

## US to leave Afghanistan by Sept. 11

By J.P. LAWRENCE

*Stars and Stripes*

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Biden administration has decided that all U.S. forces will leave Afghanistan by Sept. 11, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attack that started America's longest war, a senior administration official said Tuesday.

The announcement, which was to be made officially on Wednesday, means the U.S. will leave thousands of troops in the country beyond a May 1 deadline for withdrawal that former President Donald Trump negotiated with the Taliban last year.

The withdrawal of at least 2,500 U.S. troops in Afghanistan will begin before May 1 and may end prior to September, the senior administration official said on condition of anonymity.

The withdrawal will not be affected by the progress of the troubled peace talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban, the official said.

"The president has judged that a conditions-based approach, which has been the approach for the last two decades, is a recipe to stay in Afghanistan forever," the official said. "So he has reached the conclusion that the United States will complete its drawdown, will remove its forces, before Sept. 11."

The decision, first reported by The Washington Post, came after a three-month review by the Biden administration of its options.

The review determined that the U.S. can prevent terrorist attacks and protect its homeland without having troops on the ground in Afghanistan, the official said.

Addressing the threats of competition with China, the coronavirus pandemic and decentralized terrorist threats across countries "requires us to close the book on a 20-year conflict in Afghanistan," the official said.

The administration is not considering leaving a counterterrorism force in the country, an idea that President Joe Biden

promoted during last year's election campaign.

The only remaining military presence in Afghanistan will be the troops required to protect U.S. diplomats at the embassy in Kabul.

The U.S. will help the roughly 7,000 NATO troops in Afghanistan pull out of the country under a principle of "in together, out together," the official said.

U.S. and Taliban troops haven't officially clashed since last year's peace deal. But violence may resume during the drawdown.

The Taliban haven't commented yet on Biden's decision to keep troops in the country, but they've said previously that an extension of the U.S. presence after the May deadline would provoke a response, without elaborating further.

"We have communicated to the Taliban in no uncertain terms, that if they do conduct attacks against U.S. or allied forces as we carry out this drawdown ... that we will hit back hard and we will hold them accountable for that," the official said.

## US to base 500 more troops in Germany, Austin says

By JOHN VANDIVER

*Stars and Stripes*

STUTTGART, Germany — Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Tuesday announced plans to permanently base hundreds more U.S. troops in Germany, where the former Trump administration wanted to withdraw nearly 12,000 service members.

"These forces will strengthen deterrence and defense in Europe. They will augment our existing abilities to prevent conflict, and, if necessary, fight and win," Austin told reporters in Berlin, following his meeting with German Defense Minister Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer.

About 500 more troops will be based in the Wiesbaden area, home to U.S. Army Europe and Africa headquarters, Austin said. The deployments could begin as early as the fall, the U.S. defense chief said.

"This move will also create more space, more cyber and more electronic warfare ca-

pabilities in Europe," said Austin, who is traveling on his first trip through Europe as defense secretary.

The added troops will "greatly improve our ability to surge forces at a moment's notice to defend our allies," he said.

Two new units — a Multi-Domain Task Force and Theater Fires Command — will bring 500 soldiers and 750 family members to U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden. The units include a wide range of sophisticated weaponry, such as field artillery, air and missile defense, electronic warfare, space and aviation elements, USAREUR-AF said.

The Army also said it will hold on to Mainz-Kastel Station, Mainz-Kastel Housing and Dagger Complex in Darmstadt, all of which had been slated for turnover to Germany.

"New strategies and a continuously changing operations environment requires more capacity to ensure we have the necessary infrastructure for increased capabilities to support our Allies and partners," Maj. Gen. Chris Mohan, commander of the 21st Theater Sustain-

ment Command, said in a statement. "We've worked closely with German officials to come to an agreement on retaining these sites and are very appreciative of their continued support."

In February, the U.S. halted plans to move troops out of Germany while the Pentagon reviews how its forces are positioned worldwide. That assessment is expected to be completed in the summer.

When asked at a joint press conference whether the additional 500 troops means Washington won't carry out former President Donald Trump's proposal, Austin said the Pentagon has "ceased planning" for troop reductions, in line with what was announced in February.

Kramp-Karrenbauer said she had President Joe Biden's word that "there will be no troop reduction as was previously planned," The Associated Press reported.

There are about 35,000 troops stationed in Germany, along with tens of thousands of family members and civilian workers.

# Austin orders probe of Kenya attack

By JOHN VANDIVER  
*Stars and Stripes*

STUTT GART, Germany — Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Monday ordered an independent review of a militant attack that killed three Americans on a U.S. compound in Kenya last year.

Austin, who recently completed an initial review of U.S. Africa Command's investigation into the Jan. 5, 2020, attack, said he wants a deeper look into the deadly ambush at the small Manda Bay outpost.

"An independent review will provide added insight, perspective, and the ability to assess the totality of this tragic event involving multiple Military Services and Department of Defense components," Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said in a statement Monday.

