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## Remains from crash off Japan recovered

By **SETH ROBSON**

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TOKYO—Salvagers have recovered human remains from an area of the Philippine Sea where two U.S. military aircraft crashed on Dec. 6, the III Marine Expeditionary Force said in a statement Monday.

Five crewmembers of a KC-130J tanker and the pilot of an F/A-18 Hornet were killed in a midair collision during night-

time training off Japan's southern coast.

The Hornet's weapons officer was the sole survivor.

A search by U.S. and Japanese forces for the lost aviators that spanned 35,000 square nautical miles was called off Dec. 11.

"At this time, the number and identity of those recovered is not known," the statement said. "The remains will be transferred to Dover Air Force Base,

Delaware, where formal identification will be made by competent medical authorities."

A salvage operation related to the crash, which began May 27, concluded Friday after recovering the remains as well as the KC-130J's cockpit voice recorder and digital flight recorder, III MEF said in its statement.

The devices recovered from the tanker are being delivered to Naval Air Systems Com-

mand, Patuxent River, Md., for analysis to assist in an ongoing investigation, the statement said.

"We reaffirm our deepest sympathy for all affected by this tragedy and those grieving the loss of the six Marines who perished in this accident," the statement said. "We also would like to express our sincere gratitude for the cooperation and expertise of the underwater salvage team."

## Army pulls support for series about US teens on Italy base

By **NANCY MONTGOMERY**

*Stars and Stripes*

VICENZA, Italy — The director: an Oscar-nominated Italian known for sumptuous, sensual movies featuring beautiful people desiring each other in beautiful, sun-drenched places.

The story: the coming of age of an American boy and a group of friends one glorious summer after the boy moves in with his mother, the commander of a U.S. Army base very much like Caserma Ederle.

The Army: wants nothing to do with it.

An upcoming HBO series co-written and directed by Luca Guadagnino, called "We Are Who We Are" and focusing on American military teenagers in Italy, won't have the Defense Department's support, said Lt. Col. Robert Bockholt, film and television liaison at the Los Angeles office of the chief of public affairs.

"There were concerns about the content of the script," Bockholt said. "There are themes in the script that do not fit in what the Defense Department would support."

Bockholt declined to specify what those themes were but said the decision to pull support for the series was made after the second script revision.

Series producer Ricardo Neri said that he could not discuss the eight-episode series until after HBO officially announced it in the next week or so.

Online publications have detailed some characters. There's "Fraser Wilson, teenager from New York City," according to Observer.com, who moves in with his mother. She's recently been promoted to colonel, she's married and she's a lesbian.

Fraser slowly gets to know a group of other Army teens on the base as well as some local Italian teens. They hang out at the beach, "indulging themselves a little too much."

Fraser becomes close to the kickboxing, rifle-shooting, poetic Caitlin Harper, and the two "embark on a period of self-discovery over the golden summer."

Fraser also misses his friend, Mark, from the U.S. And he develops a crush on an older soldier named Jason.

That scenario is reminiscent

of Guadagnino's Oscar-winning film, "Call Me By Your Name," which features a summer courtship in northern Italy between a boy, 17, played by Timothee Chalamet, and a visiting graduate student, 24, played by Armie Hammer.

Bockholt said he wasn't familiar with Guadagnino's work.

Neri said that he was "a little bit" surprised when the military pulled its support after more than a year of discussions.

"We were talking positively," he said.

The filmmakers had hoped to film on Caserma Ederle after scouting the location, headquarters of U.S. Army Garrison Italy and U.S. Army Africa, and finding it perfectly suited to telling the story, Neri said. "It was real," he said.

They now plan to shoot on a set in nearby Padua.

The services have long provided support — equipment, troops, locations — to movies and television if they approve of the projects.

Parts of "The Long Road Home" were filmed at Fort Hood, Texas, made to look like

Sadr City, Iraq.

Robins Air Force Base in Georgia was dressed up to look like Joint Base San Antonio-Sam Houston, Texas, in "15:17 to Paris."

Filmmakers seeking military support are required to send in copies of the script, which according to the DOD are vetted to ensure accuracy and promote recruitment and retention efforts.

Last year, Army Lt. Col. Tim Hyde, the deputy director of the Los Angeles Office of the Chief of Public Affairs, told a DOD publication that "There's a point where we just have to say no — It's either going to happen like this, or it's not going to happen at all." But Hyde said it rarely comes to that.

Production agreements also require the DOD to be able to review a rough cut of a film "so officials can decide if there are areas that need to be addressed before a film is released," according to the dodlive.mil website.

Neri said "We Are Who We Are" isn't yet fully cast. Its release date has not been disclosed.

# War College leader reassigned

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The head of the U.S. Naval War College was removed from his post Monday, days after The Associated Press reported he was under investigation amid allegations of mismanagement.

The Navy announced the reassignment of Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harley, who has been criticized for allegedly spending excessively, abusing his hiring authority and otherwise behaving inappropriately — including keeping a margarita machine in his office.

Lt. Cmdr. Jacqueline Pau said Monday that Navy leaders felt the change is best for the college because it maintains the integrity of the investigation. Pau, the spokeswoman for Adm. John Richardson, the chief of naval operations, said it would ensure that Harley is afforded due process.

