

## DOD sees Russia as risk to satellites

*The Washington Post*

On Thursday evening, SpaceX launched yet another of its Falcon 9 rockets to space, the 49th in 2022, a record as it continues to launch a rocket about once every six days. This one carried 53 Starlink satellites to orbit, adding to a constellation that now has more than 3,000 in operation — more satellites than the rest of the world combined, according to analysts.

On Tuesday, SpaceX is scheduled to launch a much more powerful rocket, the Falcon Heavy. This time, the customer is the U.S. Space Force and the payload is strictly classified.

The launches come as tensions between the United States and Russia are high amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine and just days after Russia threatened to target the commercial satellites, which have proved a boon to Ukraine and its allies during the war.

The launches are yet another sign of the Pentagon's increasing reliance on the commercial space sector, which has become more capable at the same time that space has become an increasingly contested domain. That partnership was even codified in the National Defense Strategy released by

the Defense Department earlier this week: "We will increase collaboration with the private sector in priority areas, especially with the commercial space industry, leveraging its technological advancements and entrepreneurial spirit to enable new capabilities."

But as those technologies — cheaper, reusable rockets that fly more frequently, small satellites that can be launched by the dozen — play a broader role in the nation's defense and intelligence arsenal, national security officials know they could be threatened. What happens then, however, is not clear.

"I am certain that my counterpart in Russia, whoever that is, is not very happy with Starlink, as it's assisting Ukraine," Lt. Gen. John Shaw, deputy commander of the U.S. Space Command, said at a space conference Monday. "And with commercial imagery, such as Maxar's products, that are plastering all over the world news the things that are going on, I don't think they're very happy about that either. And we know that they're probably going to take steps to try to stop those commercial services because they run counter to Russia's national interest."

A few days later, a senior Russian official proved him prophetic, threatening commercial satellites during a meeting at the United Nations.

In a speech, Konstantin Vorontsov, deputy director of the Russian Foreign Ministry's department for nonproliferation and arms, said the proliferation of privately operated satellites is "an extremely dangerous trend that goes beyond the harmless use of outer-space technologies and has become apparent during the latest developments in Ukraine."

He warned that "quasi-civilian infrastructure may become a legitimate target for retaliation."

Asked about the threat, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on Thursday reiterated earlier comments from her counterpart at the Pentagon and said that "any attack on U.S. infrastructure will be met with a response, as you've heard from my colleague, in a time and manner of our choosing. And that still stands. We will pursue all means to explore, deter and hold Russia accountable for any such attacks. Clearly, I'm not going to lay them down here ... in public. But we have made ourselves very clear."

## Russia says it will suspend UN-brokered grain deal

*Associated Press*

KYIV, Ukraine — The Russian Defense Ministry said Saturday that Moscow has moved to suspend its implementation of a U.N.-brokered grain deal which has seen more than 9 million tons of grain exported from Ukraine and has brought down global food prices.

The ministry cited an alleged Ukrainian drone attack against Russia's Black Sea Fleet ships moored off the coast of occupied Crimea, which Russia says took place early Saturday, as the reason for the move. Ukraine has denied the attack.

The Russian declaration

came one day after U.N. chief Antonio Guterres urged Russia and Ukraine to renew the deal. Guterres also urged other countries, mainly in the West, to expedite the removal of obstacles blocking Russian grain and fertilizer exports.

The U.N. chief underlined the urgency of renewing the deal brokered by the United Nations and Turkey in July, which expires on Nov. 19, "to contribute to food security across the world, and to cushion the suffering that this global cost-of-living crisis is inflicting on billions of people," his spokesman said.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador

Vassily Nebenzia has said that before Moscow discusses a renewal "Russia needs to see the export of its grain and fertilizers in the world market, which has never happened since the beginning of the deal."

Earlier Saturday, Ukraine and Russia offered differing versions on the Crimea drone attack in which at least one Russian ship suffered damage in Sevastopol, a major port, on the Ukrainian peninsula annexed by Moscow in 2014.

The Russian Defense Ministry said a minesweeper had "minor damage" during an alleged pre-dawn Ukrainian at-

tack on navy and civilian vessels docked in Sevastopol, which hosts the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea Fleet. The ministry claimed Russian forces had "repelled" 16 attacking drones.

An adviser to Ukraine's Interior Ministry claimed that "careless handling of explosives" had caused blasts on four warships in Russia's Black Sea Fleet. Anton Gerashchenko wrote on Telegram that the vessels included a frigate, a landing ship and a ship that carried cruise missiles used in a deadly July attack on a western Ukrainian city.

# Royal Navy investigating assault claims

*Associated Press*

LONDON — The head of Britain's Royal Navy said he is "deeply disturbed" by allegations that female submariners were bullied and sexually harassed and has ordered an investigation.

The Daily Mail newspaper carried claims Saturday by former navy Lt. Sophie Brook that she faced "a constant campaign of sexual bullying" as well as physical assaults. She said male crew members on submarines were "like vultures whenever a new female would come in."

