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57th Aircraft Maintenance airmen conduct post-flight operations after a combined arms demo during Aviation Nation 2022 on Nov. 4 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

By John Vandiver Stars and Stripes

ll branches of the mili-

tary are falling far short when it comes to keeping an array of war planes and attack helicopter fleets "mission capable," according to a new government watchdog re-

Among 49 aircraft types that ment Accountability Office said in

Many mainstays of US airpower in all branches of military are falling short of being mission capable, GAO report finds

were assessed, only two met their operational goals in 2021, while the others were plagued with various maintenance difficulties that hindered operations, the Govern-

a report issued Thursday.

Many of the aircraft assessed are among the military's bestknown and are central to American airpower. The report did not offer recommendations to address the readiness shortfall.

Only four of the aircraft the GAO reviewed met mission capable goals in a majority of years during the 10-year analysis period. The four are the Air Force's

B-2 bomber, RC-135S-W reconnaissance plane and UH-1N Huey helicopter, and the Navy's EP-3 reconnaissance plane.

"According to officials, a number of sustainment challenges including aging aircraft, maintenance challenges and supply support issues account for this de-

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Missiles reportedly land in Poland as Russia attacks Ukrainian power grid

By John Leicester Associated Press

KYIV. Ukraine — Missiles reportedly crossed into NATO member Poland as Russia pounded Ukraine's energy facilities Tuesday with its biggest barrage yet.

A senior U.S. intelligence official said Russian missiles landed in Poland, killing two people. Polish media reported two people died after a projectile struck in Przewodów, a Polish village near the border with Ukraine.

Polish government spokesman Piotr Mueller did not immediately confirm the information, but said top leaders were holding an emergency meeting due to a "crisis situation."

The Russian attacks struck tar-

gets from east to west and caused widespread blackouts. A defiant President Volodymr Zelenskyy shook his fist and declared: "We will survive everything."

Neighboring Moldova was also affected. It reported massive power outages after the strikes knocked out a key power line that supplies the small nation, an official said.

Zelenskyy said Russia fired at

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Walmart offers to pay \$3.1B over opioid suits

Associated Pres

Retail giant Walmart on Tuesday become the latest major player in the drug industry to announce a plan to settle lawsuits filed by state and local governments over the toll of powerful prescription opioids sold at its pharmacies with state and local governments across the United States.

The \$3.1 billion proposal follows similar announcements Nov. 2 from the two largest U.S. pharmacy chains, CVS Health

and Walgreen Co., which each said they would pay about \$5 billion.

The deals are the product of negotiations with a group of state attorneys general, but they are not final. The CVS and Walgreens deals would have to be accepted first by a critical mass of state and local governments before they are completed. Walmart's plan would have to be approved by 43 states. The formal process has not yet begun.

The national pharmacies join

some of the biggest drugmakers and drug distributors in settling complex lawsuits over their alleged roles in an opioid overdose epidemic that has been linked to more than 500,000 deaths in the U.S. over the past two decades.

The tally of proposed and finalized settlements in recent years is more than \$50 billion, with most of that to be used by governments to combat the crisis.

In recent years, opioid deaths have soared to record levels around 80,000 a year.

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(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

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Combined command now at Camp Humphreys

By David ChoiStars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — The combined command that defends South Korea officially opened the doors on a new head-quarters Tuesday, nearly three years after beginning its relocation from Seoul.

The Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command now resides at Camp Humphreys, Pyeongtaek, after 44 years at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul. Republic of Korea is the official name for South Korea.

Humphreys, the largest U.S. military base overseas, now serves as the headquarters for U.S. Forces Korea, U.N. Command and the Combined Forces Command. Roughly 28,500 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea, the majority of them at Humphreys.

USFK commander Gen. Paul LaCamera and Defense Minister Lee Jong-sup during a ceremony at the new headquarters welcomed soldiers from both countries and thanked them for their help in maintaining the South Korea-U.S. alliance.

Since its creation in 1978, the Combined Forces Command coordinates the defense of South Korea with troops from Seoul and Washington. The command has operational control of over 700,000 active-duty U.S. and South Korean troops.

The move to Humphreys will "contribute to enhanced combined operational capabilities" and strengthen the "combined de-



DAVID CHOI/Stars and Stripes

The Republic of Korea-United States Combined Forces Command headquarters at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

fense posture" of the U.S. and South Korea, according to a 2021 Defense Department news release. The Defense Department and South Korea's Ministry of National Defense officially began moving the Combined Forces Command from Yongsan to Humphreys in 2019.

South Korea paid the lion's share of the nearly \$10.8 billion cost to expand Camp Humphreys from an airfield to the equivalent of a small town, Gen. Vincent Brooks, former USFK commander, said in 2018.

LaCamera, whose role as USFK commander puts him in charge of the U.N. Command and the Combined Forces Command, likened the relocation project to "moving of a mountain" during a speech at the headquarters.

"While our addresses changed, our pledge to defend you and maintain your trust is forefront in our minds," LaCamera said. "While the scenery, seasons, people and locations may have changed, what has not changed is the pride to serve in the land of the morning calm."

Lee said the Combined Forces Command's move was a "historic moment" and that its new location evokes for him as the country's defense minister a "wide array of emotions." He previously served as a staff officer at Yongsan.

"Opening the Pyeongtaek-era of the [Combined Forces Command] in the face of advanced North Korean threats, conveys a big significance," Lee said in his speech. "Staff that worked separately in Yongsan and Pyeongtaek



South Korea Ministry of National Defens

South Korean Defense Minister Lee Jong-sup, left, U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Paul LaCamera and South Korean Gen. Ahn Byung-seok attend Tuesday's opening ceremony of the headquarters.

for years can now work shoulder to shoulder yielding a firmer cooperation system between [South Korea] and United States."

Through the Combined Forces Command's efforts, South Korea "was able to develop into a successful liberal democracy and an economic powerhouse," Lee said.

Lee met Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Nov. 3 in Washington, where the two reaffirmed "the robustness" of their military alliance, Lee said at Humphreys. The Combined Forces Command is evidence of that pact, he said.

"We explicitly made clear that any attempt of nuclear attack by North Korea will result in the end of the Kim regime," Lee said, referring to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

North Korea has fired over 65 missiles in 31 rounds of testing so far this year, a record. The communist regime has also fully prepared to conduct its first nuclear test since 2017, according to U.S. and South Korean officials.

Despite provocations by North Korea and preparations for combat by the U.S. and South Korea, "we pray for peace," LaCamera said.

"Our love of peace, freedom and security has not changed," he said. "It has only gotten stronger."

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Navy seizes more than 170 tons of substances used in explosives

By J.P. LAWRENCE Stars and Stripes

Iran is being accused of "an unlawful transfer of lethal aid" after ships from the U.S. 5th Fleet seized more than 170 tons of potentially explosive chemicals on a fishing boat in the Middle East, Naval Forces Central Command said in a statement Tuesday.

Navy destroyer USS The Sullivans and the Coast Guard cutter John Scheuerman intercepted the fishing vessel in the Gulf of Oman on Nov. 8 after it left Iran on a route historically used to traffic weapons to the Houthi militant group in Yemen, the statement said.

The patrol coastal ship USS Hurricane assisted in the seizure of materials from the fishing boat, which was carrying more than 70 tons of ammonium perchlorate, commonly used to make explosives and fuel for rockets and missiles, the statement said.

The ship also carried 100 tons of urea fertilizer, the statement said. The chemical compound has agricultural uses but is also a key ingredient in improvised bombs.

"This was a massive amount of explosive material, enough to fuel more than a dozen medium-range ballistic missiles depending on the size," Vice Adm. Brad Cooper, commander of NAVCENT and 5th Fleet, said in the statement.

Experts say Iran and Middle East allies of the U.S. are locked in a cold war of armed proxy groups and covert attacks.

Saudi intelligence accused Tehran of plotting attacks against Saudi Arabia and Iraq to distract from ongoing protests throughout Iran, The Wall Street Journal reported in early November.

Iran has been accused of transferring rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and missiles to Houthi rebels in Yemen despite a United Nations arms embargo.

And the U.S. says that militant attacks have increased in recent years in the busy shipping lanes of the Middle East, and that the number of weapons seized from ships tripled in the last year.

"The unlawful transfer of lethal aid from Iran does not go unnoticed," Cooper said in Tuesday's statement. "It is irresponsible, dangerous and leads to violence and instability across the Middle East."

Last week's interdiction marked the first time U.S. 5th Fleet seized ammonium perchlorate, the statement said. The 5th Fleet previously seized 40 tons of urea fertilizer on Jan.



KEVIN FRUS/U.S. Navy

Crew members of USS The Sullivans and patrol coastal ship USS Hurricane, seen in the background, inventory a large quantity of urea fertilizer and ammonium perchlorate discovered on board a fishing vessel in the Gulf of Oman on Nov. 9.

18 from another fishing vessel in the Gulf of Oman

The illicit cargo was discovered as part of a "flag verification boarding," Cmdr. Timothy Hawkins, NAVCENT and 5th Fleet spokesman, told Stars and Stripes.

International law generally allows the boarding of potentially stateless vessels for checks to see if they are registered under any country's flag.

U.S. forces sank the fishing vessel Sunday in the Gulf of Oman, according to the statement.

The four Yemeni crew members were arrested and transferred to Yemen's coast guard at an exchange Tuesday in the Gulf of Aden, the statement added.

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PACIFIC

Japan scrambles jets to intercept Chinese aircraft

By KEISHI KOJA Stars and Stripes

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Japanese fighter jets scrambled to intercept three Chinese aircraft, including a drone, near Okinawa on Monday, according to Japan's Joint Staff.

The Japan Air Self-Defense Force intercepted a BZK-005 high-altitude reconnaissance drone, a Y-9 intelligence-gathering aircraft and a Y-9 patrol aircraft that flew between Okinawa and Miyako Island, 175 miles to the southwest, a spokesman for the Joint Staff told Stars and Stripes on Tuesday. Miyako is part of Okinawa prefecture.

The spokesman declined to provide details of the Self-Defense Force response, including how many and what type aircraft responded, what time the incidents occurred or what action the aircraft took in the air. None of the Chinese aircraft entered Japanese airspace, he said.

Chinese aircraft rarely fly northbound after flying between the two islands, the spokesman said.

However, these aircraft turned north after passing through the Miyako Strait from the East China Sea, then continued to an area off the east coast of Okinawa, where the Y-9s flew a box pattern. All three aircraft returned by the same route, according to a map accompanying the Joint Staff news release Tuesday.

Japanese authorities cannot be certain, but the Chinese aircraft may have been "gathering information" on the Keen Sword 23 exercise underway across Japan, including the area surrounding Okinawa and the Ryuku, also called the Nansei, islands, the Joint Staff spokesman said.

"We will carefully observe China's military move, continue our surveillance activities and take all possible measures to act against any air space violation," he said.

Japanese government spokespeople customarily speak to the media on condition of anonymity.

Keen Sword is a series of field training exercises by the Japan Self-Defense Forces and U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and Space Force. A regular event since 1986, the exercises increase combat readiness and hone the allied forces' ability to work together, according to a U.S. Forces Japan news release on Thursday.

Japan committed F-35A and B model stealth fighters to the exercise this year, according to another Joint Staff spokesman Friday.

Keen Sword exercises this year are taking place around Yonaguni, Japan's westernmost island, about 150 miles west of Miyako and less than 100 miles east of Taiwan.

"We are conducting this drill to get ready for any situation," the spokesman told Stars and Stripes by phone Friday. "We are conducting this drill in the Nansei islands, including Yonaguni, to establish a watertight self-defense in the whole country."

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HOTO COURTESY OF HELENA VIGIL

Rachel Pierre plays with Bear, the Ohana Meals host family dog, in this undated photograph taken at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.

Volunteers welcome single troops to dinner to boost Iwakuni morale

By Jonathan Snyder Stars and Stripes

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan — A program launched by military spouses at this air base south of Hiroshima puts single Marines and sailors in seats at family dinner tables.

Ohana Meals launched in September with a goal of raising morale in the base community after the slump that accompanied the COVID-19 pandemic, two of its organizers told Stars and Stripes on Nov. 7. Nicole Williams, a Navy spouse, said she noticed an obvious lull in spirits at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni during a town hall in February.

"We noticed morale was so low coming off of COVID," Williams said. "People are staying indoors still, and they are not really connecting like we were before."

Spouses from the base chaplain's office and Marine Aircraft Group 12 organized the program at the base, which is also home to the Navy's Carrier Air Wing 5. So far, Ohana Meals has steered 20

single service members to dinner with seven different families, said Navy spouse Helena Vigil.

Vigil, originally of Honolulu, gave the project its name, ohana, the Hawaiian word for family.

"Ohana means nobody left behind and we don't want anybody left behind here," Vigil said.

Ohana Meals is just hitting its stride as the holiday-season emphasis on communal feasting rolls around again. Lynn Strain, the wife of a contractor on base, and Navy spouse Katie Fuller together are planning an Ohana Meals Thanksgiving for as many single service members who want to sign up. Strain will host the event at her off-base home, she said.

"I'm hoping for 20 people to show up, but the more the better," Strain told Stars and Stripes on Thursday. "We have always done this for Marines or anybody who is single for as long I can remember, so when I saw [Ohana Meals] I thought, OK, let's continue."

Families and barracks residents at Iwakuni may sign up to participate through a form on the

Ohana Meals Facebook page.

"Lynn is just entirely a generous person," Fuller said. "If you give her the opportunity to help someone, she is going to do it."

Ohana Meals is designed for volunteer families to host dinner guests, Vigil said. Families are matched with barracks residents outside the family sponsors' chains of command.

"Sometimes it's hard being so far away from home," Williams said. "So, when people come, they can sit on the couch and relax, play with the family dog and they can sit around and have a family home-cooked meal and chat with a 'normal' family."

Williams said Ohana Meals is more than just providing food to single military members.

"We know lots of families open up their house for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but the idea is to have this opened year-round," she said. "Because loneliness doesn't just happen during the holidays, it happens year-round."

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Quad nations conclude 4-day naval drills off coast of Japan

By SETH ROBSON Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Warships from the United States, Japan, India and Australia trained together in waters near Japan this week as part of drills designed to deter adversaries, according to officials from

the four nations.

Exercise Malabar 2022, which ended Tuesday, included drills in the Philippine Sea and off the coast of Japan, the U.S. Navy said in a news release announcing the start of the drills Saturday.

The training included submarine integration, anti-submarine warfare, air defense, multinational replenishment-at-sea, communications, joint warfighting plan-

ning, gunnery and maritime interdiction, the statement said.

The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, or Quad, is an informal group seen as a strategic hedge against Beijing's rising military power. They have combined for the annual Malabar drills since 2020.

Retired Adm. Gary Roughead, speaking Oct. 18 at the Center for Strategic and International Studies/Nikkei Symposium in Tokyo, said the four should stand up a permanent force.

"My belief is that to get the Quad moving, we should establish a standing Quad maritime force that's in being all the time," he said, according to an Oct. 21 Nikkei Asia report. He suggested the command of that force "would rotate perhaps every six months among the countries."

The naval drills overlapped with Keen Sword 23, a biennial exercise in Japan involving 26,000 Japanese and 10,000 American troops, 30 vessels and 370 aircraft. Keen Sword began Thursday and concludes Saturday.

Malabar is "an outstanding opportunity for our like-minded maritime forces to work together, demonstrating our shared commitment to the region and collaborative approach toward security and stability," Rear Adm. Michael Donnelly, commander of Task Force 70 and Carrier Strike

Group 5, said in the U.S. Navy statement.

It's more important than ever for the deployed strike group to work closely with other maritime forces and deter those who challenge a free and open Indo-Pacific, he said.

The U.S. sent the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, home-ported in Japan at Yokosuka Naval Base, along with the guided-missile cruiser USS Chancellors-ville and guided-missile destroyer USS Milius, the Navy statement said.

From Japan came the helicopter carrier JS Hyuga, destroyers JS Shiranui and JS Takanami, replenishment ship JS Oumi and a

Kawasaki P-1 maritime patrol aircraft, according to the Navy.

Indian warships involved include a Shivalik-class frigate, Kamorta-Class corvette, a P-8I Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft, and Marine commandos, the statement said.

Royal Australian Navy participants included the frigate HMAS Arunta, and supply ship HMAS Stalwart, submarine HMAS Farncomb and a Royal Australian Air Force P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft, the Australian Defence Department said in its own statement Tuesday.

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MILITARY



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The cruiser USS Normandy pulls into Cherbourg harbor Monday, in its namesake region of France during deployment as part of the Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group.

USS Normandy visits French region's hallowed WWII sites to pay respects

By ALISON BATH
Stars and Stripes

The cruiser USS Normandy made a commemorative port call this week in its namesake French region, site of the historic D-Day landings that turned the tide of

World War II.

During the Monday stopover in Cherbourg, officials from the ship planned to participate in a wreath laying at the Utah Beach American Memorial, the Navy said in a statement the same day.

The memorial honors the U.S. VII Corps forces that fought in the liberation of the Cotentin Peninsula in June and July of 1944, according to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Representing the ship's sailors in remembering "the countless French, American and allied heroes who gave their lives on these hallowed grounds is a moment in time that will not soon be forgotten," said Capt. Gary Chase, commanding officer of USS Norman-

Part of the Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group, the cruiser was named for the Battle of Normandy. The Allies landed more than 2 million troops in northern France from June 6, 1944, to Aug. 21, 1944, according to Navy.mil.

Those forces pushed back the Germans and liberated Paris, among other accomplishments that ultimately led to Nazi Germany's defeat.

Battle losses included 72,911 Allied service members who were killed or went missing over that time period, according to a 2014 White House fact sheet.

Normandy's visit was not only a reminder of that sacrifice but also an opportunity "to reinforce the critical partnership" between the French and the Americans, Denise Bauer, the U.S. ambassador to France said in a statement.

Also on Monday, the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford and destroyer USS Thomas Hudner arrived in Portsmouth, England, the ships' first port call of their deployment in the U.S. Naval Forces Europe area of operations, the Navy said in a separate statement

The first-in-class Ford, which is the Navy's first new carrier designed in more than 40 years, is on its maiden deployment.

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DOD lauds polar Starlink satellites

By Tony Capaccio

Bloomberg

For all the turmoil surrounding billionaire Elon Musk's takeover of Twitter, his SpaceX remains a success story — especially at the Pentagon, where its Starlink satellite communications system is winning new praise as a potential way to reach U.S. troops in the distant reaches of the Arctic.