Inspector general investigations, across the Defense Department, routinely take

months or more than a year. Provost Lewis M. Duncan has temporarily assumed the president's duties.

Harley later announced his departure to the campus by saying he was "stepping down."

"Team — this will be my last email to you," Harley wrote. "Due to the distractions caused by the unfounded AP article last week, I am stepping down as President of YOUR college effective immediately."

Asked to clarify, college spokesman Cmdr. Gary Ross told the AP on Monday that Harley was reassigned to Washington and had not resigned.

Harley had earlier told the AP the college, located on Narragansett Bay in Newport, was under fiscal strain because the Navy hasn't fully funded new missions.

The college on Monday also postponed a strategy forum that was due to start Tuesday and was expected to draw high-ranking officials includ-

ing Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer, along with hundreds of guests. Spencer was still scheduled to speak Friday at the graduation ceremony for the elite school, which grooms future admirals and generals.

Emails obtained by the AP show the college has struggled to make payroll under Harley's leadership and spent about \$725,000 annually on raises while facing an annual shortfall of \$5 million or more.

Harley said in an email this year that the school had to make across-the-board cuts to ensure it met payroll. He recently asked for more cutbacks in travel budgets.

Multiple current and former college employees blamed the budget problems in part on substantial raises granted by Harley to some faculty, as well as spending on certain contractors and others who they said brought little benefit to the college.

# Okinawa Marine in hit-run case is arrested

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*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — An Okinawa-based Marine was arrested Thursday following a chase that Japanese police said involved reckless driving and a hit and run on a police cruiser.

Cpl. Darreon Jamaricus Brewington, 23, of Camp Kinser, was arrested sometime after 10:30 p.m. when Japanese police were called regarding two cars driving recklessly on Route 58 in Chatan, Okinawa. Police deputy chief Hiroto Iha said Friday.

Police arrived at the scene and spotted a vehicle matching the description of one of the cars parked on the sidewalk in the Kamisedo area of Chatan.

When police pulled up behind the suspect vehicle, the driver backed up and struck the Japanese cruiser twice before fleeing the scene, Iha said.

Police received a subsequent call of a man "acting suspiciously" and "wandering" in a nearby Chatan neighborhood, Iha said. Police then found Brewington on a local resident's property, and the vehicle involved in the hit and run was found close by.

Brewington was arrested without incident, Iha said.

The officers were not injured in the hit-and-run crash.

Brewington was in custody Friday evening while police investigate. He is charged with breaking and entering, which in Japan is a charge similar to trespassing, Iha said.

"We are investigating if Brewington was the suspect who hit the officers' car, then took off," Iha said. "If we find out it was Brewington, we will add violation of Road Traffic Law charges."

Alcohol was not a factor in the incident, Iha said.

# Thousands commemorate end of Berlin Airlift

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
*Stars and Stripes*

WIESBADEN, Germany — Retired U.S. Col. Gail Halvorsen — better known in these parts as the "candy bomber" — will always be a hero in the eyes of the German children who grew up in postwar Berlin, no matter how old they get.

Seventy years after the lifting of the Soviet blockade that cut off the German capital from food, fuel and other essential supplies, those children still remember the delight of a chocolate bar tied to a makeshift parachute dropping from the sky.

On Monday, amid a grand celebration at Clay Kaserne airfield to commemorate the end of the Berlin Airlift, some of those children, now well into their 70s, thanked Halvorsen for an act that not only took the

edge off their hunger but gave them hope during the bleak years after World War II.

"I'm very, very thankful," Vera Mitschrich, who was 5 when the largest postwar relief operation began, told Halvorsen on Monday. "I'm so proud of you. You gave us hope. You gave us food. I never, never will forget you."

Halvorsen was the most anticipated guest at the two-day commemoration, hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden and the city of Wiesbaden. The event features static displays and air demonstrations involving vintage aircraft — including C-47s, the same airframe used during the Berlin Airlift — and a staged candy drop. On Monday, the airfield was open to the public with advance ticket purchases. Base officials said at least 33,000 tickets were distributed.

On Tuesday starting at 9:30 a.m., the event will be open to Defense Department ID cardholders.

Halvorsen, now 98, walked with a cane but seemed otherwise spry, retelling the story of dropping chocolate and sticks of chewing gum to those inside the blockade area like it was yesterday.

"A fresh Hershey's candy bar — to smell that and to know [German kids] just didn't have that, it's really motivating," he said.

The airlift over West Berlin began in June 1948 and continued through September 1949. Allied aircraft flew more than 270,000 flights, keeping more than 2 million people alive by delivering food and other critical supplies around the clock in every kind of weather.

# S. Korean search crews in DMZ find skeleton

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*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean search crews working in the heavily fortified border area found a skeleton believed to be from an American or French soldier killed during the 1950-53 Korean War, the Defense Ministry said Monday.

The remains were unearthed Wednesday during an excavation project at the former battleground known as Arrowhead Hill, which is in the Demilitarized Zone that has divided the country since the war ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

The area was cleared of

land mines in the fall as part of an inter-Korean agreement reached in efforts to improve relations between the two countries in connection with separate nuclear negotiations between Pyongyang and Washington.