Austin directed the Army to appoint a

four-star general to review the AFRICOM investigation. Army Gen. Paul Funk, head of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, was selected to lead the probe and serve as the authority for "any appropriate disciplinary actions related to the attack," Kirby said.

Kirby said Austin wants to ensure a full examination of the contributing factors that led up to the event and "that appropriate action is taken to reduce the risk of future occurrence. The families impacted deserve nothing less."

Army Spc. Henry Mayfield Jr., 23, and two Defense Department pilot contractors, Dustin Johnson and Bruce Triplett, were killed after al-Shabab militants overran the Manda Bay site. At least three others were injured.

The military site in coastal Kenya supports U.S. operations in Somalia, where

al-Shabab fighters have waged an insurgency for more than a decade. The al-Qaida-aligned militants primarily target Somalia's government and military but occasionally launch high-profile assaults in neighboring states, including Kenya.

The insurgents stormed the Manda Bay airfield at dawn with indirect and small-arms fire. About a mile down the road, other militants fired on Camp Simba, a section of the base where U.S. forces are stationed, The Associated Press reported.

Marines from Camp Simba initially responded to the attack site and fought back. But it took all day for Kenyan and U.S. security forces to finally repel the militants.

At least five U.S. aircraft were destroyed in the clash and one was damaged during the attack. Six contractor-operated civilian aircraft were also damaged, AFRICOM said at the time.

## Report reveals uptick in troops' terror involvement

By SARAH CAMMARATA  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Military personnel have been increasingly involved in domestic terrorist plots and attacks during the last three years, according to a report released Monday by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington-based think tank.

The report's authors also predict the trend will continue to rise without further action to combat the issue.

"The data should serve as a cautionary tale. While the numbers are relatively low, they are growing — and the military and law enforcement agencies need to take preventive action now," according to the report.

Active-duty troops, reservists and National Guard members were linked to more than 6% of all domestic terrorist incidents, up from 1.5% in 2019, and zero in 2018, according to data in the re-

port.

The analysis does not provide a reason behind the increase, but it highlights that those with military backgrounds are more likely to be sought out by violent far-right and far-left groups due to their skill sets, such as firing weapons and building explosive devices.

The report analyzed 980 cases of terrorist plots and attacks in the United States between Jan. 1, 1994, and Jan. 31, 2021. The military should revise its process of vetting new recruits and renewing security clearances to help identify individuals with ties to extremist groups, the report said.

The Pentagon announced last week that a new panel will study extremism within the military ranks, including the ability of the services to weed out recruits with extremist views and whether military law or regulations should be amended to address the issue.

## Retired admiral explores tragedy, forgiveness in book

By DAVID CHOI  
*Stars and Stripes*

William McRaven, a former head of U.S. Special Operations Command, in a new book describes the "most gut-wrenching tragedy" he faced during his military career and the important lesson he learned from it.

"The Hero Code: Lessons Learned from Lives Well Lived," from Grand Central Publishing, went on sale Tuesday. McRaven's last book, "Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life ... And Maybe the World," spent 37 weeks on The New York Times bestseller list in 2017.

In "The Hero Code," McRaven recounts his experience with inspirational figures to illustrate a number of heroic virtues. In one of these examples, he describes the virtue of forgiveness after a tragic special operations mission in

2010.

Forgiveness "is never easy" but is particularly important in society today, McRaven said during a phone interview Monday with Stars and Stripes. Anger and the immediate desire to retaliate against an aggressor are undue burdens, he said.

McRaven, a retired admiral, worked at every level in special operations starting as a SEAL platoon commander, according to his Navy biography. As head of Joint Special Operations Command from June 2008 to June 2011, he oversaw the successful raid against al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden in May 2011.

He left the Navy in 2014 after 37 years. A recognized voice on foreign policy and education, McRaven from 2015-18 served as chancellor, or chief executive, of the University of Texas System.

# US calls for J&J vaccine 'pause' over clots

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The U.S. is recommending a “pause” in using the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine to investigate reports of potentially dangerous blood clots.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday they were investigating unusual clots that occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. The clots occurred in veins that drain blood from the brain and occurred together with low platelets. All six cases were in women between the ages of 18 and 48; there was one death and all remained under investigation.

The reports appear similar to a rare, unusual type of clotting disorder that European authorities say is possibly linked to another COVID-19 vaccine not yet cleared in the U.S., from AstraZeneca.

More than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been given in the U.S., the vast majority with no or mild side effects.

Federally run mass vaccination sites will pause the use of the J&J shot, and states and other providers are expected to follow. The other two authorized vaccines, from Moderna and Pfizer, make up the vast share of COVID-19 shots administered in the U.S. and are not affected by the pause.

“I’d like to stress these events appear to be extremely rare. However COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority,” FDA Acting Commissioner Janet Woodcock said at a news conference. “We expect it to be a matter of days for this pause.”

A CDC committee will meet Wednesday to discuss the cases and the FDA has also launched an investigation into the cause of

the clots and low platelet counts.