The Arctic is increasingly seen by the United States as contested territory with Russia and China. But its rough climate and remote latitudes limit communications through existing military satellites. That's where the portable Starlink units from Musk's Space Exploration Technologies come in as a possible solution.

"We have started testing highrate connectivity to very remote Arctic bases," Brian Beal, principal aerospace engineer with the Air Force Research Laboratory's Strategic Development and Experimentation office, said in a statement. At one such base, he said, data rates using Starlink improved almost 30-fold over previous capabilities.

Musk's \$44 billion purchase of Twitter has spawned controversies, from his tweet before the midterm election urging votes for Republicans to his mass firings at the social network. President Joe Biden said last week that Musk's "cooperation and/or technical relationships with other countries is worthy of being looked at," although he said he wasn't suggesting whether Musk is "doing anything inappropriate."

But Musk's provocative public pronouncements seem to be mostly taken in stride at the Pentagon, where he has pushed his way into winning a substantial share of sensitive national security satellite launches for SpaceX over an alliance of top defense contractors Boeing and Lockheed Martin.

His Falcon Heavy rocket last month launched its first national security mission. Next month, SpaceX is scheduled to launch the initial two of four planned missiletracking satellites it was awarded by the Air Force's Space Development Agency.

Pentagon spokespersons mostly fended off requests for comment when Musk briefly threatened to stop footing the bill for operation of Starlink terminals that have become crucial for Ukrainian troops and civilians fighting Russia's invasion.

Nor have Musk's latest controversies touched the Arctic tests of Starlink, with results that Beal said will be evaluated later by the U.S. Space Force for potential contracts amid an increasing focus on the frigid Arctic expanse that caps the Earth.

The service has been piggybacking off of Starlink commercial services as they become available in the polar region, Beal said.

More than half the Arctic coastline belongs to Russia, which is increasingly isolated from its northern neighbors. That's turned the region into a growing security concern for the U.S., which has a foothold through Alaska, and for NATO. Russia set up a Northern Command in 2014 and has opened hundreds of new and former Soviet military sites in the Arctic. It's also developing new nuclear submarines for Arctic operations, including Arcturus, which can deploy underwater drones and hypersonic missiles.

So far, Starlink is demonstrating "very high-rate communications" and is easy to set up, Beal

"You can imagine an Army, Air Force or Navy unit deployed to a remote location that doesn't have the cellphone service niceties and very quickly have communications at high-rates that an airman can set up in 10 minutes — that's a great capability to have," he said.

Todd Harrison, a space analyst with Metrea Strategic Insights, said Starlink is an example of "where commercial space capabilities have pulled ahead of military space capabilities."

Airpower: GAO found 26 aircraft not capable of being mission ready over last decade

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crease in mission capable rates," the GAO said.

Set by the services, mission capable rates are defined as the percentage of total time when the aircraft can fly and perform at least one mission. The metric is used to assess the health and readiness of an aircraft fleet.

The GAO found that between

2011 and 2021, 26 aircraft did not meet their annual mission capable goal in any fiscal year. Moreover, mission capable rates steadily declined for most aircraft during that period, it found.

While mission capable rates for selected aircraft have fallen for the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, the Army has seen its numbers improve even if still falling short of goals, the report found.

Aircraft not capable of meeting mission capable goals were the Air Force's F-16, F-22 and F-15C/D fighters. Army Apache and Chinook helicopters also didn't hit their mission targets, the GAO said.

Marine and Navy F/A-18 jets also missed their mark, as did various cargo planes, the GAO said.

The GAO report came at the behest of Congress, which called on the agency to assess aircraft operation and support costs in relation to mission readiness.

Overall, operating and support costs totaled about \$54 billion in fiscal year 2020 for the reviewed aircraft, a decrease of about \$2.9 billion since 2011 after factoring in inflation, the GAO said.

Meanwhile, maintenance costs became a larger portion of operating and support, increasing by \$1.2 billion since 2011. Such trends have largely been driven by changes in the size of aircraft inventory and reduced flying hours, the GAO said.

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EUROPE

G-20 to hold tough on Russia, urge end to war

Associated Press

NUSA DUA, Indonesia — Leaders of the world's largest economies appeared ready Tuesday to convey a strong message from most condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as President Joe Biden and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy pressed the group to maintain pressure on Moscow over its nine-month war that has devastated Ukraine and roiled the global economy.

A draft declaration by leaders of the Group of 20 major economies under discussion Tuesday echoes the condemnation of Russia's war on Ukraine by the United Nations, while acknowledging differing views among members. The careful wording of the statement reflects tensions prevailing at the gathering, which includes leaders from Russia and China, and the challenge facing the U.S. and its allies to isolate Russian President Vladimir Putin's government as some nations seek to avoid becoming entangled in antagonisms between the big powers.

Still, it would be a strong rebuke of the war that has killed thousands, heightened global security tensions and disrupted the world economy if adopted in its current form, particularly since China and India abstained from condemning Russia's aggression in the March U.N. resolution.

The statement seen Tuesday by The Associated Press "deplores in the strongest terms the aggression by the Russian Federation" and "demands its complete and unconditional withdrawal from the territory of Ukraine." The G-20 draft statement also noted there were different views on the situation and sanctions against Russia, saying that the G-20 was not the forum for resolving security issues.

The push for a strong statement against Russia came as the summit was touched by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen tested positive for CO-VID-19 after his arrival in Bali and said he was returning home. So far, no other leaders are known to have tested positive, though many of those in Bali also attended meetings with the prime minister just days ago during a summit of the Association of Southeast Asian nations.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who led the Russian delegation to the summit in place of Putin, denounced the Biden ad-

ministration push to condemn Moscow.

"All problems are on the Ukrainian side that categorically refuses to hold any talks and comes up with conditions obviously unrealistic and inadequate to this situation," Lavrov said.

In a video address to the summit, Zelenskyy joined Biden in trying to persuade the G-20 to further isolate Russia diplomatically and economically, despite a souring global financial outlook that has tested many nations' resolve.

Inflation and slowing economies are weighing on countries that have imposed penalties on Russia for starting the war. Higher costs for energy and food have destabilized business activity around the world, as much of Europe prepares to brave the winter without imports of Russian natural gas.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo impressed on the gathering what's at stake. "If the war does not end, it will be difficult for the world to move forward," he said.

Zelenskyy reiterated 10 conditions for ending the conflict that began in February, among them a complete withdrawal of Russian troops and full restoration of Ukrainian control of its territory. He spoke days after Ukraine retook the strategic city of Kherson from Russian forces, in his country's latest step in a counteroffensive that has forced Moscow to withdraw its forces from previously-occupied areas.

"Ukraine should not be offered to conclude compromises with its conscience, sovereignty, territory and independence," he said. "Ukraine has always been a leader in peacekeeping efforts, and the world has witnessed it. And if Russia says that it supposedly wants to end this war, let it prove it with actions."

At the summit, Biden met with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who played a pivotal role this summer in brokering a deal to open up Ukrainian grain exports to ease global food shortages.

Biden also met briefly with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. His cooperation is needed to secure a U.S.-sought price cap on Russian oil to limit the profits Moscow uses to invest in its defense base.

Modi reiterated his call for "the path of ceasefire and diplomacy" in the war in Ukraine.



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A resident hugs a Ukrainian defense force member in Kherson, Ukraine, on Monday. The retaking of Kherson was one of Ukraine's biggest successes in the nearly nine months since Moscow's invasion.

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least 85 missiles, "most of them at our energy infrastructure," and shut down power in many cities.

"We're working, will restore everything. We will survive everything," the president vowed.

His energy minister said the attack was "the most massive" bombardment of power facilities in the nearly 9-month-old Russian invasion, striking both power generation and transmission systems.

The minister, Herman Haluschenko, described the missile strikes as "another attempt at terrorist revenge" after military and diplomatic setbacks for the Kremlin. He accused Russia of "trying to cause maximum damage to our energy system on the eve of winter."

The aerial assault, which resulted in at least one death in a residential building in the capital, Kyiv, followed days of euphoria in Ukraine sparked by one of its biggest military successes — the retaking last week of the southern city of Kherson.

The power grid was already battered by previous attacks that destroyed an estimated 40% of the country's energy infrastructure.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has not commented on the retreat from Kherson since his troops pulled out in the face of a Ukrainian offensive. But the stunning scale of Tuesday's strikes spoke volumes and hinted at anger in the Kremlin.

By striking targets in the late afternoon, not long before dusk began to fall, the Russian military forced rescue workers to labor in the dark and gave repair crews scant time to assess the damage by daylight.

More than a dozen regions —



Residents gather next to an internet hot spot in Kherson on Monday.

among them Lviv in the west, Kharkiv in the northeast and others in between — reported strikes or efforts by their air defenses to shoot missiles down.

At least a dozen regions reported power outages, affecting cities that together have millions of people. Almost half of the Kyiv region lost power, authorities said. Ukrainian Railways announced nationwide train delays.

Zelenskyy warned more strikes were possible and urged people to stay safe and seek shelter.

With its battlefield losses mounting, Russia has increasingly resorted to targeting Ukraine's power grid, seemingly hoping to turn the approach of winter into a weapon by leaving people in the cold and dark.

The strikes came as authorities

were already working furiously to get Kherson back on its feet and beginning to investigate alleged Russian abuses there and in the surrounding area.

The southern city is without power and water, and the head of the U.N. human rights office's monitoring mission in Ukraine, Matilda Bogner, on Tuesday decried a "dire humanitarian situation" there.

Speaking from Kyiv, Bogner said her teams are looking to travel to Kherson to try to verify allegations of nearly 80 cases of forced disappearances and arbitrary detention.

The head of the National Police of Ukraine, Igor Klymenko, said authorities are to start investigating reports from Kherson residents that Russian forces set up at least three alleged torture sites in now-liberated parts of the wider Kherson region and that "our people may have been detained and tortured there."

The retaking of Kherson dealt another stinging blow to the Kremlin. Zelenskyy likened the recapture to the Allied landings in France on D-Day in World War II, saying both were watershed events on the road to eventual victory.

But large parts of eastern and southern Ukraine remain under Russian control, and fighting continues.

Zelenskyy warned of possible more grim news ahead.

"Everywhere, when we liberate our land, we see one thing — Russia leaves behind torture chambers and mass burials. ... How many mass graves are there in the territory that still remains under the control of Russia?" Zelenskyy asked.

Memorial dedicated to Native American vets

By Dana Hedgpeth The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Allen Kale 'iolani Hoe, 75, traveled nearly 5,000 miles from his home in Hawaii to witness the dedication of a memorial to honor Indigenous veterans and active U.S. military members that sits outside the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall.

For Hoe, a Native Hawaiian who served as an Army combat medic in Vietnam, the trip to Washington last weekend brought pride and joy. There was also sadness as he remembered his 27-year-old son, Nainoa, a U.S. Army infantry officer who was killed 17 years ago in combat in Iraq.

"This is a powerful statement in terms of putting all of the politics aside to showcase Native peoples and how they've served this country through decades of conflict," said Hoe. "This nation and the citizens of this nation owe a huge debt of gratitude to Indigenous men and women who have for decades — and even centuries — helped to preserve this country."

Hoe was among 1,700 Indigenous veterans and military service members who came from tribes across the country and descended on the museum's grounds for three days of events that kicked off Friday — Veterans Day — with a procession, followed by speeches from dignitaries and a ceremonial, first-time lighting of the \$15 million memorial that has been more than two decades in the making.

The dedication, in sight of the U.S. Capitol, was an emotional experience for people whose ancestors had been forced from their lands and treated harshly by a country that many in their community went on to defend over past decades, and still serve today. There are roughly 135,000 veterans and active military service members who are American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian.

Military veterans and active service members participated in the procession on the grounds of the Mall. Some decorated war veterans rode in motorized wheelchairs, while others used canes or walkers — many wore jackets or baseball caps that detailed their respective military branches and overseas deployments. Others wore their traditional Indigenous regalia, and some



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U.S. Army retiree Donald E. Loudner, national commander of the National American Indian Veterans, of the Hunkpati Dakota Sioux tribe, center, leads Native Americans during a procession in Washington, D.C.



Hamilton Tongkeamha, 37, from the Kiowa tribe in Oklahoma, was among the vets gathered at the National Native American Veterans Memorial during the dedication in Washington on Friday.

were in full military dress as they carried flags of the United States, their military branch and tribal affiliations and marched in cadence.

Thomas H. Begay, 98, a Navajo from Albuquerque, N.M., was among those who came. Growing up in a rural area, he spoke only Navajo until he learned English at 13 years old. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at 16. In World War II, he was selected as a Navajo Code Talker a group of American Indians who used their Indigenous language to send secret military codes that enemies could not unscramble. Begay survived Iwo Jima and can still remember dates of battles he served in and the names of lost comrades. He went on to serve in the Army in

Korea and survived the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir, a particularly brutal fight. He earned eight Bronze Stars for his military service.

In the Friday procession, Begay occasionally stood from his wheel-chair and walked a few hundred feet, pausing at times to wave and salute the crowd. He wore white gloves, a shirt adorned with his military honors and a traditional silver and turquoise Native American bolo at his neck.

Native American leaders said that before the memorial opened, Indigenous veterans had to go to other war memorials in D.C. for tributes. Getting a memorial to recognize Indigenous peoples' service near the Mall was a long time in coming

Ray C. Doyah, 80, traveled with roughly two dozen others from his Kiowa tribe in Carnegie, Okla., on a chartered bus for the dedication. An air traffic controller for the U.S. Air Force in the Vietnam War, Doyah sat in his walker on the Mall, listening as a dozen speakers praised Native Americans for serving a country that did not always respect them and their tribal sovereignty. As they spoke of Indigenous peoples' valor, courage and perseverance, tears came to his eyes.

"This is so moving to be here," said Doyah. "It means a lot to me. I'm so glad to see we're getting the recognition we deserve."

Indigenous peoples have a long history of service in the U.S. military and have served in every major military conflict since the Revolutionary War. Museum experts said that compared with their population in the U.S., Indigenous peoples serve at "extraordinarily high numbers."

At least 12,000 Native Americans served during World War I, and in World War II, about 44,000 served. Another 10,000 served in the Korean War, and about 42,000 served in Vietnam. According to the Pentagon, of the roughly 1.3 million active duty U.S. service members, nearly 14,000 identify as American Indian or Alaskan Native.

Some people may question why

Native Americans would serve in the U.S. military, given the government's forced takeover of their lands, followed by centuries of broken treaties, but Native American veterans, historians and tribal leaders said there is a complex set of reasons as to why they do it.

Some Native Americans were drafted. Others come from economically depressed areas, so it is a chance to travel and get on a stable career path. Many others serve because of a sense of patriotism and duty to defend homelands that originally belonged to their tribes. They see military service as an obligation and an honor. Some want to proudly follow generations of family members who have served. And for many, it is an extension of their tribe's warrior culture and customs.

In 1994, Congress passed legislation establishing the memorial, and museum officials spoke to more than 1,200 veterans and tribal leaders in forums across the country to get their input. They chose Harvey Pratt, a Cheyenne and Arapaho who also served as a Marine in Vietnam, from 120 submissions to design it. More than \$15 million was raised for the memorial's construction and dedication, and it opened in November 2020, but official dedication ceremonies were delayed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Called the Warriors' Circle of Honor, the memorial stretches 12 feet tall and is a stainless steel circle that's balanced on a carved, stone drum. It has the seals of the Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marine Corps on it. The circle represents "the hole in the sky where the Creator lives," according to Pratt, and visitors often tie cloths for prayers and healing — a Native American tradition—on four lances around the edges of the memorial. Pratt has said the memorial is meant to be a place of "gathering, remembrance, healing and reflection."

At one point during Friday's dedication, a rainbow broke through the clouds, just over the U.S. Capitol. For many including Hoe, it felt like a sign to honor those who had served.

"It's awesome," Hoe said, "to see the number of Indians that came to show our history and desire to continue the legacy and traditions of being Native warriors who want to serve their country and their Native lands"

"My son would be so proud."



NATION

GOP on cusp of retaking House with slim edge

By WILL WEISSERT Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans were on the cusp of retaking control of the House late Monday, just one victory shy of the 218 seats the party needs to secure a majority, narrowing the path for Democrats to keep the chamber and raising the prospect of a divided government in Washington.

Democrats have already won control of the Senate, securing 50 seats with a runoff in Georgia next month that could give President Joe Biden's party an additional seat. The GOP came into the election needing to gain a net of just five seats for House control.

Nearly a week after the midterm elections, Republicans were closing in on the majority, giving conservatives leverage to blunt Biden's agenda and spur a flurry of investigations. But a slim numerical ad-

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Washington grow.

vantage will pose immediate challenges for GOP leaders and complicate the party's ability to govern.

The full scope of the party's majority may not be clear for several more days—or weeks—as

votes in competitive races are still being counted. Still, the party was on track to achieve 218 with seats in California and other states still too early to call.

Even barely achieving 218, though, means Republicans will likely have the narrowest majority of the 21st century. It could rival

2001, when Republicans had just a nine-seat majority, 221-212 with two independents. That's far short of the sweeping victory Republicans predicted going into this year's midterm elections, when the party hoped to reset the agenda on Capitol Hill by capitalizing on economic challenges and Biden's lagging popularity.

Instead, Democrats were able to largely blunt an expected big GOP election, holding on to moderate, suburban districts from Virginia to Minnesota and Kansas. The results could complicate House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy's plans to become speaker as some conservative members have questioned whether to back him or have imposed conditions for their support.

The narrow margins have upended Republican politics and prompted finger-pointing about what went wrong. Some in the GOP

have blamed Donald Trump for the worsethan-expected outcome. The former president, who is expected to announce a third White House bid on Tuesday, lifted candidates during this year's

primaries who struggled to win during the general election.

Despite its underwhelming showing, the GOP will still see its power in Washington grow. Republicans will take control of House committees, giving them the ability to shape legislation and launch probes of Biden, his family and his



I. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., arrives as Republicans hold their leadership candidate forum, where everyone running for a post, including McCarthy, will make their case, at the Capitol in Washington, on Monday. McCarthy seeks to be House speaker in a chamber with a slim GOP majority.

administration.

There's particular interest in investigating the overseas business dealings of the president's son Hunter Biden. Some of the most conservative lawmakers have raised the prospect of impeaching Biden, though that will be much harder for the party to accomplish with a tight majority.

