

## Officials: Russia using more deadly arms

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KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian and British officials warned Saturday that Russian forces are relying on weapons able to cause mass casualties as they try to make headway in capturing eastern Ukraine and fierce, prolonged fighting depletes resources on both sides.

Russian bombers have likely been launching heavy 1960s-era anti-ship missiles in Ukraine, the U.K. Defense Ministry said. The Kh-22 missiles were primarily designed to destroy aircraft carriers using a nuclear warhead. When used in ground attacks with conventional warheads, they “are highly inaccurate and therefore can cause severe collateral damage and casualties,” the ministry said.

Both sides have expended large amounts of weaponry in what has become a grinding war of attrition for the eastern region of coal mines and factories known as the Donbas, placing huge strains on their resources and stockpiles.

Russia is likely using the 6.1-ton anti-ship missiles because it is running short of more precise modern missiles, the British ministry said. It gave no details of where exactly such missiles are thought to have been deployed.

As Russia also sought to consolidate its

hold over territory seized so far in the 108-day war, U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine “is what happens when oppressors trample the rules that protect us all.”

“It’s what happens when big powers decide that their imperial appetites matter more than the rights of their peaceful neighbors,” Austin said during a visit to Asia. “And it’s a preview of a possible world of chaos and turmoil that none of us would want to live in.”

### Flamethrowers used in Luhansk

A Ukrainian governor accused Russia of using incendiary weapons in a village in Ukraine’s eastern Luhansk province, southwest of the fiercely contested cities of Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk.

While the use of flamethrowers on the battlefield is legal, Serhii Haidai, governor of Luhansk province, alleged the overnight attacks in Vrubivka caused widespread damage to civilian facilities and an unknown number of victims.

“At night, the enemy used a flamethrower rocket system — many houses burnt down,” Haidai wrote on Telegram on Saturday. The accuracy of his claim could not be immediately verified.

Sieverodonetsk and neighboring Lysychansk are the last major areas of Luhansk

province remaining under Ukrainian control. Haidai said the Russians destroyed railway depots, a brick factory and a glass factory.

The Ukrainian army said Saturday that Russian forces also were to launch an offensive on the Donetsk province city of Sloviansk. Donetsk and Luhansk together make up the Donbas.

Moscow-backed rebels have controlled self-proclaimed republics in both provinces since 2014, and Russia is trying to seize the territory still in Ukrainian hands.

### Zelenskyy seeks more sanctions

During a visit to Kyiv by the European Union’s top official, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called for a new round of “even stronger” EU sanctions against Russia.

Zelenskyy called for the new sanctions to target more Russian officials, including judges, and to hamper the activities of all Russian banks, including gas giant Gazprom’s bank, as well as all Russian companies helping Moscow “in any way.”

He spoke during a brief press appearance with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at the heavily guarded presidential office compound in Ukraine’s capital.

## Marine Corps identifies five victims of Osprey crash

**BY JOSEPH DITZLER**

*Stars and Stripes*

The Marine Corps on Friday identified the five air crewmen who perished Wednesday when their MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft fell into the Southern California desert east of El Centro.

They were men from Illinois, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Wyoming and California and ranged in rank from lance corporal to captain, according to a news release from Maj. Mason Englehart, spokesman for the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. They belonged to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 364 at Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Englehart identified the Marines as pilots

Capt. Nicholas P. Losapio, 31, of Rockingham, N.H., and Capt. John J. Sax, 33, of Placer, Calif.; crew chiefs Cpl. Nathan E. Carlson, 21, of Winnebago, Ill.; Cpl. Seth D. Rasmuson, 21, of Johnson, Wyo.; and Lance Cpl. Evan A. Strickland, 19, of Valencia, N.M.

“It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of five Marines from the Purple Fox family,” said Lt. Col. John C. Miller, the squadron commander, in the news release. “This is an extremely difficult time for VMM-364 and it is hard to express the impact that this loss has had on our squadron and its families.”

Sax spent five years and eight months in the Corps. Losapio served eight years and nine months. Carlson was a Marine three years. Rasmuson served three years and

two months. Strickland was a Marine for one year and seven months.

“Our primary mission now is taking care of the family members of our fallen Marines and we respectfully request privacy for their families as they navigate this difficult time,” Miller said. “We appreciate all the prayers and support from the strong extended Purple Fox family and want them to know that more information will be forthcoming on how to help.”

The Osprey and its crew were on a routine training flight when it crashed at about 12:25 p.m. near Glamis, Calif., a remote desert area in Imperial County about 35 miles north of the border with Mexico and 50 miles west of Yuma, Ariz., according to the Marines. The crash is under investigation.

# DOD debates if gamers make good soldiers

*The Washington Post*

In May, the U.S. military created a new rivalry. In a seven-hour Twitch stream, soldiers from the Air Force and Army fought on an unlikely battlefield: “Halo Infinite,” a popular first-person shooter video game. Over a half million people logged on to watch the Air Force win the military’s first inter-service gaming championship.