Talks on all fronts have stalled, but South Korea unilaterally resumed the search for remains in the DMZ on April 1, finding some 425 bone fragments and nearly 30,000 artifacts.

Those include the largely intact skeleton, which was believed to be the first from a Western soldier found in the area, based on an initial analysis, according to the Defense Ministry.

“The remains are believed to be from an American or

French soldier who served in the Korean War as a member of the U.N. force,” the ministry said in a statement. It cited the shape of the skull and items found with the bones, including combat boots and buttons from an American uniform.

As is usual practice, the remains will be taken to the laboratory of the Defense Ministry’s agency for killed in action recovery and identification, known as MAKRI, in Seoul for further identification.

The ministry said it would work closely with the U.S. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, or DPAA, to use DNA and other methods to identify the soldier as soon as possible.

South Korean Defense Minister Jeong Kyeong-doo also planned to visit the site with

U.S. and French officials to hold a memorial service for the soldier.

Four battles took place at Arrowhead Hill, also known as Arrowhead Ridge or Hill 281, involving U.S., French and South Korean forces fighting mainly Chinese communist troops trying to invade from the North.

The Defense Ministry said more than 100 U.N. troops were killed in action and about 20 are believed to remain entombed in the area, which was a no-go zone for decades. The numbers are difficult to confirm.

More than 7,600 American troops remain missing from the war, with 5,300 believed lost in the North, according to the DPAA.

# Vet urges reform after Afghan sex abuse scandal

BY J.P. LAWRENCE  
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KABUL, Afghanistan — A former Marine who worked with the Afghan women’s soccer team says the government in Kabul needs to do more to protect players from sexual abuse by male officials.

On Sunday, Afghan police issued an arrest warrant for former national soccer chief Keramuudin Karim after FIFA, the world soccer governing body, ruled that he had used his position to sexually abuse players.

FIFA leveled an approximately \$1 million fine and a lifetime ban on Karim, a for-

mer high-ranking government official.

The FIFA ban and arrest warrant are “a major step in the right direction, but the work is not done,” said Haley Carter, 34, who worked as an assistant coach on the Afghan women’s soccer team beginning in 2016.

“He did not act on his own but rather allowed a culture of abuse within the entire federation,” Carter told Stars and Stripes. “Those staff members who were aware of and allowed the abuse are complicit and they should also be held accountable.”

Carter became a goalkeeping coach for the Afghan women’s team after service in the Ma-

rine Corps had brought her to Iraq and Southeast Asia. Carter had played goalkeeper as a cadet at the U.S. Naval Academy and as a professional for the Houston Dash in the National Women’s Soccer League.

The country’s women’s soccer team had been celebrated as a symbol of hope for an Afghanistan more tolerant of women’s freedoms.

U.S. military and diplomatic efforts have made education, opportunity and justice for women priorities during the nearly 18-year war. But entrenched beliefs, particularly within areas where the Taliban holds influence, make it uncertain whether those efforts will

result in long-term gains.

The sexual abuse allegations were made public in November by Britain’s The Guardian newspaper after the soccer players spoke out about widespread sexual and physical abuse.

Women on the team said Karim had a locked room in his office in Kabul where he would sexually assault players.

Karim, a former provincial governor and high-ranking military official in Afghanistan, would label women who did not comply with his wishes as lesbians, a label which could lead their parents to disown them, women said to The Guardian.

# Iran’s top diplomat warns US it cannot ‘expect to stay safe’

*Associated Press*

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran’s foreign minister warned the U.S. on Monday that it “cannot expect to stay safe” after launching what he described as an economic war against Tehran, taking a hard-line stance amid

a visit by Germany’s top diplomat seeking to defuse tensions.

A stern-faced Mohammad Javad Zarif offered a series of threats over the ongoing tensions gripping the Persian Gulf. The crisis takes root in President Donald Trump’s decision over a year ago to with-

draw America from Iran’s 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. Trump also reinstated tough sanctions on Iran, targeting its oil sector.

“Mr. Trump himself has announced that the U.S. has launched an economic war against Iran,” Zarif said. “The

only solution for reducing tensions in this region is stopping that economic war.”

Zarif’s sharp tone likely comes from Iran’s growing frustration with Europe, as well as the ever-tightening American sanctions targeting the country.

# 1 killed when crane topples in Dallas

Associated Press

DALLAS — A construction crane buffeted by high winds during a storm toppled on a Dallas apartment building Sunday, killing one woman in the building and injuring five other people, two of them critically, a fire official said.

Crews searching the Elan City Lights building found the body of a woman inside after the crane collapsed and ripped a large gash into the side of the five-story structure, Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans said during a press briefing.

“The building itself has suffered multiple collapses in different areas of the building to

include residential spaces and the parking garage,” Evans said.

Of those injured, two were listed in critical condition, two suffered serious injuries and one suffered minor injuries and was discharged from a hospital, Evans said. Earlier, he had said that six people were injured but said the figure would likely change.

First responders searched every apartment they could reach and found no other victims, Evans said. He also said that every resident of an apartment damaged by the crane was either out at the time or was among those taken to hospitals.

Crews were called to the

site of the collapse just before 2 p.m., after the National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm watch for the Dallas/Fort Worth area and warned of winds up to 70 mph. Evans said the reason the crane fell is unknown but there is a “strong possibility” that the winds “played some role in the collapse.”