Brook alleged the men kept a "crush

depth rape list" ranking female colleagues in the order they should be raped in the case of a catastrophic event.

Brook, 30, left the Royal Navy earlier this year and was later given a suspended jail sentence for sharing in an email sensitive information about her submarine's movement.

The newspaper quoted another, anonymous, navy whistleblower as saying women were constantly pestered for sex aboard submarines.

The head of the navy, Adm. Ben Key, said "these allegations are abhorrent."

"Sexual assault and harassment has no place in the Royal Navy and will not be tolerated," he said in a statement.

"I have directed my senior team to investigate these allegations thoroughly. Anyone who is found culpable will be held accountable for their actions regardless of their rank or status," Key said.

The Ministry of Defense did not comment on specific allegations but said it accepted that more needs to be done about inappropriate behavior. It said it is improving reporting mechanisms for sexual offenses.

# US giving Ukraine \$275M more military aid

By COREY DICKSTEIN

*Stars and Stripes*

The Pentagon will send some \$275 million in new weapons and equipment to Ukraine marking the 24th time that the United States has sent military aid from its own inventory to support the country's efforts to repel Russia's invasion.

The latest shipment — expected to arrive in Ukraine in the coming weeks — will primarily include ammunition, including rocket and precision-guided artillery rounds, Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh said Friday. The Pentagon has now provided some \$18.5 billion of its own weapons to Ukraine under Presi-

dent Joe Biden's authority to transfer U.S. supplies to aid the Ukrainian war effort, she said.

The latest aid includes 500 Excalibur precision-guided 155mm artillery rounds, 2000 155mm remote anti-armor mine systems, more than 1,300 anti-armor weapons, more than 2.75 million rounds of small arms ammunition and an unspecified number of High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems — or HIMARS — rockets, Singh said. The tranche also includes 125 Humvees and four satellite communications antennas, which Singh said would bolster Ukrainian command and control capabilities.

The Pentagon has lauded Uk-

raine's use of HIMARS on the battlefield, telling reporters that the weapons were critical in rolling back Russian forces in the country's east and south in recent months. The Pentagon has provided 20 of the rocket systems, which can strike targets up to 50 miles away. Ukraine has used HIMARS to strike Russian command and control and logistics nodes deep behind its front lines.

But Ukraine has also repeatedly asked the United States and other NATO nations for longer-range artillery weapons. The Pentagon has denied those requests to date. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Thursday dismissed Ukraine's need for long-

er-range rockets. He told reporters at the Pentagon the HIMARS ammunition that Ukraine has been using could reach any target it needed to strike in the country, including on the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia illegally annexed in 2014, and Ukraine has pledged to take back.

Austin said what the Ukrainians really need is an advanced air defense capability, which the United States has been working to provide. Austin said he expected to provide short-range air defense systems known as NASAMS, or National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems, to Ukraine by "early next month."

# Biden to go to summits in 3 countries next month

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden will make a weeklong, three-country trip next month for a quartet of summits—including one that could potentially put him in the same room as China's Xi Jinping and Russia's Vladimir Putin.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre announced Friday that Biden will first travel to Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt on Nov. 11 for the COP 27 climate

conference before heading to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to participate in the U.S.-ASEAN Summit of Southeast Asian leaders and the East Asia Summit. He'll then head to Bali, Indonesia for the Group of 20 summit, a gathering of leaders from most of the world's largest economies.

The president's overseas travel begins just days after the pivotal U.S. midterm elections, which will determine which

party controls the House and the Senate.

The G-20 summit could also offer Biden his first opportunity as president to meet face-to-face with his Chinese counterpart, Xi, and potentially puts him in the same room with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Saudi Arabia's crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, the de facto leader of the oil rich kingdom.

The prince, Putin and Xi have yet to announce their travel plans.

# Report: US gathered intel on Ore. protesters

Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials in the Trump administration compiled extensive intelligence dossiers on people who were arrested, even for minor offenses, during Black Lives Matter protests in Oregon.

Initial drafts of the dossiers even included friends of the subjects as well as their interests, but those were later removed and replaced with a note that they would be made available upon request, according to an internal review by the Department of Homeland Security.

The dossiers, known by agents as baseball cards, were previously normally compiled on non-U.S. citizens or only on Americans with “a demonstrated terrorism nexus,” according to the 76-page report. It was previously released last year but contains new revelations based on extensive redactions that were removed by the Biden administra-

tion.

Ben Wizner, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union’s free speech, privacy and technology project, said the report indicates leaders of the Department of Homeland Security wanted to inflate the risk caused by protesters in Portland. The city became an epicenter of sometimes violent demonstrations in the wake of the killing of George Floyd, a Black man, by a Minneapolis police officer. But many protesters, including women belonging to a “Wall of Moms” ad hoc group and military veterans, were peaceful.

“We have a dark history of intelligence agencies collecting dossiers on protesters,” Wizner said over the phone from New York, referring to domestic spying in the 1960s and 1970s against civil rights activists, Vietnam War protesters and others.