At the event in San Antonio, the competition and camaraderie was celebrated. But as military leaders have begun to embrace gaming, it has come with controversy. For years, gaming in the military was simply a soldier’s hobby, but now it’s transforming into a strategic, well-calculated initiative many see as a means to recruit, retain and train America’s fighting force.

Senior Pentagon officials are becoming more accepting of gaming, facing recruiting challenges and a talent pool that grew up with iPads and video game controllers. Each branch of the military now fields an esports team, military sponsorships of gaming leagues are on the rise, and service members can easily flock to military-created Discord channels and chat with thousands of others about

their love of games like Call of Duty and Halo.

But some leaders are skeptical of gaming, arguing it weakens recruits so they wash out of basic training. Moreover, the military has received fierce criticism from gaming experts and lawmakers for using gaming channels and influencers to subtly recruit younger audiences.

“It’s a fine line,” said Amy Nelson, a foreign policy fellow at the Brookings Institution. “Embracing the culture and the generation where they’re at now ... and using that as leverage on the battlefield, but [it’s] not something to exploit in recruitment.”

The military has a long history with gaming. In the early 2000s, the Department of Defense poured millions of dollars into creating a shooting video game called “America’s Army” that allowed people to pretend they were soldiers, fight missions and explore other aspects of military life. The game became a hit, with millions playing it. Research commissioned by MIT in 2008 showed roughly “30 percent of all Americans age 16 and 24” had a more favorable view of the military because of it.

But as other military-styled shooting games, like Call of Duty

and Medal of Honor, became far superior in quality, popularity for the Pentagon’s version waned. With the rise of online gaming, military officials recognized they needed a fresher approach. Twitch, an online platform owned by Amazon and used to live-stream gameplay, was on the rise. Military members started playing games like Call of Duty, “Valorant” and Halo while interacting with large audiences and touting military life, news reports show.

At the same time, the military was relying on technology to shape its future. Augmented reality, artificial intelligence and automated and unmanned weaponry called for recruits with increasingly technical skillsets. In February, the Office of Naval Research unveiled a study showing that playing first-person shooting games could actually create a better fighter. Playing those games, researchers said, could improve cognitive processing, peripheral vision and the ability to learn tasks better.

“People who play video games are quicker at processing information,” said Ray Perez, a program officer in the Office of Naval Research’s Warfighter Performance Department.

Despite that, others in the military have frowned upon gaming culture. In February, Army major Jon-Marc Thibodeau, chief of medical readiness at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, decried video games as a reason for why young recruits are physically unfit for the military. “The ‘Nintendo Generation’ soldier skeleton is not toughened by activity prior to arrival,” he said in a statement. “So some of them break more easily.” (The Defense Department later removed his remarks from the statement.)

Capt. Oliver Parsons, an Air Force officer and the founder of Air Force Gaming, said that soldiers benefit from gaming initiatives becoming more formalized. According to a survey of 35,000 airmen, over 86% between the ages of 18 to 34 identified as gamers.

Parsons said it was necessary to foster a culture where gaming was accepted as a hobby, in order to foster mental health during the pandemic and retain talent. “We’re not robots. We’re normal, average people,” Parsons said, adding that if the military doesn’t make gaming culture accepted, soldiers are “gonna go somewhere else.”

## Troops in Alaska may get extra pay and benefits

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA

*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Troops stationed in Alaska could receive special pay for cold-weather operations, allowances for internet access, and travel and other benefits under legislation that lawmakers hope will reverse a worrying trend of soldier suicides.

Alaska became the epicenter of the military’s suicide crisis after deaths on its remote installations doubled between 2020 and 2021, claiming at least 11 lives last year with another six under investigation. The state’s senators, Republicans Dan Sullivan

and Lisa Murkowski, as well as Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., are pushing for Alaska-specific measures in the Pentagon’s fiscal 2023 budget bill to address the distinct financial and environmental hardships faced by service members in the state.

Several provisions aim to alleviate financial strain, which is often a contributor to suicidal ideation, in a state where the cost of living is high.

A new initiative called Arctic Pay — similar to dive pay or jump pay — would give service members who are assigned to cold-weather operations an extra \$300 per

month. Junior service members would receive an allowance for internet costs that can reach \$180 per month as well as a travel allowance for one trip home per three-year tour, according to the legislation.

Another measure would launch a car-sharing system to combat the isolation that many service members experience due to a lack of transportation options in the sprawling and often snow-covered state. The program would allow service members who own cars to collect additional income for expensive maintenance costs, lawmakers said.

# Thousands rally in DC for gun control

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thousands of people streamed to the National Mall for the highest-profile of countrywide demonstrations Saturday marking a renewed push for gun control after recent mass shootings from Uvalde, Texas, to Buffalo, N.Y., that activists say should compel Congress to act.

Organizers hoped the second March for Our Lives rally would draw as many as 50,000 people to the Washington Monument. While that would be far less than the original 2018 march that filled downtown Washington with more than 200,000 peo-

ple, they decided to focus this time on smaller marches at an estimated 300 locations.