CDC’s Dr. Anne Schuchat said authorities have not seen similar clots after use of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, and that people should continue to get vaccinated with those shots.

FDA officials emphasized that Tuesday’s action was not a mandate. Doctors and patients could still use J&J’s vaccine if they decide its benefits outweigh its risks for individual cases, said Dr. Peter Marks.

The agencies are recommending that people who were given the J&J vaccine who are experiencing severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after receiving the shot contact their health care provider.

J&J said in a statement it was aware of the reports of blood clots, but that no link to its vaccine had been established. The

company also said it is delaying the rollout of its vaccine in Europe as a precaution.

As authorities investigate whether the clots really are related to the J&J vaccine, Dr. Geoffrey Barnes, a clot expert at the University of Michigan, stressed that it’s important Americans get vaccinated as soon as possible using the other two available vaccines, from Pfizer and Moderna.

“If you have a chance to get vaccinated with those, we strongly encourage it. The risks of COVID are real and they’re high,” Barnes said.

Jeff Zients, the White House COVID-19 response coordinator, said 28 million doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be available for states this week, more than enough to keep up the nation’s pace of 3 million shots a day despite the J&J pause.

## Minn. officer who fatally shot Black motorist resigns

*Associated Press*

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. — A white Minnesota police officer who fatally shot a Black man during a traffic stop in a Minneapolis suburb resigned Tuesday.

Kim Potter resigned two days after she shot 20-year-old Daunte Wright in Brooklyn Center. Potter, a 26-year veteran, had been on administrative leave following Sunday’s shooting.

The city’s police chief has said he believes Potter mistakenly grabbed her gun when she was going for her Taser. She can be heard on her body camera video shouting “Taser! Taser!”

Wright’s father, Aubrey Wright, told ABC’s “Good Morning America” on Tuesday that he rejects that explanation.

“I lost my son. He’s never coming back. I can’t accept that. A mistake? That doesn’t even sound right. This officer has

been on the force for 26 years. I can’t accept that,” he said.

“Whenever, through the line of duty, someone kills another human being, there must be accountability,” Brooklyn Center Mayor Mike Elliott told the “Today” show earlier Tuesday.

Activists and some residents say Wright was racially profiled, and his death has sparked two days of clashes between police and protesters. The shooting happened as the Minneapolis area was already on edge over the trial of the first of four police officers in George Floyd’s death.

Wright was shot as police were trying to arrest him on an outstanding warrant.

Court records show Wright was being sought after failing to appear in court on charges that he fled from officers and possessed a gun without a permit during an encounter with Minneapolis police in June.

## Defense begins case in trial over Floyd’s death

*Associated Press*

MINNEAPOLIS — The defense began its case Tuesday at the murder trial of former Officer Derek Chauvin, seizing on a 2019 confrontation between police and George Floyd in which Floyd suffered dangerously high blood pressure and confessed to heavy use of opioid painkillers.

Chauvin lawyer Eric Nelson has argued that Floyd died last May because of his illegal drug use and underlying health problems, not because of Chauvin pinning him to the pavement.

Moments after the prosecution rested its case Tuesday following 11 days of testimony and video evidence, the defense put on its first witness, a retired Minneapolis police officer who testified about a May 6, 2019, incident in which Floyd was arrested, a year before his fatal encounter with Chauvin.

Scott Creighton said he drew his gun when Floyd, a passenger

in a car, did not comply with orders to show his hands. Nelson played body camera video that showed Creighton drawing his gun and pulling Floyd out.

Chauvin’s lawyer twice asked questions aimed at getting the jury thinking about Floyd swallowing drugs, but Creighton said he did not see Floyd take anything.

Another witness who responded to that call, retired paramedic Michelle Moseng, testified that Floyd told her he had been taking multiple opioids about every 20 minutes. Moseng also said she recommended taking Floyd to the hospital based on his high blood pressure, which she measured at 216 over 160, but he resisted.

On cross-examination, Moseng told prosecutor Erin Eldridge that Floyd’s respiratory output, pulse, heart rate, EKG and heart rhythms were normal. Eldridge said Floyd was taken to the hospital and released two hours later.



# Iran: Sabotage could hurt nuke deal talks

*Associated Press*

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran's foreign minister warned Tuesday that a weekend attack on its main nuclear enrichment site at Natanz could hurt ongoing negotiations over its tattered atomic deal with world powers.

Those talks are aimed at finding a way for the United States to reenter the agreement, the goal of which is to limit Iran's enrichment of uranium in exchange for relief on sanctions.

The U.S. has insisted it had nothing to do with Sunday's sabotage at the Natanz nuclear facility. Instead, Israel is widely believed to have carried out the as-

sault that damaged centrifuges, though it has not claimed it. But Mohammad Javad Zarif still issued a warning to Washington.

"Americans should know that neither sanctions nor sabotage actions would provide them with an instrument for talks," Zarif said in Tehran alongside visiting Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. "They should know that these actions would only make the situation difficult for them."

Zarif separately renewed his earlier warning to Israel over the sabotage, saying that if Iran determines its archenemy was behind it, "then Israel will get its response and will see what a stupid

thing it has done."

