michigan Supreme Court to “reevaluate” the signature qualification rules for petitions like theirs.
Essentially, they want the high court to force the Bureau of Elections to sample signatures from a larger pool—and they want to be able to use the 18,000 signatures they gathered “electronically.” That is unprecedented in Michigan, and current election law does not specify that electronic signatures should count, so the bureau threw them out.
But even without those, Fair and Equal submitted more signatures than the required 340,000, yet still came up short of the number of valid signatures to move forward with getting the proposal on the ballot.
Even if Fair and Equal’s proposal doesn’t succeed, this effort isn’t going away. Any future measures must offer more protections for faith—not less.
“Our concern would be that our actions guided by our church teachings might run afoul of new definitions of family, or parents and children, or marriage or men and women,” says Propson.
“When we are no longer permitted to follow our conscience or follow our faith, what freedom do we have in our work or in our personal lives?”

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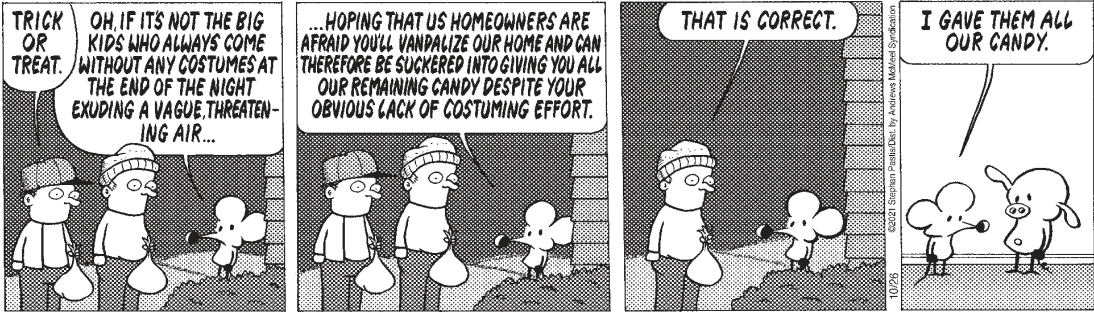
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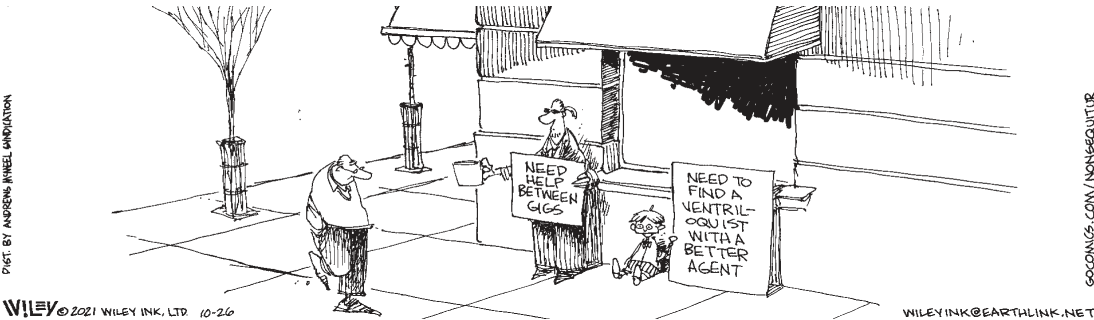
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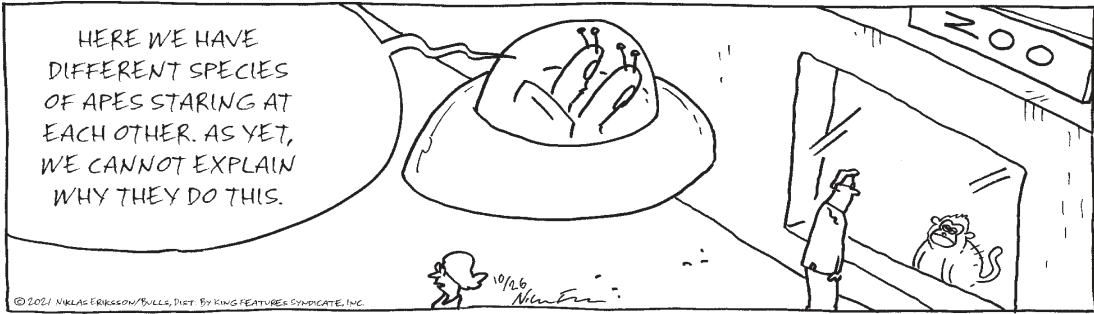
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Candorville



Carpe Diem



Beetle Bailey



Bizarro



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- ACROSS
- 52 Past
- 53 Chumps
- 24 Actress
- MacGraw
- 25 PC port
- 26 Atlantic fish
- 27 — Lingus
- 28 Felon's flight
- 29 CIA operative
- 31 Marry
- 34 Sass
- 35 Attire
- 37 Steinway
- product
- 38 Stuff tightly
- 39 Anger
- 40 PC picture
- 41 Tight-fitting
- 42 Gillette razor
- 43 Tide variety
- 44 Poetic tributes
- 46 "Suits" network
- 47 Sit-up targets
- DOWN
- 1 Brilliant stroke
- 2 Coastal eagle
- 3 Campus bigwig
- 4 Sprite
- 5 "Well done!"
- 6 Tom Joad, for one
- 7 Doze (off)
- 8 As is
- 9 "— Lisa"
- 10 Frying needs
- 11 "— a Lady"
- 16 Finn's floater
- 20 Automobile
- 21 Brazen
- 22 Classic Olds
- 23 Toe count

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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10-26 CRYPTOQUIP

Y S U B P C T M N T V T O X B O N X

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: LIKELY REPLY IF GYMNAST COMANECI ASKS WHAT THE SPANISH WORD FOR "NOTHING" IS: "NADA, NADIA."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals S

SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Georgia (63)	7-0	1575	1
2. Cincinnati	7-0	1477	2
3. Alabama	7-1	1417	4
4. Oklahoma	8-0	1383	3
5. Ohio St.	6-1	1311	5
6. Michigan	7-0	1270	6
7. Oregon	6-1	1165	10
8. Michigan St.	7-0	1160	9
9. Iowa	6-1	1035	11
10. Mississippi	6-1	1034	12
11. Notre Dame	6-1	922	13
12. Kentucky	6-1	849	15
13. Wake Forest	7-0	801	16
14. Texas A&M	6-2	700	17
15. Oklahoma St.	6-1	682	8
16. Baylor	6-1	513	20
17. Pittsburgh	6-1	510	23
18. Auburn	5-2	481	19
19. SMU	7-0	473	21
20. Penn St.	5-2	471	7
21. San Diego St.	7-0	390	22
22. Iowa St.	5-2	298	-
23. UTSA	8-0	235	24
24. Coastal Carolina	6-1	132	14
25. BYU	6-2	44	-

Others receiving votes: Arkansas 36, Louisiana-Lafayette 32, NC State 28, Houston 12, Virginia 9, Oregon St. 7, Arizona St. 7, Texas 6, Appalachian St. 5, Florida 3, UCLA 1, Minnesota 1.

Top 25 schedule

Thursday
No. 24 Coastal Carolina vs. Troy
Saturday
No. 1 Georgia vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla.
No. 2 Cincinnati at Tulane
No. 4 Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech
No. 5 Ohio St. vs. No. 20 Penn St.
No. 6 Michigan at No. 8 Michigan St.
No. 7 Oregon vs. Colorado
No. 9 Iowa at Wisconsin
No. 10 Mississippi at No. 18 Auburn

No. 11 Notre Dame vs. North Carolina
No. 12 Kentucky at Mississippi St.
No. 13 Wake Forest vs. Duke
No. 15 Oklahoma St. vs. Kansas
No. 16 Baylor vs. Texas
No. 17 Pittsburgh vs. Miami
No. 19 SMU at Houston
No. 21 San Diego St. vs. Fresno St.
No. 22 Iowa St. at West Virginia
No. 25 BYU vs. Virginia

Coaches Top 25

The USA TODAY Sports AFCA Coaches Poll Top 25 with team's records FROM THROUGH SATURDAY in parentheses, total points based on 25 for first place through one point for 25th, ranking in last year's final poll and first-place votes received.

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Georgia (64)	7-0	1600	1
2. Cincinnati	7-0	1469	3
3. Alabama	7-1	1439	4
4. Oklahoma	8-0	1430	2
5. Ohio State	6-1	1338	5
6. Michigan	7-0	1313	6
7. Michigan State	7-0	1208	7
8. Oregon	6-1	1139	10
9. Mississippi	6-1	1019	12
10. Iowa	6-1	1008	11
11. Notre Dame	6-1	950	13
12. Kentucky	6-1	857	14
13. Wake Forest	7-0	838	15
14. Texas A&M	6-2	736	17
15. Oklahoma State	6-1	684	9
16. SMU	7-0	535	19
17. Penn State	5-2	517	8
18. Baylor	6-1	509	20
19. Pittsburgh	6-1	487	23
20. San Diego State	7-0	431	21
21. Auburn	5-2	418	22
22. Texas-San Antonio	8-0	219	25
23. Iowa State	5-2	190	NR
24. Coastal Carolina	6-1	134	16
25. North Carolina State	5-2	73	18

Dropped out: No. 24 Clemson (4-3).
Others receiving votes: Louisiana-Lafayette (6-1) 42; Brigham Young (6-2) 42; Arkansas (5-3) 41; Houston (6-1) 27; Arizona State (5-2) 27; Virginia (6-2) 23; Oregon State (5-2) 13; Florida (4-3) 13; Fresno State (6-2) 10; Air Force (6-2) 9; Appalachian State (5-2) 5; Texas (4-3) 3; Liberty (6-2) 3; Utah (4-3) 1.