“We want to make sure that this work is happening across the country,” said Daud Mumin, co-chairman of the march’s board of directors and a recent graduate of Westminster College in Salt Lake City. “This work is not just about D.C., it’s not just about senators.”

The first march was spurred by the Feb. 14, 2018, killings of 14 students and three staff members by a former student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in

Parkland, Fla.

Now, with another string of mass shootings bringing gun control back into the national conversation, organizers of this weekend’s events say the time is right to renew their push for a national overhaul.

“Right now we are angry,” said Mariah Cooley, a March For Our Lives board member and a senior at Washington’s Howard University. “This will be a demonstration to show that us as Americans, we’re not stopping anytime soon until Congress does their jobs. And if not, we’ll be voting them out.”

## Biden vows to battle rising inflation amid hikes

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In President Joe Biden’s estimation, the U.S. is in a strong position to overcome the worst inflation in more than 40 years. But so far, inflation just keeps getting the better of the U.S. economy and of the Biden administration.

The president’s policies, his deals with the private sector, regulatory actions and public jawboning have failed so far to stop prices from marching upward.

Biden on Friday pledged to keep fighting against inflation while touring the Port of Los Angeles, America’s busiest port and a place that the White House said last October would be key for reducing price pressures.

“My administration is going to continue to do everything we can to lower the prices for the

American people,” the president said after a decidedly bleak new report on consumer prices.

The Labor Department reported Friday that consumer prices climbed 8.6% in May from a year ago. That’s the worst reading since December 1981 and a troubling sign for the economy as rate hikes by the Federal Reserve have yet to tamp down inflation and gasoline costs are surging upward. Rising prices are imperiling the U.S. economy as well as Democratic control of the House and Senate, putting Biden on the defensive.

The president on Friday also blamed corporate profits for inflation, saying that some companies — including shipping firms and the oil industry — are focused on maximizing profits. Biden specifically targeted Ex-

xonMobil for not doing more to increase oil production.

“We have been in regular contact with the administration, informing them of our planned investments to increase production and expand refining capacity in the United States,” Casey Norton, a spokesperson for the company, said in an email. “We increased production in the Permian Basin by 70%, or 190,000 barrels per day, between 2019 and 2021. We expect to increase production from the Permian by another 25% this year.”

The Port of Los Angeles moved to round-the-clock operations last October under an agreement that the White House helped to shepherd. The goal was to clear backlogs of ships waiting to dock and containers waiting to flow into the country, a logjam that was pumping up

prices as the world began to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

The port is now moving out a record 200,000 containers on a rolling 30-day average. But the forces driving inflation have largely shifted to rising energy and food costs in the aftermath of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. There has also been a broader increase in prices that go beyond supply chain issues.

Gene Seroka, executive director of the Port of Los Angeles, said there were many levers that caused performance to improve in terms of getting goods to consumers and businesses faster. But he specifically credited the “convening powers of the federal government to bring people to the table” and the Biden administration’s focus on the supply chain.

## AAA: Average gas price tops at \$5 nationwide

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The nationwide average price for a gallon of gasoline has topped \$5 for the first time ever.

Auto club AAA said the average price on Saturday was \$5.00. Motorists in some parts of the country, especially California, are paying far above that.

The national average price has jumped 19 cents in just the past week, and it’s up \$1.93

from this time last year.

There are several reasons for the surge in gasoline prices.

Americans typically drive more starting around Memorial Day, so demand is up. Global oil prices are rising, compounded by sanctions against Russia, a leading oil producer, because of its war against Ukraine. And there are limits on refining capacity in the United States because some refineries

shut down during the pandemic.

Add it all up, and the cost of filling up is draining money from Americans who are facing the highest rate of inflation in 40 years.

While this is the first time breaking the \$5 barrier, it’s still not a record when inflation is taken into account. Gas peaked at \$4.11 a gallon in July 2008, which would be equal to about \$5.40 a gallon today.

# Report: Taliban hurts civilians for intel

By J.P. LAWRENCE  
*Stars and Stripes*

An international human rights group accuses Afghanistan's Taliban government of unlawfully detaining civilians and torturing them for information about opposition fighters.

A report issued by Human Rights Watch says the unlawful arrests are part of a military campaign against an anti-Taliban group in the province of Panjshir, a few hours north of the capital city of Kabul.

"Taliban forces in Panjshir province have quickly resorted to beating civilians in their response to fighting against the opposition National Resistance Front," said Patricia

Gossman, associate Asia director at Human Rights Watch.

The resistance group includes fighters from Panjshir, a mountainous province that was the last to fall to the Taliban in 2021.

Fighting in Panjshir has escalated since last month as the National Resistance Front attacked Taliban units and checkpoints. In response, the Taliban started targeted searches in communities they say support the group, the Human Rights Watch report said.

A spokesman for the Taliban government did not respond to a Stars and Stripes instant message request for information.

Despite the deployment of thousands of

troops to the area, Taliban officials say no fighting is occurring there, The Washington Post reported Wednesday.

