FACES
McGregor, Boorman traverse Europe on vintage motorcycles
Page 18

MILITARY
DOD orders review of all library books for DEI issues
Page 6

NHL PLAYOFFS
Trade deadline additions having big impacts
Page 24

Judge awards $600K to 17 sickened by tainted Red Hill water » Page 5

STARS AND STRIPES®

stripes.com

Volume 84 Edition 17 ©SS 2025 MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 平成12年4月5日 第三種郵便物認可 日刊(土日除く) 発行所 星条旗新聞社 〒106-0032 東京都港区六本木7丁目23番17号 定価￥50 50¢/Free to Deployed Areas

Rocket Lab photos

A Rocket Lab technician inspects a 3D-printed Rutherford rocket engine nozzle.

'Game-changing technology'

3D printing shakes up the space and defense industries

By Andrew Zaleski
Special to The Washington Post

When Rocket Lab unveiled the Rutherford engine at the 31st Space Symposium in Colorado, it looked like any other space engine.

It wasn't.

Rocket Lab manufactured the Rutherford via additive manufacturing, a process in which a massive 3D printer meticulously layers materials — in this case, powdered metals — one at a time. Multiple specialized parts such as propellant valves, injectors, pumps and even the engine's combustion chamber were printed and then assembled.

"Just about all rocket engines these days have at least some significant portion of them 3D printed," says Peter Beck, founder and CEO of Rocket Lab. "It's really game-changing technology."

And Rocket Lab is not alone. Several other companies — Elementum 3D, Beehive Industries and Ursa Major, to name a few — all manufacture engine parts with a 3D printer. NASA, too, is in on the action, testing out 3D-printed rocket nozzles in recent years at the Marshall

SEE TECHNOLOGY ON PAGE 6

The Rutherford engine on Rocket Lab's Electron rocket during its 63rd mission.

Transgender troops get new deadline to separate

By Caitlyn Burchett
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon issued a new deadline for transgender troops to voluntarily separate from military service following a Supreme Court ruling earlier this month.

Active-duty transgender troops have until June 6 to begin the process of separating from the armed forces or risk being booted out, according to a memo signed Thursday by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. Reserve troops have until July 7. After those dates, the services will begin involuntarily booting out transgender troops.

"This is the president's agenda. This is what the American people voted for and we're going to continue to relentlessly pursue it," Hegseth said in a recorded video shared Thursday on X.

The Defense Department's "Rapid Response" X account commented in response to the video: "No more pronouns. No more drag shows. No more dudes in dresses. NO MORE TRANS AT THE DOD."

Approximately 1,000 troops across the services have already self-identified as having been diagnosed with gender dysphoria, according to Sean Parnell, chief Pentagon spokesman. The services will begin processing those troops for voluntary separation.

The announcement follows a Supreme Court ruling Tuesday that allows President Donald Trump's administration to enforce a ban on transgender people in the military, while legal challenges to the policy proceed.

Lawsuits and the court's ruling

SEE DEADLINE ON PAGE 8

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Google will pay Texas $1.4B to settle data claims

Associated Press

Google will pay $1.4 billion to Texas to settle claims the company collected users' data without permission, the state's attorney general announced Friday.

Attorney General Ken Paxton described the settlement as sending a message to tech companies that he will not allow them to make money off of "selling away our rights and freedoms."

"In Texas, Big Tech is not above the law," Paxton said in a statement. "For years, Google secretly tracked people's movements, private searches, and even their voiceprints and facial geometry through their products and services. I fought back and won."

The agreement settles several claims Texas made against the search giant in 2022 related to geolocation, incognito searches and biometric data. The state argued Google was "unlawfully tracking and collecting users' private data."

Paxton claimed, for example, that Google collected millions of biometric identifiers, including voiceprints and records of face geometry, through such products and services as Google Photos and Google Assistant.

Google spokesperson José Castañeda said the agreement settles an array of "old claims," some of which relate to product policies the company has already changed.

"We are pleased to put them behind us, and we will continue to build robust privacy controls into our services," he said.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (May 12)	0.87
British pound (May 12)	$1.29
Japanese yen (May 12)	139.00
South Korean won (May 12)	1376.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
Britain (Pound)	1.3315
Canada (Dollar)	1.3930
China (Yuan)	7.2373
Denmark (Krone)	6.6261
Egypt (Pound)	50.6214
Euro	0.8881
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7784
Hungary (Forint)	358.94
Israel (Shekel)	3.5425
Japan (Yen)	145.29
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3067
Norway (Krone)	10.3500
Philippines (Peso)	55.38
Poland (Zloty)	3.76
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7508
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2976
South Korea (Won)	1397.62
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8311
Thailand (Baht)	32.91
Turkey (NewLira)	38.7484

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

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	7.50
Interest Rates Discount rate	4.50
Federal funds market rate	4.38
3-month bill	4.32
30-year bond	4.84

WEATHER OUTLOOK

MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

MONDAY IN EUROPE

TUESDAY IN THE PACIFIC

This weather is compiled from weather.com reports.

TODAY IN STRIPES

American Roundup 15
Classified 13
Comics 17
Crossword 17
Faces 18
Opinion 16
Sports 19-24

STARS AND STRIPES
However you read us, wherever you need us.
Mobile • Online • Print

EUROPE | ADVERTISING | CustomerService@stripes.com | +49 (0) 0631.3615.9111 DSN: 314.583.9111

MIDDLE EAST | ADVERTISING | CustomerService@stripes.com | +49 (0) 0631.3615.9111 DSN: 314.583.9111

PACIFIC | ADVERTISING | PacificAdvertising@stripes.com | +81 (42) 552.2511 DSN: 315.227.7310

Round-the-world news for America's military.

Stripes.com supplies constant updates, on news of interest — including reports from our overseas military bases in Europe, Pacific, Southwest Asia and the Mideast, and coverage of the Pentagon and Capitol Hill.
Also available on mobile apps for Android and iOS.

STARS AND STRIPES®
Mobile • Online • Print

MILITARY

Special operators due for changes in doctrine

By Matthew M. Burke
Stars and Stripes

The Pentagon is overhauling its special operations doctrine to sharpen key skills and align with the White House's Indo-Pacific focus, a senior defense official said.

Colby Jenkins, the acting assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low-intensity conflict, outlined the changes Thursday in his keynote address at the Special Operations Forces Week convention in Tampa, Fla., according to a Defense Department statement the same day.

"This is our moment to forge the future of special operations," said Jenkins, a former member of Army Special Forces. He added that it's a future "where resilience, adaptability and speed win the day."

The annual convention draws upward of 20,000 people, including influential defense officials and world leaders. Sponsored by U.S. Special Operations Command and the Global Special Operations Forces Foundation, it began in its current format in 2023.

Among the priorities Jenkins listed were a shift from stationary counterterrorism and crisis response formations toward more flexible teams able to operate by land, sea, air and in the cyber realm.

"The future of SOF is relentless, smaller teams, faster decisions, smarter systems (and) harder targets," he said. "We cannot afford to simply maintain the old standards. We must sharpen them, modernize them and expand them without losing the warrior ethos that (defines) our special operations."

The Pentagon also will focus on resilience, improving training and readiness, aligning development to priorities and strengthening the oversight of resources and accountability, Jenkins said.

During his speech, he vowed to harness artificial intelligence and invited the special operations community to contribute ideas regarding its future.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, who was in attendance, also thanked the special operators for maintaining physical standards, noting that standards must be high throughout the armed services.

The comments came as the Pentagon conducts a global review of the military's force posture, including special operations.

Lawmakers also must consider the role of special operators in such White House priorities as securing the southern border and fighting foreign drug cartels, the Congressional Research Service said in a March report.

The U.S. Special Operations Command, headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., includes about 70,000 active duty, reserve and civilian personnel, the report said.

Cutler Brice/U.S. Marine Corps

Colby Jenkins, acting assistant secretary of defense for special operations and low-intensity conflict, speaks during the Special Operations Forces Week convention in Tampa, Fla., on Thursday.

82nd Airborne brings capabilities to Europe for drills

By John Vandiver
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Paratroopers from the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division are headed to Europe, where large combat drills stretching from Nordic lands to NATO's eastern flank are getting underway.

About 600 soldiers from the division's 3rd Brigade will parachute into Norway this week in a "forcible entry" operation aimed at testing the unit's ability to fight through resistance, the Army said.

The Swift Response exercise will showcase the 82nd's ability to respond to "any mission, anywhere, and anytime," Maj. Gen. Pat Work, division commander, said in a statement ahead of the training, which kicks off Tuesday.

The Fort Bragg, N.C.-based 82nd Airborne, a part of the military's global response force, has factored into Army efforts to quickly mobilize troops into Europe. The division was key in Pentagon efforts to reinforce NATO around the time of Russia's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

While Swift Response will involve some 4,100 U.S. troops and 1,900 multinational forces carrying out simultaneous airborne assault operations in the High North and across the Baltics, other drills are unfolding elsewhere in Europe.

On Sunday, more than 300 U.S. and allied service members were participating in exercise Arcane Thunder, which involves integration of land, sea, air, cyber and space capabilities, U.S. Army Europe and Africa said in a statement.

The drills in Germany, the U.S. and Poland, featuring the Wiesbaden-based 2nd Multi-Domain Task Force, incorporate emerging technology capabilities, which are becoming central to how the Army fights, the statement said.

Meanwhile, NATO's largest multinational live-fire air and missile defense exercise, known as Formidable Shield 25, started May 1.

Taking place in Norway and the United Kingdom, the drills involve nine allies and will run throughout May, the alliance said Wednesday.

Matthew Keegan/U.S. Army

Army paratroopers representing various brigades in the 82nd Airborne Division Best Squad Competition fire M240 machine guns at Fort Bragg, N.C., in February. About 600 soldiers from the 82nd's 3rd Brigade will parachute into Norway this week as part of the Swift Response exercise, the Army said.

PACIFIC

N. Korea: Launches tested nuclear response

Kim supervised counterstrike drill

BY DAVID CHOI AND YOOJIN LEE
Stars and Stripes

North Korea launched a series of short-range ballistic missiles Thursday during a nuclear counterstrike drill overseen by leader Kim Jong Un, in what state media said was a response to recent nuclear exercises by the United States and South Korea.

The drill, held at an unspecified location, included 600 mm multiple rocket launchers and a Hwasongpho-11-Ka tactical ballistic missile, according to the Korean Central News Agency. Pyongyang claims both systems can carry tactical nuclear warheads.

Kim, who was present for the drill, said "it is very important to steadily perfect the normal combat readiness of the nuclear force," KCNA reported. The military "should continue to direct efforts to steadily improve the long-range precision striking capability and efficiency of weapons system," he added.

KCNA

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un oversees short-range ballistic missile launches on Friday.

South Korea's military confirmed the launches, reporting Thursday that several short-range ballistic missiles were fired eastward from Wonsan, a coastal city 90 miles from Pyongyang. They flew approximately 500 miles before falling into the Sea of Japan, or East Sea, according to the Ministry of National Defense.

Though North Korea labels its 600 mm weapons as "super large" rocket launchers, South Korean officials and independent experts classify them as ballistic missiles, citing their range, size and guidance systems.

Yang Uk, a research fellow at the Seoul-based Asan Institute for Policy Studies, said such launches are "kind of an ordinary thing" for the communist regime, but noted the timing — a day ahead of Russia's annual Victory Day holiday — may be significant.

Yang, speaking to Stars and Stripes by phone Friday, noted how North Korea has deepened ties with Russia by covertly supplying troops, weapons and ammunition for Moscow's three-year invasion of Ukraine. In June, Kim and Russian President Vladimir Putin pledged mutual military aid if either country is attacked.

"We speculate that Russia is paying North Korea with resources, budget and high-tech military technology" for Pyongyang's troops and supplies, Yang said.

South Korea's defense ministry suggested Thursday's launches may have been used to demonstrate the missiles' readiness for potential export.

U.S. and South Korean forces have conducted several nuclear-threat response drills this year.

In April, the Army's Nuclear and Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Agency held its first two-day training course to prepare military officers from South Korea's Strategic Command to respond to a nuclear attack, according to U.S. Forces Korea.

In March, two Air Force B-1B Lancer bombers flew alongside U.S. and South Korean aircraft in an air interdiction drill over the South's airspace, part of ongoing efforts to counter the North's nuclear and missile threats.

First forum on Okinawa meets to address crime prevention

BY BRIAN MCELHINEY AND KEISHI KOJA
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — About 35 Okinawa civilian and U.S. military leaders met Friday in a promised forum at this Marine Corps base to discuss cooperative measures to stem criminal behavior by U.S. service members on the island.

The Okinawa Community Partnership Forum was proposed last summer in response to a series of sexual assault allegations against American service members.

During the meeting, U.S. officials reviewed liberty restrictions on service members and sought opinions on improving the briefing given service members new to Okinawa, according to an unsigned statement from U.S. Forces Japan.

Prefectural police said they plan to provide lectures for service members on crime prevention, according to USFJ.

The forum also discussed expanding joint patrols by U.S. military and Okinawa authorities to Naha city, the prefectural capital, and elsewhere "as requested by the U.S. military," according to USFJ. The first joint patrol was held April 18-19 in Okinawa city.

"Both sides reaffirmed their dedication to fostering a positive and mutually beneficial relationship based on trust and respect," and future meetings are planned, according to the statement.

The forum included representatives from the U.S. military on Okinawa, the Okinawa Prefectural Government, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Okinawa Liaison Office, U.S. Consulate General Naha, Okinawa Defense Bureau, Okinawa Prefectural Police and Okinawa City, according to USFJ.

Authorities with the prefecture, prefectural police and Okinawa Defense Bureau, including Masahito Tamari, director of Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki's executive office, arrived at the Ocean Breeze, the consolidated club at Camp Foster, shortly before 10 a.m.

The 2½-hour-long session started at 10 a.m. with 30-40 participants, Tamari told reporters later at the prefectural office. More meetings are anticipated, he said.

Photos from the forum posted online by USFJ showed Tamari, Army Col. Jin W. Park, chief of USFJ's Okinawa office; Army Lt. Col. Rachel Bowers, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa; and Masaru Shinzato, director of the prefectural police's Community Safety Planning Division.

Then-USFJ commander Air Force Lt. Gen. Ricky Rupp in July proposed the forum following a rash of sexual assault allegations against U.S. service members since December 2023.

One case resulted in a conviction and three are still pending in Naha District Court. Some cases were dismissed.

Pfc. Austin R. Wedington, 27, of California, was charged April 30 with sexually assaulting a Japanese woman and injuring another woman at Camp Foster in March.

Two Marines — Lance Cpls. Jamel Clayton and Michael Hofmaster — face trial in separate sexual assault cases from last year. Clayton is scheduled for trial June 2. Hofmaster's trial has not been scheduled.

In December, Air Force Senior Airman Brennon R.E. Washington was convicted of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a minor in December 2023. He has appealed his sentence of five years in prison with labor.

JESSE DAVIS/U.S. Marine Corps

U.S. Army Col. Jin W. Park, chief of U.S. Forces Okinawa Field Office, greets Masahito Tamari, director general of the Okinawa governor's office, on Camp Foster, on Friday.

Okinawa's Prefectural Assembly on Friday approved letters to U.S. and Japanese officials regarding Wedington's indictment.

The letters call for regular forum meetings to prevent future incidents involving U.S. service members.

They also called for revisions to the U.S. status of forces agreement governing the U.S. troop presence in Japan, new preventative measures and apologies and compensation to the victim.

PACIFIC

Judge awards $600K to Red Hill plaintiffs

Families sickened by jet fuel had sought $7M in lawsuit against US government

By Wyatt Olson
Stars and Stripes

A federal judge in Hawaii on Wednesday awarded nearly $600,000 to 17 plaintiffs who sued the U.S. government after being sickened by jet fuel-contaminated water on Oahu in late 2021 — a fraction of the $7 million they had sought.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Leslie Kobayashi comes a year after the two-week trial in U.S. District Court in Honolulu ended in May 2024.

The award more closely aligns with a post-trial brief from government attorneys, who recommended no more than $458,792 in total compensation.

The 17 bellwether plaintiffs in the civil case Feindt vs. United States represent the first of thousands to sue the government after the fuel spill, which tainted drinking water in military housing on and near Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The decision is expected to serve as a benchmark for future claims.

The spill originated from the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, a World War II-era underground complex that is now being prepared for permanent closure.

Kobayashi awarded general damages for pain and suffering ranging from $5,000 to $75,000 per plaintiff. Each was also awarded $1,000 for "loss of enjoyment of life," according to the decision.

Four plaintiffs received a combined $38,489 in "special damages" for future medical expenses.

The lead plaintiff, Patrick Feindt, was the only one to receive compensation for economic loss, totaling $2,144. Kobayashi wrote "there was no credible evidence supporting a claim for economic injury or wage loss for any other plaintiff."

Feindt and his two children were awarded just over $61,000. His wife, Army officer Amanda Feindt, has filed a separate lawsuit on behalf of active-duty service members.

The decision was a rejection of the government's assertions that the contaminated water did not cause harm, according to Just Well Law, one of the firms representing the plaintiffs.

"In the ruling, Judge Kobayashi found for the families on important legal issues in the case, including that the contamination reached all neighborhoods on the Navy water line and that the families' health claims were not just psychosomatic, as the government had claimed," the firm said in a statement Thursday.

Amanda Feindt said in a text message Thursday that her family of four had undergone more than 750 medical appointments, including multiple surgeries and ongoing specialty care, since being exposed.

"No dollar amount will ever change the lasting harm and institutional betrayal felt by my family, my brothers & sisters in arms, and thousands of innocent civilians who were treated like collateral damage after the Navy knowingly poisoned them and contaminated Hawaii's most precious resource — its water," she wrote.

Feindt said "the real win" is that Kobayashi's ruling holds the Navy accountable.

"This is something DOD officials have refused to do since the start of this crisis," she wrote.

The government admitted liability for the spill before trial, but its attorneys argued that plaintiffs were not exposed to enough contamination to cause harm.

Plaintiffs testified that they suffered from gastrointestinal and neurological conditions, as well as rashes, throat and mouth sores, and anxiety.

Navy officer charged with murder in wife's death in Fukuoka

By Brian McElhiney
Stars and Stripes

A U.S. Navy officer could face a court-martial on a charge of second-degree murder in the death of his wife at a Japanese hotel last year, the service said Thursday.

Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Olsen was also charged with obstruction of justice following a preliminary hearing Wednesday at Naval Base San Diego, according to an email from Cmdr. Paul Macapagal, a spokesman for Naval Forces Japan.

The charges stem from the October death of Jessica "Jesse" Arguinzoni Olsen, who was found dead in a hotel room in Fukuoka, about 80 miles northeast of Sasebo Naval Base.

