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## USFK leader quarantines after trip to US

By KIM GAMEL

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SEOUL, South Korea — Declaring “no exceptions” to policy, the commander of U.S. Forces Korea tested negative for the coronavirus and began a two-week quarantine Friday after returning to South Korea from the United States.

USFK also announced Friday that it will lower the military’s health protection risk level nationwide to Bravo, signifying a lower, moderate risk for infection, as South Korea’s daily number of cases dipped below 50.

The change will go into effect at 4 p.m. Monday.

Gen. Robert Abrams posted a photo of himself on Twitter, saying his quarantine was an example of the military’s adherence to a strict testing and quarantine policy aimed at preventing the spread of the respiratory virus from abroad.

“And so it begins ... Day 0 quarantine,” he wrote. “No exceptions, even for 4\*. This is one of many reasons we have the lowest incident rate in (the Defense Department).”

The command has reported 227 coronavirus cases since an initial outbreak began in South Korea in late February, but only 26 of those were contracted locally. The others were mainly troops who tested positive after arriving in the South from the U.S.

Abrams said his initial test was negative, but he will take a second test on Day 12 as required before exiting quarantine.

“To be clear, I am just following the same protocol that everyone coming from CONUS (the continental United States) must follow when they arrive in Korea,” he added.

The new health protection designation means military personnel may go to Seoul and surrounding areas, which had remained largely off-limits due to a high number of cases even as USFK eased restrictions elsewhere.

Bars, clubs and other adults-only establishments are still banned, according to a press release. It also said the military community must continue to adhere to basic prevention measures, such as maintaining safe distances from other people and always wearing face masks in public

when off-base.

Masks are required in stores and other crowded facilities on bases, but not in open areas. The command, however, has made masks mandatory off the installations to conform with local government rules and etiquette.

“While USFK is adjusting its health protection condition peninsula-wide, it is not lowering its guard,” the command said, warning it would “immediately snap back to a heightened HPCON posture without hesitation” if there’s a resurgence of the virus.

The military stressed it was following South Korea’s lead since the government has also eased restrictions to the lowest level.

South Korea has cautiously welcomed a decline in the caseload nationwide after a second outbreak began in Seoul and surrounding areas in mid-August, although the numbers have fluctuated.

The Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency reported 47 new cases on Friday, down from 110 the previous day, for a total of 25,035, with 441 deaths.

## McConnell sets Senate stimulus vote for Tuesday

*Bloomberg*

WASHINGTON — The Senate will vote on Republican proposals for a roughly \$500 billion economic recovery bill and additional funding to aid small businesses starting Tuesday, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said.

The votes, essentially one-chamber messaging, will underscore the continued deep differences after months of talks on another stimulus bill that have failed to bridge gaps between President Donald Trump’s administration, House Democrats and Senate Republicans.

McConnell, who had pre-

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Senate Majority Leader

viously said that the Senate would take action at some point during the week of Oct. 19, spelled out schedule details on Saturday. A standalone vote on more funds for the Paycheck Protection Program will be held Tuesday, followed by the main relief bill Wednesday, he

said in a statement.

“Republicans have tried numerous times to secure bipartisan agreement where possible and get aid out the door while these endless talks continue,” said McConnell, blaming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for the aid impasse. “Next week, Sen-

ate Republicans will move to break this logjam.”

McConnell has raised his own objection to any deal — the total amount. Trump said Thursday he was prepared to go above the \$1.8 trillion his team had been trying to offer to Pelosi, who favors a \$2.2 trillion plan.

“He’s talking about a much larger amount than I can sell to my members,” McConnell said Thursday of Trump’s latest position.

Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin were expected to hold more talks on stimulus efforts on Saturday evening.

# Ramstein prohibits Halloween tradition

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

*Stars and Stripes*

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — From creepy headstones to spider webs in front yards, houses on this U.S. Air Force base are decked out for Halloween, ready for the hordes of trick-or-treaters who usually roam the streets on Oct. 31.

Not this year, though, as the coronavirus has upended many Halloween traditions.

Ramstein base officials said Thursday on Facebook that door-to-door trick-or-treating will be prohibited in family housing “in order to keep everyone safe and healthy.”

The announcement came as the number of new coronavirus infections in Germany rose by 7,334 on Friday, the highest one-day rise since the start of the pandemic.

The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention considers traditional trick-or-treating to be a high-risk activity for spreading the coronavirus. Among other Halloween activities that the CDC advises against are attending crowded costume parties held indoors, going to a haunted house where people may be screaming and going on hayrides or tractor rides with people from different households.

But trick-or-treating is the Halloween sweet spot for many children. This year, however, they’ll have to settle for alternate activities being offered on some U.S. military bases in Germany, such as a socially distanced drive-in movie and Halloween-themed bowling night at Spangdahlem Air Base.

Spangdahlem is in a county designated as high-risk for the virus, but the base has not seen a spike in cases, Col. David Epperson, 52nd Fighter

Wing commander, said during a virtual town hall Thursday. Leadership will make a “game-time” decision on whether or not to allow trick-or-treating, he said.