Spokesmen for the militant group, which toppled the U.S.-backed government in a lightning offensive as U.S. forces withdrew last summer, say the Taliban have brought peace to the country.

But Panjshir residents said that dozens of people have been killed and that assaults on Taliban positions were a regular occurrence, The Washington Post reported.

Friday's Human Rights Watch report was based on interviews with several former detainees and a source with direct information about Taliban detentions.

## Judges may get more security after incident

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — A man armed with a machete once broke into Stephen Breyer's vacation home in the Caribbean and took \$1,000. Ruth Bader Ginsburg had her purse snatched on a Washington street. David Souter was assaulted by several men while he was jogging.

Supreme Court justices have not been immune to violent crime. But this past week's late-night incident at Justice Brett Kavanaugh's suburban Washington home, where authorities said a man armed with a gun and knife threatened to kill the justice, reflects a heightened level of potential danger not just for members of the nation's highest court, but all judges.

One proposal pending in Congress would provide additional security mea-

sures for the justices, and another would offer more privacy and protection for all federal judges.

Round-the-clock security given to the justices after the leak of the draft opinion in a major abortion case may well have averted a tragedy.

But the situation had much in common with other recent incidents that ended with the shooting death of a former judge in Wisconsin last week and the killing in 2020 of the son of a federal judge at their home in New Jersey. Troubled men, harboring a warped desire for vengeance and equipped with guns, turned their threats into action.

"We're seeing these threats increase in number and intensity. That's a sign. That's a signal," said U.S. District Judge Esther

Salas, whose son was killed nearly two years ago in the attack that also wounded her husband.

Over the years, Supreme Court justices have called on Congress to provide more money for their security. But at the same time, the justices often shrugged off protection when it was offered. When Justice Antonin Scalia died on a hunting trip in Texas in 2016, for example, he did not have a security detail with him.

In recent years, the court has stepped up security for the justices. The court routinely refuses to discuss protection for the nine justices, but Justice Amy Coney Barrett said earlier this year that she was not prepared for how much more extensive security is now than when she worked for Scalia in the late 1990s.

## US buys more monkeypox vaccine as case count grows

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — The U.S. government is buying more monkeypox vaccine as a surprising international outbreak continues to grow, health officials said Friday.

As of Friday, the U.S. had identified 45 cases in 15 states and the District of Columbia. More than 1,300 cases have been found in about 30 other countries outside the areas of Africa where the virus is endemic.

Officials say the risk to the American public is low, but they are taking steps to assure people that medical measures are in place to deal with the growing problem.

A two-dose vaccine, Jynneos, is approved

for monkeypox in the U.S.

The U.S. government has 72,000 Jynneos doses, and will get 300,000 more doses from its manufacturer, Bavarian Nordic, over the next several weeks, said Dawn O'Connell, who oversees the government's stockpile of emergency vaccines and treatments.

On Friday, the government announced it had ordered 500,000 more Jynneos doses from Bavarian Nordic to be delivered late this year. The company also is holding other doses owned by the U.S. government, she said.

"We have the vaccines and treatments we need to respond," said O'Connell, of the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services.

Monkeypox is endemic in parts of Africa, where people have been infected through bites from rodents or small animals. It does not usually spread easily among people.

Last month, cases began emerging in Europe and the United States. Many — but not all — of those who contracted the virus had traveled internationally. Most were men who have sex with men, but health officials stress that anyone can get monkeypox.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday that every U.S. case they had looked at involved very close contact.

**AMERICAN ROUNDUP**

**Man arrested after woman thrown on track**

**NY** NEW YORK — A man was arrested on charges of throwing a woman onto a subway track in New York City. Other riders rescued her after the latest in a string of attacks this year on the nation's busiest subway system.

The 30-year-old man was awaiting arraignment after his arrest on assault and reckless endangerment charges.

Police released surveillance video of the attack, which happened at a station in the Bronx.

In the video, a man is seen putting his arms around the 52-year-old woman and hurling her over a subway platform edge. She falls headfirst. Not shown were the bystanders who rushed to help the woman, pulling her back to safety. There were no trains approaching.

Police said she was taken to a hospital for treatment.

**2 arrested after chase over cooking oil**

**CT** OLD SAYBROOK — Two men from New York led Connecticut police on a 50-mile chase along Interstate 95 in a rental truck loaded with stolen cooking oil, hitting another car and injuring a woman along the way, police said.

The episode began when the owner of a pizza place in Old Saybrook reported that he had confronted some would-be oil thieves and then saw them trying to do the same at a nearby eatery, Old Saybrook police said in a release.

Workers at the second restaurant confronted the men, who then drove off, Old Saybrook po-

lice said. They hit a car in Westbrook and got on the interstate.

Connecticut state police used stop sticks, which flatten tires, to bring the truck to a halt along I-95 in Westport, troopers said in a release. The driver and his passenger were arrested on various charges.

Old Saybrook police said they seized the truck and found more than 1,000 gallons of stolen cooking oil.

**Man pleads guilty in online porn scheme**

**MN** ST. PAUL — A St. Paul man has pleaded guilty to federal charges that he ran an online pornography scheme that victimized at least 500 girls across the United States and elsewhere.