"We are unable to comment further at this time due to the ongoing litigation," Macapagal wrote. "The Navy is committed to ensuring the military justice system is fair and impartial, and the accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty."

A preliminary hearing — known as an Article 32 hearing under the Uniform Code of Military Justice — determines whether there is probable cause to believe the accused committed the alleged offenses. The hearing officer makes a recommendation to the Navy's Office of Special Trial Counsel, which decides whether to refer the case to trial.

A spokesperson for Olsen could not be reached Thursday.

Fukuoka Prefectural Police discovered Jesse Olsen, 37, on the morning of Oct. 28 inside a hotel room in the city's Chuo district after receiving a report from the hotel, a police spokesman said at the time. The location matches the address of Hotel SOL.

Police said she was found lying and bleeding and indicated she may have been involved in a crime, Kyodo News reported Oct. 29.

Jesse Olsen's body was returned to her family on Nov. 16, her sister, Dominque Arguinzoni, told Stars and Stripes by email Wednesday. She said the family was informed Jesse had suffered injuries to her head, including her face, and that her jaw and hyoid bones were broken.

A funeral was held Nov. 25 in Monroe, N.Y.

Christopher Olsen enlisted in the Navy in April 2014 and became a surface warfare officer that July, according to his service record. He was stationed at Sasebo from November 2022 until December 2023, serving on the USS Chief and later the USS New Orleans. He is now assigned to Naval Surface Group Southwest in San Diego.

The couple met at the State University of New York at Oswego and were married in August 2009, Arguinzoni said.

She said her sister worked as a substitute teacher at Ernest J. King Middle High School, a Department of Defense Education Activity facility on Sasebo.

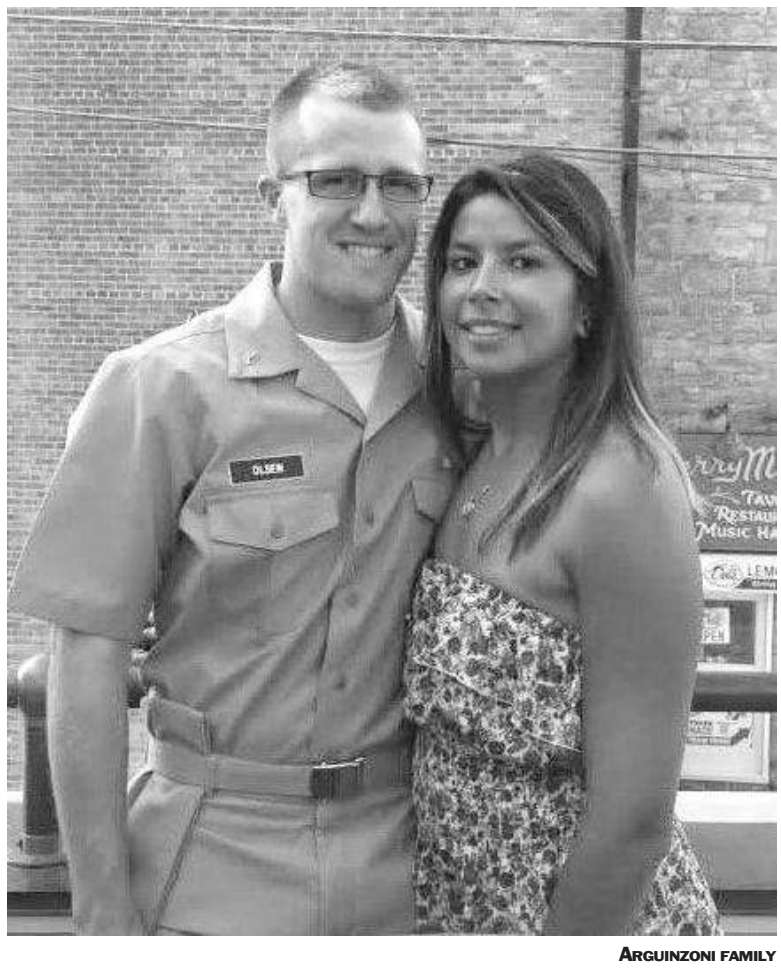
"We had no idea they ever had issues," Arguinzoni said. "None of her friends, even best friend, had an inkling. However, thinking back, my parents and I realized that she pulled away from us by reducing communications from every week to every other month or so."

The Navy notified Jesse Olsen's parents of her death by phone shortly after midnight on Oct. 28, Arguinzoni said during an April 22 phone interview.

"There was no in-person visit, no support team, no effort to ensure they were physically or emotionally able to process the news," she wrote in a statement emailed on April 12. "We were simply told that Jesse was dead — and that her husband, LCDR Christopher Olsen, was a person of interest."

The family has not yet received Jesse's personal belongings, Arguinzoni added.

"We want to grieve," she said in the phone interview. "We can't even wrap up her stuff, and it's been very frustrating because the little bit of information we get, it throws us back into when they first called us and told us she was gone."



ARGUINZONI FAMILY

U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Olsen and his wife, Jessica Olsen, pose together in this undated photo.

Another spill reported on Okinawa

By Brian McElhiney and Keishi Koja
Stars and Stripes

A construction vessel spilled fuel oil Thursday morning at the site of a future U.S. Marine Corps airfield in northern Okinawa, marking the fourth such incident this year, according to Japan's coast guard.

The spill occurred at 8:15 a.m. while the vessel was transferring oil from its fuel tank to a gravity tank, the coast guard said in a news release. Oil overflowed onto the ship's deck, and about 28 fluid ounces leaked into the sea.

The vessel was operating less than a half-mile north-northwest of Cape Henoko in Nago city at the time, according to the release.

A crew member reported the incident at 8:25 a.m., and workers used absorbent mats and other materials to contain the spill, which was under control by about 2:30 p.m., the coast guard said.

No injuries or environmental damage were reported, and the cause remains under investigation, according to the release.

Thursday's incident follows two oil spills in January and another in March from vessels working on the same project. Also in March, a separate construction vessel caught fire while towing materials after oil leaked from its engine.

The airfield is being built on reclaimed land in Oura Bay to replace Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in the densely populated city of Ginowan.

MILITARY

DOD orders review of library books for DEI

By Matthew Adams
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has ordered senior leaders to pull and review all library books at military educational institutions that address diversity, critical race theory or gender ideology by May 21.

"The sole focus of the [Defense] Department's military educational institutions … is to train and educate the world's finest military leaders in support of that core mission," Timothy Dill, who is performing the duties of the undersecretary for personnel, wrote in a memorandum signed Friday.

In a separate memo, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced there will be "no consideration of race, ethnicity, or sex" in admissions to military service academies.

The memo ordered the service academies to rank candidates, starting with the 2026 admissions cycle, by using "merit-based scores" within each nomination category.

Hegseth wrote that the goal is to accept the highest-ranking candidates in each category.

The orders issued Friday are the latest efforts in a campaign that began in January by the Trump administration to rid the military of diversity and equity programs, policies and instructional materials.

Educational materials at institutions such as war colleges and military service academies "promoting divisive concepts and gender ideology are incompatible with the department's core mission," Dill wrote.

Additional guidance will be provided on how to cull that initial list and determine what should be removed and "an appropriate ultimate disposition" for those materials. The memo does not say what will happen to the books.

A temporary Academic Libraries Committee, or ALC, set up by the Pentagon will provide information on the review and decisions about the books.

The ALC provided a list of search terms to use in the initial identification of the books to be pulled and reviewed. Some of the search terms include affirmative action, anti-racism, critical race theory, discrimination, diversity, gender dysphoria, gender identity and transition, transgender, transsexual and white privilege.

Last month, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., removed nearly 400 books from the Nimitz Library because their subject matter was seen as being related to diversity, equity and inclusion topics.

President Donald Trump issued an executive order in January that banned DEI materials in kindergarten through 12th grade education. Hegseth's office, however, informed the Naval Academy on March 28 that the defense secretary intended the order to apply to the academy as well, The New York Times reported.

The Naval Academy's purge led to the removal of books on the Holocaust, histories of feminism, civil rights and racism.

Weeks later, the libraries at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., were told to go through their stacks to find books related to DEI content.

Marleah Miller/U.S. Special Operations Command

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth provides a keynote speech on Tuesday in Tampa, Fla.

Students in schools run by the Department of Defense Education Activity, or DODEA, have staged walkouts to protest the Pentagon's decision to pull books based on DEI content.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a motion Wednesday for a preliminary injunction on behalf of six families with students enrolled in DODEA schools. They have a lawsuit pending against DODEA that accuses the Trump administration of "system-wide censorship" in violation of their First Amendment rights.

The new motion contains a list of 233 books that the families contend have been removed from circulation.

Technology: Expansion of 3D printing usage brings innovation

FROM PAGE 1

Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

While space exploration is the primary market, the use of 3D printing is also attractive to national defense clients, especially when it comes to hypersonic missile technology where the United States keeps pace with China and Russia. These missiles fly at Mach 5, more than 3,800 mph, although there are efforts underway to achieve even higher speeds.

"As a technology, it's not brand-new, but it is new to certain industries, like the defense industrial base," says Nick Doucette, chief operating officer of Ursa Major in Berthoud, Colo.

Ursa Major

Hardware of a solid rocket motor is manufactured by one of Ursa Major's 3D printers at its Youngstown, Ohio, campus.

From a hobby to industry

Rocket Lab, headquartered in Long Beach, Calif., is an end-to-end space company that designs and builds not only rocket engines but also its own satellites and rockets. The Electron rocket, a reusable orbital launch vehicle, is the second-most frequently launched rocket in the U.S. behind those launched by SpaceX: Last year, it launched 16 times, carrying small satellites into space.

The Rutherford engine is a key component of the Electron rocket and is the first 3D-printed engine to reach space. The printer that makes it, oftentimes as tall as an NBA center, works with powdered metals — super alloys composed of aluminum, or copper, or nickel or titanium — materials that can withstand the thousands-of-degrees Fahrenheit heat of a rocket blast. Layer by layer, powdered alloys are laid down on a printer bed and then laser-sintered into place. The particle sizes of a powdered metal are generally only 45 microns, about half the thickness of human hair.

While the technology has been around for about 20 years the process has become much more sophisticated recently. Typically, manufacturing a standard rocket engine involves casting and forging sheets of metal that are then shaped and welded together: a long, tedious process. The 3D-printing route is much more streamlined, and because of the way in which 3D printing rapidly melts and solidifies powdered metals, there are fewer chances of running into problems such as cracked metal.

"If we're talking about a slam-dunk application for 3D printing, it's rocket engines," says Jacob Nuechterlein, founder and president of Elementum 3D in Erie, Colo.

Nuechterlein credits the 3D-printing process for making it easier to produce complex, intricate elements. For instance, rocket engines make use of regenerative cooling where cryofuels — liquefied fuels held at very low temperatures perfect for use in orbit — are pumped through channels embedded in the walls of the engine to cool down the nozzle before the fuel itself is pumped back into the combustion chamber and ignited. A 3D printer can help make those cooling channels much tighter, which enables the engine to perform better without restricting the flow of fuel.

Tariffs and the future

In the coming years, the frequency of rocket launches in the U.S. is only expected to increase. Constellations of cheap, replaceable satellites upon which so much of global communication relies will need to be updated with newer technology over time, according to Doucette at Ursa Major. And space is now a military frontier that will drive up the demand for launches.

Tariffs and the desire for American-made products also have some industries scrambling. 3D printing has the potential to flip the script, according to Brandon Ribic, technology director at America Makes, an institute sponsored by the Department of Defense that was created in 2013 as part of the Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act.

"Additive is seen as a type of manufacturing technology that can help enable domestic manufacturing of different types of products," Ribic says. "When it comes to tariffs, folks in manufacturing are thinking about that." What still needs to happen, he adds, is a scaling of the domestic supply chain so that the printers and the metals they use are easier to come by. However, there are companies in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio that make the metal powders necessary to produce rocket engines by 3D printing. The process to create those powders is known as atomization, in which raw elements and compositional scrap are melted down and poured into an air nozzle.

"We need to be independent as a nation in rocket engines and space access," says Shawn Phillips, chief of the Rocket Propulsion Division within the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory, a 65-square-mile test facility at Edwards Air Force Base.

Producing engine parts faster and cheaper is perhaps where the use of 3D printing can make the most difference. Ursa Major has designed several rocket engines that are, at least, 80% manufactured via 3D printing. The company has multiple contracts with the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory, which is using Ursa Major engines to study and test hypersonic technology.

All of its 3D printing is done by its team in Youngstown, Ohio — historically a hub for steel production — where six employees operate five 3D printers. Even with such a small team, the speed at which parts and components can be produced via 3D printing increases exponentially.

STARS AND STRIPES

CELEBRATE

the class of

2025

Stars and Stripes is your ultimate destination for honoring the achievements of your Class of 2025 graduate.

This year, we are excited to offer you **three fantastic options** to share your graduate's success with family and friends, no matter where they are.

1. **Classic Newspaper Announcement - $19**
2. **Digital Announcement - $39**
3. **Varsity Package - $45**

ORDER TODAY

https://europe.stripes.com/grad-tab

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

MAY 16

Publish date: May 29

Sponsored by

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS | EUROPE

MILITARY

Army delays its decision on $2B 'Golden Dome' hopeful

By Tony Capaccio
Bloomberg News

The U.S. Army delayed until next year a decision on whether to approve full production of a $2 billion Lockheed Martin air defense radar system that's been touted as a candidate for the Trump administration's proposed "Golden Dome" defense umbrella.

The Army said it had planned to make a full-rate production decision on Lockheed's Sentinel A4 in October, but pushed that timeline back to between July and September 2026 to conduct more intense combat testing.

The Sentinel A4 is designed to replace an older model now part of the air defense network defending the U.S. National Capital Region, including the White House, from rogue aircraft and cruise missiles.

The previously unpublicized delay is significant as full-rate production is considered an important milestone for a defense contractor, and is the most profitable phase of a weapons program. Reaching that stage means a system has passed rigorous testing by the Defense Department's weapons-buying bureaucracy.

The delay suggests that any system touted as Golden Dome-worthy needs to prove itself first in combat-like tests overseen by the Pentagon's director of Operational Test and Evaluation.

A Lockheed Martin spokesperson deferred questions on the production decision delay to the Army.

Budget documents show the Army plans to buy as many as 240 new radar over the Sentinel A4's lifespan, including 133 by 2029, plus support equipment, engineering services and initial spare parts. Thirty-one are on contract to date.

"Sentinel A4 is continuing to mature its hardware and software," the Army's program office said in a statement. "This maturity is successfully being demonstrated through a series of operational test events which will support the full-rate production decision."

On its website, Lockheed Martin calls the Sentinel A4 the "World's Premier Air and Missile Defense Radar" which can be integrated with existing air defense systems and enhance "defense against cruise missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles and air threats."

Still, "the Golden Dome architecture is emerging" and "Sentinel's role is unknown at this time," according to the Army's program office.

The Pentagon's test office told Bloomberg News it has been monitoring Sentinel A4 since 2023 and agreed with the Army's decision to conduct two more rounds of testing. The first was completed last month and the second phase is scheduled next year.

The second phase "should demonstrate the ability of the initial radar to execute critical mission capabilities," and integrate with other air defense systems "in a more robust operational environment," it said.

The new radar hasn't yet demonstrated, for example, that it can operate with a new major Army software system designed to gather data from many sensors and distribute it to air defense weapons such as Patriot and THAAD, the test office said.

"We intend to assess this integration," it said.

David Huskey, White Sands Missile Range/New Mexico Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Takeshi Berdan, left, and Spc. Dylan Dominguez, both Army Air Defense Battle Management System Operators, prepare the Sentinel A4 for night operations against threat air objects.

Poll finds transgender issues are a statistical strength for Trump

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — About half of U.S. adults approve of how President Donald Trump is handling transgender issues, according to a new poll — a relative high point for a president who has the approval overall of about 4 in 10 Americans.

But support for his individual policies on transgender people is not uniformly strong, with a clearer consensus against policies that affect youth.

The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey conducted this month found there's more support than opposition on allowing transgender troops in the military, while most don't want to allow transgender students to use the public school bathrooms that align with their gender identity and oppose using government programs to pay for gender-affirming health care for transgender youth.

Schuyler Fricchione, a 40-year-old stay-at-home mother from northern Virginia, is one of those who opposes the government paying for gender-affirming care, especially for young people.

She said she doesn't want people to make major changes that they might later regret. But she said that because of her Catholic faith, she doesn't want to exclude transgender people from public life. "It's very important to me that everyone understands their dignity and importance as a person."

"It is something I am kind of working through myself," she said. "I am still learning."

About two-thirds of U.S. adults agree with Trump that whether a person is a man or woman is determined by their biological characteristics at birth.

The poll found that Republicans overwhelmingly believe gender identity is defined by sex at birth, but Democrats are divided, with about half saying gender identity can differ from biological characteristics at birth. The view that gender identity can't be separated from sex at birth view contradicts what the American Medical Association and other mainstream medical groups say: that extensive scientific research suggests sex and gender are better understood as a spectrum than as an either-or definition.

A push against the recognition and rights of transgender people, who make up about 1% of the nation's population, has been a major part of Trump's return to the White House — and was a big part of his campaign. He has signed executive orders calling for the government to classify people by unchangeable sex rather than gender, oust transgender service members and kick transgender women and girls out of sports competitions for females. Those actions and others are being challenged in court, and judges have put many of his efforts on hold.

Despite being a hot-button issue overall, a big portion of the population is neutral or undecided on several key policies.

About 4 in 10 people supported requiring public schoolteachers to report to parents if their children are identifying at school as transgender or nonbinary. About 3 in 10 opposed it and a similar number was neutral.

About the same portion of people — just under 4 in 10 — favored allowing transgender troops in the military as were neutral about it. About one-quarter opposed it.

Tim Phares, 59, a registered Democrat in Kansas who says he most often votes for Republicans, is among those in the middle on that issue. One on hand, he said, "Either you can do the job or you can't do the job." But on the other, he added, "I'm not a military person, so I'm not qualified to judge how it affects military readiness."

The AP-NORC poll of 1,175 adults was conducted May 1-5, using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel. The margin of sampling error for adults overall is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Deadline: 2,000 transgender people serve in the US military

FROM PAGE 1

were sparked by an executive order signed Jan. 27 by Trump that presumptively disqualifies transgender people from military service and could lead to the expulsion of experienced, decorated officers. Trump's order claims the sexual identity of transgender service members "conflicts with a soldier's commitment to an honorable, truthful, and disciplined lifestyle, even in one's personal life."