Ramstein’s force support squadron is planning to hold a parade in family housing on Halloween with “masked COVID-safe caped crusaders” distributing candy, the base said Friday.

At Baumholder, a final decision on door-to-door trick-or-treating is expected this week, said Stefan Alford, spokesman for U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz.

Trick-or-treating will only be allowed on-post for Defense Department ID card holders at the Army garrisons in Stuttgart and Wiesbaden. Stuttgart has also banned candy distribution in stairwells and garages, and directed that treats be set out on tables for children to grab

and go, while trick-or-treaters will be limited to groups of 10 in Wiesbaden housing areas, and only store-bought, packaged treats are allowed to be handed out.

The cities of Stuttgart and Wiesbaden, and rural Birkenfeld county, which Baumholder is in, are all at Germany’s highest health threat level for coronavirus.

U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria has banned trick-or-treating for all garrison members, but units can hand out candy in open spaces with proper distancing, sanitation stations and a way of keeping track of participants in case contact tracing becomes necessary.

“We’re going to make do with what we have,” Air Force spouse and mother of three Melissa Garvin said, with some resignation.

But at least her kids can wear their costumes, she added.

## Andersen Air Force Base to feature in Netflix film

BY CAITLIN DOORNBOS

*Stars and Stripes*

Prepare to swoon, holiday romance enthusiasts.

An upcoming Netflix film, “Operation Christmas Drop,” features a love story centered on an annual military tradition of the same name at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

Available for streaming Nov. 5, the film tells the story of a Grinch-like congressional aide, Erica Miller, who skips her family Christmas to observe the annual Air Force operation in December that brings donations and supplies to remote islands in Micronesia, according to a Netflix statement Friday. Her mission: to find reasons to defund Andersen.

“Well if we’re looking to close down bases, this one’s flashing red and green,” Miller’s congresswoman boss says in the trailer.

But Miller’s perception softens when she meets Air Force Capt. Andrew Jantz, who helps her experience “the customs and communal spirit of (his) adopted home,” according to the statement. Scenes in the

trailer show the couple meeting islanders, dancing and walking through Christmas light displays on base.

While the love story is contrived, the film’s namesake is very real. For nearly 70 years, the Air Force has been using aircraft to drop needed supplies to island populations not easily reached by boat.

The residents of Guam and Andersen each year pack large boxes of donated food, tools, clothing and toys for Operation Christmas Drop. Airmen in Santa hats parachute the boxes from the back of C-130J Super Hercules cargo planes.

Shots from the 2019 operation were used in the Netflix film, and its crew from Hollywood volunteered to sort donations on their days off, according to the statement.

About 90% of the film was shot on Andersen, including its jungle and beach scenes, according to the statement. Filmmakers used service members’ homes and businesses in the shoot. The base’s beachside bar, Bamboo Willies, even makes an appearance.

“There is no way to build an Air Force base for a movie — you just have to move onto one,” director Martin Wood said in the

statement.

Actors and crews were allowed onto Air Force aircraft to film. The Navy also provided two helicopters and two ships “to portray an air-to-air sequence of travel to a distant island,” according to the statement.

“There’s actual footage we shot during the shooting of the movie, looking past our heroes all tethered into the open back of a C-130 doing aerial combat turns out over the ocean,” Wood said in the statement. “The entire crew used their air sickness bags — multiple times during that flight.”

“Operation Christmas Drop” is the first major Hollywood film to shoot on Guam, according to the statement. Air Force and Navy spouses and locals were hired as set decorators, production assistants and stand-ins.

“An authentic Chamorro village was built by local Chamorro chief and legendary celestial navigator, Guelo Rosario,” producer Steve McGlothen also said in the statement.

The movie shows some of the real remote islands helped in the operation, as well, according to the statement.



# Taliban: US military has violated accord

*The Washington Post*

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban, facing Afghan and international condemnation for a 10-day assault near the capital of southern Helmand province, are accusing the U.S. military of violating their February accord by carrying out “excessive” aerial attacks and bombings in recent days.

In a statement Sunday, the insurgents played down their own attack on areas around Helmand’s provincial capital, which has forced thousands of villagers to flee their homes and left scores hospitalized.

The attacks have aroused public alarm and anger, leading many Afghans to question why the government is holding peace talks with the Taliban, especially as the insurgents are hardening their negotiating position after President Donald Trump

said he wanted to withdraw all U.S. troops by year’s end.

The Taliban delegates to the talks in Doha welcomed Trump’s announcement and publicly wished for his reelection — and then turned on their American interlocutors with their accusations.

“All contents of the U.S.-Islamic Emirate accord are unambiguous, but the other side has violated its commitments on numerous occasions, engaging in provocative actions and bombing noncombat zones,” spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi said in the statement. “All responsibility and consequences ... shall fall squarely on the American side.”

The U.S. military spokesman in Kabul responded that the strikes were “consistent” with both the U.S.-Taliban agreement and a joint declaration between Afghan

and U.S. officials.

“We categorically reject the Taliban’s claim that the United States has violated the U.S.-Taliban agreement,” Col. William Leggett tweeted. He said U.S. airstrikes in Helmand and Farah provinces were “solely in defense of” Afghan military forces as they are being attacked by the Taliban.