The Pioneer Press reported that Yue Vang, 31, entered the plea to two counts of child pornography, one count of possession of child pornography and one count of interstate communications with intent to extort. Prosecutors are seeking a 72-year prison sentence.

According to court documents, Vang created fake female profiles online to entice girls to create sexually explicit video images and send them to him. He collected more than 1,000 child pornography images and videos on his devices, according to the plea agreement.

**Ex-officer arrested after kids find guns in trash**

**LA** BATON ROUGE — A former Baton Rouge police officer faces charges after he was accused of dumping three loaded guns into a trash pile behind his home that was

later found by a group of children, authorities said.

Benjamin Zeringue was arrested on three counts each of malfeasance in office, injuring public records and theft.

The children found the guns in a trash pile outside Zeringue's home in Central, Police Chief Roger Corcoran said, The Advocate reported. The box contained the guns, considered evidence in previous cases, and documents from the Baton Rouge Police Department, investigators said.

Zeringue had faced internal affairs probes into multiple other instances of alleged evidence tampering, Deputy Chief Myron Daniels said.

**Flash flood, mudslide damages 2 homes**

**WA** TONASKET — A flash flood and mudslide in Okanogan County damaged two homes, according to county emergency management officials.

Emergency management officials said the mudslide happened amid thunderstorms in a burn scar area with mud and water running down through Lightning Creek south of Wauconda, KREM reported.

Witnesses said water was 10 to 15 feet high through the narrow part of the creek channel. The slide reportedly took down trees while moving over a forest service road before hitting two houses and pushing outbuildings up to one of the houses.

**Sriracha maker warns shortage is possible**

**CA** IRWINDALE — Bottles of Sriracha hot

sauce could be hard to find on store shelves this summer.

Southern California-based Huy Fong Inc. told customers earlier this year that it would suspend sales of its famous spicy sauce over the summer due to a shortage of chili peppers. The company said in its April 19 email that all orders submitted after that date would be fulfilled after Labor Day.

The company gets its peppers from various farms in California, New Mexico and Mexico, and said that weather conditions are affecting the quality of the peppers and deepening the chili pepper shortage.

**Man who saved person on tracks gets free car**

**IL** CHICAGO — A Chicago man who jumped onto train tracks to rescue someone who had fallen onto an electrified rail during a fight at an L station earned more than praise for his heroic act: He's also been gifted with a car.

Anthony Perry, 20, was surprised with a 2009 Audi A8 and a \$25 gasoline card from Early Walker, founder of the anti-violence organization I'm Telling Don't Shoot.

Perry said the car will make his life "way easier." He's been taking two buses and a train to get from his home in the South Side neighborhood of Park Manor to his job with Amazon Fresh in suburban Oak Lawn.

He got off at a stop on the Chicago Transit Authority's Red Line when he noticed a nearly unconscious man on the electrified third rail of the tracks. He jumped down onto the tracks and pulled the man to safety.

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# Curry's 43 points help Warriors tie series

Associated Press

BOSTON — He stomped his feet, waved his arms, flexed his muscles and talked back to the crowd.

And Stephen Curry also made baskets. Plenty of those, too.

In a demonstrative and dominating performance that was one of the best of his postseason career, Curry scored 43 points to lead the Golden State Warriors to a 107-97 victory over the Boston Celtics in Game 4 of the NBA Finals on Friday night, sending the series back to San Francisco knotted at two games apiece.

Two nights after shaking off a foot injury in a Game 3 loss, the two-time league MVP stomped and shot his way to his third-highest scoring total in the postseason, adding 10 rebounds and making a pair of baskets during a 10-0 fourth-quarter run that turned a four-point Boston edge into a 100-94 Golden State lead.

It was the second-most points he's scored in the NBA Finals.

"The heart on that man is incredible," Warriors guard Klay Thompson said. "The things he does, we kind of take for granted at times, to go out there and put us on his back. We've got to help him out on Monday."

Andrew Wiggins had 17 points and 16 boards for Golden State, which has won at least one road game for an NBA-record 27 consecutive playoff series since 2013. It will host Game 5 on Monday night, with Game 6 in Boston on Thursday; The Warriors would hold the home-court advantage in a seventh game, if necessary.

"We had to do it the difficult way," said Celtics coach Ime Udoka, whose team is 7-0 after losses in the 2022 postseason. "We have to do it again. It could have been an easier road, obviously, if you get the win tonight. But we're 2-2 now. We

know we can do it. We've done it before."

Jayson Tatum had 23 points and 11 rebounds for Boston, but he managed just one basket while playing the entire fourth quarter. Jaylen Brown scored 21 points and Robert Williams III had 12 rebounds.

Marcus Smart, who scored 18 points, hit a three-pointer to give the Celtics a 94-90 lead with just over five minutes remaining. But they missed six straight shots and did not score again until the 1:18 mark, after Curry made a floater and a three-pointer to give Golden State a 100-94 lead.