Hegseth then issued a policy in February that gave the military services 30 days to figure out how they would seek out and identify transgender service members to remove them from the military. The order included troops with a diagnosis or history of gender dysphoria, which is the distress that a person feels because their assigned gender and gender identity don't match. The medical condition has been linked to depression and suicidal thoughts.

"Service by individuals with a current diagnosis or history of, or exhibiting symptoms consistent with, gender dysphoria is not in the best interest of the military services and is not clearly consistent with the interests of national security," according to the memo signed by Hegseth.

In February, the Army shared on social media that it would halt processing new recruit candidates with a history of gender dysphoria.

Two transgender airmen in March filed a suit in federal court in New Jersey to try to block the Air Force from firing them. The judge blocked their impending dismissal for 14 days, keeping the men in service as the broader challenge to the Trump administration's policy proceeded.

The Navy, also in March, said sailors and Marines who are no longer eligible for military service, as well as potential new recruits, might be considered for a retention or recruitment waiver on a case-by-case basis provided there is a "compelling government interest" in that individual's ability to support "warfighting capabilities" directly. It is unclear whether that policy still stands.

Roughly 2,000 transgender people serve in the military, representing less than 1% of active-duty service members. There are about 4,200 troops diagnosed with gender dysphoria serving in the active-duty, National Guard and Reserve forces, a senior defense official said in February.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

NATION

Bessent touts progress in US-China tariff talks

Associated Press

GENEVA — U.S. negotiators said Sunday that "substantial progress" was made and "perhaps the differences weren't so large" after two days of negotiations with a high-ranking Chinese delegation on ways to ease a trade war sparked by President Donald Trump's steep tariffs.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, who led the U.S. delegation during talks in Geneva, said there was "a great deal of productivity."

"I'm happy to report that we've made substantial progress between the United States and China in the very important trade talks," Bessent said.

He echoed the positive sentiment of Trump himself, who suggested on social media that "GREAT PROGRESS" was being made toward what he suggested could be a "total reset" on tariffs that have put the global economy on edge.

The Chinese delegation did not offer an immediate assessment of what occurred, but Beijing struck a more measured tone about the negotiations' overall direction. China, in an editorial in its state-run news agency, said it would "firmly reject any proposal that compromises core principles or undermines the broader cause of global equity."

The discussions were held at a stately villa that serves as the residence of the Swiss ambassador to the United Nations, and little information was available on-site or back in Washington as they unfolded. Bessent offered few details on exactly what was discussed but said he and U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer spoke to Trump on Saturday night.

JAMEY KEATEN/AP

Reporters stand outside the residence of the Swiss ambassador to the United Nations where talks between U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and high-ranking Chinese officials are believed to be taking place, in Geneva, on Saturday.

U.S. officials also planned a briefing with more details on Monday morning.

"It's important to understand how quickly we were able to come to agreement, which reflects that perhaps the differences were not so large as far as maybe thought," said Greer, who did not say what agreement he was referring to. Speaking to reporters near the villa, Greer and Bessent gave a statement but did not take questions.

Greer also stressed that a top Trump priority means closing the U.S. trade deficit with China, which came to a record $263 billion last year.

"We're confident that the deal we struck with our Chinese partners will help us to resolve, work towards resolving that national emergency," Greer said.

The discussions could help stabilize world markets roiled by the U.S.-China standoff that has ships in port with goods from China unwilling to unload until they get final word on tariffs.

Trump last month raised U.S. tariffs on China to a combined 145%, and China retaliated by hitting American imports with a 125% levy. Tariffs that high essentially amount to the countries' boycotting each other's products.

In its editorial, Xinhua said, "Talks should never be a pretext for continued coercion or extortion, and China will firmly reject any proposal that compromises core principles or undermines the broader cause of global equity."

Still, top members of the Trump administration were following the president's lead in insisting that a reset of U.S.-China trade relations could be in the offing.

"Secretary Bessent has made clear that one of his objectives is to de-escalate," Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, who wasn't in Geneva, said on "Fox News Sunday." He added that the U.S. and China have imposed tariffs that are "too high to do business, but that's why they are talking right now."

US and Iran conclude 4th round of talks over Tehran's nuke program

BY JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran and the United States held a fourth round of negotiations Sunday over Tehran's rapidly advancing nuclear program, just ahead of a visit by President Donald Trump to the Middle East this week.

The talks ran for some three hours in Muscat, the capital of Oman, which has been mediating the negotiations, said a U.S. official. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei also said the talks took place that long and that a decision on the next round of talks is under discussion.

Baghaei called the talks "difficult but useful." The U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the closed-door negotiations, described them as being both indirect and direct.

"Agreement was reached to move forward with the talks to continue working through technical elements," the U.S. official said. "We are encouraged by today's outcome and look forward to our next meeting, which will happen in the near future."

Iran insisted they only took place indirectly — possibly over internal political pressures.

The talks seek to limit Iran's nuclear program in exchange for the lifting of some of the crushing economic sanctions the U.S. has imposed on the Islamic Republic, closing in on half a century of enmity.

Trump has repeatedly threatened to unleash airstrikes targeting Iran's program if a deal isn't reached. Iranian officials increasingly warn that they could pursue a nuclear weapon with their stockpile of uranium enriched to near weapons-grade levels. Meanwhile, Israel has threatened to strike Iran's nuclear facilities on their own if it feels threatened, further complicating tensions in the Mideast already spiked by the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip.

Iranian state television announced the talks had begun. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. side.

The talks again saw Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and U.S. Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff lead the negotiations. They have met and spoken face-to-face but the majority of the negotiations appear to have been indirect, with Omani Foreign Minister Badr al-Busaidi shuttling messages between the two sides.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, left, and Steve Witkoff, right, White House special envoy.

"The discussions included useful and original ideas reflecting a shared wish to reach an honorable agreement," al-Busaidi wrote afterward on the social platform X.

Iran has insisted that keeping its ability to enrich uranium is a red line for its theocracy. Witkoff also has muddied the issue by first suggesting in a television interview that Iran could enrich uranium at 3.67%, then later saying that all enrichment must stop.

Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers capped Tehran's enrichment at 3.67% and reduced its uranium stockpile to 661 pounds. That level is enough for nuclear power plants, but far below weapons-grade levels of 90%.

Judge orders a temporary halt to federal worker mass layoffs

BY FRANCES VINALL
The Washington Post

A federal judge ordered the Trump administration to halt mass layoffs of federal workers for at least two weeks in a temporary restraining order issued Friday.

A coalition of local governments, nonprofit organizations and labor unions, including the American Federation of Government Employees, the largest federal employee union, filed a lawsuit last month challenging an executive order issued Feb. 11 that instructed federal agency heads to prepare large-scale reductions in workforce.

The AFGE-led coalition had argued that the president does not have the power to make that order. Judge Susan Illston of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California said in her ruling that the plaintiffs were likely to succeed on at least some of their claims and issued the temporary restraining order to stop layoffs as the case proceeds.

"To make large-scale overhauls of federal agencies, any president must enlist the help of his co-equal branch and partner, the Congress," she wrote.

She added that the president does not have "constitutional nor, at this time, statutory authority to reorganize the executive branch."

Attorneys for the Trump administration filed an appeal of the temporary restraining order to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, court records show.

At least 24,000 federal probationary employees have already been fired as part of the Trump administration's push to shrink the government, according to court filings. The legality of those layoffs is separately undergoing challenge in the courts.

The AFGE-led coalition described its lawsuit as "the largest and most significant challenge to Trump's authority to remake the government" without Congress's approval, The Washington Post reported.

The executive order at issue, titled "Implementing the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency' Workforce Optimization Initiative," instructed federal agencies to work with the U.S. DOGE Service to enact a "critical transformation of the Federal bureaucracy" by downsizing.

"Federal courts should not micromanage the vast federal workforce," she wrote in the order, "but courts must sometimes act to preserve the proper checks and balances between the three branches of government."

NATION

Officials suggest suspending habeas corpus

By Maegan Vazquez
The Washington Post

White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller has indicated that the Trump administration is actively considering whether it can suspend habeas corpus, the right of an individual to challenge their detention in court.

When asked about suspending the writ of habeas corpus as part of its efforts to deport individuals, Miller told reporters Friday, "The Constitution is clear and that, of course, is the supreme law of the land, that the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus could be suspended in time of invasion."

"So that's an option we're actively looking at," he added.

President Donald Trump and his administration have repeatedly asserted that the U.S. is facing an "invasion" requiring the deportation of undocumented migrants under the Alien Enemies Act, a law that would allow the deportation of noncitizens with little to no due process.

Miller

However, the administration keeps losing that argument in court — including on Tuesday, when a federal judge said the White House has failed to prove the existence of an "invasion" or another conflict that would justify invoking the Alien Enemies Act to deport Venezuelan migrants.

The Constitution does not allow the suspension of habeas corpus solely because an "invasion" is declared by the executive branch.

The document states in Article I it can be suspended only "in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion [when] the public Safety may require it."

That right, which allows an individual to petition their detention in court, also extends to noncitizens held within the United States.

Several legal efforts challenging Trump's deportation efforts are based on habeas petitions.

Trump and members of his administration have repeatedly vilified federal judges over what they see as unfair rulings against their expanded use of executive authority, calling for the impeachment of judges who have ruled against them.

On Friday, Miller once again put the onus on the independent judicial branch, suggesting that whether the administration will act to suspend habeas corpus "depends on whether the courts do the right thing or not."

However, there's "near-universal" legal consensus that only Congress can suspend habeas corpus, "and that unilateral suspensions by the President are per se unconstitutional," Georgetown University Law Center professor Steve Vladeck pointed out in his Substack newsletter.

Vladeck added, Miller is "suggesting that the administration would (unlawfully) suspend habeas corpus if (but apparently only if) it disagrees with how courts rule in these cases. In other words, it's not the judicial review itself that's imperiling national security; it's the possibility that the government might lose. That's not, and has never been, a viable argument for suspending habeas."

According to the National Constitution Center, a nonprofit focused on constitutional education, habeas corpus has been suspended four times. Those suspensions took place throughout the country during the Civil War, in several South Carolina counties overrun by the Ku Klux Klan during Reconstruction, in two provinces of the Philippines during a 1905 insurrection, and in Hawaii after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Miller's comments came the same day Trump issued a proclamation that ordered the Department of Homeland Security to increase forces by 20,000 officers within 60 days in an effort to remove undocumented immigrants from the United States.

Secretary plans to reduce flight capacity at Newark

Associated Press

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy plans to reduce the number of flights in and out of the Newark Liberty International Airport for the "next several weeks," as New Jersey's largest airport struggles with radar outages and numerous flight delays and cancellations due to a shortage of air traffic controllers.

Speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press," Duffy said he will convene a meeting with all the airlines flying out of Newark this week to determine the reduction.

He added that it will fluctuate, with a larger reduction coming in the afternoons when international flight arrivals make the airport busier.

"We want to have a number of flights that if you book your flight, you know it's going to fly, right?" he said.

"That is the priority. So you don't get to the airport, wait four hours, and then get delayed," he added.

The Federal Aviation Administration said radar at the facility in Philadelphia that directs planes in and out of Newark airport went black for 90 seconds at 3:55 a.m. Friday, similar to an April 28 incident.

SETH WENIG/AP

The New York City skyline seen behind Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, N.J., Wednesday.

There has been an average of 34 arrival cancellations per day since mid-April at Newark, according to the FAA, with the number of delays increasing throughout the day from an average of five in the mornings to 16 by the evening.

They tend to last 85 to 137 minutes on average.

The Trump administration proposed a multibillion-dollar overhaul of the U.S. air traffic control system on Thursday that includes six new air traffic control centers and technology and communications upgrades at all of the nation's air traffic facilities over the next three or four years.

Duffy said Sunday that he also plans to raise the mandatory retirement age for air traffic controllers from 56 to 61, as he tries to navigate a ongoing shortage of about 3,000 people in that specialized position.

He plans to give those air traffic controllers a 20% upfront bonus to stay on the job.

However, he says many air traffic controllers choose to retire after 25 years of service, which means many retire around the age of 50.

"These are not overnight fixes," Duffy said. "But as we go up — one, two years, older guys on the job, younger guys coming in, men and women — we can make up that 3,000-person difference."

'Don't get in my way,' acting head of disaster agency tells staff

By Gabriela Aoun Angueira and Rebecca Santana
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The new head of the federal agency tasked with responding to disasters across the country warned staff in a meeting Friday not to try to impede upcoming changes, saying that "I will run right over you" while also suggesting policy changes that would push more responsibilities to the states.

David Richardson, a former Marine Corps officer who served in Afghanistan, Iraq and Africa, was named acting administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Thursday just after Cameron Hamilton, who'd been leading the agency, also in an acting role, was fired.

Richardson has been the Department of Homeland Security's assistant secretary for countering weapons of mass destruction. He does not appear to have any experience in managing natural disasters, but in an early morning call with the entire agency staff he said that the agency would stick to its mission and said he'd be the one interpreting any guidance from President Donald Trump.

Prefacing his comments with the words "Now this is the tough part," Richardson said during the call with staffers across the agency that he understands people can be nervous during times of change. But he had a warning for those who might not like the changes — a group he estimated to be about 20% of any organization.

"Don't get in my way if you're those 20% of the people," he said.

"Obfuscation. Delay. Undermining. If you're one of those 20% of the people and you think those tactics and techniques are going to help you, they will not because I will run right over you," he said.

In a preview of what might be coming in terms of changes in policy, Richardson also said there would be more "cost-sharing with the states."

This issue has been a growing concern, especially at a time of an increasing number of natural disasters that often require Congress to repeatedly replenish the fund that pays for recovery.

But states often argue that they are already paying for most disaster recoveries on their own and are only going to the federal government for those events truly outside of their ability to respond.

NATION

Biden public in attacking Trump, self-defense

BY NAFTALI BENDAVID
The Washington Post

Former President Joe Biden has made several appearances in recent weeks that have raised his profile in a way unusual for a recent ex-president, providing a platform for him to criticize President Donald Trump as dishonest, bullying and "vacant."

The appearances have also allowed Biden to defend his own legacy at a time when Trump frequently blames him by name, many Democrats remain frustrated that he took so long to end his 2024 presidential campaign and a pair of recent books assert that Biden's team hid his cognitive decline at the end of his presidency.

"They are wrong," Biden said of the assertions about his decline in an appearance Thursday on ABC's "The View." "There is nothing to sustain that."

The result is a striking dynamic in which two presidents — each the other's successor as well as his predecessor — are engaged in a public back-and-forth over whether one wrecked the economy or the other is embarrassing America. While Trump blames Biden for the economy and the border, Biden is

Biden

defending his legacy in the face of attacks on Social Security and free trade.

One Democrat thinks he knows why Trump can't stop talking about his predecessor.

"Trump is suffering a significant erosion in his job approval. He has to have somebody to blame, and he is deflecting as much attention as he can on Joe Biden," said former U.S. Rep. Steve Israel of New York. "Silence by Joe Biden would be a win for Trump; it validates Trump's absurd charges. So being quiet is not an option."

Still, some Democrats worry that Biden's reemergence plays into Trump's hands. In Thursday's appearance on "The View," Biden was asked why he thinks Trump mentions him so often, sometimes multiple times a day. Biden suggested it is because he is the only politician to have defeated Trump electorally.

"I beat him," Biden said emphatically. "I'm used to dealing with bullies." But he also accepted responsibility for Trump's victory last year, saying, "I was in charge and he won, so I take responsibility."

If Biden occupies a special place in Trump's psyche, the reverse is also true. Biden ran for president in 2020 to drive Trump out of the White House, winning a dramatic victory only to see that legacy eclipsed by Trump's comeback last year.

Biden and Trump's fates have been bitterly entwined since Trump entered politics in 2016. Biden, then the outgoing vice president, chose not to seek the White House, ceding the field to Hillary Clinton, who proceeded to lose to Trump in an upset.

Trump, of course, still wrongly denies that he lost to Biden in 2020. And after Biden stepped aside in 2024, he watched his nemesis defeat his chosen successor, Vice President Kamala Harris.

Now Trump and Biden have likely run their final races. Yet their political battle still shows no sign of ending.

Biden broke his silence less than three months after Trump's Jan. 20 inauguration with a blistering attack on the U.S. DOGE service's efforts to overhaul the Social Security program. "In fewer than 100 days, this administration has done so much damage and so much destruction," Biden told a gathering of representatives of the disabled. "It's breathtaking that it could happen so fast."

He was sharper in an interview with BBC News on May 5, taking aim at Trump's suggestions that the United States should take over Greenland, Canada and the Panama Canal. "What the hell's going on here? What president ever talks like that?" Biden said. "That's not who we are. We're about freedom, democracy, opportunity — not about confiscation."

On "The View," Biden essentially called Trump a failure and a liar. "He's had the worst 100 days any president has ever had," Biden said. "I would not say honesty has been his strong point."

The White House responded by deriding Biden's mental capacity.

"Joe Biden is a complete disgrace to this country and the office he occupied," said Steven Cheung, the White House communications director. "He has clearly lost all mental faculties and his handlers thought it'd be a good idea for him to do an interview and incoherently mumble his way through every answer. Sadly, this feels like abuse."

Trump and his team are not alone in taking aim at the 82-year-old ex-president. Two recent books contend that Biden and his aides were deceptive, deluded or both about his declining capacity last year, making a reckless decision to run for reelection that ended only after a faltering debate performance in June.

"Original Sin," by Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson, is subtitled, "President Biden's Decline, Its Cover-Up, and His Disastrous Choice to Run Again." Another book, "Uncharted: How Trump Beat Biden, Harris, and the Odds in the Wildest Campaign in History" by Chris Whipple, asserts that Biden's circle was engulfed in a "fog of delusion and denial."

Biden and his wife, former first lady Jill Biden, strongly rejected that assertion in Thursday's appearance. "The people who wrote those books were not in the White House with us," Jill Biden said. "They did not see how hard Joe worked every single day … I think he was a great president. If you look at things today, give me Joe Biden anytime."

Newark mayor denies trespassing at immigration facility

Associated Press

Newark Mayor Ras Baraka on Saturday denied trespassing at a new federal immigration detention center during a confrontation that led to his arrest while the Democrat was at the facility with three members of Congress.

Baraka, who has been protesting the center's recent opening, was released around 8 p.m. Friday after spending several hours in custody. He was accused of trespassing and ignoring warnings to leave the Delaney Hall facility.

Tricia McLaughlin, an assistant secretary for public affairs with the Department of Homeland Security, said in an interview with CNN on Saturday that the investigation was ongoing, and the department also released more video of the confrontation. McLaughlin also accused Baraka, who is seeking his party's nomination for governor, of playing "political games."