Any legislation that emerges from the House could face steep odds in the Senate, where the narrow Democratic majority will often be enough to derail GOP-championed legislation.

With such a slim majority in the House, there's a potential for legislative chaos. The dynamic essentially gives an individual member enormous sway over shaping what happens in the chamber. That could lead to particularly tricky circumstances for GOP leaders as they try to win support for mustpass measures that keep the government funded or raise the debt ceiling.

The GOP's failure to notch more gains was especially surprising because the party went into the election benefiting from congressional maps that were redrawn by Republican legislatures. History was also on Republicans' side: The party that holds the White House had lost congressional seats during virtually every new president's first midterm of the modern era.

If elected to succeed House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in the top post, McCarthy would lead what will likely be a rowdy conference of House Republicans, most of whom are aligned with Trump's bareknuckle brand of politics. Many Republicans in the incoming Congress rejected the results of the 2020 presidential election, even though claims of widespread fraud were refuted by courts, elections officials and Trump's own attorney general.

In the first national election since the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection, one Republican who was outside the Capitol on the day of the mob attack, Derrick Van Orden, won a House seat. He won a seat long held by Democrats in Wisconsin.

Republican candidates pledged on the campaign trail to cut taxes and tighten border security. GOP lawmakers also could withhold aid to Ukraine as it fights a war with Russia or use the threat of defaulting on the nation's debt as leverage to extract cuts from social spending and entitlements — though all such pursuits will be tougher given how small the GOP majority may end up being

As a senator and then vice president, Biden spent a career crafting legislative compromises with Republicans. But as president, he was clear about what he viewed as the threats posed by the current Republican Party.

Biden said the midterms show voters want Democrats and Republicans to find ways to cooperate and govern in a bipartisan manner, but also noted that Republicans didn't achieve the electoral surge they'd been betting on and vowed, "I'm not going to change anything in any fundamental way."

The president was also blunt in assessing his party's dwindling chances, saying Monday of the House, "I think it's going to be very close, but I don't think we're going to make it."

Hobbs wins Arizona governor's race, flipping state for Dems

By Jonathan J. Cooper

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Democrat Katie Hobbs was elected Arizona governor on Monday, defeating an ally of Donald Trump who falsely claimed the 2020 election was rigged and refused to say she would accept the results of her race this year.

Hobbs, who is Arizona's secretary of state, rose to prominence as a staunch defender of the legitimacy of the last election and warned that her Republican rival, former television news anchor Kari Lake, would be an agent of chaos. Hobbs'



Hobbs

victory adds further evidence that Trump is weighing down his allies in a crucial battleground state as the former president gears up for an

announcement of a 2024 presidential run.

She will succeed Republican Gov. Doug Ducey, who was prohibited by term limit laws from running again. She's the first Democrat to be elected governor in Arizona since Janet Napolitano in

"For the Arizonans who did not vote for me, I will work just as hard for you — because even in this moment of division, I believe there is so much more that connects us," Hobbs said in a statement declaring victory.

"This was not just about an election — it was about moving this state forward and facing the challenges of our generation."

Lake tweeted after the call, "Arizonans know BS when they see it."
The Associated Press called the

governor's race for Hobbs after the latest round of vote releases gave her a big enough lead that the AP determined she would not relinquish it. The AP concluded that, even though Lake had been posting increasingly larger margins in vote updates from Maricopa County, she was not gaining a big enough share to overtake Hobbs and was running out of remaining votes.

Vote counting had gone on for days since the Tuesday election, as officials continued to tally massive amounts of late-arriving ballots.

Hobbs eked out a narrow win in

2018 as secretary of state and was thrust into the center of a political storm as Arizona became the centerpiece of the efforts by Trump and his allies to overturn the results of the 2020 election he lost. She appeared constantly on cable news defending the integrity of the vote count.

The attention allowed her to raise millions of dollars and raise her profile. When she announced her campaign for governor, other prominent Democrats declined to run and Hobbs comfortably won her primary.

NATION

Measure gives non-citizens in-state tuition

By Anita Snow Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona voters have approved an initiative to extend cheaper in-state college tuition to some non-citizen students, cheering supporters who hope the measure's passage Monday will help spark momentum for wider immigration reform in Congress.

The Associated Press called the race for Proposition 308 after the latest round of vote releases gave it a big enough lead that the AP

determined it could not lose. Arizona joins at least 18 other states, including California and Virginia, that offer in-state tuition to all students who otherwise qualify regardless of immigration status.

"This shows there is bipartisan broad consensus about immigration solutions," Rebecca Shi, executive director of the national American Business Immigration Coalition Action, said earlier in the day, anticipating the proposition's success.

The measure was referred to the ballot by Arizona's Legislature and repeals some parts of an earlier initiative that banned instate tuition for non-citizens. It will allow all students regardless of immigration status to pay instate college rates as long as they attended Arizona high schools for two years and graduated.

Advocates say tens of thousands of future non-citizen students who have been in Arizona for years could potentially benefit

from the proposition in a state where an estimated 275,000 migrants are living without authorization.

The measure will allow qualifying non-citizen students to pay the current in-state undergraduate tuition of \$10,978 per academic year at Arizona's state universities. Those universities do not have a specific rate for non-citizens brought to the U.S. as children, but officials say more than 300 students are currently paying

a non-resident rate for Arizona high school graduates that is 150% of in-state costs.

Community college students will also benefit.

The vote is a turnaround from 2006, when Arizona voters rode a widespread wave of anti-immigrant sentiment to bar students who entered the U.S. without authorization from getting in-state tuition and other financial benefits, even if they lived here most of their lives.



Andrew Harnik/AP

President Donald Trump turns to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif. as he delivers his State of the Union address on Capitol Hill in Washington as Vice President Mike Pence watches on Feb. 5, 2019.

'Did not end well': Pence's new book details his split with Trump

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Vice President Mike Pence blames Donald Trump for endangering his family "and all those serving at the Capitol" on Jan. 6 in a new memoir released Tuesday.

In "So Help Me God," Pence recounts, for the first time in his own words, the Republican former president's extraordinary effort to push him to overturn the results of the 2020 election and shares his account of the day thousands of rioters stormed the Capitol, with some chanting "Hang Mike Pence."

"They had come to protest the result of the election and to prevent Congress from fulfilling its responsibility to open and count the Electoral College votes," Pence writes. "And, as I later learned, many had come looking for me."

The book, which traces Pence's life in politics — from serving as youth coordinator for a local Democratic Party to watching then-Vice President Al Gore certify his election loss days after Pence had been sworn in as a member of Congress

— largely defends Trump, glossing over and whitewashing many of his most contentious episodes. "I had always been loyal to President Donald Trump," the book begins.

But Pence, who spent years refusing to publicly criticize his old boss, makes clear that Jan. 6, 2021, was a breaking point in which, he writes, Trump's "reckless words had endangered my family and all those serving at the Capitol."

"For four years, we had a close working relationship. It did not end well," Pence writes, summing up their time in the White House. Still, he adds, "we parted amicably when our service to the nation drew to a close. In the months that followed, we spoke from time to time, but when the president returned to the rhetoric that he was using before that tragic day and began to publicly criticize those of us who defended the Constitution, I decided it would be best to go our separate ways."

The book, published by Simon & Schuster, comes as Pence appears increasingly likely to run for president in 2024, a move that would put

him in direct conflict with Trump, who was expected to formally launch his own reelection campaign in Florida on Tuesday.

Pence, who in the book never directly states that Democrat Joe Biden won fairly, writes that when Trump first suggested holding a rally in Washington on Jan. 6, the day Pence was set to preside over the election's certification, he thought it was a good idea.

Instead, Pence describes sitting in the Senate chamber and presiding over the certification when the Senate parliamentarian leaned over to inform him that rioters had breached the building and a member of his Secret Service detail rushing over to insist they leave. Pence refused to vacate the building and was instead ushered to a Senate loading dock, where he spent hours, surrounded by staff and family members, making calls to military and congressional leaders to coordinate the government's response, as the president — who never bothered to check in on Pence's safety sat cloistered, watching TV.

Trump prepares to launch 3rd campaign for the White House

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Former President Donald Trump was preparing to launch his third campaign for the White House on Tuesday, looking to move on from disappointing midterm defeats and defy history amid signs that his grip on the Republican Party is waning.

Trump had hoped to use the GOP's expected gains in last week's elections as a springboard to vault himself to his party's nomination by locking in early support to keep potential challengers at bay. Instead, he now finds himself being blamed for backing a series of losing candidates after disappointing results in which Democrats retained control of the Senate and House control remains too early to call.

"Hopefully, tomorrow will turn out to be one of the most important days in the history of our Country!" Trump wrote on his social media network on Monday. An announcement was expected at 9 p.m. EST Tuesday from his club in Palm Beach.

Another campaign is a remarkable turn for any former president, much less one who made history as the first to be impeached twice and whose term ended with his supporters violently storming the U.S. Capitol in a deadly bid to halt the peaceful transition of power on Jan. 6, 2021. Just one president in U.S. history has been elected to two nonconsecutive terms: Grover Cleveland in 1884 and 1892.

Trump is also facing a series of intensifying criminal investigations, including a Justice Department probe into the hundreds of documents with classified markings that were discovered in boxes and drawers at his Mar-a-Lago club.

Aides and allies had urged Trump to wait until after the midterms were over — and then until after a Dec. 6 Senate runoff election in Georgia — to announce his plans. But Trump, eager to return to the spotlight, is also hoping to stave off a long list of potential challengers, including Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who cruised to reelection last week and is now being urged by many in his party to run for president a well.

Trump has tried to blame Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell for the GOP's performance—and McConnell allies have criticized Rick Scott, the Florida senator who heads the Senate Republicans' campaign committee.

However, Trump has received the brunt of criti-



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cism for elevating candidates in states like Pennsylvania and Arizona who were unappealing to general election voters because they embraced

his lies about 2020 election or held hard-line views on issues like abortion that were out of step with the mainstream.

While Trump has the backing of the No. 3 House Republican, Rep. Elise Stefanik, others were already moving on.

Asked whether she would endorse Trump in 2024, Republican Sen. Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming told reporters Monday: "I don't think that's the right question. I think the question is, who is the current leader of the Republican Party?"

Asked who that was, she replied: "Ron DeSantis."

Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, a longtime Trump critic, compared Trump to a pitcher who keeps losing after GOP disappointments in 2018, 2020 and now 2022.

"He's been on the mound and lost three straight games. If we want to start winning, we need someone else on the mound. And we've got a very strong bench that can come out," Romney said.

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US wholesale inflation eases to 8%, 4th straight slowdown

By Christopher Rugaber

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prices at the wholesale level rose 8% in October from a year ago, the fourth straight decline and the latest sign that inflation pressures in the United States are easing from painfully high levels.

The annual figure is down from 8.4% in September. On a monthly basis, the government said Tuesday that its producer price index, which measures costs before they reach consumers, rose 0.2% in October from September. That was same as in the previous month, which was revised down from an initial reading of 0.4%.

The figures came in lower than economists expected and make it more likely that the Federal Reserve will increase its benchmark interest rate in smaller incre-

It has hiked its short-term rate by three-quarters of a point for four meetings in a row, but economists now increasingly foresee an increase of a half-point at its December meeting.

"The improvement in the October inflation data, if it persists, supports the Fed's expectation of a step down in the pace of increases going forward," said Rubeela Farooqi, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, a forecasting firm.

Most of the monthly increase reflected higher gas prices at the wholesale level, which rose 5.7% just in October.

The cost of new cars fell 1.5%, last month, which could lead to lower prices at the retail level as

Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, core producer prices were unchanged in October from September, the lowest reading in nearly two years. Core prices increased 6.7% last month from a year ago, down from a 7.1% annual rate in September.

The cost of services, such as hotels, air travel, and health care, slipped 0.1% in October from September, the first drop since November 2020.

The report follows last week's better-known consumer price index, which showed that year-overyear inflation cooled to a slowerthan-expected 7.7% in October, down from 8.2% in September. And excluding volatile food and energy costs, that report also said that core prices rose just 0.3% in October from the previous month, half the increase of the previous two months.

Those consumer inflation figures sent stock markets soaring because they suggested that the devastating price spikes of the past 18 months might finally be moderating. The cost of used cars, clothing, and furniture fell, a sign that goods prices are reversing their big price leaps of last year, when supply chain blockages sent inflation soaring.

In recent months, delays at major ports have been cleared, the price of ocean shipping has tumbled and more stores are building larger stockpiles. All those trends suggest that goods prices could continue to decline.



A police dog searches an apartment complex property south of campus where four deceased University of Idaho students were found by local authorities on Monday in Moscow, Idaho.

Knife used in lethal attack on Idaho students, police say

By Rebecca Boone

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Four University of Idaho students found dead in an off-campus home were targeted, and the killer or killers used a knife or other "edged weapon," police disclosed Tuesday.

Investigators were trying to establish a timeline to re-create the victims' activities on Saturday night and early Sunday morning, "following all leads and identifying persons of interest," the Moscow Police Department said in a news release. The killings likely occurred in the early morning hours and the bodies were found around noon.

The students were killed in what is considered to be "an isolated, targeted attack and there is no imminent threat to the community at large," according to police, who earlier said evidence from the scene led them to believe there was no broader risk. Police provided no information about that evidence or why they believe the victims were targeted.

Autopsies expected to be completed later this week could provide more information about how the victims were killed.

Police discovered the students' bodies Sunday as they responded to a report of an unconscious person at a home steps away from the campus. The victims were identified as Ethan Chapin, a 20-yearold from Conway, Wash.; Madison Mogen, a 21-year-old from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Xana Kernodle, 20, from Avondale, Ariz.; and Kaylee Goncalves, 21, from Rathdrum, Idaho.

The university canceled classes on Monday, and said additional security staffers were available to walk students across campus if needed during the remainder of

Still, the initial lack of information about the cause of the deaths — and the fact that police have said there is no one in custody prompted many students to leave campus early, days before the Thanksgiving break was scheduled to begin.

A vigil for the slain students that was originally scheduled for Wednesday evening has been postponed until after Thanksgiving break, University of Idaho spokesman Kyle Pfannenstiel said in an email Tuesday.

In a memo released Monday afternoon, University of Idaho President Scott Green urged university employees to be empathetic and flexible and work with students who decided to leave classes to spend time with their families.

Brian Nickerson, the fire chief of the Moscow Volunteer Fire and EMS Department, said police were the first to arrive at the home. The first responders from the fire and EMS department didn't go inside or transport anyone from the scene, Nickerson

The University said Chapin was a freshman and a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, and Kernodle was a junior majoring in marketing and a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Mogen was a senior also majoring in marketing and a member of Pi Beta Phi, and Goncalves was a senior majoring in general studies and a member of the Alpha Phi sorority, the university said. The university also had different home town listed for Chapin and Kernodle than the towns listed in the Moscow Police Department release: The school said Chapin was from Mount Vernon, Wash., and Kernodle was from Post Falls, Idaho.

Automatic braking seen to cut crashes

Associated Press

DETROIT — Two new U.S. studies show that automatic emergency braking can cut the number of rear-end automobile crashes in half, and reduce pickup truck crashes by more than 40%.

The studies released Tuesday, one by a government-auto industry partnership and the other by the insurance industry, each used crash data to make the calculations. Automatic emergency braking can stop vehicles if a crash is imminent, or slow them to re-

Some automakers are moving toward a voluntary commitment by 20 companies to make the braking technology standard equipment on 95% of their lightduty models during the current model year that ends next August.

A study by The Partnership for Analytics Research

in Traffic Safety compared data on auto equipment with 12 million police-reported crashes from 13 states that was collected by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the partnership said in a statement Tuesday. The group studied forward collision warning as well as emergency braking.

The group found front-to-rear crashes were cut 49% when the striking vehicle had forward collision alert plus automatic braking, when compared with vehicles that didn't have either system. Rear crashes with injuries were cut by 53%, the study found.

Vehicles with forward collision warning systems only reduced rear-end crashes by 16%, and cut rear crashes with injuries by 19%.

Automatic emergency braking works well in all conditions, even when road, weather or lighting conditions were not ideal, the study showed.

US, Cuban officials to meet again in Havana

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Cuban officials plan to meet in Havana on Tuesday to discuss migration policy, the latest in a series of sessions between two governments with a historically icy relationship and amid one of the biggest migratory flights from the island in decades.

The State Department on Monday confirmed the latest meeting to The Associated Press. While the department did not offer specifics on what would be discussed, it said the talks were routine and represent a continuation of a nearly 30-year engagement with Cuba on migration matters as neighbor-

ing states. The talks were limited to migration, the State Department said.

U.S. authorities stopped Cubans nearly 221,000 times in the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, a 471% increase from the year before, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data.

In October, Cubans replaced Venezuelans as the second-largest nationality after Mexicans, extending the biggest flight from the Caribbean island to the United States since the Mariel boatlift in 1980, according to figures released late Monday. Cubans were stopped 28,848 times, up 10% from September.

The mass migration is fueled by a complex mix of economic and political turmoil exacerbated by a deepening energy crisis and devastation wrought by Hurricane Ian in late September.

Last Wednesday, State Department officials traveled to Cuba to discuss the expansion of consular and visa services with Cuban officials. Those services were previously closed following a series of health incidents in 2017.

The Biden administration also announced that visa processing would resume in January.

Tuesday's meeting represents a slow thawing of a relationship that has always been tense.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man accused of taking truck, leading chase

CONCORD — A man stole an Amazon truck that was making deliveries and led troopers on a chase along Interstate 93 through two communities before he was arrested, New Hampshire State Police said.

The vehicle was taken in Concord on Sunday afternoon, police said. Officers spotted it in Hooksett heading south on the interstate, but weren't able to stop it. They pursued the vehicle through Manchester, where the truck ultimately came to a stop on a dead-end road.

The driver got out and state troopers arrested him with the help of a police dog. The 40-year-old man was described as homeless.

Retired admiral to lead Merchant Marine Academy

KINGS POINT — The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy's next superintendent will be the first woman appointed to the position in the institution's nearly 80-year history, the U.S. Transportation Department announced Saturday.

Retired U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Joanna Nunan will take the helm at the 1,000-person academy on Long Island in a few weeks, the department said. She succeeds Jack Buono, who resigned in June.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said Nunan is "the right leader at the right time" for the Merchant Marine Academy, which has been racked by sexual misconduct allegations in recent years.