"He wasn't letting us lose. That's all it boils down to," Warriors big man Draymond Green said. "I could tell in his demeanor, last couple of days, even after Game 3, that he was going to come out with that kind of fire."

Curry was more demonstrative than usual, raising his arms

after failing to get a foul call, interacting with the sold-out TD Garden crowd and flexing to celebrate a big Warriors basket. Rather than returning home at the brink of elimination, the Warriors moved closer to a fourth NBA title in eight years at home.

"I felt like we just had to let everybody know that we were here tonight," Curry said. "Whether that's their crowd, their team, our team, whoever wants to see that energy and that fire, we feed off of that."

Fans arriving at the TD Garden for what could have been the final time this season found a T-shirt draped over their seats with the 17 NBA championship banners lined up on the front. There was a blank rectangle where the 18th would go.

Now Boston would need to win at least one more time in San Francisco to fill in the blank.

## Avs ride couple of goaltenders to Stanley Cup Final

Associated Press

Matt Murray stepped on the ice on the first day of the 2017 NHL playoffs ready to lead the defending champion Pittsburgh Penguins to the Stanley Cup again. He didn't make it to puck drop.

An injury during warmups sidelined him for a month and turned the job over to Marc-Andre Fleury. Murray returned more than a month later and backstopped the Penguins to another title.

Five years later, Murray watches the Colorado Avalanche knowing how it feels to be Darcy Kuemper, who could be in net for the Stanley Cup Final after missing most of the third round and giving way to backup Pavel Francouz.

One of just five teams in league history to have two different goaltenders win at least five games during a playoff run, the Avalanche are attempting to join Murray's Penguins, the 1972 Boston Bruins and 1969 Montreal Canadiens as the only champions that split duties in the crease.

"I know from firsthand experience how difficult it can be to jump in when you haven't played in a while and when you

weren't necessarily expecting to play that much," Murray said. "What Kuemper was doing is obviously very impressive but also extremely impressive what Francouz has done, as well. You just try to be ready as much as you can."

Much like Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia in 2010, Colorado's situation has been determined by injuries. Kuemper took an inadvertent stick to the eye through his mask during the first round and was again replaced by Francouz midway through the opener of the Western Conference finals when he didn't feel right.

Kuemper and Francouz have now each won six games this postseason. The Avalanche need four more victories for the franchise's third championship and first since 2001, and coach Jared Bednar won't tip his hand on who's starting Game 1 of the final next week.

"It's a tough decision," Bednar said.

Needing to decide between Kuemper, Colorado's starter all year, and Francouz, who's a perfect 6-0, is one of the drawbacks to a two-goalie rotation in the playoffs.

"It's a good situation to have two goalies,

but it's a bad situation to be thinking, 'Which goalie should we start?'" said Michael Leighton, who won eight games to Brian Boucher's six during the Flyers' run to the final in 2010. "That's a tough situation for the coaches and for the team because sometimes a team is playing better in front of one goalie and not the other, so you've got to make the right decision on putting the goalie in that's going to help you win."

Leighton helped Philadelphia complete the rare comeback from being down 3-0 in a series to knock off Boston after missing eight weeks with a high ankle sprain. "When I jumped into that game my knees were shaking," he said.

Boucher made two more relief appearances the rest of the playoffs despite playing on two bad knees with a sprained ligament in each.

They look at Francouz and consider it a benefit the 2018 Olympic star for the Czechs saw some action against Nashville in the first round before he got thrown into a series against Connor McDavid, Leon Draisaitl and the Edmonton Oilers.

# Ferreira's 4 goals lead US past Grenada

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Jesús Ferreira had a night to remember against an overwhelmed opponent in the United States' World Cup sendoff.

The 21-year-old forward tied the U.S. international record with four goals that included a hat trick in a 13-minute span Friday night during a 5-0 rout of Grenada. The hard-to-evaluate performance against the world's 170th-ranked team came in a CONCACAF Nations League match played 164 days before the Americans' opener in Qatar.

Just three warmup matches remain before U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter picks his World Cup roster.

"I think I'm in a good spot," said Ferreira, a son of former Colombian national team midfielder David Ferreira, the 2010 Major League Soccer MVP. "I'm not going to focus on the goals because I know they will come. Just having a good game

will do the job."

Ferreira is competing for a roster spot and playing time with Ricardo Pepi, Haji Wright, Josh Sargent, Jordan Pefok and Daryl Dike.

After an array of misfires, Ferreira put the 15th-ranked U.S. ahead in the 43rd minute, then added goals in the 54th, 56th and 78th to give him seven in 12 international matches. His four goals matched Landon Donovan (2003), Joe-Max Moore (1993), Buff Donelli (1934) and Archie Stark (1925).

"There's a certain validation that you get as a striker when you do hit the back of the net," U.S. coach Gregg Berhalter said.

Paul Arriola added a goal in the 62nd as the Americans stretched their home unbeaten streak to 26 games since a September 2019 loss to Mexico, matching the team record set from 2013-15.