“We need to be especially careful if agencies that are tasked with intelligence gather-

ing are going to step in to look at protest activity and where Americans are exercising their First Amendment rights,” Wizner said.

Protesters who break the law aren’t immune from being investigated, Wizner said, but intelligence agencies should be careful not to create “a chilling environment” for Americans to legally exercise their right to dissent.

The report reveals actions carried out by the DHS’ Office of Intelligence and Analysis in June and July 2020, when militarized federal agents were deployed to Portland.

When the dossiers, officially known as Operational Background Reports, were being compiled, some DHS analysts voiced concerns over the legality of collecting intelligence “on protestors arrested for trivial criminal infractions having little to no connection to domestic terrorism,” the report said. Some of the employees even refused to participate.

## Judge rules group can monitor Arizona ballot boxes

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A federal judge Friday refused to bar a group from monitoring outdoor ballot boxes in Arizona’s largest county where watchers have shown up armed and in ballistic vests, saying to do so could violate the monitors’ constitutional rights.

U.S. District Court Judge Michael Liburdi said the case remained open and that the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans could try again to make its argument against a group calling itself Clean Elections USA. A second plaintiff, Voto Latino, was removed from the case.

Liburdi concluded that “while this case

certainly presents serious questions, the Court cannot craft an injunction without violating the First Amendment.” The judge is a Trump appointee and a member of the Federalist Society, a conservative legal organization.

Local and federal law enforcement have been alarmed by reports of people, including some who were masked and armed, watching 24-hour ballot boxes in Maricopa County — Arizona’s most populous county — and rural Yavapai County as midterm elections near. Some voters have complained alleging voter intimidation after people watching the boxes took photos and videos, and followed voters.

Arizona law states electioneers and monitors must remain 75-foot from a voting location.

“Plaintiffs have not provided the Court with any evidence that Defendants’ conduct constitutes a true threat,” the judge wrote. “On this record, Defendants have not made any statements threatening to commit acts of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals.”

The Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans said it was disappointed.

“We continue to believe that Clean Elections USA’s intimidation and harassment is unlawful,” it said, shortly before filing an appeal.

## Wisconsin ballot spoiling is a no-go after ban upheld

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A Wisconsin appeals court is refusing to block a lower court’s ruling prohibiting voters who already submitted an absentee ballot from voiding it and voting again, a rarely used practice known as ballot spoiling.

The 2nd District Court of Appeals decided Thursday against hearing an appeal of a Waukesha County circuit court judge’s ruling this month in favor of a conservative group founded by prominent Republicans.

That ruling required the bipartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission to rescind its guidance that allowed the spoiling of ballots that had already been cast. Voters who obtained an absentee ballot, but have not yet voted and want to obtain a new one, can still do that.

The elections commission held an emergency meeting Friday, less than two weeks before the Nov. 8 election, and unanimously voted to rescind the guidance issued in August detailing how an already cast ballot could be spoiled.

Very few voters have actually spoiled their absentee ballots after voting in recent elections, data provided by the elections commission to The Associated Press shows.

In the August primary, just 3,519 people cast a new ballot after spoiling their original one, less than 0.3% of all votes cast, the data shows.

In the 2020 presidential election, nearly 33,000 voters spoiled their ballots and cast new ones, nearly 1% of all votes. In that election, President Joe Biden defeated former President Donald Trump by 20,682 votes.

# Attack puts focus on Congress threats

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's something that goes along with being a member of Congress, no matter your party or your status: constant threats to your life, and the unshakable feeling that they're only getting worse.

In the almost two years since the Capitol insurrection, in which supporters of former President Donald Trump broke into the Capitol and hunted House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and members of Congress, threats to lawmakers and their families have increased sharply. Early Friday, an assailant looking for Pelosi broke into her San Francisco home and used a hammer to attack her husband Paul, who suffered blunt-force in-

juries and was hospitalized.

It is, in fact, getting worse: The U.S. Capitol Police investigated almost 10,000 threats to members last year, more than twice the number from four years earlier.

"We are 100%, completely vulnerable and the risks are increasing," says Illinois Rep. Mike Quigley, a Chicago-area Democrat. "If someone wants to harm you, they know where you live, they know where you work."

Lawmakers have pressured congressional leaders and the Capitol Police for better security, especially for their families and their homes outside of Washington. They have made some progress, with security officials promising to pay for upgrades to certain security systems and an increased Cap-

itol Police presence outside Washington. But the vast majority of members are mostly on their own as they figure out how to keep themselves and their families safe in a country where political violence has become alarmingly frequent.

The attack on Paul Pelosi happened when Nancy Pelosi was out of town, which meant there was less of a security presence in their home.

"It's attacks like this that make all of us stand back and wonder what we can do better," says Rep. Rodney Davis, R-Ill., who was at a baseball practice four years ago in Alexandria, Va., when a gunman wounded Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., and four other people.