"I'm shocked by all the lies that were told here," Baraka said, who said he had been invited there for a press conference. "No one else arrested, I was invited in, then they arrested me on the sidewalk."

Baraka, who is running to succeed term-limited Gov. Phil Murphy, has embraced the fight with the Trump administration over illegal immigration. He has aggressively pushed back against the construction and opening of the 1,000-bed detention center, arguing that it should not be allowed to open because of building permit issues.

SETH WENIG/AP

Newark Mayor Ras Baraka speaks to protesters outside of Delaney Hall, a recently re-opened immigration detention center, in Newark, N.J., on Wednesday, before his arrest on a charge of trespassing.

Alina Habba, interim U.S. attorney for New Jersey, said on the social platform X that Baraka trespassed at the detention facility, which is run by private prison operator Geo Group.

Habba said Baraka had "chosen to disregard the law."

Video of the incident showed that Baraka was arrested after returning to the public side of the gate to the facility.

Witnesses said the arrest came after Baraka attempted to join three members of New Jersey's congressional delegation, Reps. Robert Menendez, LaMonica McIver and Bonnie Watson Coleman, in attempting to enter the facility.

When federal officials blocked his entry, a heated argument broke out, according to Viri Martinez, an activist with the New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice. It continued even after Baraka returned to the public side of the gates.

"There was yelling and pushing," Martinez said. "Then the officers swarmed Baraka. They threw one of the organizers to the ground. They put Baraka in handcuffs and put him in an unmarked car."

The Department of Homeland Security said in a statement that the lawmakers had not asked for a tour of Delaney Hall, which the agency said it would have facilitated. The department said that as a bus carrying detainees was entering in the afternoon "a group of protesters, including two members of the U.S. House of Representatives, stormed the gate and broke into the detention facility."

Ned Cooper, a spokesperson for Watson Coleman, said the three lawmakers went there unannounced because they planned to inspect it, not take a scheduled tour.

"Contrary to a press statement put out by DHS we did not 'storm' the detention center," Watson Coleman said in a statement.

In video of the altercation shared with The Associated Press, a federal official in a jacket with the logo of Homeland Security Investigations can be heard telling Baraka he could not enter the facility because "you are not a Congress member."

Baraka then left the secure area, rejoining protesters on the public side of the gate. Video showed him speaking through the gate to a man in a suit, who said: "They're talking about coming back to arrest you."

"I'm not on their property. They can't come out on the street and arrest me," Baraka replied.

Minutes later several ICE agents, some wearing face coverings, surrounded him and others on the public side. Baraka was dragged back through the gate in handcuffs.

NATION

House GOP pushes to sell some public lands

By Matthew Daly and Matthew Brown
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans added a provision to their sweeping tax cut package authorizing sales of hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands in Nevada and Utah, prompting outrage from Democrats and environmentalists who called it a betrayal that could lead to drilling, mining and logging in sensitive areas.

Republicans on the House Natural Resources Committee adopted the land sales proposal early Wednesday morning. The initial draft had not included it amid bipartisan opposition.

The land sale provision was put forward by Republican Reps. Mark Amodei of Nevada and Celeste Maloy of Utah.

The parcels could be used for economic development, mining and infrastructure projects such as the expansion of an airport and a reservoir in Utah, according to local officials and plans for the areas.

Some sites would be considered for affordable housing, which is much needed in fast-growing parts of Nevada.

The sites include up to 200,000 acres in Clark County, which includes Las Vegas, according to Nevada Democratic Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto. That's less than 1% of more than 50 million acres of federal land overall in the state.

Also included is land in Nevada's Pershing County, where Amodei has advocated for selling or exchanging about 350,000 acres of public lands and allowing sales to mining companies.

Cortez Masto in a statement called it "a land grab to fund Republicans' billionaire giveaway tax bill."

SANDY HUFFAKER/AP

Hikers look up at a fast moving storm as it makes its way through Zion National Park outside of Springdale, Utah. House Republicans inserted a provision into their tax cut package allowing the sale of some public lands, including areas near Zion National Park.

"In the dead of night, Representative Mark Amodei pushed House Republicans to move forward with an insane plan that cuts funding from water conservation and public schools across Nevada," she said.

The parcels in Utah would be sold at fair market value to local governments and make up only a third of 1% of public lands in the state, according to Maloy's office.

"The sales from these small parcels of land will generate significant federal revenue, and have broad local support. It's a tailored, parochial budgetary measure," said House Natural Resources Committee spokesperson John Seibels.

Colorado Republican Rep. Jeff Hurd voted against the provision.

The Nevada parcels are also in Lyon and Washoe counties. The Utah parcels are in the western portion of the state, including around the city of St. George and near Zion National Park.

Seibels said the land sales provision resulted from a "community-driven effort" by the impacted counties.

The sales provision advanced as the Natural Resources committee voted 26-17 to allow increased leasing of public lands for natural resource extraction, while clearing the path for more development by speeding up government approvals.

Republicans said the overall bill would generate at least $18 billion in new revenue and savings.

Royalty rates paid by companies to extract oil, gas and coal would be cut, reversing former Democratic President Joe Biden's attempts to curb fossil fuels to help address climate change.

The measure is part of Trump's big bill of tax breaks, spending cuts and beefed-up funding to halt migrants. House Speaker Mike Johnson has set a goal of passing the package out of his chamber by Memorial Day. All told, 11 different House committees are crafting portions of the bill.

Montana Rep. Ryan Zinke, a Republican and former Interior secretary in the first Trump administration, had said before the vote that he was drawing a "red line" on federal land sales.

"It's a no now. It will be a no later. It will be a no forever," said Zinke, whose state includes large parcels of federally owned lands. He is not on the Natural Resources Committee but his office said he would oppose any legislation to sell lands that reaches the House floor.

About 1 million square miles is under federal control. Most of that land is in Alaska and Western states. That includes 63% in Utah and 80% in Nevada.

Zinke and Rep. Gabe Vasquez, D-N.M., are leading a new bipartisan Public Lands Caucus intended to protect and expand access to America's public lands. The caucus launched with a Wednesday news conference hours after the resources panel vote.

Asked about the land sale provisions, Zinke said he understood frustrations over restrictions on logging and mineral extraction. But he indicated federal lands should remain under government management.

"I prefer the management scheme and I give as an example a hotel. If you don't like the management of a hotel, don't sell the hotel; change the management," he said.

Oil and gas royalty rates would drop from 16.7% on public lands and 18.75% offshore to a uniform 12.5% under the committee-passed bill, which still faces a vote in the full House and Senate once it is incorporated into the final legislative package. Royalties for coal would drop from 12.5% to 7%.

The measure calls for four oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge over the next decade. It also seeks to boost the ailing coal industry with a mandate to make available for leasing 6,250 square miles of public lands — an area greater in size than Connecticut.

Republican supporters say the lost revenue would be offset by increased development. It's uncertain if companies would have an appetite for leases given the industry's precipitous decline in recent years as utilities switched to cleaner burning fuels and renewable energy.

US will stop tracking costs of extreme weather fueled by climate change

By Alexa St. John
Associated Press

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will no longer track the cost of climate change-fueled weather disasters, including floods, heat waves, wildfires and more. It is the latest example of changes to the agency and the Trump administration limiting federal government resources on climate change.

NOAA falls under the U.S. Department of Commerce and is tasked with daily weather forecasts, severe storm warnings and climate monitoring. It is also parent to the National Weather Service.

The agency said its National Centers for Environmental Information would no longer update its Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters database beyond 2024, and that its information — going as far back as 1980 — would be archived.

For decades, it has tracked hundreds of major events across the country, including destructive hurricanes, hail storms, droughts and freezes that have totaled trillions of dollars in damage.

The database uniquely pulls information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's assistance data, insurance organizations, state agencies and more to estimate overall losses from individual disasters.

NOAA Communications Director Kim Doster said in a statement that the change was "in alignment with evolving priorities, statutory mandates, and staffing changes."

Scientists say these weather events are becoming increasingly more frequent, costly and severe with climate change. Experts have attributed the growing intensity of recent debilitating heat, Hurricane Milton, the Southern California wildfires and blasts of cold to climate change.

Assessing the impact of weather events fueled by the planet's warming is key as insurance premiums hike, particularly in communities more prone to flooding, storms and fires. Climate change has wrought havoc on the insurance industry, and homeowners are at risk of skyrocketing rates.

One limitation is that the dataset estimated only the nation's most costly weather events.

The information is generally seen as standardized and unduplicable, given the agency's access to nonpublic data, and other private databases would be more limited in scope and likely not shared as widespread for proprietary reasons. Other datasets, however, also track death estimates from these disasters.

Jeff Masters, a meteorologist for Yale Climate Connections, pointed to substitutes from insurance brokers and the international disaster database as alternative sources of information.

Still, "The NOAA database is the gold standard we use to evaluate the costs of extreme weather," Masters said, "and it's a major loss, since it comes at a time when we need to better understand how much climate change is increasing disaster losses."

These moves also don't "change the fact that these disasters are escalating year over year," Kristina Dahl, vice president of science at nonprofit climate organization Climate Central. "Extreme weather events that cause a lot of damage are one of the primary ways that the public sees that climate change is happening and is affecting people."

The Trump administration fired hundreds of weather forecasters and other federal NOAA employees on probationary status in February, part of Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency efforts to downsize the federal government workforce. It began a second round of more than 1,000 cuts at the agency in March, more than 10% of its workforce at the time.

WORLD

India and Pakistan ceasefire shaken by fighting

By Munir Ahmed and Aijaz Hussain
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A ceasefire to end the conflict between India and Pakistan was shaken by overnight border fighting in the disputed Kashmir region.

People on both sides of the Line of Control, which divides the territory, reported heavy exchanges of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops. The fighting subsided by Sunday morning.

The two countries agreed to a truce a day earlier after talks to defuse the most serious military confrontation between them in decades following a gun massacre of tourists that India blames on Pakistan, which denies the charge.

As part of the ceasefire, the nuclear-armed neighbors agreed to immediately stop all firing and military action on land, in the air and at sea. They accused each other of repeatedly violating the deal just hours later.

Drones were spotted Saturday night over Indian-controlled Kashmir and the western state of Gujarat according to Indian officials.

In the Poonch area of Indian-controlled Kashmir, people said the intense shelling from the past few days had traumatized them.

"Most people ran as shells were being fired," said college student Sosan Zehra who returned home Sunday. "It was completely chaotic."

In Pakistan-controlled Kashmir's Neelum Valley, which is two miles from the Line of Control, people said there were exchanges of fire and heavy shelling after the ceasefire began.

Resident Mohammad Zahid said: "We were happy about the announcement but, once again, the situation feels uncertain."

U.S. President Donald Trump was the first to post about the deal, announcing it on his Truth Social platform. Indian and Pakistani officials confirmed the news shortly after.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting on Sunday with top government and military officials.

India, unlike Pakistan, has not said anything about Trump or the U.S. since the deal was announced. Nor has India acknowledged anyone beyond its military contact with the Pakistanis.

Pakistan has thanked the U.S and especially Trump several times for facilitating the ceasefire.

On Sunday, U.N. spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said Secretary General Antonio Guterres welcomed the deal as a positive step toward ending current hostilities and easing tensions.

India and Pakistan have engaged in daily fighting since Wednesday along the rugged and mountainous Line of Control, which is marked by razor wire coils, watchtowers and bunkers that snake across foothills populated by villages, tangled bushes and forests.

India's military strikes into Pakistan-controlled Kashmir and Pakistan earlier this week killed more than 100 militants including their prominent leadership, the head of India's military operations claimed on Sunday.

Passenger bus skids off cliff in Sri Lanka

Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — A passenger bus skidded off a cliff in Sri Lanka's tea-growing hill country on Sunday, killing 21 people and injuring 35 others, a police spokesman said.

The accident occurred in the early hours of Sunday near the town of Kotmale, about 86 miles east of Colombo, the capital, in a mountainous area of central Sri Lanka, police said.

Police spokesman Buddhika Manathunga said 21 people died and another 35 were being treated in hospitals.

Local television showed the bus lying overturned at the bottom of a precipice while workers and others helped remove injured people from the rubble.

The driver was injured and among those admitted to the hospital for treatment. At the time of the accident, nearly 50 people were traveling on the bus.

Manathunga said police launched an investigation to ascertain whether the driver's recklessness or a technical fault of the bus caused the accident.

The bus was operated by a state-run bus company, police said.

Deadly bus accidents are common in Sri Lanka, especially in the mountainous regions, often due to reckless driving and poorly maintained and narrow roads.

AP

Onlookers watch as rescue workers search the debris at the site of a bus crash near the town of Kotmale, Sri Lanka, on Sunday.

Transportation 944

VEHICLE SHIPPING SERVICES

- International Shipping
- Import & Export
- Inland trucking *(U.S. & Europe)*
- Door to door pick-up/delivery service
- Customs clearance
- All Risk Marine Insurance
- Auto Insurance *(Germany only)*

For Further Information Please Contact

	GERMANY	UNITED KINGDOM	U.S.A
Phone:	+49-(0)6134-2592730	+44-(0)1638-515714	+1-972-602-1670 Ext. 1701
Toll-free:	0800-CARSHIP (Germany only)		+1-800-264-8167 (US only)
E-Mail:	info@transglobal-logistics.de	enquiries@carshipuk.co.uk	info@tgal.us
WEB:	www.transglobal-logistics.de	www.carshipuk.co.uk	www.tgal.us

For 2nd POV Shipments - Offices / Agencies near Military Installations

Trans Global
LOGISTICS EUROPE GMBH

Are you in the picture?

Reading **Stars and Stripes** gives you a better handle on issues that affect you most.
No one covers the bases the way we do.

STARS AND STRIPES
However you read us, wherever you need us.

WORLD

Pope calls for peace

By Nicole Winfield and Giovanna Dell'orto
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Leo XIV called for a just and lasting peace in Ukraine and an immediate ceasefire in Gaza with the release of hostages and delivery of humanitarian aid in his first Sunday noon blessing as pontiff.

"I too address the world's great powers by repeating the ever-present call 'never again war,'" Leo said from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica to an estimated 100,000 people below.

It was the first time that Leo had returned to the loggia since he first appeared to the world on Thursday following his remarkable election as pope, the first from the United States. Then too he delivered a message of peace.

Leo was picking up the papal tradition of offering a Sunday blessing at noon, but with several twists. Whereas his predecessors delivered the greeting from the studio window of the Apostolic Palace, off to the side of the piazza, Leo went to the very center of the square and the heart of the church.

He also offered a novelty by singing the Regina Caeli prayer, a Latin prayer said during the Easter season that past popes would usually just recite.

He wore the simple white cassock of the papacy — not the formal red cape he wore on Thursday night — and had reverted back to wearing his silver pectoral cross. He had worn a more ornate one that contains the relics of St. Augustine and his mother, St. Monica, on Thursday night that had been given to him by his Augustinian religious order.

Leo quoted Pope Francis in denouncing the number of conflicts ravaging the globe today, saying it was a "third world war in pieces."

"I carry in my heart the sufferings of the beloved Ukrainian people," he said. "Let everything possible be done to achieve genuine, just and lasting peace as soon as possible."

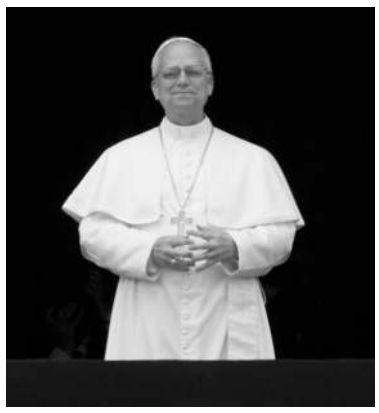
He called for the release of war prisoners and the return of Ukrainian children to their families, and welcomed the ceasefire between India and Pakistan.

He also called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and for humanitarian relief to be provided to the "exhausted civilian population and all hostages be freed."

Leo also noted that Sunday was Mother's Day in many countries and wished all mothers, "including those in heaven" a Happy Mother's Day.

BERNAT ARMANGUE/AP

A U.S. flag waves in the crowd as Pope Leo XIV appears at the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica for his first Sunday blessing.



ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP

Pope Leo XIV delivers his blessing in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday.

Ukraine welcomes Russian overtures

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Sunday welcomed Russia's offer for direct peace talks, but insisted there must be a full, temporary ceasefire in place before negotiations can start.

Zelenskyy, writing on X, called Russian President Vladimir Putin's counter-offer to start talks without a ceasefire a "positive sign," and said that "the entire world has been waiting for this for a very long time."

He added, however, that "the very first step in truly ending any war is a ceasefire."

Meanwhile, Russia resumed mass drone attacks in Ukraine early on Sunday, after its self-declared 3-day pause expired.

Russia launched 108 attack drones and simulator drones from six different directions, Ukraine's Air Force said on Sunday. It said 60 drones were shot down and another 41 simulator drones failed to reach targets due to Ukrainian countermeasures.

The Russian Defense Ministry on Sunday accused Ukraine of "violating" Moscow's three-day ceasefire more than 14,000 times. Ukraine has also accused Russia of violating its own truce, with the Ukrainian foreign minister calling it a farce.

Ukraine did not agree to the May 8-10 ceasefire Russia unilaterally declared and accused Russia of repeatedly violating it.

The Ukrainian president appeared to insist on his proposal to start a 30-day unconditional ceasefire on Monday. "There is no point in continuing the killing even for a single day. We expect Russia to confirm a ceasefire — full, lasting, and reliable — starting tomorrow, May 12th, and Ukraine is ready to meet," Zelenskyy said.

Putin in remarks to the media overnight effectively rejected that ceasefire offer and proposed restarting direct talks with Ukraine in Istanbul on Thursday instead "without preconditions." He said a ceasefire might be agreed on during the negotiations.

Putin's counteroffer came after leaders from four major European countries threatened to ratchet up pressure on Moscow if it does not accept an unconditional 30-day ceasefire in Ukraine that they offered on Saturday in a strong show of unity with Kyiv.

In a social media post several hours after Putin's remarks, U.S. President Donald Trump said it was "a potentially great day for Russia and Ukraine!"

S. Korean conservative party fails bid to swap presidential candidates

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's embattled conservative party canceled then reinstated the presidential candidacy of Kim Moon Soo within hours as internal turmoil escalated ahead of the June 3 election.

Saturday's chaotic U-turn, after a failed attempt to replace Kim with former Prime Minister Han Duck-soo, underscored the People Power Party's leadership crisis following the ouster of former President Yoon Suk Yeol over his martial law imposition in December, which possibly doomed the conservatives' chances of winning another term in government.

Kim, a staunch conservative and former labor minister under Yoon, was named the PPP's presidential candidate on May 3 after winning 56.3% of the primary vote, defeating a reformist rival who had criticized Yoon's martial law.