Last year, the academy suspended its Sea Year program — which sends cadets to work on container ships, oil tankers, passenger liners and other vessels — for the second time since 2016 after a cadet said a cargo ship supervisor got her drunk and raped her. In December 2020, the Transportation Department agreed to pay \$1.4 million to settle a lawsuit brought by a cadet who alleged he was hazed and sexually assaulted by his academy soccer teammates.

Man gets prison for placing bombs outside stores

BAY CITY—A northern Michigan man who said he placed pipe bombs outside phone stores because he was upset with "immoral content" on phones and TV was sentenced Wednesday to more than six years in prison.

John D. Allen's crimes of "extortion and attempted destruction of cellphone stores were incredibly dangerous," Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Michael Buckley said in a court filing. Allen, 76, was accused of placing explosives and threatening notes outside phone stores in Sault Ste. Marie and Cheboygan. "HJ" and "Handcuff Johnny" were written on the boxes, apparently references to Allen. No one was hurt.

Allen, who lives in Whittemore, pleaded guilty to extortion and attempted destruction of a building.



RAY LEE, FLORIDA KEYS NEWS BUREAU/AP

Release is going swimmingly

Bette Zirkelbach, manager of the Florida Keys-based Turtle Hospital, releases Ian, a juvenile green sea turtle, about 20 miles off Key West, Fla., on Saturday. The tiny reptile was named after a family discovered it while cleaning up a boat ramp following Ian's tropical storm-force winds brushing Key West on Sept. 29. The hospital nursed Ian back to health and released it with several other young turtles.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Ludington in Bay City sentenced him to $6^{1/4}$ years in prison.

Response truck unveiled to assist at natural disasters

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police has a new response truck to deploy teams to natural disasters

The truck, trailer and equipment will allow meal preparation for first responders at the scene and ensure adequate access to food, water and other support, WBKO-TV in Bowling Green reported. The truck was unveiled last week in Lexington.

The truck was paid for with a \$125,000 donation from Burning Barrel Skill Games.

Crewman gets 20 years for fatal stabbing on ship

LOS ANGELES — A crewmanwho stabbed to death his supervisor on a container ship heading to Los Angeles was sentenced Monday to 20 years in federal prison.

Michael Dequito Monegro, 44, of the Philippines, was sentenced in federal court in Los Angeles. He pleaded guilty in May to committing an act of violence against someone aboard a ship that is likely to endanger the vessel's safe navigation.

Monegro was working on the

MSC Ravenna on a two-week run from Shanghai to Los Angeles in September 2020 when he stabbed the man as the vessel was about 92 miles off the California coast, according to his plea agreement.

Monegro attacked his supervisor in a hallway outside a locker room, prosecutors said. He stabbed the victim 31 times, according to a statement Monday from the U.S. attorney's office.

Monegro was kept under guard in his cabin and arrested a week later when the ship docked at the Port of Los Angeles.

Semitrailer strikes bus carrying hockey team

WARSAW — Sixteen people were injured, three critically, after a semitrailer collided with a bus carrying a youth hockey team from Chicago in northern Indiana, police said.

Investigators believe alcohol was a factor in the collision and police arrested the semitrailer driver whom they said was swerving and speeding before the crash in Warsaw.

The crash occurred around 8 p.m. Saturday and caused the bus to fall on its driver's side, police said. The semitrailer ended up in a ditch.

The hockey team is comprised of students ages 14 to 17 from Chicago's St. Ignatius College Prep and was playing in a tournament in nearby Culver.

Two critically injured students were taken to Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital and one was transported to a local hospital, police said. Their medical conditions were upgraded Sunday to stable. The other injured students were treated and released.

Woman convicted in hoax pleads guilty to fraud

PA PHILADELPHIA — A former Pennsylvania woman who made national headlines more than a decade ago by falsely claiming she had been kidnapped when she had actually gone to Walt Disney World has pleaded guilty to having stolen nearly \$150,000 from an employer.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that Bonnie Sweeten, 51, of Delanco, N.J., pleaded guilty to two counts of wire fraud. She was allowed to remain free pending her Feb. 21 sentencing.

Prosecutors said the former Feasterville resident was hired in 2017 as a bookkeeper for an unnamed Doylestown excavation firm headed by someone who had known her for many years. They allege that she used her position and access to issue dozens of company checks to herself, steal checks mailed to the firm and fraudulently endorse them over to herself and make tens of thousands of dollars of personal purchases on the company credit card.

Authorities said in 2009 that

Sweeten, who is white, called 911 claiming she and her 9-year-old daughter had been carjacked by two Black men and stuffed into the trunk of another vehicle. Authorities said she was actually on her way to the airport to fly to Florida using a coworker's identification card and feared arrest in a fraud case. She served nearly a year in state prison for the hoax.

Hotel that hosted JFK, Beatles imploded

MIAMI BEACH — A once-luxurious Miami Beach hotel that hosted the Beatles and President John F. Kennedy during its 1960s heyday was imploded Sunday after falling into disrepair and abandonment in recent years.

The 17-story Deauville Hotel fell into itself after a series of explosions were set off, sending up a large cloud of dust. The hotel was built in 1957. Kennedy spoke there to the Young Democrats Convention in 1961.

The Beatles performed there in 1964, recording six songs for "The Ed Sullivan Show," drawing an estimated television audience of 70 million people. Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones and Sammy Davis Jr. also performed there.

The property fell into disrepair over the years and was closed in 2017 after an electrical fire.

From The Associated Press

WORLD

Global population hits 8B, creating many new challenges

Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — The world's population was projected to hit an estimated 8 billion people on Tuesday, according to a United Nations projection, with much of the growth coming from developing nations in Africa.

Among them is Nigeria, where resources are already stretched to the limit. More than 15 million people in Lagos compete for everything from electricity to light their homes to spots on crowded buses, often for two-hour commutes each way in this sprawling megacity. Some Nigerian children set off for school as early as 5 a.m.

And over the next three decades, the West African nation's population is expected to soar even more: from 216 million this year to 375 million, the U.N. has said. That would make Nigeria the fourthmost populous country in the world

after India, China and the United

"We are already overstretching what we have—the housing, roads, the hospitals, schools. Everything is overstretched," said Gyang Dalyop, an urban planning and development consultant in Nigeria.

The U.N.'s Day of 8 Billion milestone Tuesday is more symbolic than precise, officials are careful to note in a wide-ranging report released over the summer that makes some staggering projections.

The upward trend threatens to leave even more people in developing countries further behind, as governments struggle to provide enough classrooms and jobs for a rapidly growing number of youth, and food insecurity becomes an even more urgent problem.

Nigeria is among eight countries the U.N. has said will account for more than half the world's population growth between now and 2050
— along with fellow African nations Congo, Ethiopia and Tanzania

"The population in many countries in sub-Saharan Africa is projected to double between 2022 and 2050, putting additional pressure on already strained resources and challenging policies aimed to reduce poverty and inequalities," the U.N. report said.

It projected the world's population will reach around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050 and 10.4 billion in 2100.

Rapid population growth also means more people vying for scarce water resources and leaves more families facing hunger as climate change increasingly impacts crop production in many parts of the world.

"There is also a greater pressure on the environment, increasing the challenges to food security that is also compounded by climate change," said Dr. Srinath Reddy, president of the Public Health Foundation of India. "Reducing inequality while focusing on adapting and mitigating climate change should be where our policy makers' focus should be."

Still, experts have said the bigger threat to the environment is consumption, which is highest in developed countries not undergoing big population increases.

"Global evidence shows that a small portion of the world's people use most of the Earth's resources and produce most of its greenhouse gas emissions," said Poonam Muttreja, executive director of the Population Foundation of India. "Over the past 25 years, the richest 10% of the global population has been responsible for more than half of all carbon emissions."



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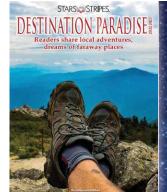
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Israel swears in new right-wing parliament

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — After nearly four years of political deadlock and five elections, Israel on Tuesday swore in the most right-wing parliament in its history.

Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu is working to cobble together a far-right and religious governing coalition in the 120-seat parliament, or Knesset. Jewish left-leaning parties — long the champions of negotiations with the Palestinians — suffered major losses in the Nov. 1 election.

The surging popularity of a right-wing alliance once on the fringes of Israeli society helped propel Netanyahu's political comeback even as he stands trial on corruption charges. Lawmakers burst into applause as Netanyahu took the stage for a photo with other party leaders after the ceremony. The 25th Knesset was sworn into office with trumpets and choral music just hours after a Palestinian assailant went on a deadly

rampage in an Israeli-controlled industrial zone in the occupied West Bank, killing three Israelis and wounding three more before being shot dead. Netanyahu's likely right-wing coalition partners have vowed to act more aggressively against Palestinian attackers and protect Israelis.

Israeli President Isaac Herzog appealed for national unity in his speech after the country's five divisive elections, saying Israelis are "exhausted from the infighting and its fallout."

"Now, the responsibility lies first and foremost with you, the public's elected representatives," he said

Herzog also called on the elected representatives to safeguard the rights of Israel's minorities who fear the next government coalition will roll back the achievements of its predecessor on issues like the environment, LGBTQ rights and funding for the Arab population.

Amid rising tensions with China, Taiwan shows off military drones

Associated Press

TAICHUNG, Taiwan — Taiwan displayed its self-developed drone technology Tuesday, amid rising concerns over China's threats to use force to assert its claim to the self-governing island republic.

The National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology, which develops military technology, offered a rare look at the Chien Hsiang drone designed to destroy enemy radars, and other unmanned combat aerial vehicles.

A dozen of the single-use drones, officially termed loitering munitions, are carried on a truck. Launched with a built-in rocket, they are guided by a propeller engine before crashing into their targets.

Any country that is "confident in itself" will come up with strategies and develop defense technologies, said Chi Li-ping, director of the institute's Aeronautical System Research Division.

Unmanned combat aerial vehicles are "a future trend," Chi said. "This is why we are doing re-



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WALID BERRAZEG/AP

A Chien Hsiang anti radiation loitering munition is displayed at the National Chung-Shan Institute of Science and Technology in Taichung in central Taiwan on Tuesday.

search about it and laying out some strategies."

Taiwan's army began taking delivery last month of the first of 100 helicopter drones ordered from the institute.

Chi emphasized their importance in relaying images to the ar-

my's command and communication systems for analysis and forwarding to combat units.

Taiwan has also developed the Teng Yun, which resembles the American MQ-9 Reaper unmanned aerial vehicle and can stay aloft for up to 24 hours.



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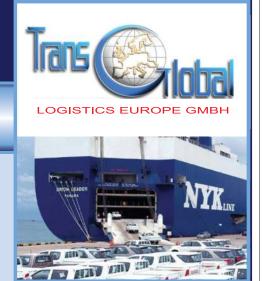
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New this week: 'Spirited' and 'Nope'

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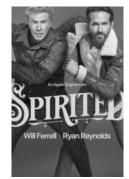
Here's a collection curated by The Associated Press' entertainment journalists of what's arriving on TV, streaming services and music and video game platforms this week.

Movies

■ In "Nope," Jordan Peele has once again made a rarity in Hollywood: a wholly original film that also was a box-office hit. In his third film as writer-director, following "Get Out" and "Us," Peele extends his darkly unsettling oeuvre into science fiction. The film, arriving Friday on Peacock after a theatrical run this summer, is about a mysterious alien force that hovers in the clouds above a California ranch.

The film reteams Peele with "Get Out" star Daniel Kaluuya, whose character maintains a family horse wrangling business with his sister (Keke Palmer).

■ Family films have been few and far between in theaters lately, but they're proliferating on streaming services. One of Netflix's biggest forays into the field yet is "Slumberland," a \$90-million fantasy adventure by "Hunger Games" director Francis Lawrence. The film, which debuts Friday, is about a young girl (Marlow Barkley) who enters the dreamworld of Slumberland, where a rogue named Flip (Jason Momoa) helps her try



APPLE TV+/AP

Will Ferrell, left, and Ryan Reynolds riff on "A Christmas Carol" in the holiday comedy "Spirited," debuting Friday on Apple TV+.

to find her late father. It's loosely based on Winsor McCay's early 20th century comic stream, "Little Nemo in Slumberland."

■ Holiday movies are also already merrily making their way onto home screens. "Spirited," a riff on "A Christmas Carol" starring Will Ferrell and Ryan Reynolds, debuts Friday on Apple TV+. The lavish song-and-dance musical transfers Charles Dickens' classic to modern day and reimagines it from the ghosts' perspectives. (Ferrell plays "Present".)

— AP Film Writer Jake Coyle

Music

■ Neil Young & Crazy Horse have a new 11-track studio album, "World Record," produced by Rick Rubin and Young. The first track, "Love Earth," is a relaxed love ballad to the planet, with the lyrics "Love Earth, such an easy thing to do / Love Earth, 'till the water and the air is pure" and a video of a barefoot Young walking in the wilderness. The new album examines the state of Earth, its uncertain future, and even Young's relationship with cars (on

"Chevrolet"). Young & Crazy Horse have had a prolific couple of years: In 2019, they issued "Colorado," followed by "Barn" in 2021.

- Scotty McCreery fans have reason to smile: A small truckload of new songs from his 2021 "Same Truck" album recording sessions. "Same Truck: The Deluxe Album" is out Friday. "Nothin' Right" is one of six new tracks featured on the deluxe album. "On It" reunites McCreery, Jessi Alexander, Jonathan Singleton and Frank Rogers — the writing team responsible for his 2020 No. 1 hit "In Between."
- Broadway stars and husband and wife Colin Donnell and Patti Murin release their first joint album, "Something Stupid," on Friday. The couple tackle 12 tracks by Bruce Springsteen, Sara Bareilles, Jason Robert Brown, Paul Simon and more. Murin played Princess Anna in Disney's "Frozen" on Broadway and has been a recurring character on NBC's "Chicago Med," a show that has also starred Donnell. His Broadway credits include "Violet," "Anything Goes" and "Jersey Boys."
 - AP Entertainment Writer Mark Kennedy

Television

- Chris Hemsworth, aka "Thor," puts himself to the test in National Geographic's "Limitless," part of an effort to discover the human body's durability and how best to confront aging. Accompanied by friends and presumably nervous family members, Hemsworth undertakes challenges including swimming across an almost-freezing Arctic fjord, climbing a 100-foot rope suspended over a canyon and living with a simulation of what his body might be like at nearly 90 years of age. Created by filmmaker Darren Aronofsky, the six-part series debuts Wednesday on Disney+.
- He was born Steamboat Willie in a 1928 animated short, but like a lot of stars he rebranded with a catchier name. He's finally getting the documentary treatment with "Mickey: The Story of a Mouse," debuting Friday on Disney+. The product of Walt Disney's fertile imagination, Mickey became beloved by children and adults and a cash mouse for Disney's growing entertainment empire. The chipper Mickey also proved an adaptable icon, as detailed in the film from director Jeff Malmberg and producer Morgan Neville (both of whom worked on the Fred Rogers documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor?").
- Fox Nation's four-part series marking the 150year history of Yellowstone National Park has the appropriate host in Kevin Costner, star of the Paramount+ drama "Yellowstone." In "Yellowstone: One-Fifty, " debuting Sunday, Costner follows the path of an 1870s geological expedition in the western region that later became the first U.S. national park; visits Yellowstone during an inhospitable winter with minus-40 degree temperatures, and explores the park's thousands of years of human history.

— AP Television Writer Lynn Elber

Beyoncé is nominated for nine 2023 Grammy Awards, including record and song of the year for "Break My Soul," along with album of the year for "Renaissance."

Beyoncé equals Grammy record

Singer garners 9 nominations, pulls even with her husband Jay-Z at 88 career nods

By Jonathan Landrum Jr. Associated Press

Beyoncé has propelled herself into the highest Grammy echelon: The star singer claimed a leading nine nominations Tuesday, making her tied — with her husband Jay-Z — as the most nominated music act in the history of the awards show.

Beyoncé's "Break My Soul" reeled in record and song of the year nominations, while "Renaissance" — which ventured into the world of dancehall music - netted an album of the year nod. With Jay-Z also earning five nods this year, each spouse now holds the record for the most-ever Grammy nominations at 88 apiece.

Kendrick Lamar came away with the second-most nominations, with eight. Adele and Brandi Carlile both received seven nods. Harry Styles, Mary J. Blige, Future, DJ Khaled, The-Dream and mastering engineer Randy Merrill each picked up six.

Nearly half of this year's leading nominees are women and more than half are people of color, according to the recording academy. The ceremony will be held Feb. 5 in Los Angeles.

Beyoncé, the most decorated woman in Grammy history with 28 wins, could break the late Hungarian-British conductor Georg Solti's record for most awards won if she wins four awards. Solti, who has 31 Grammys, has held on to the record since 1997.

Merrill grabbed two nominations in the record of the year category for the second straight year for his work on Adele's "Easy on Me" and Styles' "As It Was." It's also his first time being nominated three times in the same year for album of the year.

Other album of the year nominees include: Adele's "30," AB-BA's "Voyage," Bad Bunny's "Un Verano Sin Ti," Mary J. Blige's "Good Morning Gorgeous" (Deluxe), Carlile's "In These Silent Days," Coldplay's "Music of the Spheres," Lamar's "Mr. Morale & the Big Steppers," Lizzo's "Special" and Styles' "Harry's House."

Tracks competing with "Break My Soul" for record of the year include Styles' "As It Was," Doja Cat's "Woman," Adele's "Easy On Me," ABBA's "Don't Shut Me Down," Blige's "Good Morning Gorgeous," Steve Lacy's "Bad Habit," Lamar's "The Heart Part 5," Lizzo's "About Damn Time" and Carlile's "You and Me On the Rock" featuring Lucius.

Three of Jay-Z's nominations came through DJ Khaled's "God Did," a song featuring Rick Ross, Lil Wayne, John Legend and Fridayy. The track is up for best rap performance and rap song along with song of the year, which also has Jay-Z nominated for his writing efforts on Beyoncé's "Break My Soul." The rapper also received a nod for album of the year for his work on his wife's "Renaissance" album.

Leno suffers burns in gasoline fire; singer Flack has ALS

Former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno suffered "serious burns" but said Monday that he was doing OK, according to reports.

"I got some serious burns from a gasoline fire," Leno said in a statement to The Associated Press. "I am ok. Just need a week or two to get back on my feet."

The cause and time of the fire wasn't immediately clear. Leno, 72, is known for his famed car collection, which is housed at a garage in Burbank, Calif., north of Los Angeles.