On a 96-degree evening, stars Christian Pulisic and Tyler

Adams didn't dress for the Americans, who faced a Spice Boys team winless since beating the U.S. Virgin Islands in March 2021. The Americans had 67% possession and outshot Grenada 25-3, including 10-0 in the first half.

Ferreira got the first goal when Arriola crossed and the ball deflected off Kayden Harkrack. Ferreira cut to the center and beat goalkeeper Jason Belfon inside the far post with a left-foot shot from 8 yards. The U.S. had entered with just one goal from the run of play by a forward in 13 games.

Ferreira doubled the lead with a right-footed shot inside the far post when he sprinted behind the defense as Arriola fed him, then beat Belfon to the far post with a 14-yard right foot shot after Kellyn Acosta played a corner kick on the ground.

Second-half sub Brenden Aaronson pulled Belfon off his line for Ferreira's fourth, leaving him a 6-yard tap with his left

foot into an open goal.

Arriola, Ferreira's Dallas teammate, scored from inside the 6-yard box from Luca de la Torre's pass, his 10th international goal.

Cameron Carter-Vickers started in his international competitive debut and joined Aaron Long to become the 20th center back pairing in 53 games since Berhalter was hired in December 2018.

The unusual prep schedule was caused by FIFA's 2010 decision to stage the tournament in Qatar, a vote the U.S. Justice Department said was impacted by bribes paid to executive committee members of soccer's governing body.

In 2015, FIFA moved the tournament to winter from its traditional June/July slot, a shift into the middle of the European club season that will limit pre-tournament training to one week and eliminated the U.S. Soccer Federation's usual sendoff series.

## IndyCar to have two female racers in Road America

Associated Press

Simona de Silvestro finished second at the Houston Grand Prix, the third to last race of the 2013 IndyCar season, and stormed into the KV Racing truck to confront the owners.

"Me! You need to hire me!" the Swiss racer told her bosses. They were seeking a replacement for Indianapolis 500 winner Tony Kanaan, who had formally announced one day earlier he was leaving the team. De Silvestro was not on the short list for his seat.

She finished the next two races with KV Racing — her one and only season with the team — and then her four-year IndyCar run was over. She made three starts in 2015 driving for Michael Andretti, and was the only woman in last year's Indianapolis 500, driving for the all-

female Paretta Autosport team.

The road back to a regular ride has been long and winding, and de Silvestro will make her first IndyCar start of the season on Sunday at Road America in Wisconsin. It's the first of three races Paretta Autosport plans to enter this season, and de Silvestro will join Tatiana Calderon in the field to give IndyCar two women entering multiple events for the first time since 2013.

"It's a shame it was a long period the last couple of years that we hadn't had somebody in the top level of single-seaters," said Calderon, who will make her fifth start of the season for A.J. Foyt Racing. The Colombian's best finish was 15th on the road course at Indianapolis; she only competes on the road and street courses.

"There are females that can compete against men in a very competitive championship," she continued. "I hope that together we can keep that momentum going and to see more females."

De Silvestro can't help but reflect on what might have been if funding and the politics of racing had been a little different in 2013. Her lowest finish in the final nine races of that season was 14th and she closed with five consecutive top-10s. In the final point standings, she was 13th — wedged between Sebastien Bourdais, the driver who did replace Kanaan at KV Racing, and Josef Newgarden, who was in his second season of IndyCar and on his way to stardom.

"In racing, definitely money makes a big difference," said Silvestro, who is 33. "In '13, I fin-

ished in front of Josef in the championship. He ended up going to Penske and then won the championship two times. You need to get the right shot. You need to get people behind you who really want to support you.

"I think as a female driver, we do get the opportunities, but I think also sometimes it's really quick when we have a bit of a bad season. The support then isn't really right away. I think with some guys, they get more chances at it."

Road America will be de Silvestro's 70th career start in IndyCar and the team, which is owned by motorsports executive Beth Paretta, also plans to race at Mid-Ohio next month and Nashville in August. She last raced at Road America in 2008 in the Atlantic Championship.

# Braves run NL-best win streak to 9

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Spencer Strider outpitched Roansy Contreras in a matchup of hard-throwing rookies, Dansby Swanson had three hits, including a two-run homer, and the Atlanta Braves stretched their winning streak to nine games with a 4-2 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Friday night.

It's the longest winning streak in the National League this season. Houston and the New York Yankees have had 11-game streaks.

Atlanta's winning streak is its longest since another nine-game run from Aug. 13-22, 2021.

**Phillies 7, Diamondbacks 5:** Rhys Hoskins hit a pair of solo home runs and Kyle Schwarber added a three-run shot to lead host Philadelphia to its eighth straight win.

The Phillies are 7-0 under interim manager Rob Thomson.

**Yankees 2, Cubs 1 (13):** Pinch-hitter Jose Trevino broke a stalemate in the 13th inning with a game-winning single, giving host New York a win over Chicago.

Gleyber Torres homered for the Yankees in the fourth, but neither team managed a hit in extra innings until Trevino came off the bench and delivered with two outs and runners at second and third. Trevino lined a 1-1 pitch from Alec Mills (0-1) over shortstop to give the major league-leading Yankees (42-16) their ninth victory in 10 games.