Across Dallas the storm felled mature trees and knocked out power Sunday, leaving many areas without working traffic lights.

Isaiah Allen told The Dallas Morning News he was in his apartment when he heard what he thought was a deafening thunderclap. “I saw that

the crane had actually fell straight through the building and had destroyed a good eight to 10 apartments and so there’s like floors and stuff falling through,” he said.

Allen told the paper he saw a bloodied woman trapped in her apartment on the second floor.

Video shows that the downed crane ripped a large hole in the east side of the building and landed on an adjacent parking garage.

The company that owned the crane, Bigge Crane and Rigging Co., said in a statement it was mobilizing personnel to the site to find out more about the crane collapse and would cooperate with any investigation.

## Sales of ammo surge as California ID law nears

Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California ammo buyers are making a run on gun shops ahead of a new state law that on July 1 will require buyers of bullets to show identification and undergo a background check to screen out felons and people with illegal firearms.

In a state with the toughest gun laws in the nation, Gov. Gavin Newsom and some other leaders see restricting ammunition sales as a necessary next step in reducing gun tragedies.

Newsom included restrictions on bullets in Proposition 63, his statewide initiative that was approved by voters in 2016 and that helped raise his profile for his run for governor.

“From San Bernardino to Ventura to Poway, too many Californians have already died from gun violence,” Newsom said last week. “I championed Prop. 63 because it is beyond time that we take common sense actions such as these to keep deadly ammo out of the wrong hands and protect our communities.”

The new law closes a loop-

hole in existing rules aimed at reducing illegal weapons, supporters say, while some gun owners say it goes too far in infringing on the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Kim Rhode, an Olympic gold medalist shooter from El Monte, said she uses thousands of rounds each week to keep up her skill with daily practice. The law approved in 2016 not only creates more red tape for purchasers but also requires them to buy ammo face-to-face from a licensed dealer, hampering orders on the internet.

Rhode is a plaintiff in a lawsuit backed by the National Rifle Association that is pressing the courts to block the requirement on grounds it is unconstitutional, although the next court hearing is months away.

OC Guns store owner Scott Bodkin said sales of ammunition have doubled at his Lake Forest store in recent weeks.

“People are gearing up for it,” he said of the new law. “They are buying a lot. They don’t like it. It’s just another typical California deterrent to make things tougher for gun owners.”

## Officials: 95 dead, homes burned in Mali massacre

Associated Press

BAMAKO, Mali — Unknown assailants killed at least 95 people in an ethnic Dogon village overnight in the latest massacre to destabilize central Mali, a government official said Monday.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, though tensions have been high since an ethnic Dogon militia was accused of carrying out a larger massacre in an ethnic Peuhl village in March.

Youssef Toloba, who leads the Dogon militia known as Dan Na Ambassagou, has denied that his fighters carried out the March bloodshed that left at least 157 people dead. Some Peuhl leaders, however, have vowed to carry out reprisal attacks.

Amadou Sangho, spokesman for the Interior Security ministry, said another 19 people were missing after the Dogon village of Sobane was attacked around 3 a.m. Monday. The village is in the commune of Sangha, the heart of the Dogon militia blamed for the March attack that has been the deadli-

est so far.

The latest attackers are suspected “terrorists,” Mali’s government said in a statement later Monday.

“This carnage” also left homes burned and animals killed, the statement said.

Security reinforcements were deployed to track the perpetrators, it said.

Intercommunal violence has risen steadily in central Mali over the last several years, exacerbated by the presence of Islamic extremists who have moved south from their strongholds in the arid north.

The Peuhl are accused of working alongside jihadists from Islamic State of Greater Sahara to attack Dogon villages and prevent residents from cultivating their land.

The Peuhl in turn have alleged that the Dogons are collaborating with Mali’s military though there is no conclusive sign of state support.

Human Rights Watch has said the Dan Na Ambassagou militia has been implicated in scores of deadly attacks over the past year and Mali’s president has vowed to eliminate it.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Fire destroys 6 parked semitrucks at plant

**NE** LINCOLN — Authorities are trying to determine what started a fire that destroyed several semitrucks over the weekend.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported that the fire happened Saturday night about 10:45 in a parking lot outside the Sysco plant in northwest Lincoln.

Fire investigator Don Gross said six semitrucks without trailers were destroyed by the fire but there wasn't any damage to nearby buildings.

## BK sorry tables cleaned with mop

**FL** JACKSONVILLE — Burger King is apologizing after a Florida employee was caught on video using a floor mop to clean the tops of tables.

The video shows an employee scrubbing a table with a mop and then back down to the floor.

The fast-food chain released a statement Friday condemning the employee's actions and calling the incident unacceptable.

News4Jax reported the same Burger King location in Fruit Cove was cited for eight violations in February, including moldy kitchen vents and dirty freezer interiors.

## Police: Woman stole patrol car after crash

**CO** DENVER — The Colorado State Patrol said a woman stole a patrol car while she was in police custody following a previous car theft.

Patrol officials said troopers responded to a crash Friday on Interstate 70 in western Colorado. They said Venessa

Jaramillo, 29, and Nickolas Mascarenas, 36, fled after the stolen car crashed near Palisade.