The withdrawal announcement by Trump on Oct. 7 has been viewed as a major concession to the Taliban. The insurgents agreed in February to reduce violence, cut ties with extremist groups and refrain from attacking U.S. forces in return for the gradual withdrawal of all U.S. troops by May.

Shortly after Trump’s announcement, the Taliban launched an assault in Helmand, triggering charges that they had violated the U.S. accord and jeopardized the entire peace process.

## US, Russia reject each other’s arms deal offer

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The U.S. and Russia on Friday rejected each other’s proposals for potentially salvaging the last remaining legal constraint on their strategic nuclear forces. President Vladimir Putin called for an unconditional extension of the soon-to-expire New START treaty, and the White House called that a “non-starter.”

Adding an edginess to the diplomatic clash, President Donald Trump’s national security adviser, Robert O’Brien,

suggested the Russians rethink their stance “before a costly arms race ensues.” Administration officials have previously alluded to building up nuclear forces if the treaty is abandoned, although the Pentagon has its hands full paying for a one-for-one replacement of older nuclear weapons.

In the closing days of his reelection bid, Trump has looked for ways to boost his foreign policy record, and although he says he favors nuclear arms control, he has called New START flawed and unfavor-

able to the U.S. Last year he withdrew the U.S. from a separate nuclear arms treaty with Russia, and he waited until this year to begin engaging the Russians on the future of the New START deal.

The Trump administration recently proposed a one-year extension of the 2010 treaty, which is set to expire in February, but it said this must be coupled with the imposition of a broader cap on U.S. and Russian nuclear warheads. The cap would cover warheads not limited by the New START treaty.

Putin said Friday a one-year extension was OK but should not be conditioned on a wider cap on warheads.

Trump’s lead arms control negotiator, Marshall Billingslea, blamed the Russians for missing what he called a historic opportunity. “The United States made every effort,” he wrote on Twitter Friday, but the Russians “backtracked on an agreement” to cap the number of nuclear warheads of all kinds. Russian officials have denied they made any such agreement.

## Former lawmaker to serve sentence at Texas prison

*The San Diego Union-Tribune*

SAN DIEGO — Former Rep. Duncan Hunter will serve his 11-month sentence for conspiring to misuse campaign funds at a West Texas prison camp, his attorney said Friday.

Hunter is scheduled to report to Federal Correctional Institute La Tuna on Jan. 4. The prison is in the El Paso suburb of Anthony, on the Texas-New Mexico state line. He will serve

in its adjacent minimum-security satellite camp, according to CQ Roll Call.

Hunter’s attorney, Devin Burstein, on Friday confirmed the report that Hunter had been assigned to the facility.

Hunter fought a 60-count indictment for more than a year before pleading guilty to a conspiracy charge in December.

His wife, Margaret Hunter, pleaded guilty in June 2019 of conspiring with her husband to

misuse more than \$250,000 in campaign money on personal expenses such as travel, groceries, fast food and private school tuition.

Alan Ellis, a defense attorney who writes the Federal Prison Guidebook, told Roll Call he suspects Hunter is being sent to a facility 10 hours away to get him away from his sphere of influence — something he said is common for high-profile prisoners.

FCI La Tuna also is where former Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca is serving a three-year sentence for obstruction of justice, conspiracy to obstruct justice and making false statements.

Hunter left Congress in January and his seat in the 50th District has been vacant since. Former Republican Rep. Darrel Issa and Democrat Ammar Campa-Najjar are in a tight race to replace him.

# Women across US march in protest

*New York Daily News*

NEW YORK — Thousands of women across the U.S. marched in protest against the White House, roused into action Saturday by President Donald Trump's choice of a conservative candidate to replace the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Marches also were held in Washington, D.C., and dozens of satellite sites across the nation. The typically massive marches, launched after Trump's 2017 inauguration, saw the ranks limited this time by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Manhattan's march was the second such anti-Trump event this year, following a similar march in January. Since then marchers have been outraged by Trump's nomination of conservative Judge Amy Coney Barrett for the Supreme Court seat vacated by the famously liberal Ginsburg's death. The Manhattan marchers, like many around the country, were particularly concerned about

the possibility of a new, heavily conservative court overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Among the hundreds gathered in Manhattan, one protester raised a sign with the outline of a coat hanger and the blunt message, "Never Go Back." Other marchers dressed in red robes and white hats, like characters from "The Handmaid's Tale," as they headed downtown en masse.

The protesters wore face coverings for the mid-pandemic protest and waved signs extolling Ginsburg and denouncing Trump. "Grab him by the ballot," read one pink sign with an image of four raised fists — all with nail polish.

Cynthia Altmann, 47, offered two reasons for traveling down from the Bronx: First, the proud mom's daughter, Ymoni Shavuo, was one of the organizers. And second?

"Because I'm a woman," she said. "It's as simple as that. The fight we're fighting today, we've been fighting for 50 years."