PRO SOCCER

MLS

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New England	21	4	7	70	64	40
Philadelphia	13	8	10	49	43	32
Nashville	11	4	16	49	47	28
Orlando City	12	8	11	47	45	44
New York City FC	12	11	8	44	51	34
New York	12	11	7	43	37	31
Atlanta	11	9	10	43	40	34
CF Montréal	11	10	10	43	44	41
D.C. United	12	14	5	41	51	50
Inter Miami CF	11	15	5	38	33	48
Columbus	10	13	8	38	38	42
Chicago	9	16	7	34	36	51
Toronto FC	6	17	8	26	35	60
Cincinnati	4	19	8	20	33	64

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	17	7	7	58	51	28
Sporting Kansas City	16	7	7	55	54	34
Colorado	15	6	10	55	45	32
Portland	14	13	4	46	48	51
LA Galaxy	13	11	7	46	46	48
Minnesota United	12	10	9	45	36	38
Vancouver	11	9	11	44	41	42
Real Salt Lake	12	12	6	42	48	46
Los Angeles FC	11	12	8	41	47	45
San Jose	9	12	10	37	41	48
Houston	6	14	12	30	36	51
FC Dallas	6	14	11	29	43	52
Austin FC	8	19	4	28	31	50

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

Saturday, Oct. 23

Sporting Kansas City 2, Seattle 1
New York 2, Columbus 1
New York City FC 6, D.C. United 0
Philadelphia 1, Nashville 0
CF Montréal 1, Toronto FC 1, tie
Los Angeles FC 1, Minnesota 1, tie
Chicago 1, Real Salt Lake 0
Miami 5, Cincinnati 1
Colorado 2, Portland 0
FC Dallas 2, LA Galaxy 2, tie
Vancouver 1, San Jose 1, tie

Sunday's games

Austin FC 2, Houston 1
New England 2, Orlando City 2, tie

Tuesday's game

Seattle at Los Angeles FC

Wednesday's games

Colorado at New England
Miami at Atlanta
Nashville at Cincinnati
Orlando City at Columbus
Philadelphia at Toronto FC
New York at D.C. United
Chicago at New York City FC
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas
LA Galaxy at Sporting Kansas City
Minnesota at Vancouver
San Jose at Portland

Saturday's games

New York City FC at Miami
San Jose at Real Salt Lake
CF Montréal at New York
Toronto FC at Atlanta
Columbus at D.C. United
Austin FC at FC Dallas

Sunday, Oct. 31

Sporting Kansas City at Minnesota
Colorado at Houston
Nashville at Orlando City
Cincinnati at Philadelphia

Monday, Nov. 1

LA Galaxy at Seattle

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Vancouver at Los Angeles FC

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Houston at CF Montréal
Atlanta at New York
Sporting Kansas City at Austin FC
Portland at Real Salt Lake

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Portland	13	6	4	43	33	17
Reign FC	12	8	3	39	34	24
Washington	10	7	6	36	28	26
Chicago	10	8	5	35	27	28
Gotham FC	8	5	9	33	27	19
Houston	9	9	5	32	31	30
North Carolina	9	9	5	32	28	23
Orlando	7	9	7	28	27	31
Louisville	5	12	5	20	19	38
Kansas City	3	13	7	16	15	33

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

Thursday's game

Gotham FC at Louisville

Friday's games

Chicago at Orlando
Reign FC at Kansas City

Saturday's games

North Carolina at Portland

Sunday, Oct. 31

Louisville at Gotham FC
Houston at Washington

AUTO RACING

Hollywood Casino 400

NASCAR Cup Series
Sunday
At Kansas Speedway
Kansas City, Kan.
Lap length: 1.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (1) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 267 laps, 58 points.
2. (5) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 267, 52.
3. (11) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 267, 45.
4. (13) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 267, 47.
5. (6) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 267, 41.
6. (9) William Byron, Chevrolet, 267, 50.
7. (7) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 267, 30.
8. (10) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 267, 29.
9. (8) Joey Logano, Ford, 267, 28.
10. (14) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 27.
11. (25) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 267, 34.
12. (21) Chris Buescher, Ford, 267, 25.
13. (24) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 267, 28.
14. (27) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 267, 25.
15. (16) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 267, 22.
16. (18) Michael McDowell, Ford, 266, 21.
17. (3) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 266, 20.
18. (22) Cole Custer, Ford, 266, 19.
19. (19) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 266, 18.
20. (40) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 266, 0.
21. (32) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 265, 16.
22. (12) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 265, 21.
23. (15) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 265, 14.
24. (28) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 265, 13.
25. (23) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 263, 12.
26. (20) Aric Almirola, Ford, 263, 11.
27. (31) Ryan Newman, Ford, 263, 10.
28. (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 261, 11.
29. (17) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 260, 8.
30. (26) BJ McLeod, Ford, 259, 0.
31. (36) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, 258, 0.
32. (39) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 256, 0.
33. (30) Josh Billicki, Ford, 256, 0.
34. (38) David Starr, Ford, 255, 0.
35. (35) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 255, 2.
36. (34) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, 254, 0.
37. (2) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 224.
38. (29) Anthony Alfredo, Ford, accident, 171, 1.
39. (33) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, engine, 165, 0.
40. (37) Chad Finchum, Ford, handling, 47, 0.

Race Statistics

Average Speed of Race Winner: 130.736 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 3 minutes, 49 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 3.619 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 33 laps.
Lead Changes: 23 among 8 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K.Larson 0-14; B.Keselowski 15-16; K.Larson 17-24; M.DiBenedetto 25-27; K.Larson 28; M.DiBenedetto 29; K.Larson 30-32; C.Elliott 33-34; W.Byron 35-36; K.Larson 37-87; C.Elliott 88-121; W.Byron 122; Ku.Busch 123; J.Logano 124-145; W.Byron 146-163; K.Larson 164-167; W.Byron 168-169; K.Larson 170-172; T.Reddick 173-178; K.Larson 179-185; W.Byron 186-219; Ku.Busch 220-222; C.Elliott 223-228; K.Larson 229-267

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Larson, 9 times for 130 laps; W.Byron, 5 times for 57 laps; C.Elliott, 3 times for 42 laps; J.Logano, 1 time for 22 laps; T.Reddick, 1 time for 6 laps; Ku.Busch, 2 times for 4 laps; M.DiBenedetto, 2 times for 4 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 2 laps.
Wins: K.Larson, 9; M.Truex, 4; R.Blaney, 3; A.Bowman, 3; C.Elliott, 2; D.Hamlin, 2; Ky.Busch, 2; B.Keselowski, 1; J.Logano, 1; Ku.Busch, 1; W.Byron, 1; C.Bell, 1; A.Almirola, 1; B.McDowell, 1; B.Wallace, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. K.Larson, 4181; 2. C.Elliott, 4107; 3. D.Hamlin, 4105; 4. Ky.Busch, 4074; 5. R.Blaney, 4073; 6. M.Truex, 4071; 7. B.Keselowski, 4068; 8. J.Logano, 4048; 9. K.Harvick, 2293; 10. Ku.Busch, 2243; 11.

W.Byron, 2233; 12. C.Bell, 2227; 13. T.Reddick, 2213; 14. A.Bowman, 2169; 15. A.Almirola, 2147; 16. M.McDowell, 2128.

F1 US Grand Prix

Sunday
At Circuit of the Americas
Austin, Texas.
Lap length: 5.00 kilometers
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (1) Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing, 56 laps, 1:34:36.552, 25 points.
2. (2) Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes, 56, +1.333 seconds, 19.
3. (3) Sergio Perez, Mexico, Red Bull Racing, 56, +42.223, 15.
4. (4) Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 56, +52.246, 12.
5. (6) Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, McLaren, 56, +1:16.854, 10.
6. (9) Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 56, +1:20.128, 8.
7. (5) Carlos Sainz Jr, Spain, Ferrari, 56, +1:23.545, 6.
8. (7) Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren, 56, +1:24.395, 4.
9. (10) Yuki Tsunoda, Japan, Alphatauri, 55, +1 lap, 2.
10. (18) Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Aston Martin, 55, +1 lap, 1.
11. (12) Antonio Giovinazzi, Italy, Alfa Romeo Racing, 55, +1 lap.
12. (13) Lance Stroll, Canada, Aston Martin, 55, +1 lap.
13. (15) Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Alfa Romeo Racing, 55, +1 lap.
14. (20) George Russell, Great Britain, Williams, 55, +1 lap.
15. (14) Nicholas Latifi, Canada, Williams, 55, +1 lap.
16. (16) Mick Schumacher, Germany, Haas F1 Team, 54, +2 laps.
17. (17) Nikita Mazepin, Russia, Haas F1 Team, 54, +2 laps.
18. (19) Fernando Alonso, Spain, Alpine, 49.
19. (11) Esteban Ocon, France, Alpine, 40.
20. (8) Pierre Gasly, France, Alphatauri, 14.