But the PPP's leadership, dominated by Yoon loyalists, had spent the past week desperately pressuring Kim to step aside and back Han, whom they believed stood a stronger chance against liberal Democratic Party frontrunner Lee Jae-myung.

After talks between Han and Kim failed to unify their candidacies, the PPP's emergency committee took the unprecedented step early Saturday of nullifying its primary, canceling Kim's nomination and registering Han as both a party member and its new presidential candidate.

However, the replacement required approval through an all-party vote conducted through an automated phone survey, which ultimately rejected the switch on Saturday night.

"While we cannot disclose the figures, the vote on switching the candidate was rejected by a narrow margin," party spokesman and lawmaker Shin Dong-wook said. Kim, who had denounced the party's attempt to replace him as an "overnight political coup," was immediately reinstated as the candidate and plans to officially register with election authorities on Sunday, according to the party.

"Now everything will return to its rightful place," Kim said in a statement.

Kim, 73, was a prominent labor activist in the 1970s and '80s but joined a conservative party in the 1990s, saying he gave up his dream of becoming a "revolutionist" after witnessing the collapse of communist states.

Soviet-era spacecraft plunges to Earth

Associated Press

A Soviet-era spacecraft plunged to Earth on Saturday, more than a half-century after its failed launch to Venus.

Its uncontrolled entry was confirmed by both the Russian Space Agency and European Union Space Surveillance and Tracking. The Russians indicated it came down over the Indian Ocean, but some experts were not so sure of the precise location.

The European Space Agency's space debris office also tracked the spacecraft's doom after it failed to appear over a German radar station.

It was not immediately known how much, if any, of the half-ton spacecraft survived the fiery descent from orbit. Experts said ahead of time that some if not all of it might come crashing down, given it was built to withstand a landing on Venus, the solar system's hottest planet.

The chances of anyone getting clobbered by spacecraft debris were exceedingly low, scientists said.

Launched in 1972 by the Soviet Union, the spacecraft known as Kosmos 482 was part of a series of missions bound for Venus. But this one never made it out of orbit around Earth, stranded there by a rocket malfunction.

Much of the spacecraft came tumbling back to Earth within a decade of the failed launch. No longer able to resist gravity's tug as its orbit dwindled, the spherical lander — an estimated 3 feet across — was the last part of the spacecraft to come down. The lander was encased in titanium, according to experts, and weighed more than 1,000 pounds.

Any surviving wreckage will belong to Russia under a United Nations treaty.

After following the spacecraft's downward spiral, scientists, military experts and others could not pinpoint in advance precisely when or where the spacecraft might come down. Solar activity added to the uncertainty as well as the spacecraft's deteriorating condition after so long in space.

After so much anticipation, some observers were disappointed by the lingering uncertainty over the exact whereabouts of the spacecraft's grave.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Iranian to self-deport after charge dropped

AL MONTGOMERY — An Iranian mechanical engineering student at the University of Alabama has decided to self-deport after six weeks in a Louisiana detention center despite the government dropping a charge behind his initial arrest, his lawyer and fiancee said.

Alireza Doroudi was detained by immigration officials in March as part of President Donald Trump's widespread immigration crackdown and has been held at a facility in Jena, La., over 300 miles from where he lived with his fiancee in Alabama.

At the time the State Department said Doroudi posed "significant national security concerns." Doroudi's lawyer, David Rozas, said the government has not offered any evidence to support that claim, however.

Doroudi's visa was revoked in June 2023. Officials did not give a reason and ignored numerous inquiries from him that year, according to his fiancee, Sama Ebrahimi Bajgani. Back then the University of Alabama advised Doroudi that he was legally allowed to stay but would not be allowed to re-enter if he left, Bajgani added.

This spring the government filed two charges against Doroudi to justify deporting him, saying his visa was revoked and he was not "in status" as a student, Rozas said.

On Thursday a U.S. government attorney withdrew the first of those and said the visa revocation was "prudential," meaning it would not go into effect until after he leaves the country — in line with what the university told Doroudi earlier.

GREG EANS, THE (OWENSBORO, KY.) MESSENGER-INQUIRER/AP

On top of old smokey

Danny Triplett watches over a smoker filled with Boston butts while working with the cooking team at Precious Blood Catholic Church, last week in Owensboro, Ky.

Melania Trump hosts unveiling of Bush stamp

DC WASHINGTON — In the White House's East Room on a rainy Thursday, first lady Melania Trump and members of the Bush family gathered to unveil a U.S. postage stamp bearing the portrait of former first lady Barbara Bush.

Bush stamp

Amid the anticipation of the unveiling, Trump, Bush's daughter Dorothy "Doro" Bush Koch and Judy de Torok, a vice president at U.S. Postal Service, took turns sharing stories chronicling the former first lady's life and achievements.

Bush Koch held back tears recalling moments from her mother's early life. "Mom was never one to shy away from speaking the truth or taking a stand," she said. "With her signature white hair and pearls, she became an icon in her own right, and yet, even as a former first lady, she remained humble and humorous."

The image on the stamp is Barbara Bush's official White House portrait, which currently hangs in the entrance to the East Wing. She is depicted in a black suit and purple blouse, wearing her hallmark triple strand of pearls.

After a commemoration ceremony in Kennebunkport, Maine, where the Bush family compound is located, the stamp will go on sale June 10.

Ramaswamy wins GOP nod in race for governor

OH COLUMBUS — Trump-endorsed biotech billionaire Vivek Ramaswamy won the Ohio Republican Party's gubernatorial endorsement on Friday, overcoming more experienced and potentially more popular rivals to land coveted institutional and monetary support nearly a year before the 2026 primary.

Ramaswamy, 39, former co-chair of President Donald Trump's Department of Government Efficiency initiative, benefited from Trump's backing and from an 11th-hour post on X by Donald Trump Jr., who urged members of the 66-member State Central Committee to back him.

The party's governing board took the unusual step of holding both the debate and vote for Ramaswamy behind closed doors, as objections swirled from some corners of the party that taking sides in the race was unfair, premature or both.

Lara Trump, former co-chair of the Republican National Committee and daughter-in-law to the president, opened Friday's meeting by phone. She stopped short of calling for a Ramaswamy endorsement, but reminded the 66-member committee that the GOP's motto headed into 2026 is, "Unite, unite, unite!"

Teen's father charged in deadly school shooting

WI MADISON — Wisconsin prosecutors have charged the father of a teenage girl who killed a teacher and fellow student in a school shooting last year with allowing her access to the semiautomatic pistols she used in the attack.

The criminal complaint against 42-year-old Jeffrey Rupnow of Madison details how his daughter, 15-year-old Natalie Rupnow, struggled with her parents' divorce, showing her anger in a written piece titled "War Against Humanity."

Her father tried to bond with her through guns, the complaint said, even as she meticulously planned the attack, including building a cardboard model of the school and scheduling the shooting to end with her suicide.

Prosecutors filed the complaint Wednesday but didn't unseal it until after Jeffrey Rupnow was arrested Thursday and taken to the Dane County Jail. He faces two counts of intentionally giving a dangerous weapon to a person under 18 causing death and contributing to the delinquency of a child. All of the charges are felonies.

Natalie Rupnow entered Abundant Life Christian School, a religious school in Madison that offers prekindergarten through high school classes, on Dec. 16 and opened fire in a study hall. She killed teacher Erin Michelle West and 14-year-old student Rubi Bergara and injured six others before she killed herself.

Retired Supreme Court Justice Souter dies at 85

DC WASHINGTON — Retired Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter, the ascetic bachelor and New Hampshire Republican who became a favorite of liberals during his nearly 20 years on the bench, has died. He was 85.

Souter died Thursday at his home in New Hampshire, the court said in a statement Friday.

He retired from the court in June 2009, giving President Barack Obama his first Supreme Court vacancy to fill. Obama, a Democrat, chose Sonia Sotomayor, the court's first Latina justice.

Souter was appointed by Republican President George H.W. Bush in 1990. He was a reliably liberal vote on abortion, church-state relations, freedom of expression and the accessibility of federal courts.

Souter also dissented from the decision in Bush v. Gore in 2000, which effectively handed the presidency to George W. Bush, the son of the man who put him on the high court.

State bracing for big seaweed invasion

FL MIAMI — Bad news, beachgoers: The seaweed monster is back and it's expected to be bigger than ever.

Scientists at the University of South Florida Optical Oceanography Lab, the point people for tracking the floating mats of seaweed called sargassum, are predicting what could be the state's worst seaweed season.

In the latest report issued April 30, they project 40% more seaweed than the previous record mess of 2022, when stinky, scratchy piles sent many tourists packing and cost cities millions to clean up.

The mass of seaweed, which piles up on beaches and collects around marinas and docks, is also forming earlier than usual out in far-off ocean waters. The bloom began in March and reached unprecedented levels by the end of April, said Chuanmin Hu, the professor who runs USF's Optical Oceanography Lab.

What's to blame? Wind, nutrients, and higher temperatures due to climate change could all be impacting how the sargassum belt forms and moves, he said.

From The Associated Press and Tribune News Service

STARS AND STRIPES

Max D. Lederer Jr., Publisher
Laura Law, Chief Operating Officer
Lt. Col. Katie R. Fidler, Europe commander
John Rodriguez, Europe chief of staff
Lt. Col. Marci Hoffman, Pacific commander

EDITORIAL

Sean Moores, Managing Editor for Presentation
moores.sean@stripes.com
Ann Pinson, Digital Managing Editor
pinson.ann@stripes.com

BUREAU STAFF

Europe/Mideast
Erik Slavin, Europe & Mideast Bureau Chief
slavin.erik@stripes.com
+49(0)631.3615.9350; DSN (314)583.9350

Pacific
Aaron Kidd, Pacific Bureau Chief
kidd.aaron@stripes.com
+81.42.552.2511 ext. 88380; DSN (315)227.7380

Washington
Joseph Cacchioli, Washington Bureau Chief
cacchioli.joseph@stripes.com
(+1)(202)886-0033
Brian Bowers, Assistant Managing Editor, News
bowers.brian@stripes.com

CIRCULATION

Mideast
David Schultz, District Manager
schultz.david@stripes.com
xsscirculation@stripes.com
+49(0)152.5672.5036; DSN (314)583-9111

Europe
Carlo Aquino, Circulation Manager
aquino.carlo@stripes.com
memberservices@stripes.com
+49(0)631.3615.9136; DSN (314)583.9136

Pacific
Mari Mori, customerhelp@stripes.com
+81-3 6385.3171; DSN (315)227.7333

CONTACT US

Washington
tel: (+1)202.886.0003
633 3rd St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20001-3050

Reader letters
letters@stripes.com

Additional contacts
stripes.com/contactus

OMBUDSMAN

Jacqueline Smith

The Stars and Stripes ombudsman protects the free flow of news and information, reporting any attempts by the military or other authorities to undermine the newspaper's independence. The ombudsman also responds to concerns and questions from readers, and monitors coverage for fairness, accuracy, timeliness and balance. The ombudsman welcomes comments from readers, and can be contacted by email at ombudsman@stripes.com, or by phone at 202.886.0003.

Stars and Stripes (USPS 0417900) published daily (except Saturday, Sunday, 25 December and 1 January) for 50 cents (Monday through Thursday) and one dollar on Friday by Stars and Stripes Pacific, OPC 706 BOX 7, APO AP 96301-9001. Periodicals postage paid at San Francisco, CA Postmaster: Send address changes to Pacific Stars and Stripes, OPC 706 BOX 7, AP 96301-9001.

The Stars and Stripes newspaper is authorized by the Department of Defense (DoD) for the overseas U.S. military community. As an authorized newspaper, Stars and Stripes publications may be distributed through official channels and use appropriated funds for distribution to remote locations where overseas DoD personnel are located. The content printed in this newspaper is not classified as command information and is neither endorsed by nor represents the official views of the U.S. government.

The appearance of advertising in this publication does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, Stars and Stripes, and or services advertised. Products or services advertised shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

© Stars and Stripes 2025
stripes.com

OPINION

David Souter: A modest jurist from a bygone era

By David Von Drehle
The Washington Post

Modest and introverted, David Hackett Souter was a rare bird in the aerie of Washington power. He gave few speeches, attended fewer parties and had no use for the perks of his position on the highest court in the land. A hard worker with a good mind, he nevertheless approached the law with such a light hand that he appeared destined for the same historical memory hole that consumes most Supreme Court justices. Yet he did more than any other person to shape today's court — for better or worse depends on your point of view.

Souter died Thursday at 85 after 16 years of quiet retirement in his beloved New Hampshire. His elevation to the Supreme Court in 1990 was a relic of bygone American politics: The last time the prize was awarded almost through the buddy system. Today's justices, by contrast, are ideological analogs to the competitors at the Westminster Dog Show: set apart at a young age, rigorously trained and endlessly scrutinized, to perform exactly as expected when they eventually reach the main stage.

"No more Souters" has been an unofficial motto of the conservative Federalist Society, whose imprimatur marks most of today's Supreme Court. In naming the justices who delivered the needed votes to overturn Roe v. Wade in 2022, first-term President Donald Trump chose nominees curated by Federalist Society co-chairman Leonard Leo, who vouched for the bona fides of Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett.

Quite a contrast to the frantic summer hours in 1990 when the liberal hero Justice William Brennan surprised then-President George H.W. Bush by stepping down abruptly after a stroke. Though Brennan was 84 at the time and had 34 terms under his belt, the Republican administration seemed not to have given a moment's thought to the possibility of swinging a key vote from left to right.

Souter was neither a known conservative nor did he have Brennan's gregarious gift for building majorities. Instead, he had the right advocate at the right time: New Hampshire Sen. Warren Rudman, Souter's mentor at home and the longtime GOP stablemate of White House chief of staff John Sununu, a former Granite State governor. (The senior Bush's second nominee followed a somewhat similar course: a friendly senator, Missouri's John Danforth, proposed a protégé, Clarence Thomas. For conservatives, the result was far more satisfactory.)

This seemingly slapdash approach — does-anybody-know-anybody? — had a surprisingly robust history at the court. Harry Blackmun, the justice who wrote Roe v. Wade in 1973, got his seat largely on a nod from his boyhood friend, then-Chief Justice Warren Burger. Presidents found justices among old friends, political allies, political rivals (it's a posh spot in which to inter further ambitions) and the favorites of various interest groups.

Souter quickly epitomized a phenomenon nettling to movement conservatives: Republican nominees who moved to the left upon confirmation. From the civil rights icons Brennan and his first chief Earl Warren (both Dwight D. Eisenhower nominees) to Blackmun (Richard M. Nixon) and Sandra Day O'Connor (Ronald Reagan) — the architects of abortion rights — the perceived slippage was highly consequential and always in the same direction. The little-known Souter, who moved immediately to the center-left of the court, was the last straw.

Post-Souter justices, conservative and liberal, have produced predictable outcomes on those issues that polarize public opinion. They emerge from a very, very small set of highly selective law schools — currently four from Harvard, four from Yale and one from Notre Dame. They work as clerks for ideologically rigorous federal judges and do battle as attorneys in federal or state government. As young as possible, they are confirmed to a federal appeals court where they hone their pens and await the call — ideally to serve for decades. Variations on this theme are minor.

The result is a Supreme Court roster that is arguably the best-educated and most conventionally qualified in history — and, not coincidentally, suffering a crisis of credibility. The ideological purity starkly contrasts with the public's notion of open-minded judges. At the same time, the demand for orthodoxy ratchets up so that Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Barrett, strong conservatives by any historical measure of the court, can be criticized on the right as Souter-like squishes.

Historians will surely emphasize someday that the fall of Congress as the leading branch of U.S. government has seen the rise of the Supreme Court as arbiter of our fiercest differences. We can't be surprised that the court's decisive involvement in our families, churches, schools and neighborhoods has raised the stakes on each appointment.

But the price we are paying is the loss of space on our highest tribunal for modest jurists such as David Souter, who value common sense and compromise, who understand that the court serves rather than dictates, and know that the ultimate goal of American government is liberty more than order.

David Von Drehle is a deputy opinion editor for The Washington Post and writes a weekly column. He is the author of four books, including "Triangle: The Fire That Changed America."

Amnesty for war criminals is a disgusting possibility

By Lee Hockstader
Special to The Washington Post

STOCKHOLM

The suffocating stench of Russian war crimes in Ukraine — now classified as crimes against humanity by a United Nations-mandated commission — seeps from mountains of reports and journalism. The effect of the findings — horrific, repetitive, exhaustively documented — is to make us emotionally numb to the scale of depravity and suffering.

The danger now is that compassion fatigue will leave the civilized world too depleted to push back if an eventual U.S.-brokered peace deal omits any mention of accountability for the Kremlin's war criminals — or worse, offers them amnesty.

That's all too likely given the Trump administration's recent run of indifference to pursuing justice for Ukrainian victims and a reckoning for Russia's aggressors.

The White House has washed its hands of what had been a trans-Atlantic effort to establish a special tribunal to prosecute Russia's Vladimir Putin for the crime of aggression — the same offense for which German and Japanese leaders were tried after World War II in Nuremberg and Tokyo. The administration also cut off support for tracking tens of thousands of Ukrainian children kidnapped by Moscow, many of whom were sent to Russia to be indoctrinated and adopted by Russian families. Blind to the value of forcing a reckoning for Russian war crimes, President Donald Trump is an invaluable ally to Putin. It is hard to name another pair of world leaders who have profited so handsomely from impunity, or pursued it so tirelessly.

"This is a fight against forgetting," said Pablo de Greiff, an NYU Law School human rights expert who is one of three commissioners on the U.N.'s Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine. The commission has exhaustively documented Russia's war crimes, including what it classifies as crimes against humanity. "In addition to the international law obligation," de Greiff told me, "it is a moral obligation to call out crimes, regardless of what the [International Criminal Court] or other institutions do."

I spoke with de Greiff recently at a conference in Stockholm sponsored by the Reckoning Project, a nongovernmental organization that leverages rigorous journalism and legal expertise to document war crimes in Ukraine and elsewhere.

Moscow has carried out its abuses across dozens of detention centers inside Russia and in areas of Ukraine it occupies. Ukrainian civilians and POWs alike have been subjected to systematic beatings, torture including waterboarding, and sexual violence — rapes with rubber batons and pens, along with Tasers used on victims' genitals, have been among the techniques deployed by Putin's men.

Any of those atrocities, as well as Moscow's regular missile and drone attacks on apartment complexes, hospitals, power plants and other civilian targets, could prompt the ICC to indict Russian civilian and military leaders for crimes against humanity. Two years ago, that same court brought formal war crimes charges for the illegal snatching and deportation of Ukrainian children, against Putin and Maria Lvova-Belova, a Russian official whose oxymoronic title is commissioner for children's rights.