## Pelosi attack suspect allegedly posted about QAnon

Associated Press

The man accused of breaking into House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's California home and severely beating her husband with a hammer appears to have made racist and often rambling posts online, including some that questioned the results of the 2020 election, defended former President Donald Trump and echoed QAnon conspiracy theories.

David DePape, 42, grew up in Powell River, British Columbia, before leaving about 20 years ago to follow an older girlfriend to San Francisco. A street address listed for DePape in the Bay Area college town of Berkeley led to a post office box at a UPS Store.

DePape was arrested at the Pelosi home

early Friday. San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins said she expected to file multiple felony charges, including attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, burglary and elder abuse.

A pair of web blogs posted in recent months online under the name David DePape contained rants about technology, aliens, communists, religious minorities, transsexuals and global elites.

An Aug. 24 entry titled "Q," displayed a scatological collection of memes that included photos of the deceased sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and made reference to QAnon, the baseless pro-Trump conspiracy theory that espouses the belief that the country is run by a deep state cabal of child

sex traffickers, satanic pedophiles and baby-eating cannibals.

The web hosting service WordPress removed one of the sites Friday afternoon for violating its terms of service.

On a different site, someone posting under DePape's name repeated false claims about COVID-19 vaccines and wearing masks, questioned whether climate change is real and displayed an illustration of a zombified Hillary Clinton dining on human flesh.

There appeared to be no direct posts about Pelosi, but there were entries defending Trump and Ye, the rapper formally known as Kayne West, who recently made antisemitic comments.

## Musk now gets his chance to clean up Twitter spam

Associated Press

Twitter's unending fight against spam accounts is now a problem for new owner Elon Musk, who pledged in April to defeat the bot scourge or "die trying!"

He later cited bots as a reason to back out of buying the social platform. Now that the billionaire has completed the deal, he's faced with the task of delivering on his promise to clean up the fake profiles that have preoccupied him and bedeviled Twitter since long before he expressed interest in

acquiring it.

The challenge carries high stakes. The bot count matters because advertisers — Twitter's chief revenue source — want to know roughly how many real humans they are reaching when they buy ads. It's also important in the effort to stop bad actors from amassing an army of accounts to amplify misinformation or harass political adversaries.

"The bigger picture in my mind is: How do we make Twitter a better place for everybody," said bot-counting expert Emilio Ferrara,

who worked over the summer to investigate the problem for Musk. He cited the "value of the platform as a societal experience, as a collective place to have civilized discourse and talk freely without interference from nefarious accounts," or scams, spam, pornography and harassment.

To find out just how bad the bots are, Musk hired Ferrara and other data scientists to investigate. At the time, he sought to prove that Twitter was misleading the public when it said fewer than 5% of its daily active users

are fake or spam accounts. If Twitter lied or withheld crucial information about the bot count, Musk could argue that he was justified in terminating the \$44 billion agreement.

Ferrara, an associate professor of computer science and communications at the University of Southern California, said he hoped that "any findings would be able to help improve the platform," Ferrara told The Associated Press, speaking for the first time about his planned role as Musk's expert trial witness.

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Man's backpack ignites after hit with Taser

**AR** NORTH LITTLE ROCK — An Arkansas motorcyclist carrying a gasoline-filled backpack was expected to survive after he was engulfed by a fireball when a state trooper used a Taser on him during a traffic stop, authorities said.

The Oct. 13 traffic stop was captured on dramatic dashcam video provided to The Associated Press by Arkansas State Police.

The video shows a trooper attempting to pull over a motorcycle driven by Christopher Gaylor, 38, of Alexander, Ark., because no license plate was visible on the motorcycle. A chase ensued with speeds approaching 100 mph until Gaylor jumped from his motorcycle in a residential area of North Little Rock, state police said.

A second state trooper used a Taser on Gaylor and a fire immediately erupted. State police said they later learned that Gaylor was carrying about 1 gallon of gasoline in his backpack.

Gaylor remains hospitalized but is expected to recover, state police said.

He faces charges of felony fleeing, failure to register a vehicle, no liability insurance, driving with a suspended license and reckless driving.

### NY Post fires worker for 'vile' Twitter takeover

**NY** NEW YORK — The New York Post fired an employee for putting false and racist content targeting politicians on the newspaper's website and Twitter feed.

The tweets and fake news stories included calls for the assassinations of President Joe Biden and U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, both Democrats. False tweets had New York's Republican candidate for governor, Lee Zeldin, making violent statements about Gov. Kathy Hochul and hurling racist slurs at New York City Mayor Eric Adams.

Another false tweet had Texas Gov. Greg Abbott saying he would "order Border Patrol to start slaughtering illegals."

The Post, in a statement, said its investigation concluded the acts were committed by an employee, who was fired, and that it removed the content from its website and social media accounts.

### Pickax-wielding woman smashes windows

**CA** PASADENA — A woman was arrested after police said she used a pickax to smash several windows of a home where a baby was sleeping in suburban Southern California.