Kayhan, the hard-line Tehran newspaper, urged Iran to "walk out of the Vienna talks, suspend all nuclear commitments, retaliate against Israel and identify and dismantle the domestic infiltration network behind the sabotage."

Such a walkout remains unlikely as the administration of President Hassan Rouhani, whose main diplomatic achievement was the 2015 accord, hopes to get the U.S. to rejoin it and provide desperately needed sanctions relief. Pressure does appear to be growing, however, within Iran's theocracy over how to respond to the attack.

The talks in Vienna — among Iran, world powers still in the deal and the U.S. — are aimed at reviving America's role in the agreement that former President Donald Trump abandoned and lifting the sanctions he imposed. Iran, in turn, would return to the limits set by the deal and dilute its growing stockpile of uranium — some of which has been enriched up to a short step away from weapons-grade levels.

On Tuesday, Iranian nuclear negotiator Abbas Aragchi said Iran will begin enriching uranium to 60% purity, higher than the program ever has before, after the attack on its Natanz nuclear facility.

## Student killed after firing at police officers at Tenn. school

*Associated Press*

A student opened fire on officers responding to a report of a possible gunman at a Tennessee high school Monday, and police shot back and killed him, authorities said. The shooting wounded an officer and comes as the community reels from off-campus gun violence that has left three other students dead this year.

Police found the student in a bathroom at Austin-East Magnet High School in Knoxville, a city about 180 miles east of Nashville, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Director David B. Rausch said at a news conference. They ordered the student to come out, but he wouldn't comply, and that's when he reportedly opened fire, Rausch said. Police fired back.

The student died at the school, and the officer was taken into surgery after being shot at least once in the upper leg, authorities said. The officer was expected to recover, and no one else was hurt. It wasn't yet clear why the student brought a gun to school or why he fired at officers.

"It's a sad day for Knoxville, and it's tough for Austin-East," Rausch said.

When asked about the overwhelming police response to a call that came in just before afternoon dismissal, Knoxville Police Chief Eve Thomas said, "We have a student, a school incident. It's our worst fear, an active

shooter in a school."

The shooting comes as more classrooms are reopening to students after months of remote learning during the coronavirus pandemic, which cut down the number of mass killings in the United States. The nation has seen a series of mass shootings in recent weeks, including eight people killed at three Atlanta-area massage businesses on March 16 and 10 people killed at a Colorado supermarket on March 22.

Knox County Schools restarted in-person learning in January, but Austin-East Magnet High School went back to virtual instruction briefly in February after the spate of shooting deaths of students. The school will be closed again Tuesday and Wednesday.

Speaking outside a hospital, Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon told news station WATE-TV that she spoke with the wounded officer, and that he was conscious and in good spirits.

The newspaper reported that the school was adding three school resource officers and stepping up patrols around dismissal time.

State Rep. Sam McKenzie, who represents the district and went to the school, said in a statement: "I am at a loss to describe my sadness as yet another horrific act of gun violence has happened in my community," urging people to "reclaim the sanctity of our beloved neighborhood."

## Japan will release Fukushima water into sea in 2 years

*Associated Press*

TOKYO — Japan's government announced Tuesday that it would start releasing treated radioactive water from the wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant into the Pacific Ocean in two years. It's a move that's fiercely opposed by fishermen, residents and Japan's neighbors.

The decision, long speculated at but delayed for years because of safety worries and protests, came during a meeting of Cabinet ministers who endorsed the ocean release as the best option.

The accumulating water has been stored in tanks at the Fukushima Daiichi plant since 2011, when a massive earthquake and tsunami damaged its reactors and their cooling water became contaminated and began leaking. The plant's storage capacity will be full late next year.

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said the ocean release was the most realistic option and that disposing the water is needed to complete the decadeslong decommissioning of the Fukushima plant. He said the government would work to make sure the water is safe and to help local agriculture, fisheries and tourism.

Residents, fisheries officials and environmental groups issued statements denouncing the decision as ignoring environmental safety and health, and further hurting Fukushima's image and economy.

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**K-9 stabbed by suspect, saves police officer's life**

**CA** FRESNO — A Fresno police K-9 was stabbed multiple times by a suspect but saved the life of an officer in the process, the city's police department said.

The incident occurred as police attempted to detain Carlos Castanos, 30, after receiving a call that a woman was being held against her will, according to Lt. Tim Tietjen.

A police K-9 named Argo chased down Castanos and bit and latched onto his left arm. Castanos stabbed the dog six times and moved toward officers, but police said one officer then used a stun gun on Castanos and he dropped the knife. He was apprehended shortly afterward.

Argo suffered wounds to his back and left eye and had to undergo surgery. The dog is expected to survive, the Fresno Bee reported.

**Historic bridge hit for 14th time since August**

**IL** LONG GROVE — A historic covered bridge outside Chicago has been struck by a vehicle for at least the 14th time since August, authorities said.