# Six USS Oklahoma sailors killed at Pearl Harbor IDed

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
*Stars and Stripes*

The government agency charged with identifying America's war dead has identified another six sailors who died aboard the USS Oklahoma during the Pearl Harbor attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the identifications Wednesday of Navy Fireman 2nd Class Martin Young, 21, of Hawesville, Ky., and Navy Seaman 1st Class Maurice Spangler, 20, of Defiance, Ohio, according to the agency's website.

On Thursday, DPAA announced it had identified Navy Seaman 2nd Class Charles Jones, 21, of Nebraska; Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class George Gooch, 22, of Missouri; Navy Fire Controlman 1st Class Bernard R. Wimmer, 28, of West Virginia; and Navy Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Shelby Treadway, 25, of Kentucky. All had been recovered from the Oklahoma.

The men were lost in the opening moments of the Pearl Harbor attack after the Nevada-class battleship took multiple torpedo hits and capsized.

Young was identified Aug. 19,

2019, using dental and anthropological analysis as well as DNA testing, according to the agency. Spangler was identified on March 27 using anthropological and DNA analysis.

Young will be buried May 15 in Lewisport, Ky., according to the agency. Spangler will be interred Sept. 12 at the Punchbowl.

Both Young and Spangler's names appear on the Walls of the Missing at the Punchbowl, according to DPAA. A rosette will now be placed next to each name, marking them as accounted for.

The agency provided no further details on Jones, Gooch, Wimmer and Treadway.

Following the Oklahoma's sinking, 429 crewmen — 415 sailors and 14 Marines — were declared missing and presumed dead, the agency said. Between December 1941 and June 1944, Navy personnel recovered the deceased crew's remains and buried them in temporary local cemeteries.

Between June and November 2015, DPAA personnel exhumed the Oklahoma unknowns. Since then, they have identified over 225 Oklahoma sailors, the agency said in December.

# France demonstrations pay tribute to beheaded teacher

*Associated Press*

PARIS — Demonstrators in France on Sunday took part in gatherings in support of freedom of speech and in tribute to a history teacher who was beheaded near Paris after discussing caricatures of Islam's Prophet Muhammad with his class.

Samuel Paty was beheaded Friday by an 18-year-old Moscow-born Chechen refugee who was shot dead by police.

Political leaders, associations and unions demonstrated Sunday on the Place de la Republique in Paris holding placards reading "I am Samuel," that echoed the "I am Charlie" rallying cry after the 2015 attack on the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, which published caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad.

Demonstrators also gathered in major cities including Lyon, Toulouse, Strasbourg, Nantes, Marseille, Lille and Bordeaux.

French authorities, meanwhile, said they have detained an 11th person following the killing.

Anti-terrorism prosecutor Jean-Francois Ricard said an investigation for murder with a suspected terrorist motive was opened. At least four of those detained are family members of the attacker, who had been granted 10-year residency in France as a refugee in March.

His half-sister joined Islamic State in Syria in 2014, Ricard said. He didn't give her name, and it wasn't clear where she is now.

The prosecutor said a text claiming responsibility and a photograph of the victim were found on the suspect's phone. He also confirmed that a Twitter account under the name Abdoulakh A belonged to the suspect. It posted a photo of the decapitated head minutes after the attack along with the message "I have executed one of

the dogs from hell who dared to put Muhammad down."

The beheading has upset moderate French Muslims. A group of imams in the Lyon region were holding a special meeting Sunday to discuss together what the group called "the appalling assassination of our compatriot by a terrorist who in the name of an uncertain faith committed the irreparable."

The attack has provoked global condemnation. President Donald Trump addressed the killing Saturday night from a political rally in Janesville, Wis.

"On behalf of the United States, I'd like to extend my really sincere condolences to a friend of mine, President (Emmanuel) Macron of France, where they just yesterday had a vicious, vicious Islamic terrorist attack — beheading an innocent teacher near Paris," he said. "France is having a hard time and Macron's a great guy."



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Flushed wipes cause big waste spill

**MI** BEULAH — Small town, big mess.

Baby wipes clogged the wastewater system in Beulah in northern Michigan, causing a backup of 10,000 gallons of human waste from a manhole, the Traverse City Record-Eagle reported.

The spill was on the grounds of the village's wastewater treatment plant. Superintendent Brady Streeter said it was cleaned up within a few hours.

In May, Macomb County in suburban Detroit said it had been removing 4,000 pounds of wipes a week at one pump station.

Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller said so-called flushable wipes aren't breaking down.

## Driver fined after truck stuck in narrow passage

**VT** CAMBRIDGE — A tractor-trailer driver was fined nearly \$1,200 after getting stuck on Route 108, a narrow mountain pass known as Smugglers Notch where such vehicles are not allowed, Vermont State Police said.

The driver, 26, from Illinois, "ignored and passed several clearly posted signs advising that tractor-trailer units are not permitted," state police said. The road between Stowe and Cambridge had to be temporarily closed and troopers were able to safely guide the operator back down the Stowe side, police said.

## Trapped bear believed to be son of spared bear

**NH** LEBANON — A trapped black bear cub is believed to be the son of

a bear whose life was spared by Gov. Chris Sununu in 2017.

The cub is believed to be the third and last member of a recent litter from Mink. She died in August.