Driver Standings

1. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing, 287.5 points.
2. Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes, 275.5.
3. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 185.
4. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Red Bull Racing, 150.
5. Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren, 149.
6. Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 126.
7. Carlos Sainz Jr, Spain, Ferrari, 122.5.
8. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, McLaren, 105.
9. Pierre Gasly, France, Alphatauri, 74.
10. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Alpine, 58.
11. Esteban Ocon, France, Alpine, 46.
12. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Aston Martin, 36.
13. Lance Stroll, Canada, Aston Martin, 26.
14. Yuki Tsunoda, Japan, Alphatauri, 20.
15. George Russell, Great Britain, Williams, 16.
16. Nicholas Latifi, Canada, Williams, 7.
17. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Alfa Romeo Racing, 6.
18. Antonio Giovinazzi, Italy, Alfa Romeo Racing, 1.

Manufacturers Standings

1. Mercedes, 433.5.
2. Red Bull Racing, 397.5.
3. McLaren, 240.
4. Ferrari, 232.5.
5. Alpine, 104.
6. Alphatauri, 92.
7. Aston Martin, 61.
8. Williams, 23.
9. Alfa Romeo Racing, 7.
10. Haas F1 Team, 0.

TENNIS

Kremlin Cup

Sunday
At Olympic Stadium
Moscow
Purse: \$697,125
Surface: Hardcourt indoor
Men's Singles
Championship
Aslan Karatsev (2), Russia, def. Marin Cilic (6), Croatia, 6-2, 6-4.

Women's Singles
Championship
Anett Kontaveit (9), Estonia, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Men's Doubles
Championship
Harri Heliovaara, Finland, and Matwe Middelkoop, Netherlands, def. Nikola Patic, Serbia, and Tomislav Brkic (4), Bosnia-Herzegovina, 7-5, 4-6, 11-9.

Tenerife Ladies Open

Sunday
At Abama Tennis Academy
Tenerife, Spain
Purse: \$235,238
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
Women's Singles
Championship
Ann Li, United States, def. Maria Camila Osorio Serrano, Colombia, 6-1, 6-4.

Courmayeur Ladies Open

Monday
Courmayeur, Italy
Purse: \$235,238
Surface: Hardcourt indoor
Women's Singles
Round of 32
Dayana Yastremska (10), Ukraine, def. Vitalia Diatchenko, Russia, 6-3, 6-1.

DEALS

Sunday's Transactions

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Announced head coach Kliff Kingsbury has been cleared to return after clearing COVID-19 protocols.
CHICAGO BEARS — Placed LB Caleb Johnson and OL Elijah Wilkinson on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Promoted OL Arlington Hambrick from the practice squad to the active roster.
HOCKEY

GOLF

ZOZO Championship

PGA Tour
Sunday
At Accordia Narashino County Club
Chiba, Japan
Purse: \$9.95 Million
Yardage: 7,041; Par: 70
Final Round
FedExCup Points in Parentheses
H. Mtsyama (500), \$1,791,000 64-68-68-65—265-15
B. Steele (245), \$875,600 66-68-70-66—270-10
C. Tringale (245), \$875,600 67-66-68-69—270-10
M. Hughes (115), \$411,267 70-68-69-67—274 -6
Matt Wallace (115), \$411,267 65-69-70-70—274 -6
S. Munoz (115), \$411,267 70-66-68-70—274 -6
Lanto Griffin (73), \$259,322 69-67-73-66—275 -5
Keegan Bradley (73), \$259,322 70-71-69-65—275 -5
Takumi Kanaya (0), \$259,322 71-70-68-66—275 -5
Luke List (73), \$259,322 69-69-70-67—275 -5
Sam Ryder (73), \$259,322 68-71-69-67—275 -5
T. Fleetwood (73), \$259,322 67-68-70-70—275 -5
C. Morikawa (73), \$259,322 71-68-67-69—275 -5
Brandon Grace (73), \$259,322 72-66-67-70—275 -5
Chan Kim (0), \$172,135 72-66-70-68—276 -4
James Hahn (54), \$172,135 68-69-70-69—276 -4
Tom Hoge (51), \$156,812 72-70-66-69—277 -3
K.H. Lee (43), \$118,718 70-69-72-67—278 -2
Shugo Imahira (0), \$118,718 72-72-66-68—278 -2
Si Woo Kim (43), \$118,718 69-70-71-68—278 -2
H. Norlander (43), \$118,718 71-72-71-64—278 -2
Hiroshi Iwata (0), \$118,718 63-73-73-69—278 -2
Matt Jones (43), \$118,718 67-69-73-69—278 -2
Alex Noren (43), \$118,718 68-68-71-71—278 -2
Adam Long (34), \$78,870 72-

NBA

Lakers overcome Morant, Grizz, for first win of season

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Carmelo Anthony got the game ball after the Los Angeles Lakers’ first victory of the season.

Anthony had just scored a team-high 28 points, moving into ninth place on the NBA’s career scoring list, and was asked to make a speech. The 37-year-old Anthony said he was too tired.

Anthony Davis added 22 points and four blocks, and LeBron James scored 19 points as the Lakers overcame Ja Morant’s 40-point game and beat the Memphis Grizzlies 121-118 Sunday night.

There was plenty of drama in the final minute as Morant was fouled on a three-point attempt by Kent Bazemore with 2.5 seconds left and Memphis trailing by three. Morant had a chance to tie the game, but missed the third and final free throw and the Lakers escaped with the win.

Anthony now has 27,423 career points, moving past Moses Malone (27,409). Shaquille O’Neal ranks eighth in scoring with 28,596 points.

“I keep saying it’s an honor and blessing to be on that list and pass Moses (Malone) for what he did for the game of basketball,” said Anthony, the third overall pick of

the 2003 draft. “It’s hard to put it into words. That I’m still here and doing it, that’s what I’m excited about, that I’m here in year 19 and doing what I’m able to do. I’m still passionate about the game, and I’m still passionate about coming to work and getting better.”

Los Angeles snapped a season-opening two-game losing streak. The Grizzlies lost for the first time after consecutive wins to open the season.

Morant shot 13 of 21 from the field and made a career-best five three-pointers. He added 10 assists. By halftime, Morant had 17 points, including four three-pointers.

“I really don’t care about what I’ve done tonight,” Morant said. “I missed a free throw to tie it. That’s pretty much the only thing on my mind.”

Davis blocked a Morant layup attempt with 50 seconds left and that appeared to seal it for the Lakers. The teams exchanged free three throws, then Bazemore fouled Morant. But Memphis failed to complete the comeback.

The Lakers played for the first time since Davis and Dwight Howard had a physical confrontation on the bench during the game against Phoenix.



The Grizzlies’ Ja Morant, right, dunks against Los Angeles’ DeAndre Jordan. The Lakers won 121-118 despite 40 points from Morant.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	2	1	.667	—
Philadelphia	2	1	.667	—
Toronto	1	2	.333	1
Brooklyn	1	2	.333	1
Boston	1	2	.333	1
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	3	0	1.000	—
Washington	2	0	1.000	½
Miami	1	1	.500	1½
Atlanta	1	1	.500	1½
Orlando	1	2	.333	2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	3	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	2	1	.667	1
Cleveland	1	2	.333	2
Indiana	1	2	.333	2
Detroit	0	2	.000	2½
Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	2	1	.667	—
Dallas	1	1	.500	½
Houston	1	2	.333	1
San Antonio	1	2	.333	1
New Orleans	0	3	.000	2
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	2	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	—
Denver	2	0	1.000	—
Portland	1	1	.500	1
Oklahoma City	0	3	.000	2½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	3	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	1	2	.333	2
L.A. Lakers	1	2	.333	2
Sacramento	1	2	.333	2
L.A. Clippers	0	2	.000	2½

Sunday’s games
Charlotte 111, Brooklyn 95
Philadelphia 115, Oklahoma City 103
Boston 107, Houston 97
Orlando 110, New York 104
Golden State 119, Sacramento 107
L.A. Lakers 121, Memphis 118

Monday’s games
Boston at Charlotte
Milwaukee at Indiana
Chicago at Toronto
Detroit at Atlanta
Orlando at Miami
Washington at Brooklyn
New Orleans at Minnesota
Cleveland at Denver
Portland at L.A. Clippers

Tuesday’s games
Philadelphia at New York
Golden State at Oklahoma City
Houston at Dallas
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio
Denver at Utah

Wednesday’s games
Charlotte at Orlando
Atlanta at New Orleans
Indiana at Toronto
Miami at Brooklyn
Washington at Boston
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City
Minnesota at Milwaukee
Memphis at Portland
Sacramento at Phoenix
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers

Leaders						
Through Sunday Scoring						
	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG	
Morant, MEM	3	40	17	105	35.0	
George, LAC	2	27	6	70	35.0	
Durant, BKN	3	39	15	99	33.0	
Curry, GS	3	30	19	93	31.0	
McCollum, POR	2	24	2	62	31.0	
Rebounds						
	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	
Gobert, UTA	2	11	30	41	20.5	
Adebayo, MIA	2	6	23	29	14.5	
Jokic, DEN	2	7	22	29	14.5	
Assists						
	G	AST			AVG	
Paul, PHO	3	35			11.7	
Young, ATL	2	21			10.5	
Doncic, DAL	2	19			9.5	

ROUNDUP

Bench powers unbeaten Hornets past Nets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — LaMelo Ball had a good first three quarters in Brooklyn, then decided it was best if he watched the fourth.