A 73-year-old Nashville, Tenn., man watching his GPS did not see signs declaring the 8-foot, 6-inch clearance of the bridge in north suburban Long Grove and struck it with a U-Haul box truck, Lt. Chris Covelli of the Lake County Sheriff's Office said.

The top of the truck struck the bottom of the bridge's roof, leaving it temporarily stuck

there, Covelli said.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office says there have been more than a dozen reports of similar crashes since the bridge reopened last August after undergoing repairs from another box truck incident, WLS-TV reported. The wood and metal bridge dates to 1906.

**Suit settled in death of student who called 911**

**OH** CINCINNATI — Cincinnati has agreed to settle a wrongful death lawsuit brought by the family of a 16-year-old student who died three years ago after being accidentally trapped in a van and calling 911 twice.

City officials announced it would pay \$6 million to the family of Kyle Plush and spend \$250,000 on an outside review of the city's 911 call system.

Plush died trapped under a folding seat in a minivan parked near his school April 10, 2018. His father found him six hours after he managed to call 911 using voice commands to activate the phone in his pocket.

Two officers sent in response to Plush's first 911 call drove through parking areas around the school, but didn't get out. Police have said they didn't have the information needed to narrow their search.

**Old bridge to become fishing pier by summer**

**NC** OREGON INLET — What's left of an old Outer Banks bridge in North Carolina will soon be a fishing pier with no entry charge.

The Virginian-Pilot reported that the 1,000-foot-long struc-

ture stretches over the rapid flowing currents of the Oregon Inlet.

The spot is where fresh and saltwater species mingle, making it a popular fishing site. The new Basnight Bridge towers above it. The state expects the new pier will be open to the public this summer.

**Driver found with 25 pounds of meth in truck**

**CA** OROVILLE — A motorist stopped for speeding in rural Northern California was arrested after 25 pounds of methamphetamine and other drugs were found in his truck, sheriff's officials said.

Shortly after a deputy made the traffic stop near Palermo, his K-9 partner alerted him to the possible presence of narcotics, the Butte County Sheriff's Office said.

A search uncovered 25 pounds of meth, more than 1.5 pounds of heroin, a pound of suspected fentanyl and 388 oxycodone pills that are believed to be counterfeit, the Sacramento Bee reported.

Shawn Nowlin, 48, faces multiple drug charges.

**Go-kart race, festival back after cancellation**

**IN** ELKHART — A northern Indiana city is bringing back a summer festival built around go-kart racing a year after the family-oriented event was canceled by the pandemic.

Elkhart officials announced that the Thor Industries Elkhart Riverwalk Grand Prix will return, with go-kart racing along city streets, live music, fire-

works and other events.

Mayor Rod Roberson said he and other city officials are "thrilled" by the race's return after a pandemic timeout.

**House explosion, fire sends 8 to hospitals**

**MI** MARSHALL — Eight people have been hospitalized following an early morning explosion and fire at a home in southern Michigan.

Firefighters in Marshall found the home completely in flames when they arrived.

Authorities told WOOD-TV the house was under construction.

The extent of the injuries to the victims was not immediately known.

**Farmer: Vidalia onions could be smaller, pricier**

**GA** VIDALIA — Georgia's signature sweet onions may be a little smaller and a little more expensive this year.

Vidalia onions are scheduled to begin shipping April 19, arriving in stores in the following days.

Farmer Aries Haygood told WMAZ-TV that cooler-than-normal weather has stunted onion growth, meaning the average onion may only be 3 inches around instead of 4 inches.

Haygood, the chairman of the Vidalia Onion Committee, said there will be plenty of Georgia-grown onions. But he said prices may be a little higher because sweet onion farmers in Texas were hit hard by a winter storm there.

— From wire reports

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# Minnesota pro sports postpone games

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — In the raw aftermath of another killing of a Black man by police in Minnesota, there was no place for pro sports in the Twin Cities on Monday.

The Minnesota Twins, Wild and Timberwolves all postponed their games a day after the shooting of 20-year-old Daunte Wright following a traffic stop in a nearby suburb.

Major League Baseball's Twins were set to begin a four-game series against the Boston Red Sox on Monday afternoon at Target Field.

About an hour before the scheduled first pitch and as players warmed up in light rain, the police chief in Brooklyn Center — a city adjacent to Minneapolis where violent protests took place the night before — announced that the shooting was

an “accidental discharge,” with the officer involved firing her handgun instead of a stun gun.

“We came to the conclusion that the right thing to do was for us to not play today, rooted in respect for the Wright family, but also rooted in our mind in the safety of all of those involved in today’s game,” Twins president Dave St. Peter said.

The Red Sox were staying at a hotel outside the city due to the timing of their visit during former Officer Derek Chauvin’s murder trial. Most visiting teams stay within a few blocks of the ballpark. The Twins, who consulted with MLB and state and local officials about the postponement, said there had been no discussion of moving the series to another city.

The NBA’s Timberwolves called off their game on Monday night against the Brooklyn Nets,

without immediately announcing when it would be rescheduled.