Since then, a cub was rescued Aug. 31 and another was hit and killed by a bus in September. Both were determined to be Mink's offspring.

Mink had been set to be euthanized, along with three of her earlier offspring, in 2017 after repeated problems with them feeding from trash and bird feeders.

Sununu instead ordered them to be moved to far northern New Hampshire. Mink later returned.

## Man climbs several stories up building

**NY** NEW YORK — A man took to the side of The New York Times headquarters, climbing several stories before police got him inside and into custody.

The New York Police Department said the man started scaling the south side of the building, which is in midtown Manhattan near Times Square, across the street from the Port Authority bus terminal.

The NYPD said officers apprehended the man, who has not been identified, from inside on the sixth floor.

## Man charged with impersonating attorneys

**TN** HENDERSONVILLE — A Tennessee man was charged with impersonating defense attorneys and a nurse, authorities said.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation said David Pell, of Sumner County, was charged with forgery, identity theft, impersonation of a licensed

professional and other alleged offenses.

Investigators said Pell, 35, claimed to be four different defense attorneys and falsely claimed to be a nursing director.

## City may soon have village with tiny homes

**NE** OMAHA — A village of 50 tiny houses may soon be coming to downtown Omaha.

The Omaha World-Herald reported that Arch Icon Development and Siena Francis House are working together on the project.

The project will be known as The Cottages, and it seeks to provide independence for people who have been in homeless shelter programs.

The gated neighborhood will include a community center with common laundry and bike storage rooms, a business hub and offices for those managing the complex.

The estimated cost of the project is \$6.5 million.

## Two cops killed in 1920s getting tombstone

**AL** MOBILE — Two Alabama police officers who were killed in the line of duty in the 1920s are finally getting markers for the graves.

Donations from a funeral home and cemetery will be used to mark the resting spots of officers Christopher M. Dean and W.F. "Happy" Murphy, according to a statement from the Mobile Police Department.

Dean was shot to death in 1926 while checking on some suspicious men, and Murphy was fatally wounded after stopping a speeding vehicle in 1929.

The department said relatives of neither man could afford grave markers.

## Man charged after fight at haunted house

**ID** BOISE — A Boise man was charged with assault after police said he drunkenly pulled a handgun on teens at a haunted house in Idaho because they said they didn't like President Donald Trump, authorities said.

Joshua Lockner, 37, was arrested on six felony counts of aggravated assault and one misdemeanor count of carrying a concealed weapon under the influence, the Idaho Statesman reported.

Lockner also reportedly told authorities he was with his family getting on a bus when two Black teens threatened to hurt his wife and were aggressive toward him over his T-shirt, which read "Trump 2020," authorities said.

## Court reverses 1960 cemetery decision

**WA** SEATTLE — The Washington state Supreme Court reversed its 1960 decision that allowed cemeteries to discriminate on the basis of race, a rule considered irrelevant as federal and state regulations have already made it illegal.

The Supreme Court said it was trying to reckon with the court system's long history of racial discrimination and was taking a small symbolic step to undo systemic racism, The Seattle Times reported.

Following national protests stemming from the police killing of George Floyd, all nine justices on the court wrote an open letter in June foreshadowing their plans to overrule the decision that made it illegal for cemeteries to "refuse burial to any person because such person may not be of the Caucasian race."

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# Rays top Astros for World Series berth

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — By now, every baseball fan has heard of remarkable rookie Randy Arozarena. They're fast becoming familiar with his World Series-bound Tampa Bay teammates, too.

"You sit here and look at this group of guys, and I always say we don't have a lot of household names, but at the same time, people are making a name for themselves right now," outfielder Kevin Kiermaier said.

They kept doing that in Game 7 of the AL Championship Series on Saturday night.

Arozarena homered again, 36-year-old Charlie Morton was brilliant against his former team and the Rays silenced the Houston Astros 4-2 to reach the World Series for just the second time.

The Rays will face either the Los Angeles Dodgers or Atlanta Braves in the World Series in Arlington, Texas, starting Tuesday night. Game 7 of the NLCS is Sunday night.

Right fielder Manuel Margot squeezed Aledmys Diaz's flyball in his glove for the

final out and fireworks burst overhead as the Rays began to celebrate the AL pennant in an NL ballpark, a byproduct of the pandemic-shortened season.

"If you don't know the name by now, they better learn them, because we've got some boys who can play," said Kiermaier, the Rays' longest-tenured player.

That would start with Arozarena, who set a rookie record with his seventh home run — a two-run shot in the first — and was chosen ALCS MVP.

"Randy Arozarena, I don't have any words to describe what he's done, what he's meant to us this postseason," manager Kevin Cash said. "For him to have a bat in his hand with an opportunity for a big home run, really, I think it settled a lot of people in the dugout. It certainly did me."

Arozarena, a relative unknown before the postseason, has brought power and some serious dance moves to the Rays.

"I wouldn't say I was chasing MVP, but I was just trying to do everything for the team, anything to allow us to win," the 25-year-old left fielder said through a translator.