Ish Smith was rolling so well that the Rookie of the Year told Charlotte coach James Borrego to stick with this backup.

“That’s big. That just shows where our growth is,” forward Miles Bridges said. “As long as he’s being mature and we’re all being mature, we’re going to keep winning.”

The Hornets have never done that this well to start a season.

Bridges had 32 points and nine rebounds, Smith added 11 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter and Charlotte improved to 3-0 for the first time by beating the Brooklyn Nets 111-95 on Sunday.

Ball had 18 points, six rebounds and five assists, but it was the Hornets’ backups who led them in a dominant final quarter. Cody Martin scored eight of his 12 in the final 12 minutes.

Before that, it was another big night for Bridges, who had his second straight 30-point outing and finished a point shy of his career high.

Kevin Durant scored 38 points for the Nets, who fell to 1-2. James Harden had 15 points,

eight assists and seven rebounds for Brooklyn.

It was a disappointing home opener that featured demonstrators outside the arena supporting Brooklyn guard Kyrie Irving and protesting New York’s vaccine mandate.

Warriors 119, Kings 107: Stephen Curry scored 27 points and became the first player in Warriors franchise history to reach 5,000 assists, helping Golden State win at Sacramento to improve to 3-0.

Curry had 10 assists and seven rebounds. Jordan Poole added 22 points, and Draymond Green had 14 points, six rebounds and seven assists.

Harrison Barnes scored 24 points for the Kings, and Richaun Holmes had 16 points and 11 rebounds. They are 1-2.

76ers 115, Thunder 103: Seth Curry scored 28 points to help Philadelphia win at Oklahoma City.

Joel Embiid added 22 points and nine rebounds for the 76ers, who are off to a 2-1 start as they work through issues with Ben Simmons, the point guard the team listed as out because of personal reasons.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 29 points, and rookie Josh Giddey had 19 points, eight rebounds, six assists and four steals for the Thun-

der. They are 0-3.

Curry scored 23 points in the first quarter and made 6 of 7 three-pointers to help Philadelphia take a 36-26 lead.

Celtics 107, Rockets 97: Jayson Tatum had 31 points and nine rebounds and Boston won at Houston to avoid its first 0-3 start since 2013.

Tatum, had 20 points in the first half on 8-of-13 shooting. Al Horford added 17 points, including 11 in the third quarter, and 10 rebounds. Dennis Schröder, who started for the injured Jaylen Brown, finished with 18 points, and Grant Williams added 18 points.

Second overall pick Jalen Green had 30 points, making 8 of 10 on three-pointers, for Houston. Christian Wood had 20 points and nine rebounds.

Magic 110, Knicks 104: Cole Anthony had 29 points and a career-high 16 rebounds and Terrence Ross scored all 22 of his points in the fourth quarter in Orlando’s win at New York.

Jalen Suggs and Wendell Carter Jr. added 11 points apiece to help the Magic end a season-opening, two-game losing streak.

Julius Randle had 30 points and 16 rebounds for the Knicks, who lost for the first time this season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL/SPORTS BRIEFS



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Iowa State defensive back Beau Freyler (17) celebrates with defensive tackle Isaiah Lee (93) after a tackle Saturday against Oklahoma State. The Cyclones are back in the AP Top 25 poll at No. 22.

Top 25: 'Bama jumps OU to No. 3, Penn State falls

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

Alabama inched up to No. 3 in The Associated Press college football Sunday behind top-ranked Georgia and No. 2 Cincinnati.

The Bulldogs (63 first-place votes) are a unanimous No. 1 for the third straight week in the latest AP Top 25 and the Bearcats remain second.

The Crimson Tide jumped up a spot past Oklahoma after blowing out Tennessee. The now fourth-ranked Sooners were shut out in the first half against Kansas before scoring 35 in the second half and pulling away late. No. 5 Ohio State and No. 6 Michigan both held their spots.

Oregon moved up three spots to No. 7. No. 8 Michigan State, No. 9 Iowa and No. 10 Mississippi round out the top 10. In a week with no games matching ranked teams, five ranked teams lost, including two in the top 10. Penn State dropped 13 spots to No. 20 after losing in a record nine overtime periods to Illinois. Oklahoma State fell from No. 8 to 15th after losing at Iowa State.

Poll points

Alabama dropped from No. 1 to No. 5 two weeks ago after losing at Texas A&M, putting its record streak of top-five appearances in danger.

But since then, the Tide won two games and A&M has built on that upset with two easy victories. The Aggies, unranked when they beat Alabama, are up to No. 14.

The combination of the two has allowed the Tide to run its top-five streak to 69.

The second best top-five streak in poll history came to an end early this season when Clemson's was snapped at 57.

The second-best active top-five streak is Georgia at eight weeks.

■ No. 10 Ole Miss has its best ranking since finishing the 2015 season at No. 10.

■ No. 17 Pitt cracked the top 20 for the first time since starting the 2010 season at No. 15. The last time the Panthers were ranked this highly this deep into a season was when they reached No. 8 and finished No. 15 in 2009.



VASHA HUNT/AP

Alabama offensive lineman Javion Cohen (70) signals a touchdown during his team's win Saturday over Tennessee in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

In

A couple of teams that spent time in the AP Top 25 earlier this season are back in this week.

■ No. 22 Iowa State returned after dropping out in mid-September. The Cyclones started the season No. 7 and lost two of their first four games.

■ No. 25 BYU broke a two-game losing streak by beating Washington State.

Out

■ Purdue is out after one week in the rankings. The Boilermakers (4-3) lost at home to Wisconsin. Purdue hasn't been ranked for more than one week in any season since 2005.

■ North Carolina State slipped out of the rankings after a close loss to Miami.

Conference call

- SEC — 6 (Nos. 1, 3, 10, 12, 14, 18).
- Big Ten — 5 (Nos. 5, 6, 8, 9, 20).
- Big 12 — 4 (Nos. 4, 15, 16, 22).
- ACC — 2 (Nos. 13, 17).
- American — 2 (Nos. 2, 19).
- Pac-12 — 1 (No. 7).
- Conference USA — 1 (No. 23).
- Mountain West — 1 (No. 21).
- Sun Belt — 1 (No. 24).
- Independents — 2 (Nos. 11, 25).

BRIEFLY

Langer, 64, breaks age mark with Champions win

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Bernhard Langer became the oldest winner in PGA Tour Champions history Sunday when the 64-year-old made a 6-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to beat Doug Barron in the Dominion Energy Charity Classic.

Barron birdied the par-5 18th hole for a 4-under 68. Langer followed with a birdie for a 69 to catch him at 14-under 202. Both had 6-foot birdie putts on the 18th in the playoff. Barron's hit the right edge, leaving Langer to make the winner.

He surpassed the record for oldest winner held by Scott Hoch, who was 63 when he teamed with Tom Pernice Jr. to win the Bass Pro Shops Legends in 2019.

Langer won for the 42nd time on the PGA Tour Champions, closing in on the record of 45 set by Hale Irwin.

In other golf news:

■ Masters champion Hideki Matsuyama had three birdies in five holes on the back nine and closed with an eagle for a 5-under 65 and a five-stroke victory in the Zozo Championship in Chiba, Japan.

Matsuyama was runner-up to Tiger Woods in the Zozo Championship in 2019, the last time the PGA Tour event was held at Nara-shino Country Club. It was played last year in California because of COVID-19 travel restrictions.

■ Jin Young Ko closed with an 8-under 64 and birdied the first playoff hole to beat Hee Jeong Lim and win the BMW Ladies Championship in Busan, South Korea, the 200th victory on the LPGA Tour by a South Korean player.

Ko won for the second straight time, and third in her last five starts. The LPGA Tour said she is projected to return to No. 1 in the world over Nelly Korda, who did not play.

Report: Jets' Wilson out with knee injury

NEW YORK — New York Jets rookie quarterback Zach Wilson has a sprained posterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and will be sidelined at least two weeks, an MRI confirmed Monday, according to a person with direct knowledge of the diagnosis.

Wilson was injured in the second quarter of the Jets' 54-13 loss to New England on Sunday when he was hit by Patriots linebacker Matt Judon, who fell on the back of the quarterback's legs after Wilson threw an incomplete pass.

Wilson and the team said after the game the initial diagnosis was a sprained PCL and that was con-



DANIEL SANGJIB MIN/AP

Bernhard Langer holds his trophy after winning the Dominion Energy Charity Classic golf tournament Sunday at Country Club of Virginia in Richmond.

firmed by the MRI on Monday morning, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team hadn't announced the results.

ESPN first reported the MRI results on the injury, which will keep Wilson sidelined for at least the Jets' game next Sunday at home against Cincinnati and their Thursday night game at Indianapolis on Nov. 4. New York is then home against Buffalo on Nov. 14 and Miami on Nov. 21.