The patrol said Jaramillo was caught after she crossed the highway and jumped into the Colorado River.

Patrol officials said that while she was in custody, Jaramillo stole the patrol car and led troopers on a chase down the highway.

She allegedly crashed the patrol car and was caught again.

## 2 suspects attack officer, steal his gun

**GA** ATLANTA — Atlanta police are looking for two suspects who attacked an officer and stole his gun and radio.

WSB-TV reported that the officer was responding Saturday night to a call from a gas station where a man was fighting with a store clerk. Police said the officer was trying to take the man into custody when he was attacked by another person from behind.

The officer suffered minor injuries, and the suspects fled with his gun and radio.

## Another alligator is found in city

**PA** PITTSBURGH — Public safety officials in Pittsburgh report having captured another alligator, the third found in the Steel City in the past month.

Officers responded about 6:15 p.m. Saturday after a 2½-foot-long alligator was found on the porch of a home in the Carrick neighborhood. They were able to get the reptile into a box, and animal control officers then took it to Humane Animal Rescue in Homewood.

A 5- to 6-foot-long alligator

was found Thursday evening in the Beechview neighborhood, and a 3-foot-long alligator was captured May 18 at the South Side Riverfront Park.

Authorities believe the previous two alligators found in the city were discarded pets.

## Sugar gliders rescued from burning home

**MI** BATTLE CREEK — Firefighters called to a house fire in Battle Creek rescued two small residents who got left behind in the smoke-filled home.

Police said the firefighters saved two pet sugar gliders from the burning home Thursday.

The small marsupials are native to Australia, New Guinea and some Indonesian islands and can glide like flying squirrels.

WWMT-TV reported that firefighters moved the animals from the home to safety and successfully treated them with oxygen.

## Police: Deputy filmed mom, baby in sex act

**LA** ST. GABRIEL — Authorities said a Louisiana sheriff's deputy filmed a mother performing a sex act on her 1-year-old boy.

News outlets reported that St. Gabriel police arrested Shaderick Jones on Friday on multiple charges including principal to first-degree rape.

The boy's mother was arrested Saturday on a charge of first-degree rape and incest. According to WAFB-TV, she told investigators she was coerced into performing the sex act because Jones had a traffic arrest warrant against her.

Jones had worked for the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Of-

fice since 2015. He was fired after his arrest.

Sheriff Brett Stassi said someone showed police footage of the incident, which is believed to have occurred early Thursday.

He described what he'd seen as "sick."

## \$530M lottery ticket sold in liquor store

**CA** SAN DIEGO — A lottery ticket worth \$530 million in the Mega Millions drawing was sold at a liquor store in San Diego, the City News Service reported.

The winner of Friday's drawing will have to decide whether to receive the estimated \$530 million jackpot in 30 installments or its \$345.2 million cash value.

## Hiker rescued after week in wilderness

**AR** MENA — A Texas man who was found after he went missing for about a week while hiking alone in a remote area of Arkansas said his rescue was the result of "hundreds of miracles."

Joshua McClatchy told WFAA-TV in Dallas on Saturday he wouldn't be alive without the efforts of search and rescue teams that looked for him after he was reported missing June 1.

He also thanked his faith.

"It's not just one miracle; it's hundreds of miracles," McClatchy said of his rescue on Friday.

McClatchy, from Fort Worth, said he's not ready to talk about what he went through.

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# Bruins' Rask up to task against Blues

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Facing elimination in an oh-so-hostile environment, Tuukka Rask and Brad Marchand stepped up for the Boston Bruins once again.

The Stanley Cup Final is heading to Game 7 because two of Boston's biggest stars love the biggest moments.

Rask made 28 saves, Marchand had a goal and an assist, and the Bruins beat the St. Louis Blues 5-1 on Sunday night to even the bruising, physical final at three games apiece.

David Pastrnak had one of Boston's four goals in the third period and an assist, helping the Bruins force the 17th Game 7 in Stanley Cup history. Brandon Carlo, Karson Kuhlman and Zdeno Chara also scored.

"We're fighting for our lives, obviously," Marchand said. "When you play desperate, I think you see everyone's best game."

Boston also was involved in the final's last Game 7, winning the championship at Vancouver in 2011. Rask was a reserve goaltender on that team eight years ago, while Marchand was a key performer. They will go for another

"The whole hockey world loves a Game 7, so it should be a great night in Boston and may the best team win," Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said.

Ryan O'Reilly scored in the third period for St. Louis, which is looking for the franchise's first Stanley Cup title in its 51st season. Rookie Jordan Binnington finished with 27 stops.

"We have to move on, get ready for the next one," O'Reilly said. "We're confident. We're a great road team. Maybe that's our story. Maybe we have to get it done on the road."

Backed by an electric Enterprise Center crowd that included actors Jon Hamm and Jenna Fischer and Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina, wearing a No. 49 Blues jersey in honor of suspended forward Ivan Barbashev, St. Louis looked a step off for most of the game. Prime scoring opportunities were derailed by misplaced passes or ever-so-slight timing issues.

Of course, the unflappable Rask can have that effect on a team. And whenever the Blues threatened, the 6-foot-3 Finnish star was there.

"He's our best player," Bruins defenseman Charlie McAvoy said. "He just steps up when it matters and we have all the faith in the world in him. ... He's our rock."