■ A representative for **Roberta** Flack has announced that the legendary musician has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly



known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and can no longer sing. The release says that the "Killing Me Softly With His Song" singer, 85, "plans to stay active in her musical and creative pursuits.'

■ Amazon founder Jeff Bezos has announced that he's giving a no-strings-attached \$100 million grant to singer Dolly Parton,

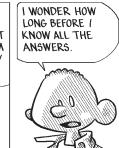
who's been praised for her philanthropic work that helped create the Moderna vaccine for CO-VID-19. Bezos gave similar grants to chef José Andrés and CNN commentator Van Jones last year.

■ Kevin Conroy, the actor best known as the voice of the Caped Crusader in Warner Bros.' "Batman: The Animated Series," has died after a short battle with cancer, publicist Gary Miereanu confirmed Nov. 10. Conroy was 66.

■ Christina Aguilera will be the subject of a new documentary from Time Studios and Jay Z's Roc Nation, Deadline has reported.

From wire reports













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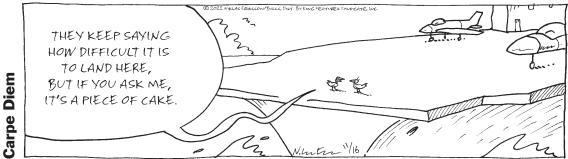






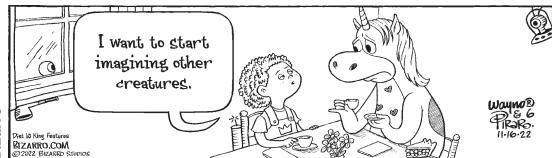


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OPINION

Where the pro-life movement goes from here

By Henry Olsen

ast week's election results were a massive disappointment to those of us who supported the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. Yet it's crucial that the pro-life movement absorb the message voters have sent on abortion and refocus its efforts if it wants to ultimately prevail.

The sad fact is that a strong majority of Americans favor abortion in the first trimester of pregnancy. Polls have long shown that, and the results from every abortion-related ballot measure this year reiterate it. The fact that states long viewed as opposing abortion, such as Kansas and Kentucky, refused to explicitly eliminate or exclude a constitutional right to an abortion from their state constitutions speaks volumes.

That's not to say everything is gloomy. The fact that voters and their representatives have a say at all in abortion law is progress. That's why Roe needed to go. The successful reelection of governors such as Brian Kemp in Georgia and Greg Abbott in Texas, both of whom signed bills outlawing abortion after a heartbeat is detected, also shows that voters can support pro-life politicians. Abortion is less available in the U.S. than it was six months ago, and that's a win for the pro-life cause.

What's clear, however, is that further gains will be slow to arrive and could come at great cost. Abortion rights advocates are mobilized and well funded. They have the active or tacit support of many of the nation's leading institutions, including many large businesses. They will surely seek to press these advantages and

try to nationalize abortion law in the near future, trying to do through statute what they can no longer do through courts.

Fighting back against this onslaught requires a refocusing of pro-life attention and priorities. To begin with, there should be no substantial effort to introduce any national bans on abortion, no matter how limited those are. Proposals such as the bill offered by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., that would ban abortion nationally after 15 weeks of pregnancy might sound good, and might even garner majority support in polls. But Democrats will never permit this, and simply raising the issue in a national forum gives abortion rights advocates the ability to claim that a nationwide total ban is in the offing. That is a canard, but the midterm results show it is one that is widely believed.

Pro-lifers should therefore make it clear that they approve state — not federal — action. Abortion law was determined at the state level before Roe, and it is appropriate that it be determined by the states now that Roe is gone. Letting California be California will not sit well with activists, but if that is the price of letting Texas be Texas, it is the best outcome that can be reasonably hoped for right now.

More effort must also be put into educating legislators how to think and talk about abortion. Abortion rights advocates eagerly seize on every misspoken utterance or extreme statement and use them to tarnish all abortion opponents. Pro-life politicians must talk about abortion with sensitivity to both the mother and the unborn child.

Most importantly, activists and movement leaders need to engage in the patient, long-

term work of talking about human biology. People instinctively want to protect human life, which is one reason polls show support for abortion drops precipitously the longer a pregnancy continues. The fact is that heart activity can be detected by the fourth week of pregnancy, and the neural tube that includes the brain is formed in the second month. Ending a pregnancy at these points stops a human heart and silences a human brain, yet virtually no prominent pro-life legislators speak about this when explaining their position.

This failure gives a rhetorical leg up to abortion rights advocates. They can point to a living woman, and who doesn't empathize with her plight? Pro-life advocates, however, could point to a living — if still tiny — child, even at early stages of pregnancy. Surely people could empathize with that child's plight as well, if only they heard about it.

This is the field on which the abortion battle must be fought and won. Americans will agree to ban abortion in the early stages of pregnancy only when they are convinced that a tiny fetus with an evolving heart and brain has the same right to life as do you and I. Everything must be directed at winning this contest; all else is a distraction.

Every movement for social change takes decades to triumph. Overturning Roe took nearly 50 years, and it was only the necessary first step. It would be easy to be discouraged after this year's reversals. Instead, now is the time for patience, prudence and perseverance.

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Sweden, Finland are right to give up their neutrality

By MICHAEL MIKLAUCIC Special to the Chicago Tribune

istory is linear, yet it is punctuated by discontinuities. Things that seemed like fixtures in the firmament of the global order sometimes vanish overnight. On Dec. 26, 1991, the Soviet Union disappeared after 69 years. On Sept. 11, 2001, American security vanished in the blink of an eye. This year—on Feb. 24—the hallowed tradition of political neutrality died when Russia invaded Ukraine.

Through a policy of neutrality and nonalignment, Sweden avoided war for more than 200 years. It escaped mostly unscathed from the world wars of the 20th century while much of Europe was reduced to rubble. By the 21st century, nonalignment had become an integral part of Swedish national DNA, a principle of identity defining what it meant to be a Swede. Swedes took pride in their reputation as a "moral superpower." In December, Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson stated, "Our nonparticipation in military alliances serves our country well and contributes to stability and security in northern Europe. Sweden will not apply for membership in NATO."

The country abandoned a 2-century-old tradition within three months of Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraina

Finland's trajectory from nonalignment to NATO membership was more a pragmatic calculation than an ideological or moral one. Having fought dozens of wars against Russia in its history, including the brutal winter and continuation wars against the Soviet Union in the 20th century, and sharing a border with

Russia of more than 800 miles, Finland has historically been distrustful of Russia. Unlike many that demobilized and disarmed when the Cold War ended, it retained male conscription and developed a whole-of-society defense architecture dubbed "comprehensive security." As a result, Finland today can mobilize up to 280,000 armed and trained reservists within two weeks. Nonetheless, Feb. 24 convinced Finland's leaders that they could no longer risk going it alone.

On May 18, Sweden and Finland submitted official letters of application to join NATO despite a threat from Russia that their applications would be met with "military and political consequences." The hope was that their accession would be nearly immediate, though past applications have taken years in some cases. Despite Turkish demands and Hungary's inertia, Russia's invasion has galvanized the alliance and will likely result in the swiftest ever NATO membership process.

Putin's flagrant repudiation of generations of prohibition against territorial conquest marks an inflection point for all nations that wish international relations to be governed by the rule of law rather than by the rule of brute force. He pushed the envelope too far; he crossed a red line, moving Sweden to abandon its moral commitment to nonalignment and Finland its pragmatic nonalignment.

In an ironic twist of fate, Putin's paranoid obsession with countering NATO expansion has produced precisely that — not only a growth in NATO membership but also an enhancement of its solidarity and military capabilities and a dramatic strengthening of the northern flank. This is a fitting asymmetric retribution and retaliation for his disastrous

miscalculation in invading Ukraine and an unexpected gray-zone victory for NATO: a substantial strategic gain well-below the threshold of armed conflict.

Now the spotlight is on the remaining non-aligned and neutral nations. Will India remain on the fence? It has publicly reprimanded Putin while subsidizing his war effort through increased fuel purchases. Can Switzerland and Austria maintain their principled commitments to neutrality? And the other countries that did not vote at the United Nations to condemn Russia's invasion? How will they justify nonalignment in the face of such blatant disregard and disrespect for the venerable concept of self-determination, not to mention the increasingly indisputable commission of gruesome war crimes and even crimes against humanity?

The prohibition against territorial conquest is deeply embedded in the rules-based world order established in the dust and rubble of World War II. This prohibition is one of the few safeguards against the reemergence of such catastrophic conflict. Putin's reckless decision to claim territory universally recognized as sovereign Ukrainian land signals a rejection of all the safeguards against the suicidal proclivities that drove nations to war twice in the 20th century.

This is a time of moral crisis, and as Sweden and Finland have realized, there is no legitimate justification today for neutrality or non-alignment.

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SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Schedule

Wednesday's games MIDWEST

Wednesday's games
MIDWEST

E. Michigan (6-4) at Kent St. (4-6)
Miami (Ohio) (4-6) at N. Illinois (3-7)
W. Michigan (3-7) at Cent. Michigan (4-6)
Thursday's games
SOUTH

SE Louisiana (7-3) at Nicholls (3-7)
SMU (6-4) at Tulane (8-2)
Friday's games
SOUTHWEST

South Florida (1-9) at Tulsa (3-7)
FAR WEST

San Diego St. (6-4) at New Mexico (2-8)
Saturday's games
Southwest

Saturday's games
FAST

St. Francis (Pa.) (8-2) at Merrimack (8-2)
Stony Brook (2-8) at Monmouth (NJ) (4-6)
Howard (4-6) at Morgan St. (4-6)
Wagner (1-9) at Duquesne (3-7)
Duke (7-3) at Pittsburgh (6-4)
New Hampshire (7-3) at Maine (2-8)
Yale (7-2) at Harvard (6-3)
Uconn (6-5) at Army (3-6)
LIU Brooklyn (3-7) at Sacred Heart (5-5)
Bryant (3-7) at Robert Morris (0-10)
Holy Cross (10-0) at Georgetown (2-8)
Lehigh (2-8) at Lafayette (3-7)
CCSU (1-9) at Stonehill (4-4)
Penn (7-2) at Princeton (8-1)
Marist (4-6) at Bucknell (2-8)
Delaware (7-3) at Villanova (5-5)
Hampton (4-6) at Towson (5-5)
Colgate (3-7) at Fordham (8-2)
Cornell (5-4) at Columbia (5-4)
Albany (NY) (3-7) at Rhode Island (6-4)
Brown (3-6) at Dartmouth (2-7)
Kansas St. (7-3) at West Virginia (4-6)
Campbell (4-6) at Delaware St. (5-5)
Akron (1-9) at Buffalo (5-5)
Penn St. (8-2) at Rutgers (4-6)
Ohio St. (10-0) at Maryland (6-4)
Cincinnati (8-2) at Temple (3-7)
SOUTH
Navy (3-7) at Wisirsispipi St. (6-4)
William & Mary (9-1) at Richmond (8-2)
Wofford (3-7) at Furman (8-2)
Virginia Tech (2-8) at Liberty (8-2)
The Citadel (3-7) at VMI (1-9)
Louisiana-Lafayette (5-5) at Florida St. (7-3)
Dayton (8-2) at Davidson (7-3)
Chattanooga (7-3) at Samford (9-1)
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San Diego (4-5) at Morehead St. (2-8)
Presbyterian (1-9) at Stetson (3-6)
Norfolk St. (1-9) at SC State (3-7)
Texas Southern (5-5) at Alabama A&M
3-7)

Houston (6-4) at East Carolina (6-4) Prairie View (6-4) at MVSU (1-9) Incarnate Word (9-1) at Northwestern St. (4-6)

1-6) Georgia St. (4-6) at James Madison (6-3) North Alabama (1-9) at Memphis (5-5) Old Dominion (3-7) at Appalachian St.

(5-5)
Bethune-Cookman (2-8) vs. Florida A&M
(8-2) at Orlando, Fla.
NC Central (8-2) at Tennessee Tech (4-6)
Jackson St. (10-0) at Alcorn St. (5-5)
E. Illinois (2-8) at UT Martin (6-4)
Kennesaw St. (5-5) at E. Kentucky (6-4)
Miami (5-5) at Clemson (9-1)
Louisiana-Monroe (4-6) at Troy (8-2)
Louisiana Tech (3-7) at Charlotte (2-9)
FAU (5-5) at Middle Tennessee (5-5)
Georgia (10-0) at Kentucky (6-4)
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W. Kentucky (7-4) at Auburn (4-6)
Georgia Tech (4-6) at North Carolina (9-1)
Marshall (6-4) at Georgia Southern (5-5)
Tennessee (9-1) at South Carolina (6-4)
Lamar (1-9) at McNeese St. (3-7)
Syracuse (6-4) at Wake Forest (6-4)
UAB (5-5) at LSU (8-2)

MIDWEST
Wisconsin (5-5) at Nebraska (3-7)
Indiana (3-7) at Michigan St. (5-5)
St. Thomas (Minn.) (9-1) at Butler (7-3)
St. Illinois (5-5) at Youngstown St. (6-4)
Illinois (7-3) at Michigan (10-0)
Northwestern (1-9) at Purdue (6-4)
Drake (2-8) at Valparaiso (5-5)
Missouri St. (4-6) at Indiana St. (2-8)
W. Illinois (0-10) at Illinois St. (5-5)
N. Iowa (5-5) at South Dakota (3-7)
Murray St. (2-8) at SE Missouri (8-2)
Boston College (3-7) at Notre Dame (7-3)
North Dakota (7-3) at N. Dakota St. (8-2)
Texas (6-4) at Kansas (6-4)
Iowa (6-4) at Minnesota (7-3)
Texas Tech (5-5) at Iowa St. (4-6)
New Mexico St. (4-5) at Missouri (4-6)
SOUTHWEST
Umass (1-9) at Texas A&M (3-7)
TCU (10-0) at Baylor (6-4)
UTSA (8-2) at Rice (5-5)
S. Utah (4-6) at Sam Houston St. (5-3)
Tennessee St. (3-7) at Texas A&M Commerce (5-5)
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Stephen F. Austin (5-5) at Abilene Chris-

FIU (4-6) at UTEP (4-6)
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Jacksonville St. (8-2) at Cent. Arkansas

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Mississippi (8-2) at Arkansas (5-5)
FAR WEST

Montana (7-3) at Montana St. (9-1)
Washington St. (6-4) at Arizona (4-6)
Oregon St. (7-3) at Arizona St. (3-7)
Idaho (6-4) at Idaho St. (1-9)
Weber St. (8-2) at N. Arizona (3-7)
Utah Tech (4-6) at BYU (5-5)
N. Colorado (3-7) at E. Washington (2-8)
UC Davis (6-4) at Sacramento St. (10-0)
Stanford (3-7) at California (3-7)
Boise St. (7-3) at Wyoming (7-3)
Portland St. (4-6) at Cal Poly (1-9)
Southern Cal (9-1) at UCLA (8-2)
Colorado St. (2-8) at Air Force (7-3)
Colorado (1-9) at Washington (8-2)
San Jose St. (6-3) at Utah St. (5-5)
Fresno St. (6-4) at Nevada (2-8)
Utah (8-2) at Oregon (8-2)
UNLV (4-6) at Hawaii (2-9)

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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	W	L	T	Pct	PF	P/
Miami	7	3	0	.700	252	24:
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	250	15
N.Y. Jets	6	3	0	.667	196	176
New England	5	4	0	.556	203	166
	Sc	outh	1			
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	166	168
Indianapolis	4	5	1	.450	157	203
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	216	205
Houston	1	7	1	.167	149	207
	Ne	orth				
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	P/
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	235	196
Cincinnati	5	4	0	.556	228	185
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	217	238
Pittsburgh	3	6	0	.333	140	207
	W	est				
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	P/
Kansas City	7	2	0	.778	270	206
L.A. Chargers	5	4	0	.556	200	228
Denver	3	6	0	.333	131	149
Las Vegas	2	7	0	.222	203	220
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Philadelphia	8	1	0	.889	246	167
N.Y. Giants	7	2	0	.778	187	173
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	211	164
Washington	5	5	0	.500	191	213
	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	5	5	0	.500	183	180
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	232	250
Carolina	3	7	0	.300	204	243
Now Orleans	3	7	0	.300	222	247
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San Francisco

Arizona

L.A. Rams

Carolina 25, Atlanta 15 Sunday, Nov. 13

Sunday, Nov. 13

Tampa Bay 21, Seattle 16
Detroit 31, Chicago 30
Kansas City 27, Jacksonville 17
Miami 39, Cleveland 17
Minnesota 33, Buffalo 30, OT
N.Y. Giants 24, Houston 16
Pittsburgh 20, New Orleans 10
Tennessee 17, Denver 10
Indianapolis 25, Las Vegas 20
Arizona 27, L.A. Rams 17
Green Bay 31, Dallas 28, OT
San Francisco 22, L.A. Chargers 16
Open: Baltimore, Cincinnati, N.Y. Jets,
New England

Monday's game

Monday's game

Washington 32, Philadelphia 21

Thursday's game

Tennessee at Green Bay Sunday's games

Sunday's games
Carolina at Baltimore
Chicago at Atlanta
Cleveland at Buffalo
Detroit at N.Y. Giants
L.A. Rams at New Orleans
N.Y. Jets at New England
Philadelphia at Indianapolis
Washington at Houston
Las Vegas at Denver
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Dallas at Minnesota
Kansas City at L.A. Chargers

Kansas City at L.A. Chargers **Open:** Jacksonville, Miami, Seattle, Tam-

Monday, Nov. 21 San Francisco vs Arizona at Mexico City

DEALS

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Named Paul

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent RHP Daulton Jefferies outright to Las Vegas (PCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Named Rodney Linares bench coach, Brady Williams third base coach and Tomas Francisco field coordinator.

National League

MIAMI MARLINS — Named Caroline O'Connor president of business operations.

FOOTBALL National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released RB
Eno Benjamin.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed QB/WR
D'Eric King to the practice squad. Placed
DB Donte Jackson on injured reserve. Released WR Emeka Emezie from the prac-

tice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Designated DT

D.J. Reader to return to practice from injured reserve and S Brandon Wilson to return to practice from the physically unable to perform (PUP) list.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived DT Roderick Perry III

derick Perry II.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Named Aubrey

Pleasant offensive line coach.