You could dismiss that indictment as symbolic given the fact that Putin is unlikely to stand in the dock and face justice anytime soon. That's partly true. At the same time, the charges against the Russian dictator have shrunk his world in concrete ways. Facing an international arrest warrant, it's no coincidence that he failed to attend Pope Francis' funeral this month in Rome, where he might have been arrested on arrival. Similarly, he did not attend a BRICS summit two years ago in South Africa, and was banned from a G-20 summit there later this year.

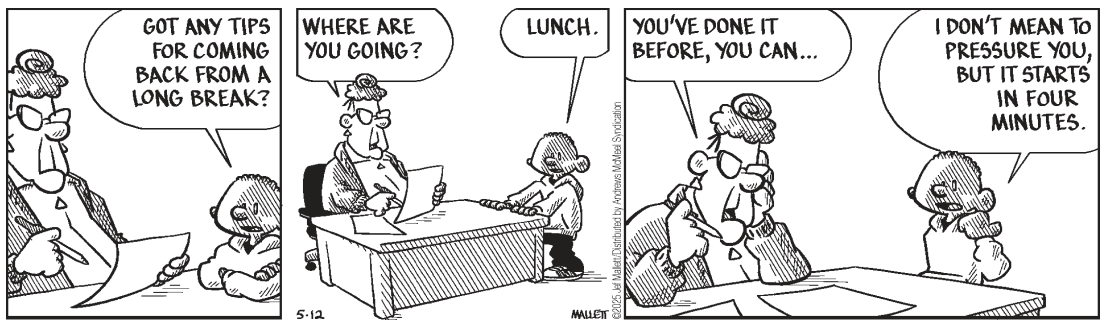
Still, it's a mistake to focus only on the probability of eventual courtroom trials and convictions for Putin and other war criminals. Outcomes are not the only measure of accountability. It's equally critical to recognize and support victims and survivors by hearing and memorializing their traumas. That means continuing in real time to pursue and document Russia's brutal contempt for law and human rights.

Lee Hockstader has been The Washington Post's European Affairs columnist, based in Paris, since 2023. Previously he was a member of the Post editorial board; a national correspondent, a foreign correspondent, and a local reporter.

Bizarro

Loose Parts

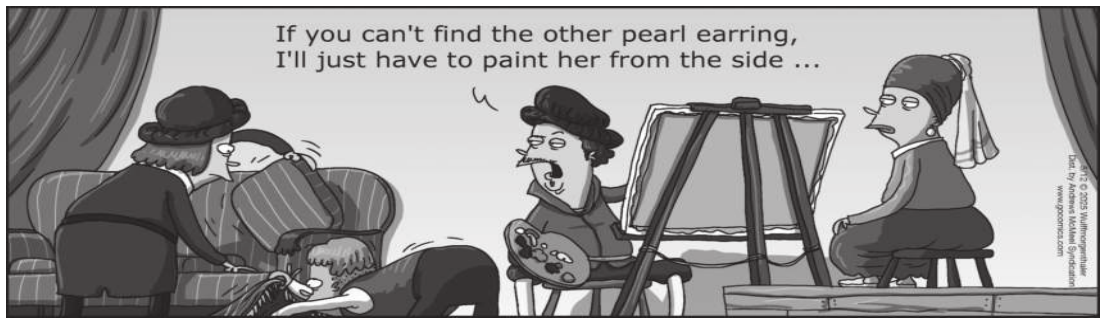
Frazz



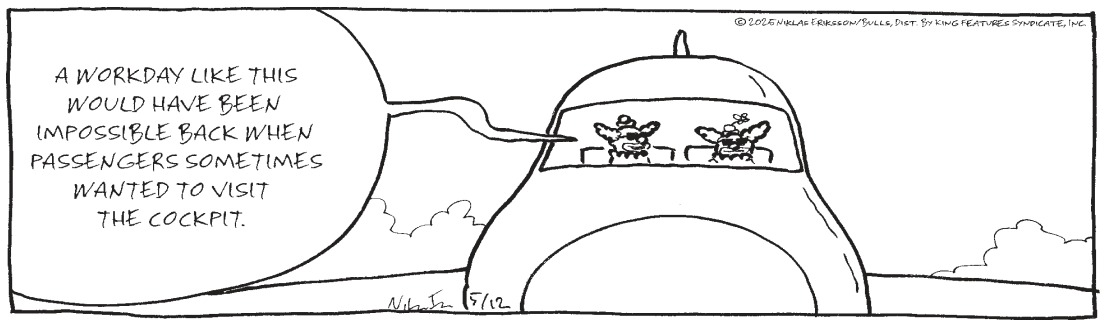
Pearls Before Swine

Non Sequitur

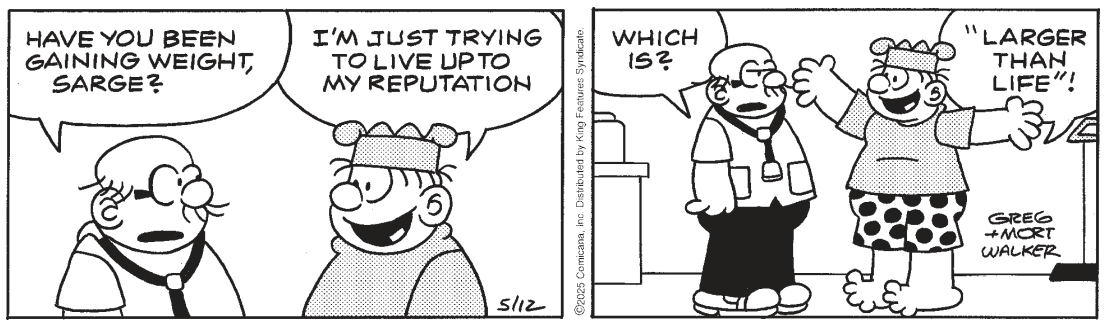
Wumo



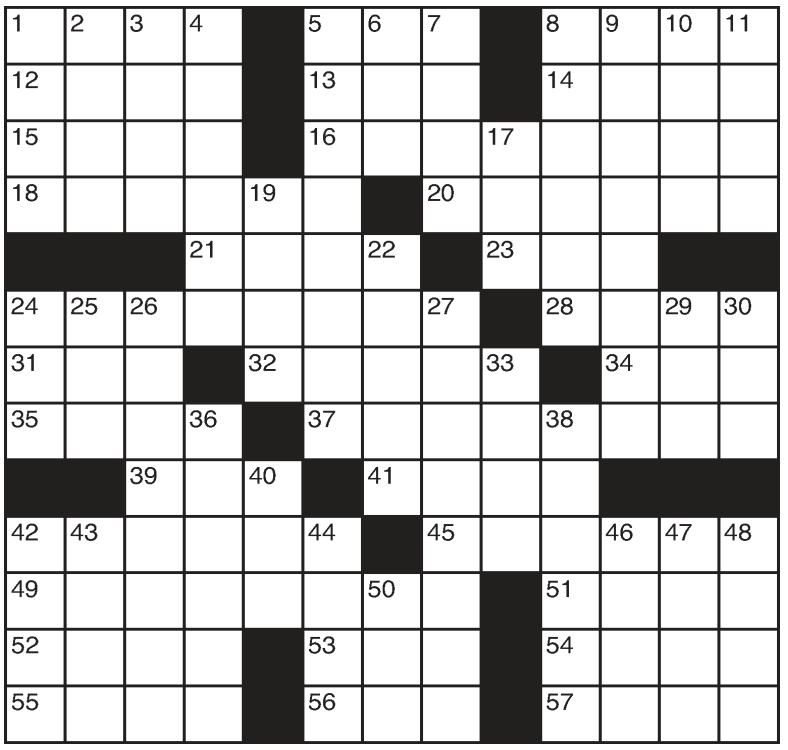
Carpe Diem



Beetle Bailey



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



ACROSS

1 Crooned
5 Slithery fish
8 Golden State sch.
12 Swiss-born painter Paul
13 Broad st.
14 Synthesizer pioneer
15 — of Sandwich
16 Turquoise-like color
18 Shoe stats
20 Walks with pride
21 Tiny battery
23 Badly lit
24 Invoices from the IRS
28 French cleric
31 "Angie" actor
32 Preparedness kit
34 Bar cubes
35 Gomer Pyle's org.
37 Send away
39 Klutz
41 Bar fight souvenir
42 Mal de mer
45 Prizes
49 Two fivers
51 Zorro's marks
52 Madrid miss (Abbr.)
53 Highland hat
54 Technical sch.
55 "Nonsense!"
56 Serena, to Venus
57 Clark's love

DOWN

1 Distort
2 Jai —
3 Dweeb
4 Headache medicine unit
5 Really chows down
6 Adam's mate
7 Meadows
8 Assisi's region
9 South Carolina capital
10 Lummox
11 Ice and Bronze
17 British "Inc."
19 Reagan Cabinet member
22 Dumbledore of Hogwarts
24 Capote, familiarly
25 DDE's opponent
26 Unknown quantities
27 Mocking ironies
29 Abbr. in an email
30 "A mouse!"
33 Chew (on)
36 Algerian fortress
38 Rio's land
40 Pot-au- — (French stew)
42 Fed. accident investigator
43 Prefix with dynamic
44 Performs
46 Gambling city
47 Lucy's partner
48 Bygone fliers
50 Chiang — -shek

Answer to Previous Puzzle

	O	N	T	A	P		E	A	S	E	L	S
S	P	E	C	I	E		S	L	I	M	E	S
D	E	S	E	R	T		A	P	T	E	S	T
I	N	T	L		U	H	U	H		R	T	S
			L	I	N	A		A	L	I		
M	D	S		P	I	L	L		A	T	O	N
M	A	K	E	S	A	F	O	R	T	U	N	E
E	N	Y	A		S	C	A	N		S	O	D
		B	U	S		A	D	A	R			
H	M	O		W	I	F	E		A	P	O	P
T	A	X	L	A	W		D	U	P	I	N	G
M	U	E	S	L	I		U	N	I	T	E	S
L	I	S	T	E	N		P	E	D	A	L	

5-12 CRYPTOQUIP

QNW GLD KAIAGS WQQO AF GLPWKM TQOJKLUL. DL QGKM VPIL UQ JNU P ELD ENWGAFVAGS UQNTVLF QG AU.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHICH BLOOD TYPE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR FLYING, STINGING INSECTS TO HAVE? BEE-NEGATIVE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals G

FACES

Old rides, new trip

McGregor, Boorman traverse Europe aboard vintage bikes in docuseries 'Long Way Home'

BY MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

The last time Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman went on a motorcycle adventure, they rode cutting-edge, electric Harley-Davidsons. For their latest trip, they took a trip back in time.

The British best friends and actors chose to use vintage bikes this time as they rode through 17 European countries for Apple TV+'s "Long Way Home," the fourth installment of their popular road trip docuseries. It started airing May 9.

McGregor picked a 1974 Moto Guzzi Eldorado, which was used as a patrol bike by the Los Angeles Police Department and California Highway Patrol. Boorman picked a rusted-out BMW R75/5 and scrambled to make it road worthy.

"I guess there's just sort of nowhere else to go other than backwards," says McGregor. "We felt that we hadn't done a trip on old bikes. I've always loved old bikes."

The duo start at McGregor's home in Scotland — they leave serenaded by a bagpipe band and, naturally, rain — into Holland, up through the Nordics, Arctic Circle, down to the Baltics before going through the Alps and France.

Unlike the Harleys or BMWs they've ridden before, using older bikes gave McGregor and Boorman a nostalgic feeling and something practical: The ability to get them back on the road should disaster strike.

"They're fixable," says McGregor. "At the side of the road, you can pretty much — with a bit of sandpaper and a screwdriver and a hammer — you could probably pretty much get them running again. Whereas with something like the electric bike, if something happens — if something goes wrong, as we learned in Central America — it's catastrophic."

Series highlights include the duo donning Viking costumes and ax throwing in Norway, camping at a windmill near Amsterdam and kayaking alongside a glacier in the Arctic Circle. "It's so Mad Max everywhere" says McGregor beside the icy water.

The duo spend the longest day of the year on a beach with a bonfire on an island off the Norwegian coast, try log-rolling in Finland, get tattoos in Poland, paraglide in the Alps and spend the night in the northernmost cabin in the world.

"One of the great things about it is seeing the planet that we live on off the back of a motorcycle when you're sort of part of the environment. If it's cold, you're cold. If it's wet, you're wet. It's a very real experience," says McGregor.

They spent about two months on the road before finishing at Boorman's home in England, taking time to enjoy the scenery more this time and reducing their speed.

"We were doing a loop of Europe. We weren't covering days and days getting across far eastern Russia, where the landscape barely changes. On those BMWs, we could ride at 80 miles an hour, 90 miles an hour," says McGregor. "We didn't need to do that on this loop. So riding at 60, 65 is a nice speed to go at."

The series marks the 20-year anniversary of the first iteration, 2004's "Long Way Round," which saw the pair drive from London through Europe, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Russia, across the Pacific to Alaska, then down through Canada and America.

They also paired up in 2007 for "Long Way Down," a 15,000-mile journey from Scotland to the southernmost tip of South Africa, and in 2019 for "Long Way Up" through 13 South and Central American countries.

This time, tents blow inside out and age takes its toll. "My arse is so numb, oh my gosh," says McGregor, 54, at one point. The food is not very fussy, ranging from Swedish seaweed gathered from the sea to a wheel of gouda in Amsterdam and packaged fish paste and crackers in the snow.

APPLE TV+/AP

Ewan McGregor, left, and Charley Boorman ride through 17 European countries on vintage motorcycles in their latest voyage of discovery, "Long Way Home."

MAX CRUZ/AP

Boorman, left, and McGregor say that older bikes are more immediately fixable.

The irony this time was that while McGregor and Boorman were riding 50-year-old bikes, they and their team were using the latest technology — GPS, GoPros, drones and Insta360 cameras.

"You're embracing these beautiful old motorcycles, but at the same time using whatever is around you to be able to enhance the story," says Boorman.

"When we look back at the TV show, there were bits where I remember exactly where we were, but when you pull out with the drone, I didn't realize there was a big river running beside us or a big mountain. So we get to experience a little bit as well. I like to embrace the technology."

While it's endlessly fun watching the duo banter while zooming through the landscape, there are moments more sobering, like when McGregor and Boorman visit UNICEF's massive hub in Copenhagen and when they see for themselves the impact of global warming on glaciers.

McGregor, despite riding thousands of miles and seeing dozens of countries, suggests there's still so much for the two to see.

"I always remind myself we've ridden around the world and up and down and sideways, but we only saw a couple of hundred yards from either side of our bike," he says. "There's a lot left to discover yet."

Wilson rules ACM Awards; Jackson honored

BY MARIA SHERMAN
Associated Press

It was her night once again. Lainey Wilson took home the top prize at the 60th annual Academy of Country Music Awards — the title of entertainer of the year — for a second year in a row. And that was after she cleaned house, taking home trophies for both female artist and album of the year.

"I really do have the best fans in the world," she said in her final acceptance speech, admitting to experiencing impostor syndrome. "I dreamed about entertaining. ... Country music has given me more than I deserve."

Beyond Wilson's dominance, the 2025 ACM Awards were packed with celebration. Earlier, first-time and leading nominee Ella Langley's duet with Riley Green, the ubiquitous "You Look Like You Love Me," was named single and music event of the year.

Both Langley and Green used their first acceptance speech to shout out classic country — songs with talking in them — that inspired their modern hit.

A revisitation of the past might have been a theme Thursday night, evidenced right at the top of the ceremony: a 14-minute medley of six decades of country classics, performed by giants of the genre.

Host Reba McEntire launched into Merle Haggard's "Okie from Muskogee," followed by Clint Black with Glen Campbell's "Rhinestone Cowboy" and Wynonna Judd with The Judds' "Why Not Me." LeAnn Rimes returned to the ACM Awards stage for her 1997 ballad "Blue." Little Big Town tackled their 2014 track "Girl Crush" and Dan + Shay delivered their "Tequila."

It was an exciting way to kick off the ACM Awards, live from the Ford Center at The Star in Frisco, Texas.

And it was a show highlight, rivaled only by the introduction of the ACM Alan Jackson Lifetime Achievement Award, the inaugural trophy given to its namesake, Jackson, after he performed "Remember When."

In his acceptance speech, he joked that a fan named a dog after him. Having an award named after him? That isn't half bad, either.

The first trophy of the night, the coveted song of the year, was awarded to Cody Johnson for his radio hit "Dirt Cheap."

The Oak Ridge Boys gave the group of the year award to Old Dominion. Male artist of the year went to Chris Stapleton. Duo of the year was awarded to Brooks & Dunn.

Megan Moroney covered Keith Urban's "Stupid Boy" and Stapleton did "Blue Ain't Your Color" ahead of Urban's reception of the coveted ACM Triple Crown Award, marking the first time an artist has received the trophy on stage since Carrie Underwood was honored in 2010.

The Triple Crown Award honors artists who have won the new artist of the year, artist of the year and entertainer of the year awards.

CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION/AP

Lainey Wilson accepts the award for female artist of the year May 8, just one of her honors during the Academy of Country Music Awards in Frisco, Texas.

SCOREBOARD/TENNIS

DEALS

Saturday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — RHP Matt Bowman cleared outright waivers and accepted an assignment at Norfolk (IL).

BOSTON RED SOX — Placed INF/OF Romy Gonzalez on the 10-day IL, retroactive to May 8. Recalled INF/OF Nick Sogard from Worcester (IL).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Selected the contract of 1B Tim Elko from Charlotte (IL). Designated INF Nick Maton for assignment. Claimed RHP Yoendrys Gómez from the Los Angeles Dodgers. Released OF Greg Jones. Sent OF Mike Tauchman to Charlotte (IL) on a rehab assignment.

DETROIT TIGERS — Placed RHP Casey Mize on the 15-day IL, retroactive to May 9. Recalled RHP Chase Lee from Toledo (IL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with Andrew Vasquez on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent RHP Scott Effross to Somerset (SAL) on a rehab assignment.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Sent RHP Jackson Kowar to Tacoma (PCL) on a rehab assignment.

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Cory Abbott to a minor league contract. Sent C Kyle Higashioka to Round Rock (PCL) on a rehab assignment.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Recalled LHP Joe Mantiply from Reno (PCL). Optioned RHP Christian Mena to Reno.

CHICAGO CUBS — Selected the contract of RHP Cade Horton from Iowa (IL). Optioned LHP Tom Cosgrove to Iowa. Transferred RHP Eli Morgan to the 60- day IL.