Arozarena did Cristiano Ronaldo's famous goal celebration after his homer and again after receiving the MVP. Eight nights earlier, he threw down a breakdancing move to win a dance-off with Brett Phillips while the Rays celebrated their AL Division Series win against the New York Yankees.

Tampa Bay's only other World Series appearance was in 2008, when it lost to the Philadelphia Phillies in five games.

The innovative Rays led the AL with a 40-20 record in the pandemic-shortened season. Known for their pitching and defense, they also introduced the concept of the starter and sometimes deploy a four-man outfield.

Tampa Bay snapped a three-game losing streak and prevented the Astros from matching the 2004 Boston Red Sox, the only major league team to rally from a 3-0 deficit to win a seven-game series.

"The last three days were pretty agonizing," Cash said.

The Rays also kept the Astros from becoming the first team to win a pennant with a losing regular-season record (29-31).

# Dodgers force NLCS Game 7 with Braves

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Corey Seager's sweet swing. Walker Buehler's calm. Kenley Jansen's resurgence.

The Los Angeles Dodgers got what they needed — again.

"We did what we had to do to force a Game 7," Justin Turner said.

They sure did.

Seager homered again, Buehler pitched six scoreless innings and the Dodgers beat the Atlanta Braves 3-1 on Saturday to send the NL Championship Series to a winner-take-all finale.

Los Angeles avoided elimination for the second time in less than 24 hours, staying alive in its pursuit of a third pennant in four years. It hasn't won a championship since 1988.

"I'm still sort of recovering from this one, but already thinking about Game 7," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "That's what you live for."

Turner also homered for Los

Angeles, and Jansen threw a six-pitch ninth for his 18th career postseason save.

The NL West and East champions play again Sunday night, with the potential for two rookie starters in a Game 7 for the first time in big league history. The winner gets the Tampa Bay Rays in the World Series.

Roberts was keeping his options open for his starting pitcher while the Braves plan to go with rookie right-hander Ian Anderson, who has thrown 152/3 scoreless innings in his three postseason starts. Tony Gonsolin and three-time NL Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw are among the possibilities for Los Angeles.

"Shoot, we'll go out there and let 'er fly. A Game 7 is another baseball game," Atlanta manager Brian Snitker said. "You have to treat it as such."

The Braves were hoping to celebrate Snitker's 65th birthday Saturday with the franchise's first World Series berth since 1999. But Max Fried took

his first loss all year, working into the seventh inning after surrendering three runs during a rocky first.

Buehler, using Stan's Rodeo Ointment to deal with bothersome blisters, threw 65 of his 89 pitches for strikes. He allowed seven hits while striking out six without a walk.

After Atlanta loaded the bases with three singles in a row to start the top of second — the last hit by his Vanderbilt roommate Dansby Swanson — the right-hander really brought the heat, with 10 consecutive fastballs to get out of the jam.

Austin Riley struck out on a 98.7 mph pitch before Nick Markakis took a called third strike on 99.7 mph. Cristian Pache, the 21-year-old rookie who had an RBI in each of his first four NLCS starts, was retired on an inning-ending groundout.

"His mound presence is just unbelievable," Turner said.

Mookie Betts, the 2018 AL MVP and first-year Dodger,

made a leaping catch against the right field wall to end the fifth. While it wouldn't have been a homer, it robbed Marcell Ozuna of extra bases, and the Braves a likely run.

Betts let out an emphatic shout while pumping both fists, then celebrated with Bellinger while Buehler held his right arm high in the air.

Jansen finished the victory with an encouraging performance heading into Game 7.

It was Jansen's first save chance in five appearances since closing out the Dodgers' first playoff win this season in the wild-card round. He struck out the side on 12 pitches in Friday night's 7-3 win.

"Two huge outings, not only for us, but him personally, you can just see the confidence he has on the mound attacking guys," Turner said. "That's the Kenley Jansen I and all of us in there all know and love."



## South Carolina stuns No. 15 Auburn for first time in nearly 90 years

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina's Jaycee Horn was tired of hearing he didn't have the ball skills to be a truly exceptional cornerback.

His play against No. 15 Auburn proved he did — and led the Gamecocks to a breakthrough win over the Tigers on Saturday.

Horn had the first two interceptions of his career and his pass break up led to a third — all which South Carolina turned into touchdowns — for a 30-22 victory that was its first win over Auburn in 87 years.

Horn is a junior who's been a lockdown corner most of his career.

"If a team throws at him like that every game, he'll have a game like that every game," Gamecocks receiver Shi Smith said of Horn, the son of NFL receiver Joe Horn.

Horn was assigned to Auburn receiver Seth Williams, one of the best receivers in the Southeastern Conference, averaging 18 yards a catch. Williams finished with four catches for 74 yards, but no scores.

"I heard a lot of people saying I (don't) have any ball skills, which is crazy to me," Horn said. "I just knew the day would come when I'd have a lot of opportunities to make plays."

South Carolina made plenty of them throughout to beat Auburn for the first time in 87 years.

Kevin Harris ran for two touchdowns, Smith added a 10-yard TD catch and Horn and the defense did enough to stop Bo Nix and the Tigers' attack.