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Claimed DT Jerry
Tilley off waivers from Los Angeles Char-

Tilley off waivers from Los Angeles Chargers.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Re-signed RB Malcolm Brown to the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Placed DE Emmanuel Ogbah on injured reserve.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed TE James O'Shaughnessy to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Promoted DL Henry Mondeaux from the practice squad to the active roster. Reinstated CB Rodarius Williams from injured reserve. Waived T Devery Hamilton and DB Justin Layne. Released T Will Holden from the practice squad.

squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Designated OT Max
Mitchell to return to practice from injured

reserve.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Placed CB
Avonte Maddox on injured reserve. Promoted CB Mario Goodrich from the practice squad to the active roster.

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS — Promoted LB Nathan Gerry and RB Jaret Patterson from the practice squad to the active roster.

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HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Recalled C Glenn
Gawdin and D Austin Strand from San Diego (AHL).

ARIZONA COYOTES — Returned F Lauren
Dauphin to Tucson (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled C
Jayson Megna and LW Sampo Ranta from
Colorado (AHL).

NASHWILLE PREDATORS — Signed E No-

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed F Nolan Burke to a three-year, entry-level con-

tract.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Recalled F Max Willman from Lehigh Valley (AHL). Loaned C Tanner Laczynski and C Patrick Brown to

Lehigh Valley. MINNESOTA WILD — Returned LW Joseph Cramarossa to Iowa Wild (AHL).
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Recalled D Mac Hollowell and C Pontus Holmberg from Toronto (AHL). Reassigned D Mikko Kokkonen to Newfoundland (ECHL).
SOCCER

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
D.C. UNITED — Exercised contract options for Ds Steven Birnbaum and Donovan Pines and Fa Miguel Berry and Derrick

van Pines and Fa Miguel Berry and Derrick Williams.

FC DALLAS — Exercised contract options for Ms Edwin Cerrillo and Tsiki Ntsabeleng and D Marco Farfan.

NEW YORK CITY FC — Announced D Anton Tinnerholm will depart upon the expiration of his contract to join Malmo FF (Swedish side).

LA GALAXY — Exercised options for Ds Martin Caceres and Sega Coulibaly, Ms Daniel Aguirre, Jonathan Perez and Adam Saldana and Fs Javier Hernandez and Preston Judd.

MINNESOTA UNITED — Exercised contract options for F Tani Oluwaseyi, D D.J. Taylor and M Wil Trapp.

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION — Announced D/M Christian Makoun was named to Venezuela roster.

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Signed F Felipe Mora to a contract extension through 2025.

REAL SALT LAKE — Announced M

REAL SALT LAKE — Announced M Braaian Ojeda was named to Paraguay roster and LW Jefferson Savarino to Vene-

zuelan roster.

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES — Exercised contract options for Ds Oskar Agren and Paul Marie, M Jack Skahan and F Will Rich-SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Announced D Xa-

vier Arreaga has been named to the Ecuador National team for the FIFA World Cup 2022.

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS FC — Exercised contract option for D Derek Corneli-

TENNIS

ATP Finals Singles

Monday At Pala Alpitour Turin, Italy Purse: \$14,750,000 Surface: Hardcourt indoor Men's Singles Group 1

Andrey Rublev (6), Russia, def. Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 7-6 (7).

Novak Djokovic (7), Serbia, def. Stefanos Tsitsipas (2), Greece, 6-4, 7-6 (4). **Men's Doubles Group 1**

Wesley Koolhof, Netherlands, and Neal Skupski (1), Britain, def. Nick Kyrgios and Thanasi Kokkinakis (8), Australia, 6-7 (3),

Nikola Mektic and Mate Pavic (4), Croatia, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Austin Krajicek (5), United States, 6-4, 3-6, 10-7.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, and total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. North Carolina (44)	2-0	1543	1
2. Gonzaga (14)	2-0	1497	2
3. Houston (2)	2-0	1439	3
4. Kentucky (3)	2-0	1394	4
5. Baylor	2-0	1253	5
6. Kansas	2-0	1218	5
7. Duke	2-0	1216	7
8. UCLA	2-0	1138	8
9. Arkansas	2-0	1059	10
10. Creighton	2-0	1036	9
11. Texas	2-0	932	12
12. Indiana	2-0	867	13
13. Auburn	2-0	724	15
14. Arizona	2-0	703	17
15. TCU	2-0	630	14
16. Virginia	2-0	590	18
17. San Diego St.	2-0	524	19
18. Alabama	2-0	436	20
19. Illinois	2-0	316	23
20. Michigan	2-0	308	22
21. Dayton	2-0	280	24
22. Tennessee	1-1	264	11
23. Texas Tech	2-0	190	25
24. Texas A&M	2-0	131	_
25. UConn	2-0	124	

Others receiving votes: Michigan St. 119, Purdue 104, Villanova 96, Miami 61, Saint Louis 47, Xavier 44, Iowa 36, Oregon 36, Ohio St. 36, Memphis 20, Virginia Tech 13, Colorado 11, Rutgers 8, Toledo 8, Saint Mary's (Cal) 7, Florida 5, UC Irvine 4, Grambling St 4, Seton Hall 3, Penn St. 1.

Monday's men's scores

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Albany (NY) 87, Union (NY) 75
Boston U, 96, Johnson & Wales (RI) 51
Coppin St. 75, Navy 68
Cornell 80, St. Francis (Pa.) 77
Duquesne 96, SC State 71
Hofstra 85, George Washington 80
LIU 111, Mount St. Vincent 50
Maine 69, Boston College 64
Marshall 91, Tennessee Tech 65
Penn St. 68, Butler 62
Princeton 94, UMBC 64
Saint Joseph's 63, Lafayette 59
Villanova 60, Delaware St. 50
Wagner 82, Neumann 52
SOUTH
Austin Peay 98, Milligan 74
Bethune-Cookman 71, Florida National

Charlotte 80, Md.-Eastern Shore 47 Coll. of Charleston 92, Richmond 90, OT FAU 76, Florida 74 Georgia 77, Miami (Ohio) 70 Kennesaw St. 95, Brewton-Parker Col-

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North Alabama 100, Blue Mountain 60
Old Dominion 72, Va. Wesleyan 58
Radford 97, Bridgewater (Va.) 46
Southern Miss. 86, Loyola (NO) 62
Stetson 68, South Florida 67
Tennessee St. 87, Alabama A&M 76
Troy 79, Florida St. 72
UCF 70, W. Illinois 37
MIDWEST
Bellarmine 86, Campbellsville 46
Creighton 94, Holy Cross 65
DePaul 69, Minnesota 53
Drake 80, Wofford 72
Fort Wayne 111, Manchester 31
Ill.-Chicago 67, Jacksonville St. 60
Illinois 103, Monmouth (NJ) 65
Kent St. 77, Portland 65
N. Illinois 99, Purdue-Northwest 73
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 82, Lyon College 58

Arkansas St. 82, Lyon College 58
Baylor 95, N. Colorado 62
Cent. Arkansas 82, UALR 71
Houston 83, Oral Roberts 45
Houston Christian 119, Champion Christian 97

Lamar 98, Huston 69
Northwestern St. 64, TCU 63
Sam Houston St. 84, LeTourneau 48
Texas A&M-CC 91, Trinity (Texas) 73
Texas Tech 64, Louisiana Tech 55
UTSA 66, St. Mary's (Texas) 59
FAR WEST
Chicago St. 68, IUPUI 58
Colorado St. 77, Weber St. 52
E. Washington 60, MYSU 52
S. Utah 126, Bethesda 67
Sacramento St. 73, Denver 69
Texas A&M Commerce 73, Air Force 69,

Texas Rio Grande Valley 77, St. Francis (III.) 51 UCLA 86, Norfolk St. 56 UMKC 113, Calvary 54 Utah 70, Idaho St. 58 Utah St. 96, Santa Clara 74

Washington 78, Utah Tech 67 Men's AP Top 25 schedule

Wednesday's games No. 2 Gonzaga at No. 11 Texas No. 3 Houston vs. Texas Southern No. 9 Arkansas vs. S. Dakota St. NO. 9 Arkansas vs. S. Dakota St. No. 20 Michigan vs. Pittsburgh, Semifi-als Game 1 at Brooklyn, N.Y. No. 22 Tennessee vs. Florida Gulf Coast Thursday's games

No. 4 Kentucky vs. SC State No. 10 Creighton vs. UC Riverside No. 14 Arizona vs. Utah Tech No. 15 TCU vs. Louisiana-Monroe

No. 24 Texas A&M vs. Murray St., Quarterfinals Game 2 at Conway, S.C. Friday's games

No. 5 Baylor vs. No. 16 Virginia, Semifinals Game 1 at Paradise, Nev.
No. 6 Kansas vs. S. Utah
No. 7 Duke vs. Delaware
No. 8 UCLA vs. No. 19 Illinois, Semifinals
Game 2 at Paradise, Nev.
No. 12 Indiana at Xavier
No. 13 Auburn vs. Texas Southern
No. 18 Alabama vs. Jacksonville St.
No. 25 UConn vs. UNC-Wilmington
Saturday's games
No. 21 Dayton vs. Robert Morris

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Women's AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' preseason women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last year's final rapking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. South Carolina (30)	2-0	750	1
2. Stanford	4-0	716	2
3. Texas	1-0	660	3
4. Iowa	3-0	637	4
5. UConn	1-0	614	6
6. Louisville	3-0	580	7
7. Iowa St.	2-0	543	8
8. Ohio St.	2-0	509	14
9. Notre Dame	2-0	493	9
10. NC State	3-0	478	10
11. Tennessee	1-1	441	5
12. Indiana	2-0	415	11
13. North Carolina	2-0	413	12
14. Virginia Tech	2-0	369	13
15. LSU	3-0	336	16
16. Oklahoma	2-0	310	15
17. Baylor	2-0	275	18
18. Arizona	2-0	243	19
19. Maryland	2-1	219	17
20. Creighton	2-0	187	21
21. Oregon	2-0	180	20
22. Nebraska	2-0	91	22
23. Michigan	2-0	73	25
24. Villanova	2-0	60	_
25. Utah	3-0	40	_
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Others receiving votes: UCLA 31, South Dakota St. 15, Kansas 13, Miami 11, Ber mont 7, Mississippi 5, Gonzaga 5, Georgia 4, Princeton 4, South Florida 4, DePaul 4, Kansas St 3, Florida 3, Alabama 2, Drake 2, Duke 2, Washington St 2, UCF 1.

Monday's women's scores

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EAST

Buffalo 62, Stonehill 56
Princeton 62, Seton Hall 58
Quinnipiac 85, Hartford 30
Rhode Island 74, Providence 72
Robert Morris 87, Wheeling Jesuit 48
Stony Brook 73, Iona 71
Syracuse 92, Binghamton 59
UConn 83, Texas 76
UMass 67, Maine 54
Yale 68, Fairfield 61
SOUTH

Appalachian St. 67, Lees-Mcrae 33
FAU 79, Bethune-Cookman 62
George Washington 83, Hooward 62
Indiana 79, Tennessee 67
Lipscomb 67, MVSU 45
Morgan St. 90, Notre Dame of Maryland
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New Orleans 71, South Alabama 63
Oregon 83, Southern U. 46
Tennessee St. 84, Trevecca Nazarene 80
Tennessee Tech 75, Samford 70
UT Martin 73, Arkansas St. 54
Virginia Tech 79, SC-Upstate 24
MIDWEST

Ball St. 105, Indiana-University East 51
Bowling Green 102, Wright St. 72
E. Illinois 64, W. Illinois 62
Ill. Chicago 87, Chicago St. 62
Missouri 65, W. Kentucky 47
N. Dakota St. 96, Valley City St. 45
S. Dakota St. 63, Mississippi St. 62
SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 79, Tulsa 70

Arkansas 79, Tulsa 70 Oklahoma St. 103, Oral Roberts 66 FAR WEST E. Washington 62, S. Utah 60 Sacramento St. 73, Santa Clara 63

Women's AP Top 25 schedule

Wednesday's games

Wednesday's games
No. 2 Stanford vs. Cal Poly
No. 8 Iowa St. at N. Iowa
No. 9 Notre Dame at Northwestern
No. 10 NC State vs. Charlotte
No. 12 North Carolina vs. SC State
No. 15 Oklahoma at Utah
No. 16 LSU vs. Houston Christian
No. 17 Maryland vs. Davidson
No. 24 Princeton vs. Fordham
No. 25 Michigan vs. W. Michigan
Thursday's games
No. 1 South Carolina at Clemson
No. 4 Iowa at Kansas St.
No. 11 Indiana vs. Bowling Green
No. 14 Ohio St. at Ohio

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No. 14 Ohio St. at Ohio
Friday's games
No. 19 Arizona vs. Loyola Marymount
Saturday's games
No. 3 Texas vs. Marquette, Quarterfinals
Game 4 at Nassau, Bahamas
No. 5 Tennessee vs. Rutgers, Quarterfinals Game 1 at Nassau, Bahamas
No. 7 Louisville vs. Gonzaga, Quarterfinals Game 3 at Nassau, Bahamas
No. 22 Nebraska at Drake
No. 23 S. Dakota St. vs. UCLA, Quarterfinals Game 2 at Nassau, Bahamas
No. 24 Princeton at Buffalo

WORLD CUP

Europe's stranglehold tough to break

Brazil, Argentina again seem to have best chances to end the dominance

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

hen Gianni Infantino told a gathering of European soccer officials in Vienna he hoped the winner of the World Cup came from their continent, the FIFA President quickly stated—with a smile—he adapts the comment to whichever region he's in.

It's no laughing matter for the rest of the world.

Seven of the last eight World Cup finalists have come from Europe. Thirteen of the last 16 semifinalists, too.

Only three non-European nations—Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay — have reached the World Cup final. Uruguay hasn't played in the title match since 1950.

And only two non-European nations other than Brazil and Argentina have reached the semifinals since 1970 — South Korea in 2002 and Uruguay in 2010.

No African country has ever gotten to the last four — in part because of Luis Suárez's last-minute, goal-line handball for Uruguay to deny Ghana in the 2010 quarterfinals — and nobody from North America since the United States in the first World Cup in 1930.

Nations from around the world are invited to the party but, really, it's mostly the Europeans staying until the end.

"You want the World Cup to be a world tournament," soccer author Jonathan Wilson said. "Ideally you'd have a team from every confederation in the quarterfinals.

"You want the best teams, but you want the best teams to come from as many different places as possible. This is a global sport. If it becomes entirely focused on a rich pocket of western Europe, that's boring for everybody."

Wilson puts the recent European dominance down to the continent's top soccer nations pumping lots of money and resources into the development of young players — what he calls an "industrialization of youth production," starting with France at its national soccer center in the 1990s. That was followed by the likes of Germany, Spain and most recently England doing the same.

These young players are then exposed to their own soccer leagues, which are the strongest and richest in the world.

"You have the best facilities, the best teachers, the best people to learn from," Wilson told The Associated Press. "Then you are testing yourself against the best."

The only nation to have prevented a European triumph at a World Cup since 1994 was Brazil in 2002. Brazil's coach that year, Luiz Felipe Scolari, said he had a "spectacular generation" — remember its storied front three of Ronaldo, Rivaldo and Ronaldinho? — and that European nations are now producing better players than before, having studied the 1958 Brazil team which earned the country the first of its record five titles.

Speaking to the AP, Scolari said the current European domination



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP

Belgium's Kevin De Bruyne, back right, celebrates after the final whistle in Belgium's win over Brazil in their quarterfinal match at the 2018 World Cup in Russia. European teams have dominated the World Cup recently. Seven of the last eight World Cup finalists have come from Europe.

is a "phase" which could be ended by Brazil in Qatar or, maybe, in 2026

After all, Brazil will enter the World Cup as the top-ranked team, undefeated in South American qualifying and with only five losses in 76 matches under coach Tite

"This class of 2022 is great," Scolari said. "If we don't win now, we can do it in 2026 with one of the best teams.

"These kids playing now might give the result we expect but you can't pressure them to give everything. Maybe in four years we can because then ... they will hit the pinnacle at age 26, 27."

Typically, it's Argentina, ranked No. 3 by FIFA and a two-time World Cup champion, rivaling Brazil as the most likely winner from outside Europe. And that should again be the case in Qatar.

While Europe's best have been struggling—England is winless in six games, France and Germany have won only one of their last six games, Italy hasn't even qualified— Argentina has gone 35 games unbeaten under Lionel Scaloni, who has a well-balanced team with more than just a slew of star attackers led by Lionel Messi.

There's a caveat, though. The introduction of UEFA's Nations League — and, to a certain extent, the impact of COVID-19 — has meant top European teams go

"You want the World Cup to be a world tournament. Ideally you'd have a team from every confederation in the quarterfinals."

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Soccer author

head-to-head more often and rarely face Brazil and Argentina.

Only one such game stands out since the 2018 World Cup: the Finalissima, a newly devised match between the European champions and Copa America winners that saw Argentina beat Italy 3-0 in London in June.

Argentina has played three European teams since the last World Cup. Brazil only one.

"It's pretty hard to get a true read on them," said Wilson, whose books include "Angels With Dirty Faces: The Footballing History of Argentina." "It might not be the worst thing that they go into this tournament with confidence, without a sense of inferiority."

Take away Brazil and Argentina, and it's hard to look beyond another winner from Europe, which has the other 10 teams in the top 12 of the FIFA rankings and 13 of the 32 nations in Qatar.

There's even greater depth to the European challenge these days, too, with nations like 2018 World Cup finalist Croatia, Euro 2020 semifinalist Denmark and Switzerland as consistent and hard to beat as the traditional heavyweights, with more of their players sprinkled around Europe's top clubs.

As for African teams, whose World Cup challenge is fronted by African Cup of Nations champion Senegal, they still seem to be held back by a lack of resources off the field more than a lack of talent on it.

"(African countries) have so many players playing in Europe at good teams now, I think they should perform better than they do," Lars Lagerback, who coached Nigeria at the 2010 World Cup, told the AP. "There's a lot of challenges, so many people involved around the logistics and everything.

"They have the players with the individual skills but you have to have everything around it."

And that, ultimately, is where Europe has the edge.



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

France's Kylian Mbappe was a star of the last World Cup. He was the youngest player since Pelé in 1958 to score in the deciding match.