Rask was at his best while Boston killed off four power plays, dropping St. Louis to 1-for-18 with the man advantage for the series. He smothered a

big Colton Parayko slap shot with Chara in the box near the end of the first period, and made a fancy glove stop on an even-strength try for Brayden Schenn 7:42 in the second.

He got some help after Marchand was whistled for tripping Alex Pietrangelo midway through the second. With the Blues applying heavy pressure in search of the tying goal, Pietrangelo had a backhand go off the left post and Rask's back before McAvoy knocked the puck out of the way out of midair.

"We weathered the storm pretty good," Rask said.

While St. Louis came up empty on the power play, Boston used a 5-on-3 advantage to jump in front in the first. With Schenn and O'Reilly in the box, Marchand beat Binnington with a sharp-angled shot from the right circle at 8:40.

It was Marchand's first goal since he got an empty-netter in Boston's 4-2 victory in Game 1. The Bruins improved to 25-1 when the pesky veteran scores in the postseason.

"We knew that again the start was going to be key and that they were going to give us a push early and to manage that and play well and take care of details and obviously capitalize on our chances," Boston center Patrice Bergeron said.

Marchand and company then put it away in the third.

First, Jake DeBrusk won a board battle with Pietrangelo to set up Carlo's bouncing shot that went off Binnington's arm for the defenseman's second career playoff goal. Then Kuhlman, a rookie who was in the lineup in place of former Blues captain David Backes, made it 3-0 with a well-placed wrist shot at 10:15.

After O'Reilly supplied some hope for St. Louis when he was awarded a goal after a review by the officials, Marchand found Pastrnak in front and the winger put a slick move on Binnington to make it 4-1 on 14:06.

Chara, playing with a broken jaw, added an empty-netter with 2:19 left. The crowd chanted "Let's Go Blues!" in the final moments, hoping to give St. Louis a boost for its trip to Boston.

"Listen, if you told me four months ago we were going to be in the finals in Game 7, I think I'd take it," Blues coach Craig Berube said. "We've been a good road team. We've won twice up there in this series, so we're a confident group."

**Notes:** Boston is hosting Game 7 in the Stanley Cup Final for the first time in franchise history.

# Lyon connection could take France far

Associated Press

PARIS — Lyon's rampant form in the Champions League immediately carried over into France's first game of the Women's World Cup.

Friday's 4-0 win against South Korea saw the blue shirts of France run riot, just like many of them had done last month when Lyon crushed Barcelona 4-1 to win the Champions League for the fourth straight year.

France's lineup featured seven Lyon players, and how coach Reynald Pedros thoroughly enjoyed it at Parc des Princes.

Delighted by what he saw, but probably not surprised.

It was not just the two brilliant headed goals from imposing center half Wendie Renard, but also the classy finishing of prolific forward Eugenie Le Sommer; added to the infectious verve, and relentless drive, of powerful midfielder Amandine Henry.

The leaders with Lyon are paving the way with Les Bleues.

"That's what we're trying to do, pass on the confidence we've gained from the Champions League," Le Sommer said. "The Lyon players were decisive, but it's a team effort."

No wonder France is confident of a first World Cup triumph, 21 years after the men's side won it for the first time as hosts.

Le Sommer's early strike and Henry's late fourth goal showed the deep understanding built by years of Lyon success, in Europe and also domestically with an astonishing 13 straight French titles since 2007.

Le Sommer ghosted in at the back post to meet the overlapping Henry's excellent cross from right in the ninth minute.

Then, in the 85th there she was again, using her strength to fend off two defenders, thus allowing Henry to push up and curl in a superb goal in off the right post from just outside the penalty area.

Le Sommer has 75 international goals — 10 more than superstar Lionel Messi.

# FSU, Michigan reach CWS

Associated Press

Florida State coach Mike Martin, the all-time wins leader in all NCAA sports, will get one more shot at winning his first national championship before he retires.

The Seminoles continued their improbable postseason surge with a 5-4 win over LSU in 12 innings Sunday night to complete a two-game super regional sweep.

Now, Martin and his team are off to Omaha, Neb., for the College World Series. It's the 23rd trip for the program and 17th for Martin.

"So excited I can't stand it," he told his wife, Carol, on the field after the game in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Michigan, like Florida State one of the last teams picked for the 64-team national tournament, knocked off No. 1 overall seed UCLA 4-2 in a Game 3 in Los Angeles to secure its first CWS appearance since the Barry Larkin-led Wolverines in 1984. It was the second straight time UCLA failed to make it to Omaha as the top seed. The 2015 Bruins were eliminated in regionals.

Vanderbilt, Texas Tech and Mississippi State also won super regionals to advance. Louisville earned a CWS spot Saturday.

Florida State (41-21) has reached the NCAA Tournament in each of Martin's 40 seasons, but barely got in this year. An up-and-down regular season and a so-so resume left the Seminoles vulnerable on selection day, and they were awarded one of the last four at-large bids.

They beat No. 4 national seed Georgia twice while going 3-0 in their regional and then they went into Alex Box Stadium, one of the toughest road environments in the nation, and won two close games over the Tigers.