CINCINNATI REDS — Placed OF Jake Fraley on the 10-day IL, retroactive to May 7. Activated INF/OF Connor Joe.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent 2Bs Tyler Freeman and Aaron Schunk and SS Ezequiel Tovar to Albuquerque (PCL) on rehab assignments.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with 1B Bobby Dalbec on a minor league contract. Sent LHP Aaron Ashby to Nashville (IL) on a rehab assignment.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Sent RHP Bryan Hoeing to ACL Padres on a rehab assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent OF Jerar Encarnacion to Sacramento (PCL) on a rehab assignment.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP Zach Brzykcy from Rochester (IL). Waived RHP Lucas Sims.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Announced the retirement of QB Derek Carr.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed TE Gunnar Helm.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

ORLANDO CITY SC — Signed F Justin Ellis to a short-term agreement.

TENNIS

Italian Open

Saturday
At Rome
Purse: Euro 6,009,593
Surface: Red clay
Seedings in parentheses
Women's Singles
Round of 32

Peyton Stearns, United States, def. Madison Keys (5), United States, 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Diana Shnaider (13), Russia, def. Jaqueline Cristian, Romania, 6-3, 6-3.

Danielle Collins (29), United States, def. Iga Swiatek (2), Poland, 6-1, 7-5.

Jelena Ostapenko (17), Latvia, def. Laura Siegemund, Germany, walkover.

Jasmine Paolini (6), Italy, def. Ons Jabeur (27), Tunisia, 6-4, 6-3.

Elina Svitolina (16), Ukraine, def. Hailey Baptiste, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Naomi Osaka, Japan, def. Marie Bouzkova, Czechia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Elise Mertens (25), Belgium, def. Jessica Pegula (3), United States, 7-5, 6-1.

Men's Singles
Round of 64

Tommy Paul (11), United States, def. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain, 6-1, 6-4.

Tomas Machac (19), Czechia, def. Learner Tien, United States, 6-4, 6-4.

Matteo Berrettini (29), Italy, def. Jacob Fearnley, Britain, 6-4, 7-6 (0).

Sebastian Ofner, Austria, def. Frances Tiafoe (15), United States, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-3.

Fabian Marozsan, Hungary, def. Andrey Rublev (16), Russia, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

Sebastian Korda (22), United States, def. Aleksandar Vukic, Australia, 6-3, 6-4.

Hubert Hurkacz (30), Poland, def. Pedro Martinez, Spain, 6-1, 7-5.

Marcos Giron, United States, def. Taylor Fritz (4), United States, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3).

Casper Ruud (6), Norway, def. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Jesper De Jong, Netherlands, def. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (25), Spain, 6-0, 6-2.

Jakub Mensik (20), Czechia, def. Matteo Gigante, Italy, 7-6 (4), 7-5.

Francisco Cerundolo (17), Argentina, def. Nicolas Jarry, Chile, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Jaume Munar, Spain, def. Ben Shelton (12), United States, 6-2, 6-1.

Hugo Dellien, Bolivia, def. Thiago Seyboth Wild, Brazil, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Jannik Sinner (1), Italy, def. Mariano Navone, Argentina, 6-3, 6-4.

Alex de Minaur (7), Australia, def. Luca Nardi, Italy, 6-4, 7-5.

AUTO RACING

Sonsio Grand Prix

IndyCar
Saturday
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course
Indianapolis
Lap length: 2.439 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (1) Alex Palou, Dallara-Honda, 85 laps, Running.
2. (8) Pato O'Ward, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
3. (7) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
4. (4) Scott McLaughlin, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
5. (16) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
6. (2) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
7. (15) Marcus Armstrong, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
8. (21) Kyle Kirkwood, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
9. (24) Rinus VeeKay, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
10. (12) Felix Rosenqvist, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
11. (3) Louis Foster, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
12. (6) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
13. (18) Nolan Siegel, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
14. (9) Alexander Rossi, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
15. (22) Conor Daly, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
16. (14) Christian Lundgaard, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
17. (5) Devlin DeFrancesco, Dallara-Honda, 85, Running.
18. (27) Robert Shwartzman, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
19. (19) Christian Rasmussen, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
20. (11) Santino Ferrucci, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
21. (17) Sting Ray Robb, Dallara-Chevrolet, 85, Running.
22. (23) Callum Ilott, 79, Running.
23. (26) David Malukas, Dallara-Chevrolet, 68, Did not finish.
24. (25) Jacob Abel, Dallara-Honda, 67, Did not finish.
25. (13) Colton Herta, Dallara-Honda, 64, Did not finish.
26. (20) Marcus Ericsson, Dallara-Honda, 6, Did not finish.
27. (10) Kyffin Simpson, Dallara-Honda, 0, Did not finish.

Race statistics

Average speed of race winner: 115.163 mph.
Time of race: 01:48:00.6615.
Margin of victory: 5.4840 seconds.
Cautions: 1 for 2 laps.
Lead changes: 7 among 4 drivers.
Lap leaders: Palou 1, Rahal 2-20, Armstrong 21-22, Rahal 23-41, Armstrong 42-45, Rahal 46-57, Palou 58.
Points: Palou 248, Kirkwood 151, Lundgaard 150, O'Ward 148, McLaughlin 137, Dixon 134, Power 128, Rosenqvist 125, Herta 104, VeeKay 100.

Heart of Health Care 200

NASCAR Craftsman Truck
Saturday
At Kansas Speedway
Kansas City, Kan.
Lap length: 1.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (4) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 134 laps, 0 points.
2. (11) William Byron, Chevrolet, 134, 0.
3. (2) Corey Heim, Toyota, 134, 44.
4. (10) Giovanni Ruggiero, Toyota, 134, 33.
5. (19) Stewart Friesen, Toyota, 134, 32.
6. (24) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 134, 0.
7. (1) Jake Garcia, Ford, 134, 30.
8. (7) Kaden Honeycutt, Chevrolet, 134, 36.
9. (15) Grant Enfinger, Chevrolet, 134, 45.
10. (22) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 134, 39.
11. (5) Ben Rhodes, Ford, 134, 30.
12. (18) Matt Mills, Chevrolet, 134, 25.
13. (25) Matt Crafton, Ford, 134, 24.
14. (3) Ty Majeski, Ford, 134, 23.
15. (8) Dawson Sutton, Chevrolet, 134, 22.
16. (12) Tyler Ankrum, Chevrolet, 134, 26.
17. (13) Chandler Smith, Ford, 134, 26.
18. (20) Connor Mosack, Chevrolet, 134, 20.
19. (14) Andres Perez De Lara, Chevrolet, 134, 18.
20. (26) Toni Breidinger, Toyota, 134, 17.
21. (6) Rajah Caruth, Chevrolet, 133, 27.
22. (27) Cody Dennison, Ford, 133, 15.
23. (28) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, 132, 14.
24. (21) Jack Wood, Chevrolet, 132, 13.
25. (31) Morgen Baird, Ford, 131, 12.
26. (17) Bayley Currey, Chevrolet, 130, 13.
27. (9) Tanner Gray, Toyota, electrical, 128, 19.
28. (30) Frankie Muniz, Ford, handling, 94, 9.
29. (29) Nathan Byrd, Chevrolet, overheating, 72, 8.
30. (23) Luke Baldwin, Ford, accident, 17, 7.
31. (16) Layne Riggs, Ford, disqualified, 134, 6.

Race statistics

Average speed of race winner: 110.827 mph.
Time of race: 1 hour, 48 minutes, 49 seconds.
Margin of victory: .262 seconds.
Caution flags: 7 for 33 laps.
Lead changes: 8 among 6 drivers.
Lap leaders: J.Garcia 0; C.Heim 1-25; F.Muniz 26; C.Heim 27-53; C.Hocevar 54-55; G.Enfinger 56-57; C.Hocevar 58-95; W.Byron 96-99; C.Hocevar 100-134
Leaders summary (driver, times led, laps led): C.Hocevar, 3 times for 75 laps; C.Heim, 2 times for 52 laps; W.Byron, 1 time for 4 laps; G.Enfinger, 1 time for 2 laps; F.Muniz, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Garcia, 1 time for 0 laps.
Wins: C.Heim, 3; C.Smith, 1; D.Hemric, 1; T.Ankrum, 1.
Top 16 in points: 1. C.Heim, 368; 2. C.Smith, 322; 3. D.Hemric, 288; 4. T.Ankrum, 286; 5. T.Majeski, 262; 6. G.Enfinger, 250; 7. J.Garcia, 244; 8. L.Riggs, 242; 9. K.Honeycutt, 220; 10. B.Rhodes, 215; 11. S.Friesen, 204; 12. T.Gray, 197; 13. R.Caruth, 193; 14. G.Ruggiero, 187; 15. M.Crafton, 178; 16. J.Wood, 173.

GOLF

Truist Championship

Saturday
At Philadelphia
Purse: $20 million
Yardage: 7,119; Par: 70
Third Round

Shane Lowry	64-65-67—196	-14
Sepp Straka	63-67-66—196	-14
Keith Mitchell	61-67-71—199	-11
Justin Thomas	66-67-66—199	-11
Hideki Matsuyama	65-72-63—200	-10
Sam Burns	65-70-67—202	-8
Tony Finau	65-70-67—202	-8
Sungjae Im	69-66-67—202	-8
Rory McIlroy	66-67-69—202	-8
Nick Taylor	67-68-67—202	-8
Jacob Bridgeman	71-67-65—203	-7
Patrick Cantlay	65-68-70—203	-7
Harris English	65-70-68—203	-7
Tommy Fleetwood	68-68-67—203	-7
Rickie Fowler	63-71-69—203	-7
Akshay Bhatia	63-70-71—204	-6
Keegan Bradley	64-72-68—204	-6
Eric Cole	65-71-68—204	-6
Corey Conners	67-71-66—204	-6
Max Homa	66-68-70—204	-6
Stephan Jaeger	65-69-70—204	-6
Si Woo Kim	65-68-71—204	-6
J.T. Poston	65-70-69—204	-6
Sam Stevens	64-71-69—204	-6
Cameron Young	66-70-68—204	-6
Daniel Berger	68-69-68—205	-5
Collin Morikawa	63-70-72—205	-5
Xander Schauffele	67-69-69—205	-5
Byeong Hun An	67-71-68—206	-4
Matt Fitzpatrick	68-70-68—206	-4
J.J. Spaun	67-70-69—206	-4
Jordan Spieth	70-68-68—206	-4
Gary Woodland	68-66-72—206	-4
Thomas Detry	65-69-73—207	-3
Rasmus Hojgaard	66-70-71—207	-3
Alex Noren	67-68-72—207	-3
Davis Thompson	65-72-70—207	-3
Brian Campbell	67-72-69—208	-2
Cameron Davis	69-69-70—208	-2
Ryan Gerard	69-71-68—208	-2
Ben Griffin	66-70-72—208	-2
Aaron Rai	65-72-71—208	-2
Patrick Rodgers	70-69-69—208	-2
Adam Scott	68-70-70—208	-2
Erik Van Rooyen	65-70-73—208	-2
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	67-71-71—209	-1
Joe Highsmith	64-74-71—209	-1
Min Woo Lee	69-68-72—209	-1
Robert Macintyre	69-68-72—209	-1
Denny McCarthy	62-73-74—209	-1
Maverick McNealy	68-69-72—209	-1
Andrew Novak	66-71-72—209	-1
Will Zalatoris	66-75-68—209	-1

Mizuho Americas Open

Saturday
At Jersey City, N.J.
Purse: $3M
Yardage: 6,690; Par: 72
Third Round

Jeeno Thitikul	64-73-65—202	-14
Celine Boutier	66-71-66—203	-13
Nelly Korda	68-68-68—204	-12
Andrea Lee	68-68-68—204	-12
Yealimi Noh	67-71-67—205	-11
Carlota Ciganda	67-70-69—206	-10
Kristen Gillman	69-69-70—208	-8
Julia Lopez Ramirez	67-70-71—208	-8
Rio Takeda	71-69-68—208	-8
Lydia Ko	69-70-70—209	-7
Somi Lee	69-67-73—209	-7
Elizabeth Szokol	69-71-69—209	-7
Auston Kim	69-72-69—210	-6
Stephanie Kyriacou	68-69-73—210	-6
Patty Tavatanakit	70-70-70—210	-6
Ruoning Yin	70-71-69—210	-6
Arpichaya Yubol	68-71-71—210	-6

PRO SOCCER

MLS

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	8	3	1	25	17	14
Columbus	7	1	4	25	20	12
Philadelphia	7	3	2	23	23	12
Inter Miami CF	6	2	3	21	21	15
Nashville	6	4	2	20	22	15
Charlotte FC	6	5	1	19	19	14
New York	5	4	3	18	19	13
Orlando City	4	2	6	18	21	15
New England	5	4	2	17	12	10
NYC FC	5	5	2	17	13	14
Chicago	4	4	4	16	20	23
D.C. United	3	6	3	12	13	25
Toronto FC	2	6	4	10	10	16
Atlanta	2	6	4	10	13	22
CF Montréal	1	8	3	6	6	16

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	8	1	2	26	22	8
Minn. United	6	2	4	22	19	11
Portland	6	3	3	21	22	19
San Diego FC	6	4	2	20	23	16
Seattle	5	3	4	19	20	14
LAFC	5	4	2	17	17	16
San Jose	5	6	1	16	26	20
Austin FC	5	6	1	16	8	15
Colorado	4	4	4	16	15	18
FC Dallas	4	4	4	16	15	20
Real Salt Lake	4	7	1	13	13	18
Sporting KC	3	8	1	10	17	22
St Louis City	2	6	4	10	9	14
Houston	2	6	4	10	11	19
LA Galaxy	0	9	3	3	8	28

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's games

Chicago 2, Atlanta 1
Minnesota 4, Miami 1
Toronto FC 2, D.C. United 0
Cincinnati 2, Austin FC 1
New York 7, LA Galaxy 0
CF Montréal 1, New York City FC 0
New England 3, Orlando City 3, tie
Columbus 2, Philadelphia 2, tie
Real Salt Lake 1, FC Dallas 1, tie
Seattle 3, Houston 1
Nashville 2, Charlotte FC 1
San Diego FC 2, St Louis City 1
San Jose 2, Colorado 0
Portland 1, Sporting Kansas City 0

Sunday's game

Los Angeles FC at Vancouver

Wednesday, May 14

New York City FC at D.C. United
Columbus at CF Montréal
Charlotte FC at Orlando City
LA Galaxy at Philadelphia
Cincinnati at Toronto FC
Atlanta at Austin FC
Minnesota at Houston
New York at Nashville
Sporting Kansas City at St Louis City
Portland at Real Salt Lake
Seattle at Los Angeles FC
Colorado at San Diego FC
Miami at San Jose

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Orlando	5	2	1	16	15	6
Kansas City	5	2	0	15	14	5
Washington	5	3	0	15	13	12
San Diego	4	2	2	14	15	10
Angel City	4	2	2	14	15	14
Portland	3	2	4	13	12	10
Gotham FC	3	3	3	12	12	9
Seattle	3	2	2	11	7	6
Louisville	3	3	2	11	9	13
North Carolina	2	3	3	9	9	10
Bay FC	2	3	2	8	7	8
Houston	2	4	1	7	6	10
Utah Royals FC	1	6	1	4	4	13
Chicago	1	6	1	4	5	17

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday's games

Louisville 1, Gotham FC 0
Angel City 2, Utah Royals FC 0

Saturday's games

Washington 3, Chicago 2
Orlando 1, North Carolina 1, tie
Portland 1, San Diego 1, tie

Sunday's games

Bay FC at Kansas City
Houston at Seattle

Friday, May 16

San Diego at Gotham FC
Seattle at Louisville
Portland at Houston
Kansas City at Orlando

Saturday, May 17

Chicago at North Carolina
Utah Royals FC at Washington
Angel City at Bay FC

ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP

Italy's Jannik Sinner hits a return shot against Mariano Navone at the Italian Open on Saturday.

Sinner wins first match since ban

BY ANDREW DAMPF
Associated Press

ROME — After a wait of more than 100 days, Jannik Sinner still knows how to win a tennis match.

The top-ranked player made a solid return from his three-month doping ban by beating 99th-ranked Mariano Navone 6-3, 6-4 before an adoring home crowd at the Italian Open on Saturday.

It was Sinner's first match since he won his third Grand Slam title at the Australian Open in January. He said it took him all of three games to get his competitive focus back.

"Amazing feeling. I have waited quite long for this moment," Sinner said. "I am very happy to be back."

There weren't too many signs of rust and it didn't take long for Sinner to start crushing his groundstrokes on or near the lines. When the Italian broke for 3-1 in the first set, the crowd inside Campo Centrale sang "Ole, ole, ole, Sin-ner, Sin-ner."

But Sinner acknowledged that he had doubts over whether he would regain the form that he had before his ban.

"It's normal to have doubts. Would be strange to not have any doubts. Would sound very arrogant, no?" Sinner said. "I had doubts before going on court today. I have doubts now what's going to happen in the next match. But we have to live with doubts because it means that you really care, that you want to improve, that you want to show yourself, that you want to do something special."

Many fans in the sellout crowd of 10,500 were dressed in orange, Sinner's theme color. And there were plenty of signs that said "Bentornato Jannik" ("Welcome back Jannik").

The victory extended Sinner's winning streak to 22 matches, dating to October.

MLB

ROUNDUP

Padres score 21, shut out Rockies

Associated Press

DENVER — Fernando Tatis Jr. and Xander Bogaerts hit home runs in the fifth inning, part of a five-homer game for San Diego, and the Padres routed the scuffling Colorado Rockies 21-0 on Saturday night.

Jake Cronenworth, Gavin Sheets and Jason Heyward also went deep for San Diego. The Padres set season highs in runs and hits (24) for the second straight game while sending Colorado to its eighth straight loss.

The Rockies, who are 6-33, matched the 1988 Baltimore Orioles for the worst 39-game start in the majors in 130 years. Baltimore finished 54-107 that season.

Stephen Kolek (2-0) tossed a shutout in his second major league start. Kolek allowed five hits and struck out seven.

Rockies manager Bud Black used catcher Jacob Stallings to pitch the final two innings — and Stallings proved to be one of the team's most effective arms all night.

"We've been going through it as a team, and it's not any fun," Stallings said. "We've been talking about it as a group, trying to have more fun. Obviously, it's not easy when you're down that much."

DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

The San Diego Padres' Gavin Sheets congratulates Jake Cronenworth who returns to the dugout after hitting a solo home run off Colorado Rockies starting pitcher Bradley Blalock in the third inning Saturday in Denver.

Cardinals 4, Nationals 2: Andre Pallante took a shutout into the eighth inning in the second-longest outing of his career, and visiting St. Louis beat Washington to extend its winning streak to seven.