Scoreboard

Ecuador vs. Senegal

Iran vs. United States

Argentina

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Denmark

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Tuesday, Nov. 22 At Lusail, Qatar

Mexico vs. Poland
Saturday, Nov. 26
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Poland vs. Saudi Arabia
At Lusail, Qatar

At Doha, Qatar (974)

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France vs. Australia Saturday, Nov. 26 At Al Wakrah, Qatar

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France vs. Denmark Wednesday, Nov. 30

At Al Rayyan, Qatar (Education City)
Tunisia vs. France

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Argentina vs. Saudi Arabia At Doha, Qatar (974)

Argentina vs. Mexico Wednesday, Nov. 30

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At Al Wakrah, Qatar Switzerland vs. Cameroon At Lusail, Qatar Brazil vs. Serbia Monday, Nov. 28 At Al Wakrah, Qatar Cameroon vs. Serbia At Doha, Qatar (974) Brazil vs. Switzerland Friday, Dec. 2 At Lusail, Qatar Cameroon vs. Brazil At Doha, Qatar (974)

Serbia vs. Switzerland

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More than just Neymar: Tite plans Brazil's attack

By Mauricio Savarese Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Wingers, false nines, target men and center forwards in the Brazil squad for the World Cup are giving coach Tite a nice selection headache up front.

As the five-time champion aims to win the title for the first time in 20 years, Tite also knows his attack has limited experience on the sport's biggest stage. That's something which he hopes will be offset by an abundance of skill, speed and aggressiveness to worry - or terrify — opposing defenses.

Tite will have almost a week of training in Turin, Italy, to tune up.

The nine forwards in the 26-man squad are Nevmar. Vinicius Jr.. Rodrygo, Richarlison, Raphinha, Antony, Gabriel Jesus, Gabriel Martinelli and Pedro.

Only Neymar, from the 2014 and 2018 World Cups, and Jesus, Brazil's starting striker four years ago in Russia, have experience in the tournament. The other seven will make their World Cup debuts in

Tite has said he plans to use all nine. The main decision is where to play Neymar, a regular starter for 10 years. The coach has leaned toward a formation with Neymar adopting a midfield role in support of the attack, like "a bow behind three arrows," according to Tite.

With Neymar as a midfielderstriker, Brazil's most promising starting lineup has included Vinicius on the left, Richarlison as a target man, and Raphinha on the right. Many expect that to be the chosen option in the opening match against Serbia on Nov. 24. Switzerland and Cameroon are also in Group G.

The alternative would be to place Lucas Paquetá on the left in a position where he could move into the midfield. That was often the case in World Cup qualifying but Brazil would be choosing a player



Brazil's Richarlison, second from right, celebrates with teammates after scoring against South Korea during a friendly.

who is recovering from a shoulder injury over Vinicius, who scored the winner for Real Madrid in the Champions League final this year.

"Brazil was very predictable for a while due to its dependency on Neymar," Brazil great Zico said in September. "Now he is just the icing on the cake, the guy who will deliver something extra. Brazil has other players up front. A lot of players."

Richarlison, who has seven goals for Brazil in his last seven internationals, will likely have Neymar behind him. Vinicius — or Paquetá — and Raphinha will be allowed to focus on their attacking skills because the likely left and right backs, Alex Sandro and Danilo, are expected to play more defensively.

If Vinicius and Raphinha fail to deliver, Martinelli and Antony will be warming up on the bench. Jesus and Rodrygo can also play on the flanks. If Paquetá starts and struggles, Tite could still field a rested Vinicius or Martinelli.

Tite's squad also leaves three players in waiting if Richarlison

Jesus has improved as a finisher

since the tournament in Russia and is also agile enough to open gaps for box-to-box midfielders such as Fred and Bruno Guimaraes to exploit. Rodrygo can do likewise while Pedro was the top scorer at the latest Copa Libertadores.

Pedro, who scored 12 in 13 matches for champion Flamengo, could end up as the team's main striker during the World Cup. Tite has previously praised the player's "unique" style and said he has an ability to "follow the quick thinking of midfielders."

Experience could also influence bringing Jesus into the starting lineup when the tournament moves to the knockout stage if Brazil, as expected, advances from its group. Four years ago, Jesus failed to score in Russia but says he's ready to make an impact this time.

Many were upset that Liverpool's Roberto Firmino, Atletico Madrid's Matheus Cunha and Flamengo's Gabriel Barbosa were not chosen. And Brazil great Ronaldo, who scored both goals against Germany in the 2002 World Cup final, said 16-year-old striker Endrick of Palmeiras should have been se-

A look at some players who won't be in Qatar

By Ciarhán Fahey Associated Press

BERLIN — Not every soccer star will be competing at the World Cup.

Some big names will be missing from the tournament in Oatar because of injuries or because their countries didn't qualify.

Erling Haaland (Norway): The 22-year-old Haaland has had a phenomenal start in his first season at Manchester City with 17 goals in his first 11 Premier League appearances, but Norway failed to beat the Netherlands in the team's final qualifying game in Group G. Haaland, who had scored in the 1-1 draw when they met in Oslo, missed the decisive game because of an injury. The Dutch qualified as

group winners with a 2-0 victory, while Norway was left in third place. Haaland has 21 goals in 23 games for Norway.

scorer alongside Son Heung-min last season, missed a penalty against Senegal in the shootout that eliminated Egypt from the World Cup playoffs. Salah blasted his attempt over the crossbar. This season, Salah has scored four goals in his first 12 matches as Liverpool has struggled for wins.

Paul Pogba (France): Paul Pogba was ruled out of the tournament because of ongoing right knee problems. The 29-year-old Pogba played a vital part in France's World Cup suc-

cess four years ago, but has yet to play a game this season since his last official match in April. After returning to Juventus from Man-**Mohamed Salah (Egypt):** Salah, who won chester United in the offseason, Pogba tore his the Golden Boot as the Premier League's top meniscus during the Italian club's preseason tour of the United States in July.

N'Golo Kante (France): Kante hasn't played for his club or his country since August, and Chelsea confirmed last month that the midfielder will miss the tournament while recovering from surgery on a hamstring injury. Widely regarded as one of the world's best midfielders, Kante played a key role alongside Pogba in France's run to the 2018 title.

David Alaba (Austria): Austria didn't qualify for the World Cup after losing to Wales in the playoffs. The 30-year-old Alaba captained Austria at last year's European Championship, where the team lost to eventual champion Italy in the round of 16.

Luis Díaz (Colombia): Díaz's World Cup hopes were over even before he injured his knee while playing for Liverpool because Colombia finished sixth in South American qualifying. James Rodríguez and "El Tigre" Radamel Falcao will also miss the tournament.

Gianluigi Donnarumma (Italy): Arguably the best goalkeeper in the world won't be at the World Cup after Italy surprisingly failed to qualify for the tournament — again. Donnarumma was the player of the tournament when he helped Italy win Euro 2020.

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The Mariners' Julio Rodriguez takes an at-bat against the Chicago White Sox on Sept. 6 in Seattle.

Rodríguez, Harris voted top rookies in baseball

By RONALD BLUM Associated Press

NEW YORK — Seattle's Julio Rodríguez and Atlanta's Michael Harris II had a lot in common perhaps too much.

The 21-year-old center fielders were runaway winners in Rookie of the Year voting on Monday after seasons of power and speed that led to lucrative long-term contracts, but ultimately concluded with early postseason eliminations.

They both made jumps from Double-A straight to the majors.

"I feel like the whole season was unrealistic," Harris said. "I was just going day to day and I guess living the dream. But now that the season's over, I guess I can actually look back and think about how crazy of a year it was and how fast it

Rodríguez hit .284 with 28 homers, 75 RBIs and 25 stolen bases in helping the Mariners reach the postseason for the first time since 2001. He won the American League honor by receiving 29 of 30 firstplace votes and one second for 148 points from a Baseball Writers' Association of America panel.

"I went through some shaky times at the beginning of the year, but I was able to stick to myself, trust myself," Rodríguez said.

Rodríguez made the Mariners' opening-day roster and hit .205 in April, then rebounded to earn a spot in the All-Star Home Run Derby, where he hit 81 long balls and lost to Juan Soto in the final.

"All the doubts I had throughout the year," Rodríguez said, "I know



BRETT DAVIS/AP

Braves center fielder Michael Harris II makes a catch at the wall in the third inning against the New York Mets on Oct. 1 in Atlanta.

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Harris batted .297 with 19 homers, 64 RBIs and 20 steals after making his debut on May 28. He received the National League award, getting 22 firsts and eight seconds for 134 points from a different BBWAA panel.

"He definitely had a great season. We definitely had similar numbers, too," Rodríguez said. "He's an exciting player, young talent. And he's not afraid. I love his

Rodríguez and Harris both had their first big league multihomer games against each other on Sept. 11, with Rodríguez hitting a tying drive in the ninth in a game Seattle won when Eugenio Suárez went deep off Kenley Jansen later in the

"That was a series I won't forget," Harris said. "I look forward to playing against him many times in the future."

Baltimore catcher Adley Rutschman was second in the AL with 68 points, getting the other first-place vote, 18 seconds and nine thirds.

Cleveland left fielder Steven Kwan was third with 10 seconds and 14 thirds for 44 points. Kansas City infielder Bobby Witt Jr. had seven points, and Houston shortstop Jeremy Peña finished fifth with two points.

Atlanta pitcher Spencer Strider was second with the other eight first-place votes on the NL side and 21 seconds for 103 points. Cardinals utilityman Brendan Donovan was third with 22 third-place votes and **NHL ROUNDUP**

Surging Islanders defeat Senators for 9th win in 11 games

Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario - Noah Dobson scored the tiebreaking goal in the second period, and the New York Islanders beat the Ottawa Senators 4-2 Monday night for their ninth win in 11 games.

Oliver Wahlstrom, Jean-Gabriel Pageau and Brock Nelson also scored, and Mathew Barzal had two assists for the Islanders in the opener of a four-game road trip. Semyon Varlamov stopped 36 shots to win for the third time in his last four

"We were well-prepared and I thought the guvs battled hard." Pageau said. "A lot of sacrifice, a lot of blocked shots, a lot of battles that we won, and (Varlamov) in net was outstanding. He made some really amazing saves for us."

Claude Giroux had a goal and an assist, Drake Batherson also scored and Tim Stutzle added two assists for the Senators. Cam Talbot finished with 31 saves as Ottawa fell to 1-7-1 in its last nine games.

"I think we did a lot of good things," Giroux said. "We had a lot of chances, we played well offensively and I thought we were going to come back and tie it up."

Hurricanes 3, Blackhawks 0: Rookie Pyotr Kochetkov made 27 saves for his first career shutout to lead visiting Carolina over Chicago.

Jordan Martinook and Jordan Staal each had a goal and an assist for Carolina, Andrei Svechnikov scored his team-leading 12th goal, and Brent Burns had two assists.

Kochetkov wasn't heavily tested, but made some timely close-in stops in his second start this season and fifth game of his career. The 23year-old Kochetkov is the first goalie in Hurricanes/Hartford Whalers franchise history to win his first five

Petr Mrazek stopped 29 shots as the Blackhawks were blanked for the third time this season.

Blues 3, Avalanche 2: Brandon Saad scored a quirky goal in the second period to break a tie, Jordan Binnington stopped 45 shots and visiting St. Louis weathered a late 6on-3 situation to beat Colorado.

Robert Thomas and Jordan Kyrou also scored for the Blues, who had their moms join them on the

Mikko Rantanen and Artturi Lehkonen had goals for a banged-up Avalanche team that had won four in a row. Alexandar Georgiev stopped 36 shots.

Flames 6, Kings 5: Tyler Toffoli and Elias Lindholm each had a goal and two assists, Adam Ruzicka added a goal and an assist, and host Cal-

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	ОТ	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	16	14	2	0	28	65	35
oronto	16	8	5	3	19	45	44
ampa Bay	15	8	6	1	17	49	49
lorida	15	8	6	1	17	48	46
etroit	15	7	5	3	17	44	50
/lontreal	15	8	6	1	17	47	48
Buffalo	15	7	8	0	14	55	52
Ottawa	15	5	9	1	11	51	53

Metropolitan Division GP W L OT Pts GF GA

New Jersey	15	12	3	0	24	55	38
N.Y. Islanders	17	11	6	0	22	57	43
Carolina	16	10	5	1	21	50	43
N.Y. Rangers	17	8	6	3	19	52	48
Philadelphia	15	7	6	2	16	37	43
Washington	17	7	8	2	16	49	53
Pittsburgh	15	6	6	3	15	54	52
Columbus	14	4	9	1	9	38	61

Western Conference Central Division

	GP	W	L	ОТ	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	14	9	4	1	19	43	33
Dallas	15	9	5	1	19	56	38
Colorado	14	8	5	1	17	53	41
Minnesota	15	7	6	2	16	42	45
Chicago	15	6	6	3	15	38	46
Arizona	15	6	8	1	13	40	54
Nashville	15	6	8	1	13	40	51
St. Louis	14	6	8	0	12	37	52
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GP W L OT Pts GF GA Los Angeles Seattle 3 19 52 45 Edmonton Calgary 3 13 47 60 San Jose Vancouver 16 4 9 3 11 53 66 15 4 10 Anaheim

Note: Two points for a win, one point for

Monday's games

N.Y. Islanders 4, Ottawa 2 Carolina 3, Chicago 0 Calgary 6, Los Angeles 5 St. Louis 3, Colorado 2

Tuesday's games

National States and States at Tampa Bay New Jersey at Montreal Toronto at Pittsburgh Vancouver at Buffalo Washington at Florida Philadelphia at Columbus Minnesota at Nashville Detroit at Anaheim San Jose at Vegas

Wednesday's games

Buffalo at Ottawa St. Louis at Chicago Los Angeles at Edmonton

gary held on to beat Los Angeles.

Jonathan Huberdeau, Andrew Mangiapane and Brett Ritchie also scored to help the Flames win their second straight after a seven-game skid (0-5-2). Nazem Kadri had two assists and Jacob Markstrom finished with 24 saves.

Arthur Kaliyev scored twice, Kevin Fiala had a goal and an assist, and Adrian Kempe and Anze Kopitar also scored for the Kings, who had won four straight. Drew Doughty had two assists and Jonathan Quick finished with 23 Wednesday, November 16, 2022 • STARS AND STRIPES • 第3種郵便物認可 Page 21

COLLEGE BASKETBALL/COLLEGE FOOTBALL



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Houston's Tramon Mark shoots as Oral Roberts' Kareem Thompson defends Monday in Houston.

ROUNDUP

Mark scores career-high 23 as No. 3 Houston tops Oral Roberts

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tramon Mark scored a career-high 23 points, Marcus Sasser added 19 points and a career-best seven rebounds, and No. 3 Houston beat Oral Roberts 83-45 on Monday night.

Mark had 19 points and Sasser scored 15 in the first half as Houston (3-0) built a 51-24 lead. The duo combined to shoot 15-for-28 for the game.

Houston shot 52% and outrebounded the Golden Eagles 52-30. The Cougars held a 42-8 advantage in points in the paint.

DeShang Weaver scored 12 points, and Connor Vanover had 11 points and five rebounds for the Eagles (1-2).

No. 5 Baylor 95, Northern Colorado 62: LJ Cryer scored 20 points, and coach Scott Drew earned his 400th victory with the host Bears.

Adam Flagler finished with 13 points with 10 assists. He made three-pointers to start and end an early 13-0 run that put Baylor (3-0) ahead to stay after Northern Colorado took its only lead.

Baylor is 400-222 under Drew, who has 420 wins overall, including his one season as Valparaiso's head coach.

Daylen Kountz, the Big Sky leading scorer last season with 21.2 points a game, had 19 points for Northern Colorado (1-2). Matt Johnson had 14 points.

No. 8 UCLA 86, Norfolk State 56: Jaylen Clark had 19 points and nine rebounds to lead the host Bruins.

UCLA (3-0) had six players score in double figures — includ-

ing all five starters — and shot 57.1% from the field as it led throughout.

Kris Bankston scored 17 points and Gilbert Brown added 13 for Norfolk State, which lost to a top-10 team for the second straight game. The Spartans (2-2) fell 87-70 at No. 5 Baylor on Friday in a rematch of an NCAA Tournament matchup last March.

Jaime Jaquez scored 12 points, Tyger Campbell, Amari Bailey and David Singleton had 11 apiece, and Adem Bona added 10 for UCLA.

No. 10 Creighton 94, Holy Cross 65: The host Bluejays' Ryan Kalkbrenner scored 17 of his 22 points in the first half, and Ryan Nembhard had a careerhigh 12 assists.

The 7-foot-1 Kalkbrenner made all 10 of his shots from the field — seven were dunks. He gave fans a treat when he launched, and made, a rare three-pointer before Creighton (3-0) went to the locker room with a 52-27 lead at half-time

Arthur Kaluma and Ben Shtolzberg had 13 points apiece for the Bluejays.

Bo Montgomery matched his career high with 21 points for the Crusaders (1-2). Gerrale Gates added 16 points.

Northwestern State 64, No. 15 TCU 63: Ja'Monta Black scored 25 points, Demarcus Sharp added 19 and the visiting Demons rallied from 12 points down.

Isaac Haney had 10 rebounds for Northwestern State (2-2).

Chuck O'Bannon Jr. had 12 points and Micah Peavy scored 10

for the Horned Frogs (2-1), who were without leading scorer Mike Miles Jr. (left knee and ankle injury).

Sharp's floating jumper with 1:12 left put the Demons ahead 64-63. TCU's struggles from earlier in the half returned as O'Bannon and Jakobe Coles put up shots that were off in the final minute.

No. 19 Illinois 103, Monmouth 65: Terrence Shannon Jr. had a career-high 30 points, powering the host Illini to the victory.

Freshman guard Jayden Epps scored a season-high 21 points and Dain Dainja finished with 15 points on 7-for-9 shooting for Illinois (3-0).

Andrew Ball scored 13 points to lead Monmouth (0-3), and Jack Collins added 12.

Illinois made its first five shots — four of them threes — and hit nine of its first 12 shots to sprint out to a 24-9 lead. It was a sharp contrast from a 1-for-18 start from the field in a win over Kansas City last Friday.

No. 23 Texas Tech 64, Louisiana Tech 55: Kevin Obanor and De'Vion Harmon each scored 15 points to lead the host Red Raiders to the win.

Texas Tech (3-0) used a late 14-1 run to take control after the Bulldogs closed to 39-37 with 14:05 remaining. Louisiana Tech never got closer than seven points the rest of the way.

Cobe Williams led Louisiana Tech (1-1) with 16 points, and Kenny Hunter added 10.

Texas Tech shot 23-for-46 from the field and 7-for-18 from long distance.