Home security video aired by ABC 7 in Los Angeles showed the woman on the front porch of the home in Pasadena, swinging the pickax and smashing window after window.

Homeowner Arman Tchoukadarian told the news station that his mother-in-law was babysitting his 6-week-old daughter at the time, who was sleeping by a window.

Police arrested a 65-year-old woman who officials said owns property nearby.

Police Commander Bill Grisafe said there was no known relationship between the suspect

and the victims and the woman might have suffered "some type of mental health crisis."

### Father, son convicted in Pokemon Go assault

**MO** CLAYTON — A Missouri jury has convicted a father and son for attacking a Pokemon Go rival in a dispute that ended with all three men in a lake.

The St. Louis County jury found Robert Matteuzzi, 75, and Angelo Matteuzzi, 33, guilty of third-degree assault. Jurors recommended a sentence of three days in jail and a fine for the father, and only a fine for the son.

In June 2018, the Matteuzzis were on one team and the victim was on another. Both teams wanted to claim a Kirkwood Park gym — a site in the game where teams can compete for control.

After a scuffle, Angelo Matteuzzi and the victim rolled into a lake. Prosecutors said Robert Matteuzzi jumped in, dunked the victim and held him underwater while his son punched him. The victim suffered facial abrasions and other injuries, including to his eye.

### State begins removing naughty license plates

**ME** PORTLAND — Maine is cleaning up its roadways by removing the flippin' vulgarities from license plates.

The state is enforcing new rules to eliminate f-bombs and other obscenities that appeared on vanity license plates after the state effectively eliminated its review process.

The state began issuing recall letters this month, with a handful each day.

It'll take a couple of months to complete the process.

Secretary of State Shenna Bellows is passionate about free speech as a former director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Maine. But she said obscenities should not be on license plates, which are state property.

"What I would say to those who want to engage in objectionable or questionable speech: Get a bumper sticker," she said.

### Suspect drowns after jumping into pond

**OK** TULSA — A naked suspect in a Tulsa apartment clubhouse burglary broke from their custody, jumped into a pond and drowned, police said.

In a social media posting, Tulsa police said officers answering a burglar alarm at the Shoreline

Apartments clubhouse found its front door shattered and a naked man inside with his wet clothing strewn around the room.

Officers handcuffed the man, who initially was cooperative but suddenly broke from them, kicked open a back door, scaled a patio railing and jumped into a pond. Officers jumped in after him, but the man failed to resurface.

A dive team later found the man's body in 10 feet of chilly, murky water.

Police were withholding the man's identity until they could notify his relatives.

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# Phils roar back, win Game 1 of World Series

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A timely swing by J.T. Realmuto propelled the Philadelphia Phillies to an unlikely win in the World Series opener.

A terrific stab by right fielder Nick Castellanos gave him that shot.

Realmuto hit a solo home run in the 10th inning and the Phillies, saved by Castellanos' sliding catch, rallied past the Houston Astros 6-5 Friday night.

Down 5-0 early against Astros ace Justin Verlander, the Phillies became the first team in 20 years to overcome a five-run deficit to win a World Series game.

They can thank Castellanos for getting the chance. Known much more for his bat than glove, he rushed in to make a game-saving grab on Jeremy Peña's bloop with two outs in the ninth inning and a runner on second.

"All in all, it was a great game, a great come-from-behind victory, and it just showed the resilience of the club again and how tough they are and they just never quit," Phillies manager Rob Thomson said.

Realmuto, who hit a tying, two-run double in the fifth off Verlander, completed the comeback when he led off the 10th by send-

ing a fastball from Luis García into the seats.

Realmuto hoped for the best as he saw right fielder Kyle Tucker pursuing the ball.

"Once I saw him running back to the wall, I was thinking in my head, 'Oh, please just don't catch it, just don't catch it.'"

He didn't, the ball sailing just beyond his reach.

Realmuto circled the bases in a scene he dreamed about as a kid.

"Oh, absolutely. Yeah. Absolutely. I mean whiffle ball games in the backyard, the whole 3-2, bases-loaded, two-out situation. I probably had 7,000 at-bats in that situation growing up," he said.

And did he usually deliver? "Every time, yes," Realmuto said, laughing.

Realmuto became the first catcher to hit an extra-inning home run in the World Series since Carlton Fisk waved his walk-off fair in the 12th inning of Game 6 in the 1975 Series against Cincinnati at Fenway Park.

Big-hitting Bryce Harper added two singles for the Phillies in his World Series debut. The two-time NL MVP is batting .426 (20-for-47) with five homers this postseason.

Tucker homered twice for the Astros, who had been 7-0 in this

postseason.

"Disappointing, yeah, for sure," Verlander said. "I need to do better. No excuses."

Houston had a chance in the 10th when Alex Bregman doubled with one out. After Yuli Gurriel drew a two-out walk, David Robertson bounced a wild pitch that put runners on second and third.

Pinch-hitter Aledmys Díaz was then hit by a 2-0 pitch from David Robertson — but plate umpire James Hoye ruled that Díaz leaned into the pitch and didn't permit him to go to first to load the bases.