**Twins 9, Rays 4:** Byron Buxton had his second straight two-homer game and host Minnesota sent Drew Rasmussen to an early exit.

Buxton moved into a tie for second in the major leagues with 17 homers in just 43 games. Carlos Correa tacked on a two-run shot in the eighth inning for the Twins.

**Mets 7, Angels 3:** Brandon Nimmo and Mark Canha both had two hits and three RBIs as New York bounced back after two straight losses with a victory at Los Angeles.

Every Mets starter had at least one hit as the NL East leaders had 13 in the game. It's the third time on this California road trip that New York has had at least 13 hits.

**Padres 9, Rockies 0:** Joe Musgrove took over the major league earned run average lead and remained unbeaten in 11 starts, striking out eight over six innings to lead host San Diego over Colorado.

Musgrove (7-0) allowed four hits and two walks, dropping his ERA to 1.50 and taking over the lead from the Texas Rangers' Martín Pérez (1.56).

**Giants 7, Dodgers 2:** Darin Ruf hit two homers and drove in four runs, Joc Pederson added two hits and two RBIs, and Jakob Junis won his third straight decision as host San Francisco beat Los Angeles.

Junis (4-1) worked five innings and yielded two runs and five hits, including Gavin Lux's fifth-inning homer.

**Nationals 11, Brewers 5:** Josh Bell and Keibert Ruiz hit home runs on consecutive pitches in the sixth inning, and host Washington sent Milwaukee to its season-high seventh straight loss.

Nelson Cruz and Maikel Franco also homered for the Nationals, who snapped a

three-game skid in the opener of a 10-day, 11-game homestand.

**Marlins 7, Astros 4:** Jazz Chisholm Jr. and Jesús Aguilar each hit two home runs to power Miami to its fourth straight win with an interleague victory at Houston.

**Guardians 3, Athletics 2:** José Ramírez doubled twice and homered to begin a three-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning as host Cleveland sent Oakland to its 10th straight loss.

**Blue Jays 10, Tigers 1:** Lourdes Gurriel Jr., George Springer and Bo Bichette homered in a four-run second inning, Jose Berrios pitched eight strong innings and Toronto rolled at Detroit.

**White Sox 8, Rangers 3:** Yasmani Grandal hit a tiebreaking, two-run double with two outs in the eighth inning and host Chicago beat Texas.

**Cardinals 2, Reds 0:** Andre Pallante took a shutout into the sixth inning in his second major league start, helping St. Louis snap a three-game skid with a win over visiting Cincinnati.

**Royals 8, Orioles 1:** Jonathan Heasley allowed one hit in a career-best seven sharp innings, Salvador Perez and MJ Melendez each homered and drove in three runs and host Kansas City defeated Baltimore for its third straight win.

**Red Sox 4, Mariners 3:** J.D. Martinez homered for the first time in nearly a month, Bobby Dalbec snapped a tie with a solo shot and visiting Boston won for the eighth time in nine games.

## Irish stun No. 1 Vols; Pirates a win from first CWS

Associated Press

Notre Dame pushed No. 1 national seed Tennessee within a game of elimination from the NCAA baseball tournament Friday night. Texas A&M, East Carolina and Oklahoma moved within one of reaching the College World Series.

The Irish pulled the biggest upset of the tournament so far, getting out to a big lead early and holding off the Volunteers 8-6 in Game 1 of their best-of-three super regional in Knoxville, Tenn.

Troy Claunch's bases-loaded single in the ninth inning gave No. 5 Texas A&M a 5-4 walk-off

win over Louisville. No. 8 East Carolina broke open its game against Texas with a five-run eighth inning and won 13-7.

Oklahoma, in supers for the first time since 2013, held off No. 4 Virginia Tech 5-4 for its eighth win in nine games.

Notre Dame was the No. 2 regional seed in Statesboro, Ga., last week and scored a total of just 11 runs while sweeping three games.

The Irish were up 8-1 in front of the orange-clad full house at Lindsey Nelson Stadium after Jack Brannigan's three-run homer in the fourth inning. Notre

Dame hit a season-high four homers, and Jordan Beck's homer in the ninth was all freshman Jack Findlay allowed the last two innings.

Only one No. 1 national seed has won the championship under the current tournament format, and that was in 1999. Vols coach Tony Vitello said he's confident his players can deal with the pressure of an elimination game Saturday.

The Irish will throw their ace, John Michael Bertrand, and the Volunteers will be without All-SEC outfielder and .365 hitter Drew Gilbert, who must sit out

after being ejected in the fifth inning.

East Carolina has never made the College World Series in 31 previous NCAA Tournament appearances. No team has fallen short so many times in the tournament.

The Pirates won for the 22nd time in 23 games. But coach Cliff Godwin hasn't forgotten about 2016, the year his team won Game 1 of its super regional at Texas Tech and then lost the next two.

"I'm taking it day by day," said Godwin, now 2-6 in four super regional appearances.