Slain players at Virginia 'were all good kids'

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Three University of Virginia football players killed in an on-campus shooting were remembered Monday by their head coach as "incredible young men with huge aspirations and extremely bright futures."

Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis Jr. and D'Sean Perry were juniors returning to campus from a class trip to see a play Sunday night when authorities said they were killed by a fellow student.

The young men were members of the Virginia football team, journeying through periods of transition in their careers — whether it was bouncing back from a season-ending injury, changing positions on the team or transferring in from another school.

"They touched us, inspired us and worked incredibly hard," head football coach Tony Elliott said in a

Their absence was already being felt on campus, prompting American studies professor Jack Hamilton to tweet that he was "just stunned and devastated and completely at a loss."

Hamilton had Chandler and Davis as students.

"In my experience, star athletes often tend to hang out with other athletes (understandable, given the time commitment)," Hamilton wrote. "But (Davis) seemed to go out of his way to make friends with non-athletes."

As the tragedy reverberated throughout the campus, the head football coach was seen sitting alone at a table outside the school's football offices, his head in his hands.

"They were all good kids," Elliott said before getting into an SUV with several other coaches.

A couple of hours later, teammate Aaron Faumui spoke briefly through tears.

"I don't even know what to say

right now," said the college senior who plays defensive tackle. "I just want to say they were three young great men."

The grief was felt widely, penetrating football programs across the country — in part because college athletes can move around more with the easing of transfer restrictions. Players from Wisconsin to Utah and Washington state mourned because they had played at Virginia.

"Can't put into words the physical and mental pain that comes with losing not just teammates, but brothers," tweeted Wayne Taulapapa, a running back who transferred from Virginia to the University of Washington. "You were never just football players, but rather examples of great and honorable young men."

The shooting happened just after 10:15 p.m. Sunday as a charter bus full of students returned from seeing a play in Washington, D.C. University President Jim Ryan said authorities did not have a "full understanding" of the motive or circumstances surrounding the shooting.

Police on Monday captured a university student, Christopher Darnell Jones Jr., 22, whom they said is suspected of shooting the three football players and wounding two others. Jones had once played on the football team, but had not been a member of the team for at least a year, police said.

On Monday morning, Lavel Davis Sr. posted a message on Facebook: "Lord please help me."

Mike Hollins, a running back on the football team who was also shot, was in stable condition Monday, his mother Brenda Hollins told The Associated Press.

"Mike is a fighter — and he's showing it," she said after flying to Virginia from Louisiana. "We have great doctors who have been working with him. And most importantly, we have God's grace and God's hands on him."







University of Virginia Athletics/Al

From left, University of Virginia football players Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis Jr. and D'Sean Perry.

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NBA ROUNDUP

Adebayo's 30 points help Miami rally past Phoenix

Associated Press

MIAMI — Bam Adebayo scored 30 points, including a pair of free throws to put Miami up for good with 35 seconds left, and the Heat rallied from a 13-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat the Phoenix Suns 113-112 on Monday night.

Phoenix had three shots to win on its final possession — a missed layup by Cameron Payne, a jumper from Devin Booker that Jimmy Butler blocked, and then a three-pointer from Booker that fell short.

Butler finished with 16 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists for Miami. Caleb Martin and Kyle Lowry each scored 15 for Miami, which got back to .500 at 7-7.

Booker led Phoenix with 25 points, and Duane Washington Jr. added 21. Deandre Ayton finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Suns, who shot only four free throws compared to 25 for Miami.

Celtics 126, Thunder 122: Marcus Smart scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half, and host Boston beat Oklahoma City for its seventh straight win.

Boston trailed by 15 in the third quarter but outscored Oklahoma City 37-26 in the fourth.

Jayson Tatum had 27 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics. Jaylen Brown scored 26, and Al Horford added 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander led the Thunder with 37 points. Lu Dort scored 21 and Aleksej Pokusevski finished with 16 points and 14 rebounds.

Hawks 121, Bucks 106: De'Andre Hunter scored 24 points and Trae Young had 21 points and nine assists, leading visiting Atlanta over Milwaukee.

Clint Capela added 19 points and 10 rebounds as the Hawks won for the fifth time in seven games. Dejounte Murray also scored 19, and John Collins had 16 points and nine boards.

Giannis Antetokounmpo, who missed the previous two games and three of the past four with left knee soreness, scored 27 points in 31 minutes. The Bucks have lost three of four after a 9-0 start.

It was the third meeting between the teams in 16 days. Mar-Jon Beauchamp had 20 points for the Bucks, who dropped to 7-1 at home

Warriors 132, Spurs 95: Back in the starting lineup for a night, Jordan Poole scored a season-best 36 points on the debut of his first bobblehead and led host Golden State past San Antonio.



MARTA LAVANDIER/ΔΡ

Heat center Barn Adebayo reacts after scoring during the second half of Monday's game against the Phoenix Suns in Miami.

Poole shot 13-for-20 and knocked down five three-pointers. He exited with 8:04 left following his 13th career game of 30 or more points.

Stephen Curry added 16 points, five rebounds and five assists in 27 minutes.

Keldon Johnson had 15 points for the injury-plagued Spurs.

Raptors 115, Pistons 111: Dalano Banton scored 27 points and Chris Boucher added 20 as shorthanded Toronto snapped a threegame losing streak with a victory over host Detroit.

O.G. Anunoby added 19 points and seven rebounds for the Raptors, who played without Fred VanVleet (non-COVID-19 illness), Pascal Siakam (abdominal strain) and Gary Trent (hip).

Rookie guard Jaden Ivey scored 21 for the Pistons, who lost their fourth straight. Bojan Bogdanovic added 18 points.

Hornets 112, Magic 105: La-Melo Ball had 17 points and nine

assists, and visiting Charlotte stopped an eight-game slide by beating Orlando.

Seven players scored in double figures for the Hornets, including their entire starting lineup. Mason Plumlee had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Terry Rozier scored 17, and Kelly Oubre Jr. had 16.

Franz Wagner scored 23 points and Wendell Carter Jr. added 20 for Orlando, but the Magic committed 22 turnovers.

Clippers 122, Rockets 106: Paul George scored 22 points in three quarters to lead visiting Los Angeles past Houston.

George, who also had eight rebounds and five assists, spent the fourth quarter on the bench with the game in hand as Clippers coach Tyronn Lue didn't play his starters in the final period on the front end of a back-to-back.

Jalen Green scored 25 points and Kevin Porter Jr. added 20 for the Rockets, who dropped their third in a row.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
	w	L Pct	GB				
Boston	11	3 .786	_				
Toronto	8	7 .533	31/2				
Philadelphia	7	7 .500	4				
New York	6	7 .462	41/2				
Brooklyn	6	8 .429	5				
Southeast Division							

	w	L Pct	GB			
Atlanta	9	5 .643	_			
Washington	8	6 .571	1			
Miami	7	7 .500	2			
Orlando	4	10 .286	5			
Charlotte	4	11 .267	51/2			
Control Division						

Central Division						
	W	L Pct	GB			
Milwaukee	10	3 .769	_			
Cleveland	8	5 .615	2			
Indiana	6	6 .500	31/2			
Chicago	6	8 .429	41/2			
Detroit	3	12 200	8			

Western Conference

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB		
Memphis	9	5 .	.643	_		
Dallas	7	5 .	.583	1		
New Orleans	7	6	.538	11/2		
San Antonio	6	8	.429	3		
Houston	2	12	.143	7		
Northwest Division						

	W	L Pct	GB				
Portland	9	4 .692	_				
Denver	9	4 .692	_				
Utah	10	5 .667	_				
Minnesota	6	8 .429	31/2				
Oklahoma City	6	8 .429	31/2				
Pacific Division							

	W	L Pct	GB
Phoenix	8	5 .615	_
L.A. Clippers	8	6 .571	1/2
Sacramento	6	6 .500	11/2
Golden State	6	8 .429	21/2
L.A. Lakers	3	10 .231	5

Monday's games

Charlotte 112, Orlando 105 Toronto 115, Detroit 111 Miami 113, Phoenix 112 Boston 126, Oklahoma City 122 L.A. Clippers 122, Houston 106 Atlanta 121, Milwaukee 106 Golden State 132, San Antonio 95

Tuesday's games

Memphis at New Orleans L.A. Clippers at Dallas New York at Utah Brooklyn at Sacramento San Antonio at Portland

Wednesday's games

Indiana at Charlotte
Minnesota at Orlando
Oklahoma City at Washington
Boston at Atlanta
Miami at Toronto
Chicago at New Orleans
Cleveland at Milwaukee
Houston at Dallas
Golden State at Phoenix
New York at Denver

Thursday's games

Brooklyn at Portland San Antonio at Sacramento Detroit at L.A. Clippers

Friday's games

Miami at Washington Charlotte at Cleveland Milwaukee at Philadelphia Indiana at Houston Oklahoma City at Memphis Orlando at Chicago Boston at New Orleans Denver at Dallas Phoenix at Utah New York at Golden State Detroit at L.A. Lakers

Scoring leaders Through Monday

Through Monday

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Doncic, DAL	12	140	104	412	34.
Embiid, PHI	10	108	98	323	32.
Tatum, BOS	14	144	110	447	31.9
Mitchell, CLE	11	123	56	348	31.0
Curry, GS	13	137	70	409	31.
GAlexander, OKC	13	151	94	410	31.
Antetokounmpo, MIL	10	111	83	313	31.
Durant, BKN	14	143	118	428	30.0
Morant, MEM	12	121	78	345	28.8
Young, ATL	13	110	100	350	26.9
Booker, PHO	13	124	67	345	26.
Fox, SAC	11	108	44	281	25.

BRIEFLY

Rams' Kupp will go on IR after ankle surgery

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Rams receiver Cooper Kupp will have surgery on his sprained right ankle, sidelining the Super Bowl MVP for at least the next four weeks while placed on injured re-

Kupp, the AP's Offensive Player of the Year last season after winning the triple crown of receiving, sprained his ankle in the Rams' 27-17 loss to Arizona last Sunday. He needs surgery that is likely to sideline the Rams' top offensive player for several weeks.

Kupp currently is second in the NFL with 75 catches, while his 812 yards receiving and six TD receptions are fifth.

His absence will be another blow to the Los Angeles' struggling offense, which is 31st in the NFL in yards per game (282.7), 29th in scoring (16.4) and last in yards rushing (68.1).

In other NFL news:

■ The Green Bay Packers have released wide receiver/punt returner Amari Rodgers one year after they traded up in the third round to draft the former Clemson star.

Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst announced on Tuesday the roster moves involving Rodgers and running back/kick returner Kylin Hill, a 2021 seventhround pick from Mississippi State.

Rodgers had 20 punt returns for 139 yards and four catches for 50 yards.

Hill had one carry for 7 yards this season.

Unvaccinated Djokovic will play Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — A year after Novak Djokovic's highprofile deportation from Australia because he is not vaccinated against COVID-19, the 21-time Grand Slam champion is set to be granted a visa to enter the country so he can compete at the Australian Open in January.

The Australian Broadcasting Corp. said Tuesday it had confirmed newspaper reports that the immigration minister would put aside a potential three-year ban from entry that Djokovic, a 35-year-old from Serbia, had faced as a foreign citizen whose visa was revoked.

The Australian Border Force previously explained that exclusion period could be waived in certain circumstances — and that each case would be assessed on its merits.

The nine-time Australian Open champion was not allowed to seek a 10th title at Melbourne Park after a tumultuous 10-day legal saga early this year over his COVID-19 vaccination status that culminated with his visa being taken away on the eve of the tournament.

Associated Press



MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP

Munich's Allianz Arena, capacity 69,811, hosted Sunday's game between Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Seattle Seahawks.

Expanding the road trips

Beyond England and Germany, league eyes Spain and France

By Ken Maguire Associated Press

he NFL wants to keep its European tour going now that Germany has joined Britain in hosting games.

Spain and France are atop the league's wish list as it continues to look internationally for revenue growth.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat the Seattle Seahawks 21-16 on Sunday at Allianz Arena — a first for Germany as part of a four-year deal that the league hopes will extend long-term. London has hosted regular-season games since 2007.

Beyond Germany, which could also get additional games soon, the league's analysis of fan growth and commercial potential puts Spain and France "very much on our radar," Brett Gosper, NFL Head of UK and Europe, told The Associated Press in an interview.

"We need to do our homework to make sure that there is the possibility of a place to land any games in those markets, gauge interest of the host stadia, gauge interest of the host city, even the government, as to their enthusiasm to help us bring a game," Gosper said.

Spain has a slight edge because the Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins now have "home marketing" rights in the country. The NFL has divvied up international rights to interested teams covering 10 countries including Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Ghana, Mexico and the U.K. No teams have rights in France.

"When you know that there are teams operating in (the international rights program) you want to look at the prospect and the viability of potentially having games in



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

A Denver Broncos supporter cheers before a game between the Broncos and the Jacksonville Jaguars at Wembley Stadium in London on Oct. 30.

those markets at some point," Gosper said.

There are five international games this season: three in London, one in Munich, and one in Mexico City on Nov. 21 when the Arizona Cardinals play the San Francisco

International expansion was one reason why the NFL added a 17th game to the schedule. The league has committed to playing four international games each season, and teams are required to play a "home" game abroad once every eight seasons

Outside of that commitment, a team with rights in a country can opt to play home games there, as the Jacksonville Jaguars do in London. The Jags have played nine times in the British capital and currently have a three-year deal to play an annual "home" game at the 90,000-seat Wembley Stadium.

"A team might choose to do that. That's a real possibility but again not imminent,"

Gosper said.

"Certainly, in next six months to 12 months we'll be really testing the viability of our options from a stadium point of view — not just in Europe but elsewhere — and then at the same time in parallel seeing what the appetite is for clubs to potentially exploit those markets with a game," he said.

In Spain, Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabéu Stadium is undergoing major renovations that will include a soccer pitch that retracts to make way for an artificial turf field that can be used for American football with a capacity over 80,000. Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, which has a long-term deal with the NFL to host London games, has a similar system. Atlético Madrid's Wanda Metropolitano Stadium seats 68,000.

Camp Nou is Europe's largest soccer stadium with a capacity of 99,000, but Barcelona plans to begin a long-delayed renovation project that will last into 2026. The city's Montjuic Olympic Stadium seats about 56,000 and was a former home to the Barcelona Dragons of the NFL Europe league.

Gosper said there are "a lot of synergies" with Spain considering the NFL's large Spanish-speaking fanbase. Nine teams have marketing rights in Mexico.

The Stade de France just north of Paris has a capacity of just over 80,000 for soccer games.

"France is a little bit outside of that and it's its own market and culture," Gosper said, "but at the same time it's an incredibly strong sports media market where returns could be higher and faster than Spain."

Elsewhere in Europe, the Nordic markets would be next and "Sweden in particular," Gosper said. The country's largest stadium, Friends Arena, tops out at 50,000 fans.

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call on QB Taylor Heinicke that extended Washington's drive.

"I was just trying to touch him down, because it just looked like he was going to get up. You just never know. But that's on me. I own that one. That's on me," Graham said

NFL referee Alex Kemp told a pool reporter Graham was penalized because Heinicke "had clearly given himself up."

"Therefore, he is down and a defenseless player. The contact by Philadelphia No. 55 was not only late, but also to the head and neck area," Kemp said.

Graham wasn't alone in making miscues that cost the Birds.

A.J Brown had a catch knock off his hands and turn into an interception. And, Dallas Goedert fumbled in the fourth quarter when linebacker Jamin Davis grabbed the tight end by the facemask — but no penalty was called.

Kemp told a pool reporter, "We didn't see a face mask on the field."

Heinicke again started for injured QB Carson Wentz, the much-maligned former Eagles QB who did play a key role in helping them win a Super Bowl in the 2017 season. He wasn't flashy, but efficient, going 17-for-29 and throwing for 211 yards. Terry McLaurin had 128 yards receiving — including a 41-yard haul that led to a field goal. Joey Slye kicked four field goals.

The Commanders (5-5) also spoiled Pittsburgh's 11-0 start in 2020.

Hurts was 17-for-26 for just 175 yards.

"It's the same message that's always been delivered after our wins, same message delivered after our losses, we're controlling the things we can," Hurts said. "We came here today, we didn't do that. And today it got us. It's very important to control the things that you can. Controlling your ball security."

The Eagles were favored by 10½ points, according to FanDuel Sportsbook, and the Commanders reveled in pulling off the upset

"We had a marvelous time ruining everything," the Commanders tweeted.



RICH SCHULTZ/AF

Washington Commanders running back Antonio Gibson goes over the top to score a touchdown against the Eagles during the first quarter of Monday's game in Philadelphia. Washington won 32-21.

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NFL

Eagles' perfect season over



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Above: Eagles wide receiver Quez Watkins fumbles the ball as he's tackled by Washington Commanders cornerback Benjamin St-Juste during the second half of Monday's game in Philadelphia. Right: Commanders safety Darrick Forrest turns upfield after making an interception during the first half.

Last unbeaten team dealt first defeat by Washington

By Dan Gelston Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Brandon Graham took a knee at midfield as most of his Eagles teammates trudged off the field in stunned disbelief that their undefeated season had been wiped out.

An Eagles team that romped toward the first 8-0 start in franchise history played with uncharacteristic sloppiness, failed to hit on the game-breaking plays that had defined their season, and had every flaw exposed in quite an imperfect performance.

The Washington Commanders turned methodical drives into scores and took advantage of turnover-prone Philadelphia, stunning the Eagles 32-21 on Monday night and sending them to their first loss in nine games this season

Behind Jalen Hurts, the Eagles were the last team in the NFL that could make a run at Miami's 17-0 mark in 1972 and the lone perfect season. The 2007 New England Patriots came close, going 18-0 before a Super Bowl loss.

"We started 8-0 together, we lost this game together, we're going to move on together," Eagles



Hurts

coach Nick Sirianni said.

The Eagles had their shot at perfection slip out of their hands.

Trailing at halftime for the

first time this season, Hurts seemed to have one more big play left to pull out a victory. He connected on a deep ball to wide receiver Quez Watkins on a 51-yard reception late in the fourth quarter trailing 26-21. Watkins hit the ground, popped up and took off running, only to fumble the ball and give Washington possession.

"I was just trying to make a play. I know I didn't get touched and I knew I had left him behind, so I just wanted to get up and get some extra yards," Watkins said.

That was it for the Eagles and their four turnovers, a bloated number for a team that had only three in the first eight games.

"Flush it and move on," Graham aid.

The defensive end was flagged for a late unnecessary roughness

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