Díaz grounded out on a 3-1 pitch to end it.

The last team to blow a 5-0 lead in the World Series was the 2002 San Francisco Giants, who squandered their chance in Game 6 to close out the Angels and win the title under manager Dusty Baker.

Baker saw it happen again this time as manager of the Astros, by the same 6-5 final score.

The 106-win Astros hadn't lost to anyone since Philadelphia beat them on Oct. 3 behind Aaron Nola to clinch a wild-card spot as a third-place team and earn its first playoff trip in 11 years.

Houston raced out to a big lead

thanks in large part to Tucker's two homers. But the Phillies stormed back as Verlander again struggled in the World Series.

Perfect as he took a 5-0 lead into the fourth, he exited after the fifth with the score 5-all. That left him 0-6 with a 6.07 ERA in eight career World Series starts — hardly the line for a pitcher who's expected to soon pick up his third Cy Young Award.

The Astros fell to 0-5 in World Series openers and dropped their first game this postseason after sweeping the AL Division Series and AL Championship Series.

Seranthony Domínguez pitched a scoreless ninth to get the win when Castellanos made his stellar play.

With Jose Altuve on second base after his two-out single and stolen base, Peña hit a ball that came off the bat at 68 mph and went only about 200 feet. Castellanos ran a long way, then with a lunge made the inning-ending catch while sliding to the ground.

Right before the pitch, Castellanos moved in a little closer.

"That was just what my instincts told me to do. I just thought he had a better chance of trying to bloop something in there than torching something over my head," he said.

## '72 Olympic running champ reflects on win, aftermath

By JOE GROMELSKI

Special to Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — When Frank Shorter shocked the sports world by winning the marathon at the 1972 Olympic Games, there was no such thing as the Marine Corps Marathon, and long-distance running in the United States was pretty much confined to a dedicated group of intense, wiry individuals.

After Shorter brought home the gold medal — the first by a U.S. marathoner since 1908, and no American has won it since — distance running took off in this country. Numerous races joined the venerable Boston event on the annual marathon schedule, and in 1978 the U.S. Marine Corps first sponsored what became

an iconic 26.2-mile race through the streets of Washington, D.C., and its environs.

This weekend, Shorter is in the nation's capital as an ambassador of the Marine Corps Marathon for Sunday's 47th running, and on Friday he talked about his 1972 Olympic triumph at Munich and its aftermath.

"At that point, Americans weren't considered endurance athletes," he said. "I wasn't one of the favorites, even though I was coming up very quickly. I was just, in a way, an average, normal American from upstate New York who just got better and better at what he was doing in college (at Yale), and got out of college and decided he wanted to go to the Olympics ... but just

in case, I'll go to law school. So I went to law school in Florida full time, and then trained for the Olympics. So I win, and I think it just surprised a lot of people."

And it prompted many of them to lace up track shoes and hit the roads.

"I think what happened is, (Americans) didn't realize that it was really a part of American culture — that ability to sort of endure and just constantly work at something, and have a goal and be able to focus on that goal, and anyone can do it," Shorter said. "I think I kind of demystified the distance. The fact that, 'well, if (Shorter) can run that far, I can do that.'"

"For a lot of Americans, there's something about us, we just like to go out there and put one foot in front of the other."

# Bucks beat Knicks, stay undefeated at 4-0

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Bucks remained the NBA's lone unbeaten team by relying on their defense.

That's just the way Giannis Antetokounmpo likes it.

Antetokounmpo had 30 points, 14 rebounds and nine assists as the Bucks led nearly the whole way in a 119-108 victory over the New York Knicks on Friday night.

Milwaukee (4-0) won despite shooting a season-low 38.5%.

"We have the personnel that can defend on any given night," Antetokounmpo said. "At the end of the day, as long as we defend, we put ourselves in position to win. That's our identity moving forward. We cannot go away from that."

Antetokounmpo scored eight points during an 18-0 run that gave the Bucks a 24-point lead in the third quarter. The Knicks got the margin down to nine in the final two minutes but couldn't get any closer.

"At the end, I thought we had more urgency and did a better job, but you have to play for 48 minutes against these guys," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau said. "I don't think we did that."

**Timberwolves 111, Lakers**

**102:** Anthony Edwards scored 16 of his 29 points in the third quarter, Rudy Gobert added 22 points and 21 rebounds, and host Minnesota handed Los Angeles its fifth straight loss to open the season.

With his eighth field goal of the night, LeBron James recorded his 1,135th career 20-point game, passing Karl Malone for the most such games in NBA history.

**Cavaliers 132, Celtics 123 (OT):** Donovan Mitchell and Caris LeVert each scored 41 points to help visiting Cleveland rally past Boston.

The Cavaliers trailed by as many as 15 in the first half and overcame a 75-point first half by the Celtics to earn their fifth straight win.