Drew Mendoza delivered the key hit with two outs in the 12th, sending Devin Fontenot's 2-2 pitch into right field to score Mike Salvatore from second for the walk-off win.

His wife blowing kisses to him from the stands, Martin pumped his right fist and shouted, "Yes! Yes! Yes!" before descending the dugout steps after an on-field celebration. Martin, 75, announced after last season that 2019 would be his final year as coach.

Michigan got a big pitching performance from Tommy Henry, who was battling the flu, and a tiebreaking two-run single in the sixth inning from Ako Thomas, who was 1 for his previous 13.

The Wolverines (45-20) had lost six of eight games spanning the regular season and Big Ten Tournament and were anxious about their fate on NCAA selection day. They won their regional in Corvallis, Ore., and stayed on the West Coast and eliminated the team that topped the polls for most of the season.

Henry pitched seven strong innings in the deciding game before fellow left-hander Benjamin Keizer took over. With the Bruins threatening with runners on second and third in the ninth, Keizer got the game-ending groundout.

Austin Martin hit two of Vanderbilt's five home runs in a 13-2 win over Duke the day after the Commodores' Kumar Rocker threw the first no-hitter in the 20-year super regional era.

Texas Tech's Kurt Wilson hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning for the fifth and final lead change in an 8-6 win over Oklahoma State.

Mississippi and North Carolina also won and evened their series to force Game 3s on Monday for the final two CWS spots.

No. 2 Vanderbilt (54-11) rebounded from an embarrassing 18-5 loss on its home field in Game 1 on Friday to dominate the Blue Devils. Rocker struck out 19 in his no-hitter Saturday, and the Commodores were up 9-1 in the third inning Sunday on their way to punching their ticket to Omaha for the first time since 2015 and fourth since 2011.

No. 8 Texas Tech (44-18) is in the CWS for the second straight year and fourth time since 2014 after prevailing at home in a back-and-forth three-game series with its Big 12 rival. Down 6-4 in the eighth, Tech pulled within a run when first-round draft pick Josh Jung hit his second homer of the game to bring on Ben Leeper. He walked two batters before Wilson launched a high breaking pitch over the right-field wall.

No. 6 Mississippi State (51-13) is in its 11th CWS and second in a row, this time with first-year coach Chris Lemonis, after beating Stanford 8-1. Dustin Skelton's three-run triple made it 4-1 in the third inning and Elijah MacNamee hit a three-run homer in the ninth.

In other super regionals, Tyler Keenan tripled, hit one of Ole Miss' four home runs and had four RBIs to lead the Rebels past Arkansas 13-5, and North Carolina's Austin Bergner and Austin Love combined for a shutout in a 2-0 win over Auburn.

## Big bats

■ Martin was 4-for-10 with six RBIs in the super regional and heads to the CWS with a .410 batting average.

## Mound marvels

■ LSU's Fontenot struck out a career-high 11 in 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings of relief, and the only two hits against him came in the 12th.

■ Florida State's CJ Van Eyk went 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings and allowed four runs on eight hits.

# Ortiz stable following bar shooting

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Doctors removed David Ortiz's gallbladder and part of his intestine after the beloved former Boston Red Sox slugger known as Big Papi was ambushed by a gunman at a bar in his native Dominican Republic, a spokesman said Monday.

Leo Lopez said that the retired athlete's liver was also damaged and that he was in stable condition in intensive care. He said Ortiz will be flown to Boston once his condition improves.

Ortiz, 43, is one of the most popular figures in sports history in the Dominican Republic and Boston, a fearsome power hitter with a ready smile. He led the Red Sox to three World Series championships, was a 10-time All-Star and hit 541 home runs.

Ortiz was at the Dial Bar and Lounge in Santo Domingo on Sunday night when a gunman approached from behind and shot him at close range, said National Police Director Ney Aldrin Bautista Almonte.

The gunman was captured and beaten by a crowd of people at the bar, and police were waiting for him to undergo treatment for his injuries before questioning him, authorities said. Investigators said they were trying to determine whether Ortiz was the intended target.

The Red Sox said in a statement that Ortiz was wounded in the "lower back/abdominal region" and that the team offered his family "all available resources to aid in his recovery."

Ortiz, who retired after the 2016 season and lives at least part of the year in the Dominican Republic, is often seen getting his cars washed and hanging out with friends, including other baseball players, artists and entertainers.

The Red Sox retired his number, 34, in 2017, and Boston renamed a bridge and a stretch of road outside Fenway Park in his honor. He maintains a home in Weston, on the outskirts of Boston.

Ortiz galvanized the city after the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing that left three people dead, bellowing through a megaphone at Fenway Park: "This is our [expletive] city!"

# Yankees top Tribe, avoid series sweep

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The bullpen broke down, Didi Gregorius misplayed an easy grounder and another player went on the injured list.

The New York Yankees keep taking hits — and keep hitting back.

Aaron Hicks delivered an RBI double with two outs in the 10th inning as the Yankees overcame stunning errors in the ninth by stars Aroldis Chapman and Gregorius and avoided a sweep with a 7-6 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday.

Hicks' shot to the wall in left-

center off Oliver Perez (1-1) scored Cameron Maybin, who had doubled with one out.