Report: Cardinal hire Marmol as manager

The St. Louis Cardinals plan to announce Monday that bench coach Oliver Marmol will be promoted to replace fired manager Mike Shildt, according to a person familiar with the decision.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Sunday night because the team hadn't revealed the hiring publicly.

The Cardinals dismissed Shildt, the former National League manager of the year, over organizational differences on Oct. 14, a week after St. Louis lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers on a walk-off homer in the wild-card game. The Athletic first reported Sunday night that Marmol would be introduced Monday.

Unvaccinated players may be OK at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — An apparent change on border entry requirements for the Australian Open may allow unvaccinated players to compete at the first tennis major of 2022 after undergoing 14 days in quarantine.

Last week, high-ranking federal and state government political leaders said players who hadn't received two doses of a recognized COVID-19 vaccine were unlikely to get visas for the Jan. 17-30 tournament at Melbourne Park.

NHL/AUTO RACING



The Bruins' Linus Ullmark (35) blocks a shot in front of San Jose Sharks goalie Jasper Weatherby during the third period on Sunday.

ROUNDUP

Bruins snap Sharks' season-opening 4-game win streak

Associated Press

BOSTON — Brad Marchand scored 28 seconds into the game and added an assist as the Boston Bruins beat San Jose 4-3 Sunday, snapping the Sharks' season-opening four-game win streak.

David Pastrnak and Derek Forbort each had a goal and an assist, and Jake DeBrusk also scored for Boston. Linus Ullmark finished with 23 saves for the Bruins, who held on after San Jose scored back-to-back goals late in the third period.

Jasper Weatherby, Tomas Hertl and Timo Meier scored for the Sharks, who were trying to go 5-0 for the first time since 2013. Adin Hill was pulled after allowing four goals on 14 shots in the first 21:28. James Reimer replaced Hill and stopped all 20 shots he faced, keeping San Jose close before goals 1:49 apart in the third made it a tight finish.

Predators 5, Wild 2: Roman Josi had a four-point game, Connor Ingram won his first NHL start, and Nashville ended host Minnesota's season-opening win streak at four games.

Ryan Johansen scored twice, Josi, Tanner Jeannot and Filip Forsberg had goals and Matt Duchene added three assists for the Predators, who have scored nine goals in two games after scoring eight total in their first four outings.

The 24-year-old Ingram finished with 33 saves.

Nick Bjugstad and Nico Sturm scored for the Wild, which was looking to open the season with five straight victories for the first time since 2007-08.

Red Wings 6, Blackhawks 3: Lucas Raymond had three goals and an assist, and visiting Detroit beat winless Chicago.

Tyler Bertuzzi added a goal and two assists. Carter Rowney and Vladislav Namestnikov also scored, and Alex Nedeljkovic made 32 saves.

The 19-year-old Raymond, the No. 4 overall pick in last year's draft, recorded his first career hat trick in his sixth NHL game.

Dominik Kubalik, Tyler Johnson and Henrik Borgstrom scored for the Blackhawks, who dropped to 0-5-1. Jonathan Toews had two assists.

Chicago played without Patrick Kane, Riley Stillman and Juhar Khaira due to the league's COVID-19 protocol. Assistant coach Marc Crawford also was absent because of the protocol.

The crowd of 19,042 stopped the Blackhawks' sellout streak at 535 games.

Islanders 2, Golden Knights 0: Ilya Sorokin made 42 saves, Josh Bailey and Matthew Barzal scored and New York blanked host Las Vegas.

The Islanders recorded consecutive road shutouts after blanking Arizona 3-0 on Saturday. New York improved to 22-4-4 on the back end of back-to-back games under coach Barry Trotz, who took over in 2018.

Sorokin, who has started all six games for the Islanders, improved to 3-2-1.

Golden Knights goaltender Robin Lehner (1-4-0) made 24 saves in his fifth straight start. Vegas has been outscored 16-6 during a four-game losing streak.

NHL scoreboard

EASTERN CONFERENCE								
Atlantic Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Florida	5	5	0	0	10	22	9	
Buffalo	5	3	1	1	7	14	10	
Detroit	6	3	2	1	7	20	21	
Boston	4	3	1	0	6	14	11	
Tampa Bay	5	2	2	1	5	15	21	
Toronto	6	2	3	1	5	12	19	
Ottawa	5	2	3	0	4	10	12	
Montreal	6	1	5	0	2	10	20	
Metropolitan Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Rangers	6	4	1	1	9	14	13	
Carolina	4	4	0	0	8	18	7	
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	2	8	23	12	
Washington	5	3	0	2	8	19	11	
N.Y. Islanders	6	3	2	1	7	15	15	
New Jersey	4	3	1	0	6	11	10	
Columbus	5	3	2	0	6	15	14	
Philadelphia	4	2	1	1	5	18	13	
WESTERN CONFERENCE								
Central Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	4	4	0	0	8	22	11	
Minnesota	5	4	1	0	8	17	16	
Dallas	5	3	2	0	6	11	11	
Winnipeg	5	2	2	1	5	20	19	
Colorado	5	2	3	0	4	15	20	
Nashville	6	2	4	0	4	17	19	
Arizona	5	0	4	1	1	8	25	
Chicago	6	0	5	1	1	12	27	
Pacific Division								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	5	5	0	0	10	24	13	
San Jose	5	4	1	0	8	19	11	
Vancouver	6	3	2	1	7	18	18	
Calgary	4	2	1	1	5	11	11	
Anaheim	6	2	3	1	5	17	20	
Los Angeles	5	1	3	1	3	14	17	
Seattle	6	1	4	1	3	13	23	
Vegas	5	1	4	0	2	10	19	

Saturday's games	
N.Y. Rangers 3, Ottawa 2	
Calgary 4, Washington 3, OT	
Minnesota 4, Anaheim 3, OT	
Carolina 5, Columbus 1	
Montreal 6, Detroit 1	
New Jersey 2, Buffalo 1, OT	
Florida 4, Philadelphia 2	
Pittsburgh 7, Toronto 1	
Winnipeg 6, Nashville 4	
Colorado 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO	
St. Louis 7, Los Angeles 3	
N.Y. Islanders 3, Arizona 0	
Vancouver 4, Seattle 2	
Sunday's games	
Boston 4, San Jose 3	
Nashville 5, Minnesota 2	
Detroit 6, Chicago 3	
N.Y. Islanders 2, Vegas 0	
Monday's games	
Arizona at Florida	
Calgary at N.Y. Rangers	
Dallas at Columbus	
Tampa Bay at Buffalo	
Toronto at Carolina	
Washington at Ottawa	
Los Angeles at St. Louis	
Tuesday's games	
Calgary at New Jersey	
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh	
Vegas at Colorado	
San Jose at Nashville	
Minnesota at Vancouver	
Montreal at Seattle	
Winnipeg at Anaheim	
Wednesday's games	
Boston at Florida	
Detroit at Washington	
Toronto at Chicago	
Vegas at Dallas	
Philadelphia at Edmonton	



Nashville Predators defenseman Roman Josi (59) celebrates his goal against the Minnesota Wild in the first period on Sunday.

Larson wins on anniversary of 2004 plane crash

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Kyle Larson has only heard stories about the late Ricky Hendrick, the son of his team owner who was killed 17 years ago in a plane crash on the way to a NASCAR race.

The anniversary is a difficult day for Rick and Linda Hendrick, neither of whom made the trip Sunday to the playoff race at Kansas Speedway. Rick Hendrick instead texted Larson before the race and told his driver what a win would mean to the Hendrick Motorsports organization.

Larson delivered with his ninth win of the season, but most meaningful victory to date in his new job with Hendrick Motorsports.

Larson crossed the finish line and as part of his celebration stood on the window ledge of the No. 5 Chevrolet and pointed to the sky for Ricky Hendrick and the nine others killed in the 2004 crash of a team plane en route to a race in Virginia.

“To lose your child and so many



Kyle Larson celebrates after winning a NASCAR Cup Series race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., on Sunday.

other people that day, I can't imagine what the feeling may have been for everybody at that time,” Larson said. “So to come here 17 years to the day and win in this paint scheme, with this number, it's just pretty surreal. I've heard lots of good stories about Ricky and I wish I could have met him.”



Max Verstappen drives into a turn during the Formula One U.S. Grand Prix race at Circuit of the Americas, Sunday, in Austin, Texas.

Verstappen wins F1 U.S. Grand Prix, extends lead

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — If there ever was a time for Max Verstappen to flinch in this riveting Formula One championship battle with Lewis Hamilton, it would have been Sunday in the closing laps of the U.S. Grand Prix.

The young Dutchman, seeking his first world championship, was being chased by the seven-time champion, and Hamilton was rapidly closing in on the lead under the hot Texas sun at the Circuit of the Americas.

The intensity of the tightest championship race in years might

have derailed a different driver — especially when Hamilton pulled within 1 second on the final lap — but Verstappen thrived under pressure and won his eighth race of the season.

“It was exciting, the pressure was on, not knowing how quick Lewis was going to get you,” Verstappen said. “We managed to hang on at the end.”

The victory doubled Verstappen's lead over Hamilton to 12 points in the standings with five races remaining and could prove to be a pivotal win in this classic championship battle.