**Spurs 129, Bulls 124:** Keldon Johnson scored 33 points, spoiling a milestone evening for former teammate DeMar DeRozan and leading host San Antonio past Chicago.

DeRozan scored 33 points, becoming just the 50th player in NBA history to reach 20,000.

**Pacers 127, Wizards 117:** Tyrese Haliburton had 25 points and 12 assists, Myles Turner added 27 points and visiting Indiana beat Washington.

Assistant Lloyd Pierce was coaching the Pacers because Rick Carlisle had a previously scheduled event recognizing his daughter as cheer captain on her senior night. Buddy Hield scored 25 points for Indiana, which led by as many as 20 points in both the second and third quarters.

**76ers 112, Raptors 90:** Tyrese Maxey scored a career-high 44 points, carrying visiting Philadelphia without Joel Embiid to a victory over Toronto.

Embiid sat out because of a sore right knee. A five-time All Star and the reigning NBA scoring champion, Embiid is averaging 27.6 points and 10 rebounds in five games.

**Magic 113, Hornets 93:** Pablo Banchero had 21 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists, and host Orlando got its first victory of the season.

Mo Bamba had 19 points and six rebounds, Wendell Carter Jr. added 15 points and five rebounds, and Bol Bol had 11 points and seven rebounds for Orlando, which had opened the season with five straight losses. The Magic led by 32 points in the third quarter.

**Hawks 136, Pistons 112:** Trae Young had 36 points and 12

assists in just three quarters and visiting Atlanta overcame Cade Cunningham's career-high 35 points to beat Detroit for the second time in three nights.

Dejounte Murray had 26 points for Atlanta, which outscored the Pistons 67-45 in the second half. Onyeka Okongwu added 16 points, Aaron Holiday scored 14 and De'Andre Hunter chipped in 12.

**Nuggets 117, Jazz 101:** Bones Hyland made seven three-pointers and scored 26 points, DeAndre Jordan hit the second three of his 15-year NBA career, and host Denver beat Utah.

Michael Porter Jr. added 22 points and 13 rebounds and Nikola Jokic had 12 points, 10 rebounds and six assists while shooting just 3-for-10 from the field for the Nuggets, who were blown out in their season opener against the surprising Jazz.

**Trail Blazers 125, Rockets 111:** Jusuf Nurkic had 27 points and 15 rebounds, and host Portland won despite the absence of star guard Damian Lillard.

**Suns 124, Pelicans 111:** Mikal Bridges scored a season-high 27 points, Devin Booker added 16 and host Phoenix beat injury-depleted New Orleans.

## Blaney crew chief returns in time for critical playoff race

Associated Press

Ryan Blaney gets his crew chief back for the most important weekend of his NASCAR season after an untimely suspension. The first task for Jonathan Hassler? Get his driver a strong starting spot in the last race to qualify for the championship.

There are three spots up for grabs at Martinsville Speedway in Sunday's race, and Joey Logano is the only driver qualified for next week's winner-take-all final four at Phoenix Raceway.

Seven drivers are vying for the final three positions, and the starting position will be critical. The spring stop at the paperclip-shaped 0.526-mile short track was a passing nightmare with only five lead changes and four cautions — two of which were for stage

breaks.

"Yeah, passing was a little bit of an issue in the spring," Blaney said. "Qualifying is going to be huge, trying to set yourself up. It's super hard to pass the leader from second or third, and I just think qualifying is going to be super important."

Blaney was one of four drivers to lead, but his Ford was out front for a measly five laps in a race dominated by winner William Byron and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott. They combined to lead all but six of the 403 laps.

Blaney, Denny Hamlin, Christopher Bell and Chase Briscoe are all below the cutline headed into Sunday, with Bell and Briscoe essentially needing a victory to make the final four. Ross Chastain, Elliott and Byron are

above the cutline, and only 32 points separate Chastain in second from Blaney in sixth.

Blaney is hopeful a June test at Martinsville helped Goodyear develop a better-performing tire that will make this weekend's race more competitive. He also noted that "it's going to be warmer this weekend than it was in the spring."

And if the product isn't any better? Well, Blaney predicts the remaining playoff drivers will get desperate toward the end of the race for every possible position.

"If you get some cautions toward the end of this thing, then pandemonium ensues," Blaney said. "You've seen that, especially in this race, when it's the last chance for guys to get into the (finale). If they're in position, they're going to be aggressive."

# Jets spoil Coyotes' new arena debut

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Blake Wheeler scored 32 seconds into overtime and the Winnipeg Jets spoiled the Arizona Coyotes' Mullett Arena debut with a 3-2 victory Friday night.

Arizona opened the season with six straight road games before returning to the desert and The Mullett.

Mullett Arena, Arizona State University's new arena, is by far the smallest venue in the NHL and a temporary home until a permanent one is built.

The Coyotes had the early jump in front of 5,000 mullet-wearing fans — headbands with long locks were the giveaway — going up 2-0 on Christian Fischer's first-period goals.

The Jets whittled their way back.