The Yankees, who could field a strong team just with their players sidelined by injuries, headed home to a Subway Series matchup against the Mets after salvaging one of three games against Cleveland. New York blew a 5-0 lead in the sixth and a 6-5 advantage in the ninth, when Chapman and Gregorius made miscues.

"I feel like games are always like that here, but these are the kind of games you need," Hicks said. "It was a hard-fought game, lot of back and forth, and we needed to win to end this

road trip."

Chapman (1-1) got the win despite his shaky performance, and Stephen Tarpley, recalled earlier when the Yankees placed Domingo German on the injured list, struck out the side in the 10th for his first major league save.

Tarpley was the seventh reliever used by manager Aaron Boone, who had to rely on his bullpen after scheduled starter Masahiro Tanaka was placed on paternity leave.

"For Tarp to come in and close out the game was big," Boone said. "It was huge. That was about as tough a situation as you could come into. What a

gutsy effort."

Brett Gardner hit a two-run homer for New York, which had won nine straight series before going 2-4 on a trip to Toronto and Cleveland.

Mike Freeman connected for a two-run homer and Jake Bauers and Leonys Martin had solo shots for the Indians, who went 4-2 this week against AL Central-leading Minnesota and the powerful Yankees but didn't gain ground on the Twins.

"We'll win that game sometimes," Indians manager Terry Francona said. "We had a runner on third base. That was a heck of a game. There was a lot going on."

## Roundup

# Moustakas earns fan new car, Brewers top Pirates

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Mike Moustakas launched a homer that won a new car for a fan, NL MVP Christian Yelich hit his major-league leading 24th home run on his bobblehead day and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Moustakas connected for his 20th homer off Francisco Liriano (1-1), a tiebreaking, two-run drive in the eighth inning that hit a promotional car perched above the right-center field fence.

Jeremy Jeffress (1-0) pitched the eighth. Josh Hader struck out the side in the ninth for his 16th save and moved the Brewers a season-high 10 games over .500.

**Nationals 5, Padres 2:** At San Diego, Howie Kendrick, Trea Turner, Adam Eaton and Anthony Rendon hit consecutive home runs in a span of seven pitches off Craig Stammen (4-3) with one out in the eighth.

With the score tied at 1, Kendrick was pinch-hitting for Stephen Strasburg (7-3) when he

started the homer parade with a shot to left, his 11th. Turner followed with a drive to center, his fourth, and Eaton's homer just cleared the wall in center, his sixth. Fans began booing then, and piled on after Rendon homered to right-center, his 12th.

**Reds 4, Phillies 3:** Joey Votto tied the game for Cincinnati with a two-out single in the seventh inning and Eugenio Suarez followed with the go-ahead hit as Cincinnati avoided a three-game sweep.

Bryce Harper got tangled up in a pair of plays at the plate, scoring from second on a misplayed popup but getting thrown out on an attempted steal of home.

**Rays 6, Red Sox 1:** Brandon Lowe hit a pair of solo homers that totaled 890 feet, and Blake Snell (4-5) allowed one run and five hits over six innings for visiting Tampa Bay, which took three of four from the World Series champions.

Guillermo Heredia and Yandy Diaz also hit solo shots, and Lowe added an RBI single for Tampa Bay, which at 40-24 matched its season-high at 16 games over .500. Diaz had four hits.

**Braves 7, Marlins 6:** At Miami, Ronald Acuna Jr. hit a three-run homer as Atlanta overcame a 5-1, ninth-inning deficit against Sergio Romo, and Matt Joyce delivered a tiebreaking RBI single in the 12th off Adam Conley (1-6).

Atlanta (36-29) climbed seven games above .500 for the first time this year and won its seventh consecutive game in Miami, a record in the series.

**Mets 6, Rockies 1:** Noah Syndergaard (4-4) allowed one hit in seven shutout innings, and Todd Frazier homered and drove in four runs off Jeff Hoffman (1-3) as New York took two of three from Colorado to complete a 4-2 homestand.

**Twins 12, Tigers 2:** At Detroit, Nelson Cruz homered for the fourth straight game and Miguel Sano, Byron Buxton and Eddie Rosario also connected.

**Astros 4, Orioles 0:** 21-year-old Jordan Alvarez hit a two-run homer in his major league debut for host Houston, connecting off Dylan Bundy (3-7) in the fourth inning.

**White Sox 5, Royals 2:** Yoan Moncada had four hits and an

RBI for visiting Chicago, which lost the series opener but had back-to-back solid pitching performances to take the last two games.

**Diamondbacks 8, Blue Jays 2:** Carson Kelly and Ketel Marte homered during an eight-run burst in the third inning and Arizona completed a three-game road sweep.

**Dodgers 1, Giants 0:** Walker Buehler and two relievers combined on a five-hitter as Los Angeles beat ace Madison Bumgarner and host San Francisco.

**Mariners 9, Angels 3:** Edwin Encarnacion hit two homers, including the 400th of his career, and Tom Murphy added two more as Los Angeles beat visiting Seattle.

**Athletics 9, Rangers 8:** Khris Davis homered for the first time in nearly a month as visiting Oakland built an 8-0 lead and hung on for a four-game split.

**Cubs 5, Cardinals 1:** Kyle Hendricks tossed one-run ball over seven innings to win his sixth straight decision as Chicago completed the three-game home sweep.