MLB/NFL

Rivals: Astros, Braves have history

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that’s a pretty cool thing, too.”

A matchup six decades in the making, pairing former National League rivals who’ve played more than 700 times, including five postseason series. Think of The Hammer and The Toy Cannon teeing up home run derby at the Astrodome, or Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz vs. Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio on a June evening on TBS.

Because of scheduling and COVID-19, the Astros and Braves haven’t seen each other since 2017. They’ll now meet for Game 1 on Tuesday at Minute Maid Park, with Valdez starting against Charlie Morton, a former Houston ace.

The Astros opened as a 3-2 favorite, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

But before we begin, let’s just say it: There are many baseball fans who might not be thrilled to see either team here in October.

Altuve and Astros teammates Carlos Correa, Alex Bregman and Yuli Gurriel will forever wear the label of cheaters after being part of a team that devised an illegal, sign-stealing scheme on its way to the 2017 championship.

At home, they’re cheered. At every other ballpark, they’re heckled — and worse — seen as the game’s worst villains.

“Ever since the news came out, the bad news that we’ve had to deal with about what happened in 2017, I think we’ve all wanted to prove what kind of class of players that we are and team that we are,” AL Championship Series MVP Yordan Alvarez said.

“I wasn’t here with the team in 2017, but I’ve gotten booed just as equal as anybody else. So I think we all have the same mentality that we really want to win a World Series to demonstrate that we are just a great team,” he said.

When the scene shifts to Atlanta on Friday, Houston will figure out how to keep Alvarez’s bat in the lineup as the DH or no DH debate is revived in the World Series.

The Astros are in the Fall Classic for the third time in five years and got there minus ace Justin Verlander, who missed the season while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

The Braves overcame a season-ending knee injury to dynamic star Ronald Acuña Jr. in July and surged after being stuck at 52-55 in early August. Boosted by NL Championship Series MVP Eddie Rosario, Atlanta is making its first appearance in the World Series since 1999.

Yet while the roster and stadium have changed, the sights and sounds in Atlanta still remain. Throughout the NLCS, fans at Truist Park emphatically chopped and chanted during big moments for the Braves.

In an era of social reckoning



KEVIN M. COX/AP

Astros shortstop Carlos Correa embraces designated hitter Yordan Alvarez after the Astros defeated the Boston Red Sox 5-0 in Game 6 of the AL Championship Series on Friday in Houston.

that saw the Cleveland Indians change their name to the Guardians and Washington’s NFL team get rid of a name considered racist, the scene in Atlanta is sure to draw increased attention.

On the field — and the bench — a lot of eyes will be on Baker.

He won the World Series as a player with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981 and has taken five teams to the playoffs as a manager but never won the crown.

Baker took this job in 2020 in the wake of Houston’s cheating scandal — “there’s a few things I still hadn’t accomplished” — and at 72, with a lifetime of credentials, gets another chance.

“Last year I felt like a substitute teacher, really,” Baker said. “But this year, they made me feel like I was one of them and they were definitely always one of me. That’s what it’s all about. Everybody talks teamwork, they talk about a team, but it’s a feeling that you get for each other.”

Baker’s history in this matchup runs especially deep. Playing with Braves great Hank Aaron in 1968, he got first major league hit at the Astrodome in a loss to Jimmy Wynn and Houston.

Over the years, these teams met a lot, starting when the 1962 expansion Houston Colt .45s took on the Milwaukee Braves. There were the days of catcher Joe Torre trying to throw out young Joe Morgan, the Niekro brothers pitching

Scoreboard

Playoffs	
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-seven)	
American League	
Houston 4, Boston 2	
Houston 5, Boston 4	
Boston 9, Houston 5	
Boston 12, Houston 3	
Houston 9, Boston 2	
Houston 9, Boston 1	
Houston 5, Boston 0	
National League	
Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 3	
Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 2	
Atlanta 5, Los Angeles 4	
Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 5	
Atlanta 9, Los Angeles 2	
Los Angeles 11, Atlanta 2	
Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 2	
WORLD SERIES (Best-of-seven)	
X - if necessary	
Atlanta vs. Houston	
Tuesday: at Houston	AFN-Sports 2 a.m.
Wednesday	CET; 9 a.m. Wednesday JKT
Wednesday	at Houston
AFN-Sports 2 a.m.	
Thursday	CET; 9 a.m. Thursday JKT
Friday	at Atlanta
AFN-Sports 2 a.m.	
Saturday	CET; 9 a.m. Saturday JKT
Saturday	at Atlanta
AFN-Sports 2 a.m.	
Sunday	CET; 9 a.m. Sunday JKT
x-Sunday, Oct. 31:	at Atlanta
x-Tuesday, Nov. 2:	at Houston
x-Wednesday, Nov. 3:	at Houston

against each other and fireballing Nolan Ryan facing Dale Murphy.

The .45s became the Astros in 1965 and from 1997-2005, the clubs played five times in the NL Division Series, with Atlanta winning three of the matchups. Houston moved from NL Central to the AL West in 2013.

Snitker certainly followed all of them. The 66-year-old Atlanta manager has spent four decades in the Braves’ organization as a player, coach and skipper.

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STARS

Passing

■ Joe Burrow, Bengals, threw for a career-high 416 yards and three touchdowns, including a pivotal 82-yarder to rookie Ja’Marr Chase in the third quarter of Cincinnati’s 41-17 rout of Baltimore.

■ Tom Brady, Buccaneers, became the first player to throw 600 career touchdown passes, getting four in Tampa Bay’s 38-3 rout of Chicago.

■ Matthew Stafford, Rams, passed for 334 yards and three touchdowns against his former team, helping Los Angeles top the winless Detroit Lions 28-19.

■ Kyler Murray, Cardinals, completed 20 of 28 passes for 261 yards, three touchdowns to lead Arizona to a 31-5 win over Houston that gave the franchise its first 7-0 start since 1974.

■ Aaron Rodgers, Packers, threw three touchdown passes and Green Bay defeated Washington 24-10 for its sixth consecutive victory.

■ Derek Carr, Raiders, threw for 323 yards, completing 31 of 34 pass attempts with one touchdown, and Las Vegas defeated Philadelphia 33-22.

Rushing

■ Damien Harris and J.J. Taylor, Patriots, each ran for two scores and Harris finished with 106 yards on 14 carries in New England’s 54-13 win over the New York Jets.

■ Jonathan Taylor, Colts, had 107 yards and a touchdown on 18 attempts in Indianapolis’ 30-18 victory at San Francisco.

■ Khalil Herbert, Bears, rushed for 100 yards on 18 carries in Chicago’s 38-3 loss at Tampa Bay.

■ Leonard Fournette, Buccaneers, ran for 81 yards and a touchdown to help Tampa Bay cruise past Chicago 38-3.

■ Eli Mitchell, 49ers, rushed for 107 yards and a score in a losing cause as San Francisco lost to Indianapolis 30-18.

■ Derrick Henry, Titans, had 86 yards on 29 carries and saw a five-game stretch of 100-yard rushing games snapped, but also threw a touchdown pass in Tennessee’s 27-3 win over Kansas City.

■ Quarterback Taylor Heinicke, Washington, ran for a game-high 95 yards on 10 carries in a 24-10 loss at Green Bay.

Receiving

■ Ja’Marr Chase and C.J. Uzomah, Bengals. Chase had eight catches for a team rookie-record 201 yards, including a pivotal 82-yarder in the third quarter of Cincinnati’s 41-17 win over Baltimore. Uzomah caught two touchdown passes.

■ Cooper Kupp, Rams, had 10 catches for 156 yards and two touchdowns, including the go-ahead score with 13:59 to play, in Los Angeles’ 28-19 victory over Detroit.

■ Mike Evans and Chris Godwin, Buccaneers. Evans had six catches for 76 yards and three TDs in Tampa Bay’s 38-3 win over Chicago, while Godwin had eight receptions for 111 yards and a score.

■ A.J. Brown, Titans, had eight receptions for 133 yards and a touchdown in Tennessee’s 27-3 win over Kansas City.

■ Terry McLaurin, Washington, had 122 yards receiving and a touchdown on seven catches in a 24-10 loss at Green Bay.

Special Teams

■ Younghoe Koo, Falcons, made a 36-yard field goal as time expired to give Atlanta a 30-28 win over Miami.

■ Nick Folk, Patriots, kicked two field goals in New England’s 54-13 win over the New York Jets to give him 301 for his career and making him the 35th NFL player to reach 300 for his career.

■ Austin Seibert, Lions, kicked four field goals in a superb special teams game for Detroit, which also recovered an early onside kick and ran two successful fake punts in a 28-19 loss to the Los Angeles Rams.

Defense

■ Sam Hubbard, Bengals, had 2½ sacks and a pass defended in Cincinnati’s 41-17 victory at Baltimore.

■ Deion Jones, Falcons, had 15 total tackles and a sack to help Atlanta top Miami 30-28.

■ Azeez Ojulari, Giants, had 2 1/2 sacks in New York’s 25-3 win over Carolina.

■ Jalen Ramsey, Rams, intercepted a pass in the end zone with five minutes left in Los Angeles’ 28-19 victory over winless Detroit.