Cole Perfetti scored in the first period and Winnipeg picked up the pressure in the third, tying it on Mark Scheifele's goal.

David Rittich, who stopped 19 shots, made a couple of nice saves to start overtime, and Wheeler beat Karel Vejmelka on a one-timer after Pierre-Luc Dubois created a 2-on-1 after stealing the puck from Shayne Gostisbehere.

Vejmelka had 32 saves.

**Bruins 4, Blue Jackets 0:** Linus Ullmark made 30 saves for his fifth career shutout, Charlie Coyle scored short-handed and NHL-leading Boston beat host Columbus for its fifth straight victory.

Matt Grzelcyk, Jake DeBrusk and Da-

vid Pastrnak also scored to help Boston improve to 7-1-0.

Elvis Merzlikins stopped 25 shots for the Blue Jackets before being replaced in the third period by Daniil Tarasov, who stopped six. Columbus has lost three straight at home and six of its first nine games.

**Devils 1, Avalanche 0:** Jack Hughes scored on power play early in the third period and Vitek Vanecek made 24 saves for his first shutout with New Jersey in its victory over visiting Colorado.

The Devils won for the fifth time in six games after dropping the first two games of the season. New Jersey also denied defending Stanley Cup champion Colorado's NHL-best power play.

Hughes scored his third of the season on the power play at 2:59 of the third, shooting the puck past Pavel Francouz.

**Golden Knights 4, Ducks 0:** William Karlsson had a goal and an assist, Logan Thompson made 29 saves and Vegas beat Anaheim in a Nevada Day matinee.

Thompson had his second shutout of the season and third overall to help Western Conference-leading Vegas improve to 7-2-0. Chandler Stephenson, Reilly Smith and Nic Roy also scored.

Anaheim goaltender John Gibson made 14 saves in two periods, and Anthony Stolarz stopped three shots in the third. Since a 5-4 overtime victory over Seattle in the opener, the Ducks have lost seven straight to drop to 1-6-1.

**Islanders 6, Hurricanes 2:** Josh Bailey scored the go-ahead goal in his 1,000th game, and visiting New York set an NHL record for successful penalty kills to begin a season in its victory over Carolina,

With three more penalty kills, the Islanders haven't allowed a power-play goal in their first eight games, the first team in league history to accomplish that feat.

Brock Nelson had two goals in the third period for the Islanders, who won for the first time in three road games this season. Oliver Wahlstrom and Matt Martin also scored before Zach Parise added a short-handed empty-netter.

Islanders goalie Ilya Sorokin made 32 saves after making 41 stops in a 3-0 victory over the New York Rangers on Wednesday night. Martin Necas and Brent Burns scored for the Hurricanes.

**Canucks 5, Penguins 1:** Bo Horvat scored twice, Andrei Kuzmenko had a goal and an assist and host Vancouver won its second straight after a season-opening skid, beating Pittsburgh.

Tanner Pearson and J.T. Miller also scored, Ilya Mikheyev had two assists and Spencer Martin made 34 saves. On Thursday night in Seattle, the Canucks beat the Kraken 5-4 to end their season-opening losing streak at a franchise-record seven games.

Rickard Rakell scored for Pittsburgh and Tristan Jarry made 24 saves. The Penguins have lost three straight to fall to 4-3-1.

## Longtime Georgia football coach Dooley dies at 90

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Vince Dooley, the football coach who carried himself like a professor and guided Georgia for a quarter-century of success that included the 1980 national championship, died Friday. He was 90.

The school announced that Dooley died peacefully at his Athens home in the presence of his wife, Barbara, and their four children, including former Tennessee coach Derek Dooley. No cause of death was given.

Dooley was hospitalized this month for what was described

as a mild case of COVID-19, but he pronounced himself fully recovered and ready to attend his regular book-signing session at the campus bookstore before an Oct. 15 game against Vanderbilt.

Dooley had a career record of 201-77-10 while coaching the Bulldogs from 1964 to 1988, a stretch that included six Southeastern Conference titles, 20 bowl games and just one losing season.

"Our family is heartbroken by the death of Coach Dooley. He was one of a kind with an unmatched love for UGA!" cur-

rent Georgia coach Kirby Smart said.

Dooley is the fourth-winningest coach in SEC history, trailing only Bear Bryant, Nick Saban and Steve Spurrier.

"Vince Dooley was one of my favorite people in the world," Saban said. "Vince represented the University of Georgia and all of college football with tremendous integrity and class as both a coach and athletics director."

After retiring from coaching, Dooley continued as the school's AD, a job he held from 1979 until 2004. The field at

Sanford Stadium was dedicated in his honor during the 2019 football season.

Josh Brooks, the school's current athletic director, said the big-money program he now guides "is what it is today because of Vince Dooley."

Dooley was the second prominent member of Georgia's storied football history to die in the past two weeks.

Hall of Famer Charlie Trippi, who starred at Georgia in the 1940s and went on to claim an NFL championship with the Chicago Cardinals, died Oct. 19 at the age of 100.