“Yesterday’s tragic event, involving the life of Daunte Wright, once again leaves our community mourning,” the Timberwolves said, extending sympathy to Wright’s family.

The NHL’s Wild were supposed to host the St. Louis Blues on Monday night. The postponement was made “out of respect for heartbreaking incident” in Brooklyn Center, the team said. That game was rescheduled for May 12, during the extra week the league has added to the regular season to accommodate postponements due to COVID-19 protocols.

“I think we all just figured it was the right thing to do,” Wild general manager Bill Guerin said.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz an-

nounced a curfew from 7 p.m. Monday until 6 a.m. Tuesday for the three counties that include Brooklyn Center, Minneapolis and the capital of St. Paul, where the Wild play. The rest of the Red Sox-Twins games are scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Without a game clock in baseball, plus wet weather in the forecast for Tuesday, there would be no guarantee the games could finish in time if the curfew were extended to additional nights.

Security around downtown Minneapolis has already been heightened because of the trial of Chauvin, whose knee prosecutors say was pressed on George Floyd’s neck for more than nine minutes as the unarmed Black man was handcuffed and pinned to the pavement May 25, 2020.

## Schwarber returns, Nats down Cards to end slump

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kyle Schwarber doubled in a run in his delayed Washington debut, Andrew Stevenson had a pinch-hit homer and the Nationals beat the St. Louis Cardinals 5-2 on Monday night.

Schwarber, Josh Bell and Josh Harrison were in the starting lineup after being sidelined for Washington’s first six games by a coronavirus outbreak that prompted the postponement of the team’s season-opening series and left the club short-handed. The Nats ended a five-game skid, while the Cardinals have lost three straight.

Stevenson hit his first homer of the season into St. Louis’ bullpen in right field to lead off the seventh, putting Washington ahead 4-2.

Kyle Finnegan (1-0) pitched 1½ innings for the win. Brad Hand got three outs for his first save.

**Brewers 6, Cubs 3:** Pinch-hitter Luis Urías drove in three runs with a go-ahead double, part of a six-run sixth inning for host Milwaukee.

Freddy Peralta (2-0) struck out 10 over six innings of two-hit ball for the victory. Josh Hader got two outs for his first save of the season.

**Tigers 6, Astros 2:** Casey Mize tossed seven scoreless innings for his first career win and fellow rookie Akil Baddoo homered again, leading Detroit to the victory in manager A.J. Hinch’s first trip to Houston since he was fired for the team’s sign-stealing scheme.

Renato Núñez and Grayson Greiner also homered as the Tigers jumped on Zack Greinke (1-1) for six runs to snap a four-game skid.

**Angels 10, Royals 3:** Shohei Ohtani had three hits and three RBIs for visiting Los Angeles and Mike Trout hit a two-run

homer.

Ohtani hit a two-run double off Scott Barlow in the seventh for a 6-3 lead. The ball came off the bat at 119 mph, the fifth-hardest-hit ball since 2015, according to Statcast.

**Rays 1, Rangers 0:** Tyler Glasnow struck out a career-high 14 in 7⅓ innings and Willy Adames homered in the seventh, lifting host Tampa Bay to the victory.

Glasnow (1-0) allowed two hits and walked one. Diego Castillo worked the ninth for his third save.

**Padres 6, Pirates 2:** Yu Darvish pitched seven dominant innings, Wil Myers drove in five runs and San Diego won at Pittsburgh for its fourth straight win.

Darvish (1-0) permitted one run and three hits in a crisp performance. Myers hit a two-run homer off Luis Oviedo (0-1) in the sixth, putting the Padres in front to stay.

**Yankees 3, Blue Jays 1:** Kyle Higashioka homered twice to support Gerrit Cole, leading New York to the road win.

**Marlins 5, Braves 3 (10):** Garrett Cooper hit a tiebreaking single in the 10th inning and finished with three RBIs, leading Miami to the road win.

**White Sox 4, Indians 3:** First baseman Yu Chang hit Yasmani Grandal with a throw trying to force him at second base as Nick Madrigal raced home with the winning run for host Chicago in the ninth inning.

**Reds 3, Giants 0:** Joey Votto splashed a home run into McCovey Cove, Jesse Winker hit a two-run homer and Cincinnati won at San Francisco.

**Athletics 9, Diamondbacks 5:** Matt Chapman homered among his three hits, Jed Lowrie added two hits and three RBIs, and visiting Oakland roughed up Arizona starter Madison Bumgarner.



# Lightning, Leafs among trade winners

*Associated Press*

The defending Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning went into the trade deadline without much money to make a move.

As the league's best teams often do, the cash-strapped Lightning found a way to improve their chances of winning with a shrewd deal.

The Buffalo Sabres, meanwhile, had one of the most coveted players on the market and a chance to boost their rebuilding project with a trade.

As one of the franchises in the league that can't seem to get it right, the Sabres failed to get a great return for 2018 NHL MVP Taylor Hall.