Auburn (2-2) had won eight straight in the series and jumped out to a 9-0 lead in the opening 10 minutes. But Nix, the sophomore quarterback, threw three picks and the Gamecocks (2-2) cashed in each time to win consecutive games for the first time in more than a year.

Smith had eight catches including his score midway through the third quarter that put South Carolina ahead for good, 20-19.

Auburn was driving on its following series when Nix threw his third interception — and second to c Horn who brought the ball down the left sidelines to the Tigers' 8. Harris was in the end zone a play later for a 27-19 lead and Auburn could not recover.

The Tigers closed to 30-22 on Anders Carlson's 22 yard field goal with 6:39 left. Auburn got the ball back once more with 2:15 left and drove to the South Carolina 13. Nix, though, was called for intentional grounding trying to avoid a sack and the Gamecocks held on to beat the Tigers for the first time since 1933.

Auburn coach Gus Malzahn said his team will have to get past this quickly. "We're just going to have to be big boys and we're going to have to man up and put it behind us and go into next week and find a way to win," he said.

South Carolina had not won back-to-back games since defeating Kentucky and then-No. 3 Georgia last season. That win over the Bulldogs was the last time the Gamecocks had beaten a ranked opponent.

Auburn's offense looked unstoppable the first half and doubled up South Carolina in yardage (243-119) the first 30 minutes — except when Nix put the ball in danger.

Nix had 272 yards passing and was sacked three times.

Bigsby, the Auburn freshman, had 111 yards rushing and went past the century mark for a second straight game.

Auburn linebacker Owen Pappoe said the next week was critical for his team.

"We're just going to stay together," Pappoe said.

## Crimson Tide surge overwhelms 'Dawgs

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A positive COVID-19 test couldn't keep Nick Saban from the sideline, and Georgia's heralded defense had scant hope of keeping Alabama's playmakers out of the end zone.

Mac Jones passed for 417 yards and four touchdowns and the No. 2 Crimson Tide picked apart No. 3 Georgia in the second half of a 41-24 victory Saturday night. It ended up being a decisive 'Bama victory in a collision of the Southeastern Conference's last remaining unbeaten teams.

The Crimson Tide (4-0), with Saban stalking the sideline after all, rallied with three touchdowns in a 10-minute span starting late in the third quarter.

The nation's top scoring offense ultimately got the emphatic upper hand in a battle with the Bulldogs (3-1) and one of the nation's best defenses.

"This was an obvious great win against a very, very good football team," said Saban, who was cleared early in the day after a false COVID positive. "I was very proud of the way our guys fought in the game."

"I sort of knew it was going to be a 15-round fight and we wouldn't be winning until the late rounds."

Georgia had no answer for Jones and star receivers Jaylen Waddle and DeVonta Smith, especially with Alabama's own beleaguered defense grabbing two second-half interceptions and three overall. Freshman Malachi Moore had one at the goal line and returned it 42 yards.

Smith caught 11 passes for 167 yards and two touchdowns, including one in the fourth quarter that effectively put it out of reach.

Waddle caught a 90-yard touchdown pass and gained 161 yards on six catches. Jones completed 24 of 32 passes and was strong after an intercep-

tion on the opening play.

"The goal was just to win the game," Jones said. "You can look at their defense. They have good players in the secondary, they have good linebackers, they have good defensive linemen but so do we."

Then there was some old-school ground and pound, too. Najee Harris gained 152 yards on 31 carries carries with a touchdown during that game-clinching span. He did it against the nation's top run defense, which came in allowing 38 rushing yards and 12.3 points per game.

Stetson Bennett completed 18 of 40 passes for 269 yards and two touchdowns, including an 82-yarder to James Cook. But he threw three interceptions.

Bennett was angry with himself over his mistakes, especially that final interception throwing across his body, calling it "just stupid."

"I was frustrated with myself," the former walk-on said.

Alabama got a boost about seven hours before the game when the SEC cleared coach Saban to return to business of usual, determining a Wednesday COVID test was a false positive. He tested negative Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"That was very emotional," he said.

"It was very crazy," Jones said. "We were in our little quarterback meeting and he just showed up."

A maskless Saban was yelling at a referee after an intentional grounding call in the second quarter.

The Tide has won the last six meetings with Georgia, including a 3-0 record against Saban's former defensive coordinator, Kirby Smart. The first two came in the January 2018 national championship game and the SEC championship game the following season.

This was the first one that didn't go down to the wire.



## Service academies

# Army runs past UTSA for Monken's 45th win

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Anthony Adkins had a career-best 66-yard touchdown run and finished with 101 yards to lead Army to a 28-16 victory over UTSA on Saturday.

Adkins had just eight carries and scored in the first quarter. Army (5-1) then added a touchdown run per quarter each from Jakobi Buchanan, Tyhier Tyler, and freshman quarterback Cade Ballard.

Tyler led the Black Knights with 19 carries and had 95 yards rushing. Tyler's 37-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter stretched the lead to 21-10. Buchanan had 10 carries for 40 yards and a 5-yard score. Ballard carried the ball three times and had his first career touchdown run, a 5-yarder in the fourth.