■ Denico Autry, Titans, had two of Tennessee’s four sacks in a 27-3 victory over Tennessee.

MILESTONES

Tom Brady became the first player to throw 600 career touchdown passes and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers routed the Chicago Bears 38-3 for the best seven-game start in franchise history at 6-1. The 44-year-old Brady has 602 TD passes and has now thrown at least 20 TD in a season a record 19 times. ... New England’s Nick Folk made two field goals, giving him 301 for his career. He’s the 35th player to reach 300 and is fifth active kicker to reach the mark, joining San Francisco’s Robbie Gould, Green Bay’s Mason Crosby, Arizona’s Matt Prater and Baltimore’s Justin Tucker. ... Cincinnati rookie wide receiver Ja’Marr Chase has 754 yards receiving, the most for a player through the first seven games of his career since the AFL-NFL merger.

STREAKS & STATS

Cincinnati snapped a five-game losing streak against Baltimore with a 41-17 victory. The Bengals lost the opening coin toss for the first time in a while, though, having had won 11 straight tosses — nine pregame and two at the start of overtimes — before Sunday. ... Arizona remains the NFL’s only undefeated team as the Cardinals improved to 7-0 for the first time since 1974 with a 31-5 win over Houston. ... New England earned its 12th straight victory and sixth consecutive season sweep over the New York Jets with a 54-13 rout. The 54 points were the most allowed by the Jets since losing 55-21 at New England on Oct. 29, 1978. It is the fourth-most points ever allowed by New York. ... San Francisco’s fourth straight loss, 30-18 to Indianapolis, kept the 49ers winless at home for more than a year since beating the Los Angeles Rams on Oct. 18, 2020.

FROM TIGERS TO BENGALS

Joe Burrow threw for a career-high 416 yards and three touchdowns, including a pivotal 82-yarder to rookie Ja’Marr Chase in the third quarter, and the Cincinnati Bengals won their AFC North showdown against the Baltimore Ravens in style, pulling away in the second half for a 41-17 victory Sunday. The former LSU teammates were too much for Baltimore to handle.

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Bengals bring it, rough up Ravens

Ex-LSU duo of Burrow, Chase lead surprising blowout of Baltimore

BY NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Ja’Marr Chase caught Joe Burrow’s pass over the middle, avoided two players diving at his legs and spun past another defender into the clear.

If that passing tandem progresses the way Cincinnati hopes, Sunday’s long touchdown against Baltimore might be remembered as the moment the rest of the league had to take the Bengals seriously as contenders.

“We’re starting to earn respect,” coach Zac Taylor said.

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The Bengals (5-2) drew even with Baltimore (5-2) atop the division, a sign that Burrow and Chase might be ahead of schedule in turning around this struggling franchise. The former LSU teammates were too much for the Ravens to handle, and Cincinnati’s offense moved the ball pretty easily from the middle of the second quarter to the finish.

Chase had eight catches for 201 yards, easily the most productive performance of his impressive de-



Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Ja’Marr Chase (1) runs past Baltimore Ravens safety Chuck Clark (36) and cornerback Marlon Humphrey during Bengals’ 41-17 win Sunday in Baltimore.

but season. He broke Speedy Thomas’ franchise rookie record of 177 yards receiving, set in a 1969 game at Denver.

“We’ve got so many weapons, the defense is playing great ball right now,” Chase said. “I think the sky is the limit for us.”

The blowout win probably quieted some of the external skepticism about the Bengals’ solid start, although Taylor felt the Bengals had been playing well for a while. They’d already won a road game within the division last month against Pittsburgh.

“I feel like it started before this,” Taylor said. “These are kind of things we needed to check off.”

Cincinnati snapped a five-game losing streak against Baltimore, whose three most recent wins in the series were by a combined score of 114-19.

Lamar Jackson threw for 257 yards and ran for 88, but he was sacked five times as the Ravens lost for the first time since their opener at Las Vegas. Jackson found Marquise Brown for a 39-yard touchdown in the third quarter that put Baltimore up 17-13, but

the Ravens’ only lead of the game was brief.

Burrow needed only four plays to put the Bengals back in front on a 32-yard strike to C.J. Uzomah. After a Baltimore punt, he connected with Chase on his long TD to make it a 10-point lead.

Chase came into the week with a league-best five catches of 40 yards or longer. Nobody was going to run him down on this one after he made three Ravens miss.

Joe Mixon made it 34-17 with a 21-yard run in the fourth, and Samaje Perine added a 46-yarder.

Cardinals roll past Texans, move to 7-0

BY DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Tight end Zach Ertz has been with the Cardinals for just nine days and already has the longest touchdown catch of his nine-year career, rumbling 47 yards toward the end zone to put an exclamation point on Arizona’s 31-5 win over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

With a wide grin, Ertz said joining the NFL’s hottest team is quite a thrill.

“I’ve never seen so much green grass in the middle of the field,” Ertz said. “That’s going to happen when you have DeAndre Hopkins and A.J. Green on the outside and a quarterback like Kyler.”

The Cardinals scored 31 unanswered points to remain the NFL’s only undefeated team, improving to 7-0 for the first time since 1974. The Texans (1-6) — who looked totally overmatched for three quarters — have lost six straight games.

Arizona fell into an early 5-0 hole after a slow offensive start, but recovered to win easily. The Cardinals were a 20½-point favorite, according to FanDuel, which is a massive spread for an NFL game.

“It was a game we should have won,” Arizona linebacker Isaiah Simmons said. “And we did.”

Kyler Murray completed 20 of 28 passes for 261 yards, three touchdowns and one interception.



Arizona Cardinals defensive end J.J. Watt (99) celebrates a defensive stop against the Houston Texans. Watt, playing against his old team for the first time, helped Arizona take a 31-5 win Sunday at Houston.

tion. The interception was his first since Week 3, but it was one of the rare bad moments in another solid day.

James Conner added an 18-yard touchdown run. Ertz had three catches for 66 yards and a touchdown one week after being acquired from the Philadelphia Eagles in a trade.

It was the first time Hopkins and J.J. Watt had played against Houston, which is where both grew into stars before coming to the Cardinals. Watt signed with Arizona during the past

offseason while Hopkins was acquired by the Cardinals in a trade in 2020.

Both had good moments on Sunday. Hopkins caught a 1-yard touchdown in the second quarter while Watt added a tackle for loss.

The Texans jumped out to a 5-0 lead after a terrible offensive start for Arizona.

Houston earned a safety and a 2-0 advantage late in the first quarter when Murray tried to scramble out of the end zone and was sacked by Jacob Martin. Murray was shaken up on the play and briefly went into the sideline medical tent for evaluation before returning for the next drive.

Texans kicker Ka’imi Fairbairn added a 53-yard field goal on the first play of the second quarter for a 5-0 lead. That was the high point for Houston, which couldn’t do much right from that point forward.

“We are going to stay together,” Texans coach David Culley said. “There is a process we are going through. We don’t like where we are right now.”

The Cardinals restored order in a hurry, responding with two touchdowns and a field goal before the break for a 17-5 halftime advantage. The second touchdown was set up by a beautiful throw and catch from Murray to Green down the sideline that went for 41 yards on third-and-24. Murray found Christian Kirk for a 5-yard touchdown two plays later.

Scoreboard

American Conference							
East							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	203	98	
New England	3	4	0	.429	179	140	
N.Y. Jets	1	5	0	.167	80	175	
Miami	1	6	0	.143	127	207	
South							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tennessee	5	2	0	.714	193	164	
Indianapolis	3	4	0	.429	169	149	
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	116	172	
Houston	1	6	0	.143	97	203	
North							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	187	164	
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	189	128	
Cleveland	4	3	0	.571	173	165	
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	117	132	
West							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Las Vegas	5	2	0	.714	180	166	
L.A. Chargers	4	2	0	.667	148	150	
Denver	3	4	0	.429	140	127	
Kansas City	3	4	0	.429	188	203	
National Conference							
East							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	205	146	
N.Y. Giants	2	5	0	.286	139	180	
Philadelphia	2	5	0	.286	159	185	
Washington	2	5	0	.286	146	210	
South							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	6	1	0	.857	233	147	
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	127	91	
Atlanta	3	3	0	.500	135	176	
Carolina	3	4	0	.429	146	146	
North							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay	6	1	0	.857	168	146	
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	147	137	
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	101	162	
Detroit	0	7	0	.000	128	200	
West							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	7	0	0	1.000	225	114	
L.A. Rams	6	1	0	.857	207	146	
San Francisco	2	4	0	.333	135	149	
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	140	149	

Thursday, Oct. 21
Cleveland 17, Denver 14
Sunday’s games
Atlanta 30, Miami 28
Cincinnati 41, Baltimore 17
Green Bay 24, Washington 10
N.Y. Giants 25, Carolina 3
New England 54, N.Y. Jets 13
Tennessee 27, Kansas City 3
L.A. Rams 28, Detroit 19
Las Vegas 33, Philadelphia 22
Arizona 31, Houston 5
Tampa Bay 38, Chicago 3
Indianapolis 30, San Francisco 18
Open: Buffalo, Jacksonville, L.A. Chargers, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Minnesota
Monday’s game
New Orleans at Seattle
Thursday’s game
Green Bay at Arizona
Sunday, Oct. 31
Carolina at Atlanta
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets
L.A. Rams at Houston
Miami at Buffalo
Philadelphia at Detroit
Pittsburgh at Cleveland
San Francisco at Chicago
Tennessee at Indianapolis
Jacksonville at Seattle
New England at L.A. Chargers
Tampa Bay at New Orleans
Washington at Denver
Dallas at Minnesota
Open: Baltimore, Las Vegas
Monday, Nov. 1
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City

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Consecutive games that Kansas City Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes has been intercepted, the longest stretch of his career. He had 11 interceptions combined over 2019 and 2020 and has nine this season.