Here's a look at some teams that appeared to win, and lose, in the days and minutes leading up to the trade deadline Monday afternoon:

## Tampa Bay

The Lightning bolstered their blue line and chances to repeat by acquiring defenseman David Savard from Columbus in a three-team trade on Saturday.

Tampa Bay connected with former general manager Steve Yzerman, taking advantage of the Detroit Red Wings' cap space to swing a deal to acquire a solid, 30-year-old defenseman with 20 games of postseason experience the last two years.

The Lightning did have to give up a first-round pick this year and a third-round selection next year to add one of the best assets available. That's a small price to pay for

a player to pair with with Victor Hedman on a team shooting to repeat with the expected return of injured star Nikita Kucherov.

## Buffalo

The lowly Sabres, who are last overall in the league, are slumping toward an NHL record-matching 10th straight season without a postseason appearance.

In Hall, they had what appeared to be one of the top talents available with an expiring, \$8 million contract and didn't seem to make the most of the opportunity.

The Boston Bruins landed the 29-year-old forward in exchange for fourth-year forward Anders Bjork.

## Toronto

The Maple Leafs, desperately seeking to hoist their first Cup in more than a half-century, left no doubt they're in it to win it this season.

Making moves that leave Toronto with just six selections in two years, the North Division leaders improved their title chances by adding insurance up front, on the back end and in net.

The Maple Leafs acquired forwards Nick Foligno and Antti Suomela, defenseman Ben Hutton and goaltender David Rittich in a relatively flurry of activity to add layers of insurance on their talent-laden roster.

## Washington

The Washington Capitals made the boldest move, giving up a lot to Detroit — perhaps too much — for underperforming for-

ward Anthony Mantha.

Washington sent the Red Wings 25-year-old winger Jakub Vrana, who has 157 career points, journeyman forward Richard Panik, a first-round pick this year and a second-round selection in 2022 and gave up all their salary cap space to acquire Mantha.

## Boston

The Bruins didn't have to give up much to get Hall, a six-time 20-goal-scorer that had a 93-point season just a few years ago in New Jersey.

Boston needs Hall and he needs another fresh start.

The Bruins are trying to hold off the New York Rangers and Philadelphia for the fourth and final playoff spot in the East Division.

## Detroit

Yzerman gave up on Mantha, who he believed was a key piece of the franchise's rebuilding plan just months ago when signing him to a four-year deal with average annual value of \$5.7 million.

The Hall of Fame player and experienced executive took on another underperforming player, Vrana, who will count \$3.35 million against the cap next season, and added to his stockpile of selections over the next two years.

Yzerman said himself that picks are good, but wins are better, and the franchise he is leading has more of the former than the latter and it's difficult to envision that changing anytime soon.

# Tatar's 2 goals help Canadiens down Leafs

*Associated Press*

MONTREAL — Maple Leafs goaltender Jack Campbell took the blame for Toronto's 4-2 loss to Montreal on Monday night.

There was plenty of it to go around.

The Canadiens came out strong with two early goals, Josh Anderson put them ahead to stay late in the second period and Tomas Tatar sealed the win with an empty-netter, his second goal of the game.

"We really wanted to come in tonight and set the pace and start off the (first) period the right way," Anderson said. "I thought we did that for the most part.

"Obviously they made a good push in the second, but I thought we did a lot of good

things tonight."

Nick Suzuki had the other goal for Montreal, which ended a three-game skid.

Auston Matthews and John Tavares scored in the second period for the visiting Maple Leafs, who had their six-game winning streak halted.

Toronto put itself in an early deficit with one of its worst periods of the season. Montreal outshot Toronto 11-3 in the first 20 minutes.

**Blackhawks 4, Blue Jackets 3 (OT):** Brandon Hagel scored 1:25 into overtime, and visiting Chicago beat Columbus for the fifth consecutive time.

**Avalanche 4, Coyotes 2:** Mikko Rantanen had two goals and host Colorado won for the

eighth time in nine games.

**Golden Knights 4, Kings 2:** Max Pacioretty scored his 300th career goal, Mark Stone had a goal and an assist, and visiting Vegas rallied to beat Los Angeles.

**Red Wings 3, Hurricanes 1:** Adam Erne and Filip Zadina scored two quick third-period goals while Jonathan Bernier finished with 37 saves to help visiting Detroit beat Carolina.

**Senators 4, Jets 2:** Brady Tkachuk scored twice, Connor Brown extended his franchise-record goal-scoring streak to eight games and host Ottawa beat Winnipeg.

**Ducks 4, Sharks 0:** Anthony Stolarz made a career-high 46 saves for his third career shutout to lead visiting Anaheim past San Jose.

# Wizards snap Jazz's home win streak

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Bradley Beal scored 34 points to help the Washington Wizards beat Utah 125-121 on Monday night, ending a franchise-record, 24-game home winning streak for the Jazz.

Russell Westbrook had 25 points, 14 rebounds and 14 assists for the Wizards. Daniel Gaffard matched his season high with 15 points. The Wizards swept the season series after shooting 52% from the field and 47% from three-point range.