Sincere McCormick had 133 yards rushing for UTSA (3-3). Hunter Duplessis stretched his nation-leading field-goal streak to 21 with a career-best 50-yarder, but had extra-point attempt blocked.

Frank Harris threw his first pass of the game, an 11-yard TD to Zakhari Franklin in the corner of the end zone, to pull the Roadrunners to 21-16.

With his 45th win, Army coach Jeff Monken surpassed Bob Sutton (1991-99) for fourth place in the program.

**Navy 27, East Carolina 23:** At Greenville, N.C., Nelson Smith ran for a career-high 157 yards and two touchdowns and Navy defeated East Carolina 27-23 on Saturday.

Smith, a senior, bested his career high for the second straight game after gaining 120 yards in a win over Temple last week. Jamale Carothers added 82 yards and another score for the Midshipmen (3-2, 3-0 American).

Rahjai Harris, who rushed for 115 yards the week before, had career highs with 172 yards and an 80-yard TD for the Pirates (1-3, 1-2). ECU freshman Mason Garcia made his first start in place of Holton Ahlers, who, along with a handful of other Pirates, had to sit following COVID-19 contract tracing.

Navy quarterback Dalen Morris, who scored his first career rushing touchdown in the first half, was knocked out of the game on a late hit with 10 minutes left in the third quarter.

Tyger Goslin took over for Morris and shortly afterward Smith's 29-yard score gave Navy a 20-13 lead. The Midshipmen added their second fourth-down touchdown on Carothers' 3-yard TD on the final play of the third quarter, a drive that began at the 50 after Tobe Okafor dropped Garcia for a 5-yard loss on fourth down. Okafor also blocked a first-half field-goal attempt.

## Lawrence throws 5 TDs in No. 1 Clemson's rout

ATLANTA — Trevor Lawrence wasn't focused on his near-record streak of passes without an interception, just as he has tuned out speculation he could be the first pick in next year's NFL Draft.

Lawrence just had his mind on leading Clemson's offense and having fun.

He brushed off the first interception he has thrown this

season and passed for a career-high 404 yards and five touchdowns as No. 1 Clemson overwhelmed Georgia Tech 73-7 on Saturday.

Led by Lawrence, Clemson's 671 yards and 73 points were the most allowed by Georgia Tech.

"It's really fun," Lawrence said. "That's why we practice and work so hard."

# Lopez beats Lomachenko, unifies lightweight titles

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Teofimo Lopez was brash enough to challenge Vasiliy Lomachenko, and good enough to beat him.

Lopez dominated early and finished strong Saturday night to win a unanimous 12-round decision over Lomachenko to unify the lightweight titles in a fight he demanded even though some thought he wasn't experienced enough.

Lopez took advantage of a slow start by Lomachenko to build an early lead, then finished with a big 12th round that left Lomachenko bloodied and beaten on the scorecards. The 23-year-old from Brooklyn became the unified lightweight champion and managed to do what few in boxing thought he could do — out-box perhaps the best technician in boxing.

Lopez (16-0) added the three titles held by Lomachenko (15-2) to the belt he won last year to become the undisputed 135-champion.

Lopez was favored 119-109, 117-111 and 116-112 on ring-side scorecards in a bout held without fans at the MGM Grand conference center. The Associated Press had Lopez winning 117-111.

Lopez proved faster and stronger than the 32-year-old Lomachenko, who won two Olympic gold medals as an amateur and was regarded as one of the top pound-for-pound fighters as a

pro. Surprisingly enough, he was also the better boxer and proved he could close the show by bloodying Lomachenko's eye in the 12th round.

"I had to dig deep, man," Lopez said. "I'm a fighter, I've got to dig in deep."

Lomachenko, ordinarily a slow starter, was too slow this time as he gave away rounds early as he tried to figure out the style of Lopez. By the time the fight got competitive in the eighth round he was too far behind to come back.

"He's been in a 14-month lay-off," Lopez said. "I knew it was going to take him a long time to catch up."

Lomachenko, who lost only once in nearly 400 amateur fights and had only one loss as a pro, thought he did better than the scorecards indicated.

"Definitely I am not agreeing with the scorecards," he said.

The fight was the biggest since the pandemic began and would have been a pay-per-view event in normal times. But with no fans it was televised on ESPN, providing boxing with a bigger showcase than it would have gotten otherwise.

Lomachenko was a 4-1 favorite but looked rusty early as he tried to solve the style of Lopez. He threw punches only sparingly the first half of the fight, landing just 31 punches in the first seven rounds, before finally picking up the pace in the eighth round.

# Briscoe rolls to Xfinity finale

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Chase Briscoe must have figured the best way to stay out of trouble was by staying up front.

The red-hot driver of the No. 98 Ford for Stewart-Haas Racing swept the first two stages of the NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Kansas Speedway on Saturday night, then he dominated after a restarted with four laps to go to capture the

first race in the round of eight and clinch his spot in the season finale at Phoenix.

Daniel Hemric was second and Ryan Sieg, who made a couple of pit gambles that left him with a fresh set of tires with seven laps to go, rallied from 10th on the final restart to finish third. Playoff contender Justin Haley also avoided trouble and was fourth with Josh Williams rounding out the top five.