SOURCE: Associated Press

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ON FOOTBALL



MARK LOMOGGIO/AP

Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady, left, celebrates with wide receiver Mike Evans after Evans caught Brady's 600th career touchdown pass during the first half of Sunday's game against the Chicago Bears in Tampa, Fla.

Brady reaches another milestone

By ROB MAADDI
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tom Brady's latest milestone is another untouchable one.

Brady became the first player to throw 600 career touchdown passes and then tacked on two more in Tampa Bay's 38-3 rout over Chicago on Sunday.

Seven Super Bowl rings, 602 TD passes, 81,479 yards passing and he's still going strong at age 44.

"Yeah, the numbers, they're staggering and they'll probably never be broken," Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians said. "I say that, but who knows when the next Tom Brady is going to come. They are staggering, but when you watch him practice every single day, you don't see the age."

Brady is on pace to throw a career-best 51 TD passes this season as the defending champions (6-1) aim for a repeat. Even if he called it quits now, 602 seems quite safe.

Consider this: Aaron Rodgers is fifth on the all-time list and trails Brady by 175 TD

passes. Rodgers, who turns 38 on Dec. 2, would have to average 35 TD passes per season for five more years after Brady retires to catch him. Ben Roethlisberger (403), Matt Ryan (359) and Matthew Stafford (301) round out the top five among the active QBs. They have no chance.

Russell Wilson is next on the active list with 277 TD passes. He's injured and turns 33 on Nov. 29. Wilson averaged 30 TD passes over his first nine seasons. That wouldn't cut it. He would need to throw 36 per season for nine more years once Brady hangs up his cleats to surpass him.

Patrick Mahomes is way behind with 132 TD passes, but has been so prolific that he could potentially challenge the record if he stays healthy and keeps playing for at least another decade. The 26-year-old Mahomes averaged 38 TD passes his first three seasons as a starter and is on pace to throw 44 this year despite his recent turnover struggles. Mahomes would need to average 38 TDs for 12 1/2 more years once Brady is finished playing.

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With passing numbers on the rise across the NFL and an extra game added to the regular season, it's realistic to think single-season records will be broken, whether it's Peyton Manning's mark of 5,477 yards or his 55 TDs.

Brady set another record Sunday by simply showing up to face the Bears and 22-year-old rookie Justin Fields, making it the largest age gap between starting quarterbacks.

Fields, the 11th overall pick in the NFL draft, had a miserable day. He threw three interceptions and fumbled three times, losing two.

Meanwhile, Brady tossed four TD passes on a day he wasn't even particularly sharp. He tied a career-high with six consecutive incomplete passes at one point right after connecting with Mike Evans for No. 600.

"There's a lot of room to improve on what we're doing, so we're just going to keep trying to get better," Brady said.

Stafford, Rams stay hot against Goff's Lions

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Jared Goff was under immediate pressure from Aaron Donald when he dropped back late in a one-score game. He threw to the end zone while being dropped, and Jalen Ramsey picked it off.

Goff didn't need a homecoming game to remind him it's much easier to win when the Los Angeles Rams' stars are on your side.

And Matthew Stafford is still loving his spot on the other side of the current chasm between the Lions and the Rams.

Stafford passed for 334 yards and three touchdowns against his former team, and Ramsey made an end-zone interception with five minutes left in Los Angeles' 28-19 win over Goff and winless Detroit on Sunday.

Stafford and Goff both acknowledged high emotions in the first game since they switched uniforms in a blockbuster trade last winter. Their postgame reunions with former teammates and coaches were uniformly warm, but their new teams stayed on the same season trajectories with the Rams' (6-1) narrow victory.

"Am I happy it's over with? Yeah," said Stafford, who passed for 45,109 yards and never won a playoff game in his dozen years with the Lions. "Got a lot of great friends, got a lot of people that I care about that are on that team or from that city, and just just glad to have this one over with."

Goff passed for 268 yards and led Detroit (0-7) within striking distance of an upset before falling heartbreakingly short. Afterward, Goff chatted with his former teammates and exchanged pleasantries with coach Sean McVay, who slapped his former quarterback's helmet after their hug.

"I didn't think about it until after, but there's a lot of guys I never saw after the trade," Goff said. "Being able to see them and say hello and catch up for two minutes was good. It was healthy. And then once the game started, it was very as usual."

That was bad news for the struggling Lions and good news for Los Angeles, which hung on despite a litany of mistakes.



Stafford

Tannehill, Titans start fast, dominate struggling Chiefs

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans wanted to start games faster and score more points early.

They did just that against the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Titans scored on their first five possessions and led 27-0 at halftime on their way to routing the Chiefs 27-3 overall on Sunday.

Ryan Tannehill threw for 270 yards and a touchdown, and he also ran for a score as Tennessee won for the fifth time in six games.

"We wanted to get going early and score points early," Tannehill said of a team with

only 20 points scored in the first quarter this season. "So we were able to do that, and hopefully we can keep it going."

The Titans (5-2) also won their second game in six days over teams that played for the AFC championship in January.

They edged Buffalo 34-31 on Monday night and followed that by simply dominating the two-time defending AFC champs as Tennessee kept scoring.

"It was a great win for everybody," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said. "Great job. The guys stepped up."

The Chiefs (3-4) have lost two of three and dropped to 1-4 in the AFC this season.

They were also held to their fewest points since a 38-3 loss to Denver on Dec. 30, 2012.

"They made more plays than what we did, particularly on the first few series there," Kansas City coach Andy Reid said. "I've seen our guys do it and make the plays. We're just not doing it right now."

This was the first time Patrick Mahomes had trailed by 27 at halftime and the third-largest halftime deficit for the Chiefs since 1991. It was the worst since they trailed Pittsburgh 29-0 at the half on Oct. 2, 2016, and only the eighth time in franchise history that Kansas City had trailed by 27 or more at the half.



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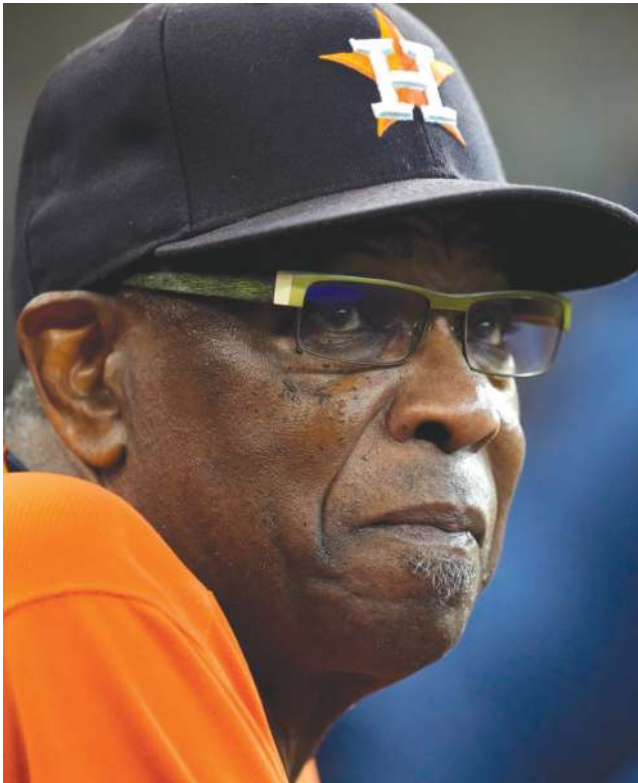
Titans QB Ryan Tannehill scores against the Chiefs on Sunday in Nashville, Tenn.

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Milestone man
Buccaneers' Brady puts up another insurmountable mark » **NFL, Page 23**

WORLD SERIES PREVIEW



Series showdown six decades in the making

Former National League rivals meeting on championship stage for first time

BY BEN WALKER
Associated Press
Freddie Freeman swinging onto baseball's biggest stage for the first time, Jose Altuve & Co. back for more. Luis Garcia, Framber Valdez and a fresh set of Houston arms facing Ozzie Albies, Austin Riley and these eager, young Atlanta bats.
And the endless quest for Mr. Dusty Baker.

Braves-Astros, a lot to savor in this World Series—even a family faceoff. Atlanta manager Brian Snitker's son, Troy, is a Houston hitting coach.
“It's like the Snitkers are going to have a World Series trophy in their house here,” dad said Saturday night. “I don't know who is going to own it, but we're going to have one. So
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Top: After 11 seasons with Atlanta, Freddie Freeman will help lead the Brave in their first World Series appearance since 1999. **Left:** The Houston Astros' Dusty Baker, 72, has the chance to win his first championship as a manager.

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