"We definitely had our hands full, but I love how we accepted all the challenges and made it tough for them," Beal said.

Donovan Mitchell scored 42 points and Bojan Bogdanovic added a season-high 33 for Utah. Joe Ingles chipped in 18, but the Jazz also had a two-game winning streak snapped while losing at home for the first time in 2021.

"They were just too comfortable in the beginning," Utah

center Rudy Gobert said. "When you have that kind of game, everyone is having fun. Everyone on the court for them had a little moment."

The Jazz rallied late and cut a 19-point deficit to 121-119 on a driving layup from Mitchell with 12.3 seconds left.

Beal hit a pair of free throws with 11.5 seconds remaining after missing a pair a few seconds earlier. Bogdanovic missed a corner three-pointer on the other end and then Westbrook added two more free throws to secure the win.

**Warriors 116, Nuggets 107:** Stephen Curry scored 53 points to pass Wilt Chamberlain for the most in franchise history, helping visiting Golden State beat Denver.

Draymond Green had 18 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for the Warriors. Andrew Wiggins scored 17 points and Kent Bazemore added 14.

**Suns 126, Rockets 120:** Jae Crowder scored 26 points, Devin Booker added 24 and host

Phoenix tied an NBA record with 18 three-pointers in the first half.

The Suns finished with a franchise-record 25 three-pointers and the Rockets added 17. The combined total of 42 threes was one shy of an NBA record.

**Knicks 111, Lakers 96:** Julius Randle had 34 points and 10 rebounds against his former team, and host New York beat Los Angeles for its third straight victory.

Coming off tense finishes against Memphis and Toronto, the Knicks led comfortably for much of the fourth quarter and moved back above .500 at 28-27.

**76ers 113, Mavericks 95:** Joel Embiid scored 36 points, lifting Philadelphia to the road win.

Embiid was 14-for-15 from the line as the 76ers finished 8-4 while playing 10 of 12 games on the road.

**Grizzlies 101, Bulls 90:** Jonas Valanciunas had 26 points

and 14 rebounds, leading a fourth-quarter burst that carried host Memphis to the win.

Valanciunas, who had 32 points and 22 rebounds a night earlier in a loss to Indiana, scored 10 in the fourth as the Grizzlies used an 18-6 run to break open a close game.

**Pelicans 117, Kings 110:** Brandon Ingram scored 34 points and Zion Williamson added 30 points, sending New Orleans to the win at home.

Steven Adams had 16 rebounds and Eric Bledsoe scored 13 points for the Pelicans, who held on at the very end after leading by as many as 26.

**Spurs 120, Magic 97:** DeMar DeRozan scored 19 points in just three quarters of work, Dejounte Murray added 17 and visiting San Antonio routed slumping Orlando.

San Antonio played a night after winning in Dallas on a last-second shot by DeRozan, and it showed no signs of fatigue in cruising to the easy win.

## Nuggets' Murray out indefinitely with torn left ACL

Associated Press

DENVER — The Denver Nuggets will be without Jamal Murray on an indefinite basis after the dynamic point guard suffered a torn ACL in his left knee.

The Nuggets announced the diagnosis in a statement Tuesday. It's a big blow to a team coming off a season in which it advanced to the Western Conference finals and is hoping to make another deep postseason run.

Murray was hurt late in a loss at Golden State on Monday night. He drove the lane, tried to elevate off his left foot and fell to the ground, instantly grabbing his knee in pain.

Coach Michael Malone expressed immense concern soon after Murray's injury. Similar

sentiments were expressed by his teammates and players around the league, who posted their well-wishes on social media.

Before Monday, the 24-year-old Murray had missed four games with a sore right knee. He is averaging 21.2 points and 4.8 assists this season as the Nuggets sit in fourth place in the West.

Murray drew rave reviews for his postseason performance inside the NBA bubble in Florida last season. He averaged 26.5 points and 6.6 assists to help the Nuggets overcome 3-1 series deficits against Utah and the Los Angeles Clippers before losing to LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers in the conference finals.

### Indians' Chang receives racist tweets after error

CLEVELAND — Indians first baseman Yu Chang shared some racist tweets he received after making a costly error in Monday night's game in Chicago.

Chang, who is Taiwanese, posted some of the anti-Asian tweets on his Twitter account Tuesday while asking for tolerance. One of the messages referred to the shape of his eyes and another referred to the coronavirus.

"Exercise your freedom of speech in a right way, I accept all comments, positive or negative but DEFINITELY NOT RACIST ONES," Chang wrote. "Thank you all and love you all."

He included the hashtag #StopAsianHate.

Soon after his posting, Chang received an outpouring of positive responses and support from Indians fans and others across social media.

In other baseball news:

■ The Minnesota Twins have rescheduled their postponed game with the Boston Red Sox as part a straight, seven-inning doubleheader Wednesday.

The Twins called off the series opener Monday, a day after a fatal police shooting of a Black man in a nearby suburb, out of sensitivity to the situation and precaution for safety.

The next games for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons remained on schedule.