Ryan Helsley allowed the Nationals to load the bases in the ninth, but retired CJ Abrams on a first-pitch fly ball for his seventh save in nine chances.

The Cardinals couldn't quite close out a third straight shutout. Dylan Crews hit a two-run homer in the eighth for the first runs against St. Louis since the sixth inning Tuesday night against Pittsburgh.

Athletics 11, Yankees 7: Shea Langeliers hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning and drove in five runs as the host Athletics overcame two home runs by Aaron Judge to beat New York.

Langeliers' three-run shot to center field off Fernando Cruz (1-1) gave the A's a 7-6 lead and helped them snap a three-game losing streak. Langeliers added a two-run double in a four-run eighth and finished with four hits.

Judge connected on a solo shot in the fourth and led off the sixth with another drive over the batting eye in center field in just his second game as a pro in his home region near Sacramento.

Braves 3, Pirates 2 (11): Matt Olson homered in the third inning and scored the winning run on a wild pitch in the 11th inning as visiting Atlanta beat Pittsburgh.

Chase Shugart (1-3) got Sean Murphy to ground to short for the second out in the 11th with Olson on third. Shugart intentionally walked Michael Harris II to bring up Eli White. Shugart nearly hit White in the head with a pitch that went to the backstop.

Rays 3, Brewers 2: Travis Jankowski had a pair of hits including the winning RBI single in the ninth inning in host Tampa Bay's win over Milwaukee after the first home field weather delays in Rays history.

Jankowski singled off closer Trevor Megill to bring home rookie Kameron Misner, who was walked by Grant Anderson (1-2) and stole second.

Phillies 7, Guardians 1: Bryce Harper homered during Philadelphia's six-run eighth inning, Ranger Suárez allowed only three hits in seven scoreless innings and the Phillies defeated Cleveland.

Harper had his first three-hit game of the season as Philadelphia improved to 4-1 on its road trip. His two-run shot to center field off Jakob Junis gave the Phillies a 3-0 lead and was part of a streak in which eight straight batters reached base. Philadelphia sent 11 to the plate in the inning and collected seven hits.

Rangers 10, Tigers 3: Corey Seager had two solo home runs and an RBI double, Jacob deGrom struck out a season-high 10 in five-plus innings and visiting Texas beat Detroit to end its winning streak at five.

Seager's 19th career multi-homer game and second of the season came after he sat out two games to rest a hamstring injury. Joc Pederson supplied a two-run homer and Josh Smith and Evan Carter added solo shots and Adolis Garcia had two RBIs for the Rangers, who ended a three-game slide.

Twins 2, Giants 1: Minnesota starter Joe Ryan overcame an illness earlier in the week to put together a strong outing and Trevor Larnach delivered a big two-run homer as it held on for a win over visiting San Francisco.

Ryan's only blunder in six innings was a solo homer by Heliot Ramos, who had three of the Giants' four hits. Ryan (3-2) struck out seven and surrendered just two hits on 76 pitches.

Red Sox 10, Royals 1: Garrett Crochet allowed one run on seven hits over seven innings, Rafael Devers was 4 for 4 with three RBIs and visiting Boston beat Kansas City to end the Royals' winning streak at seven.

Crochet (4-2) struck out nine and walked one. He struck out Bobby Witt Jr. with the bases loaded to end the seventh.

Marlins 3, White Sox 1: Eric Wagaman hit a two-run triple to break an eighth-inning tie, and visiting Miami beat Chicago.

Kyle Stowers launched his seventh homer for the Marlins, a solo shot in the seventh that evened the score at 1. Miami won for just the third time in 13 games.

Diamondbacks 3, Dodgers 0: Corbin Burnes threw seven scoreless innings, Eugenio Suarez hit his 12th homer of the season and host Arizona beat Los Angeles.

Burnes (2-1) had skipped a turn in the rotation after getting a cortisone shot because of shoulder inflammation. The 2021 NL Cy Young winner looked sharp after the nine-day layoff, carving through the Dodgers lineup while giving up just five hits and two walks and striking out five.

Reds 13, Astros 9: Elly De La Cruz hit a three-run homer in visiting Cincinnati's 10-run first inning as the Reds pounced on Lance McCullers early and held on for a win over Houston.

McCullers (0-1), who was making just his second start since Game 3 of the 2022 World Series, struggled with command and recorded just one out while giving up seven earned runs.

Cubs 6, Mets 5: Cade Horton earned the win with four solid innings of relief in his major league debut, and visiting Chicago held off New York.

Cubs opener Brad Keller worked a perfect first inning before giving way to Horton (1-0), who was recalled from Triple-A Iowa earlier in the day. The team's top pitching prospect gave up three hits — including Brett Baty's three-run homer in the fourth — and struck out five.

Angels 5, Orioles 2: Matthew Lugo had an RBI triple in the fourth inning for his first major league hit, and Jo Adell homered in host Los Angeles' victory over Baltimore.

Jack Kochanowicz (2-5) ended his five-start losing streak for the Angels, yielding one run on four hits and four walks while pitching into the sixth inning in this meeting of last-place clubs.

Blue Jays 6, Mariners 3: Addison Barger hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning and visiting Toronto rallied from a three-run deficit to beat Seattle.

Bo Bichette's two-run homer in the fifth began the Blue Jays' comeback. Barger tied it at 3 with an RBI groundout in the sixth.

Scoreboard

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	22	17	.564	—
Boston	21	20	.512	2
Toronto	19	20	.487	3
Tampa Bay	18	21	.462	4
Baltimore	14	24	.368	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	26	14	.650	—
Cleveland	23	16	.590	2½
Kansas City	24	17	.585	2½
Minnesota	20	20	.500	6
Chicago	11	29	.275	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	22	16	.579	—
Athletics	21	19	.525	2
Houston	19	19	.500	3
Texas	19	21	.475	4
Los Angeles	16	22	.421	6

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	25	15	.625	—
Philadelphia	23	16	.590	1½
Atlanta	19	20	.487	5½
Washington	17	23	.425	8
Miami	15	23	.395	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	23	17	.575	—
St. Louis	21	19	.525	2
Cincinnati	20	21	.488	3½
Milwaukee	19	21	.475	4
Pittsburgh	13	27	.325	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	25	13	.658	—
Los Angeles	26	14	.650	—
San Francisco	24	16	.600	2
Arizona	21	19	.525	5
Colorado	6	33	.154	19½

Friday's games

Detroit 2, Texas 1
Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 2
St. Louis 10, Washington 0
Tampa Bay 4, Milwaukee 3
N.Y. Mets 7, Chicago Cubs 2
Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 0
Kansas City 2, Boston 1, 12 innings
Chicago White Sox 6, Miami 2
Houston 3, Cincinnati 0
Minnesota 3, San Francisco 1
San Diego 13, Colorado 9
Baltimore 4, L.A. Angels 1
L.A. Dodgers 14, Arizona 11
Toronto 6, Seattle 3
N.Y. Yankees 10, Athletics 2

Saturday's games

San Diego 21, Colorado 0
St. Louis 4, Washington 2
Athletics 11, N.Y. Yankees 7
Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 2, 11 innings
Tampa Bay 3, Milwaukee 2
Philadelphia 7, Cleveland 1
Texas 10, Detroit 3
Minnesota 2, San Francisco 1
Boston 10, Kansas City 1
Miami 3, Chicago White Sox 1
Arizona 3, L.A. Dodgers 0
Cincinnati 13, Houston 9
Chicago Cubs 6, N.Y. Mets 5
L.A. Angels 5, Baltimore 2
Toronto 6, Seattle 3

Sunday's games

Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets
Atlanta at Pittsburgh
St. Louis at Washington
Milwaukee at Tampa Bay
Texas at Detroit
Boston at Kansas City
Cincinnati at Houston
Miami at Chicago White Sox
San Francisco at Minnesota
San Diego at Colorado
N.Y. Yankees at Athletics
Baltimore at L.A. Angels
Toronto at Seattle
Philadelphia at Cleveland

Monday's games

Milwaukee (Peralta 4-2) at Cleveland (Lively 2-2)
Boston (Houck 0-2) at Detroit (Jobe 2-0)
St. Louis (Liberatore 3-3) at Philadelphia (Sánchez 4-1)
Pittsburgh (Skenes 3-4) at N.Y. Mets (Peterson 2-2)
Washington (Irvin 2-1) at Atlanta (Holmes 2-3)
Miami (Quantrill 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Rea 2-0)
Colorado (Dollander 2-3) at Texas (Mahle 3-1)
Kansas City (Wacha 2-4) at Houston (Valdez 2-4)
L.A. Angels (Kikuchi 0-4) at San Diego (King 4-1)
N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 0-1) at Seattle (Miller 2-3)
Arizona (Kelly 3-2) at San Francisco (Verlander 0-2)

NBA PLAYOFFS

GODOFREDO A. VÁSQUEZ/AP

Minnesota Timberwolves forward Julius Randle, right, dunks next to Golden State Warriors forward Jonathan Kuminga during the second half in Game 3 of a second-round playoff series Saturday.

Edwards, Randle give T-wolves 2-1 edge on Warriors

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Even with Stephen Curry sidelined and Draymond Green in foul trouble, the Golden State Warriors were ahead by five points in the fourth quarter and felt they had every chance to grab a series lead against the Minnesota Timberwolves at home.

Until Anthony Edwards and Julius Randle took over in crunch time.

Edwards hit a baseline 3-pointer with 1:19 remaining and scored 36 points, Randle had 24 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds, and the Timberwolves beat the Warriors 102-97 on Saturday night for a 2-1 lead in their second-round playoff series.

Jimmy Butler had 33 points, seven assists and seven rebounds and Jonathan Kuminga scored 30 off the bench, but Golden State still lacked the kind of rhythm they have with Curry on the floor.

"Obviously with Steph out there, he demands two to three bodies when he's out there on the floor," Butler said. "When he's not, there's no room for error. You can't make mistakes. You can't turn the ball over. You can't give back all of those things. And then you've got to take the right shots."

Kuminga shot 11 for 18 as the Warriors again mixed and matched while playing without Curry as he nurses a strained left hamstring that he injured early in Game 1 on Tuesday.

Game 4 is Monday night at Chase Center.

Golden State coach Steve Kerr stressed his team had to win with defense — and his team couldn't make the key stops down the stretch.

Edwards, who showed no signs of being hampered after spraining his left ankle in the second quarter of Game 2, knocked down a go-ahead 3-pointer with 6:16 remaining, while Jaden McDaniels made another key 3 with 3:20 to play.

Randle began 1 for 6 and missed his initial four 3-point tries before connecting 6:30 before halftime to put Minnesota up 39-29 and force a Warriors timeout. He shot 10-for-23.

"We need it all. We needed everything from Julius, his hustle plays," T-wolves coach Chris Finch said. "Sometimes he does a great job of just kind of chasing down rebounds and stuff like this. We needed it all."

Buddy Hield's 3-pointer with 1:56 left pulled Golden State within 93-89 then McDaniels threw the ball away moments later, but the Warriors were sloppy.

Golden State missed all five of its 3-point tries in the first half but still led 42-40, then Hield found some rhythm and scored 14 second-half points.

Draymond Green fouled out with 4:38 to play, whistled for his sixth personal trying to block a shot by McDaniels that appeared questionable on several replay reviews. Green sprinted down the floor to the Warriors bench in frustration then pulled on his warmup jacket and stood with hands on hips.

Trayce Jackson-Davis moved into Golden State's starting lineup after he made all six of his field goals and had 15 points and six rebounds in Game 2, but played just 11 minutes.

Celtics hit 3s, rout Knicks to trim series hole to 2-1

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Boston's 3-point touch came back in Game 3, so New York didn't.

Jayson Tatum had 22 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, Payton Pritchard scored 23 points and the Celtics easily got its first win in the Eastern Conference semifinals by routing the Knicks 115-93 on Saturday.

Boston went 20-for-40 from 3-point range after going just 25-for-100 in their two losses at home, when they blew 20-point leads in the second half of both games. The defending NBA champions went ahead by 31 in this one and there was never anything resembling a comeback for New York.

"You've got to beat us four times. That's what it comes down to. Not twice, not once, not three," Celtics forward Jaylen Brown said. "You've got to win four games, so there's a lot of basketball to be played."

Tatum, an All-Star who shot just 12-for-42 overall in Boston, and Pritchard, the NBA Sixth Man of the Year, both made five 3s.

Brown scored 19 points and Derrick White had 17 for the Celtics, who will try to tie the series Monday night in Game 4 before returning to Boston for Game 5 on Wednesday.

Jalen Brunson scored 27 points and Karl-Anthony Towns had 21 points and 15 rebounds for the Knicks, who blew a 2-0 lead in this round last year and are still seeking their first conference finals appearance since 2000.

"I don't think we came with the mindset of being satisfied, but I think it was just subconsciously satisfied being up 2-0," Brunson said. "Just not the way we need to approach the game."

The Celtics made more 3-pointers than any team in NBA history during the regular season, when they swept all four meetings against New York. But Boston was ice cold to open this series, starting with an NBA playoff-record 45 misses in Game 1.

It made its first four 3-point shots in a blistering start Saturday and never really slowed down. The Celtics finished 6-for-7 behind the arc en route to a 36-20 lead, their highest-scoring first quarter of the postseason, quickly taking the energy out of a crowd where some fans paid more than $600 per ticket to be in the arena with the celebrities for one of the biggest games the Knicks have played in the 2000s.

"Just a matter of time," Tatum said.

Tatum and Pritchard hit consecutive 3s for a 55-33 lead with 4½ minutes remaining in the half, and Boston took a 71-46 lead to the locker room.

New York was 5-for-25 behind the arc and shot 68.6% on free throws — though that was mostly because Mitchell Robinson went 4-for-12 as the Celtics fouled the poor free throw shooter intentionally and kept on doing it long after it seemed necessary, sending the New York backup center to the line even with a 29-point lead in the second half.

Fans at Madison Square Garden tried to encourage Robinson through his struggles, standing and cheering when he went to the line for what became his fifth straight miss to open the game and then giving him a loud ovation after he made the second.

Robinson was 3 for 11 in the two games in Boston, with Mazzulla hoping that his misses would force Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau to take him out of the game.

Robinson is one of New York's best rebounders and defensive players, and was a catalyst in their comebacks from a pair of 20-point deficits over the Celtics.

PAMELA SMITH/AP

The Celtics' Jayson Tatum shoots over the Knicks' Mikal Bridges during the second half in Game 3 of a second-round playoff series Saturday in New York. Tatum made five 3-pointers in Boston's win.

Scoreboard

Second Round

Best-of-seven
x-if necessary
Eastern Conference
Indiana 2, Cleveland 1

Indiana 121, Cleveland 112
Indiana 120, Cleveland 119
Cleveland 126, Indiana 104
Sunday: at Indiana
Tuesday: at Cleveland, **AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m. Wednesday CET, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday JKT**
x-Thursday: at Indiana
x-Sunday, May 18: at Cleveland

New York 2, Boston 1

New York 108, Boston 105, OT
New York 91, Boston 90
Saturday: Boston 115, New York 93
Monday: at New York, **AFN-Sports, 1:40 a.m. Tuesday CET, 9:40 a.m. Tuesday JKT**
Wednesday: at Boston
x-Friday: at New York
x-Monday, May 19: at Boston

Western Conference
Denver 2, Oklahoma City 1

Denver 121, Oklahoma City 119
Oklahoma City 149, Denver 106
Denver 113, Oklahoma City 104, OT
Sunday: at Denver
Tuesday: at Oklahoma City, **AFN-Sports, 4 a.m. Wednesday CET, 12 p.m. Wednesday JKT**
x-Thursday: at Denver
x-Sunday, May 18: at Oklahoma City

Minnesota 2, Golden State 1

Golden State 99, Minnesota 88
Minnesota 117, Golden State 93
Saturday: Minnesota 102, Golden State 97
Monday: at Golden State, **AFN-Sports, 4 a.m. Tuesday CET, 12 p.m. Tuesday JKT**
Wednesday: at Minnesota
x-Sunday, May 18: at Golden State
x-Tuesday, May 20: at Minnesota

NFL/NHL PLAYOFFS

JOHN LOCHER/AP

Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Cam Miller hands a ball off to running back Ashton Jeanty during a rookie mini camp Friday in Henderson, Nev. The Raiders selected Jeanty sixth overall in last month's draft.

Raiders hope Jeanty will answer rushing problems

BY MARK ANDERSON
Associated Press

HENDERSON, Nev. — Ashton Jeanty won't be able to do what he does best for quite some time — make tacklers wish they never even thought of putting a hand on him.

So not much can be read into Jeanty breaking free into the open field at Las Vegas' rookies camp Friday, but the Raiders hope it's at least a preview of what's to come.

Las Vegas placed a lot of faith in Jeanty, the Heisman Trophy runner-up out of Boise State, by drafting him sixth last month. He was the highest-drafted running back since the New York Giants took Saquon Barkley second in 2018.

Jeanty also received a four-year, $35.9 million contract that includes a $22.7 million signing bonus, his agent, Henry Organ, said. His $8.97 million annual salary is the 11th-highest among running backs, according to Over the Cap.

He called it a "lifelong dream" to even be in an NFL rookies practice.

"So to finally be out here, get to work with the team, it's just exciting," Jeanty said.

Jeanty fits the profile of a Pete Carroll-coached team. Carroll relied on a similar type of back in Seattle, and Marshawn Lynch was instrumental in the Seahawks making back-to-back Super Bowls and winning one. His rugged running style and 5-foot-11 inch, 215-pound frame made tackling him an often painful experience for defenders.

At 5-8, 211, Jeanty used a similar bruising style in leading the nation with 2,601 yards and 29 touchdowns. More telling, he rushed for 1,970 yards after contact, which by itself would have led the FBS.

That's why the Raiders decided to use such a high pick on a running back, even though it goes against the general current thinking. They could have addressed a different position at No. 6 and still taken a quality running back later in what was a deep draft at the position, but found a potential generational type of player too difficult to pass up.

Especially for a team that had the worst ground game in the NFL last season, averaging 79.8 yards per game.

"It's one of those deals where it meets the need and the best player meet together," general manager John Spytek said the night Las Vegas drafted Jeanty. "You kind of feel like that's a perfect storm at that point too, and it's just too much to ignore at that point. He's the perfect player for us this year, and we were thrilled to make him a Raider."

And now Jeanty is getting his first taste of the NFL with other players who also are beginning to learn what it takes at this level.

One of his new teammates, offensive lineman Caleb Rogers, played against Jeanty in Texas high school scrimmages and runs in much the same social circle.

"I had players who played with him," said Rogers, a third-round draft pick out of Texas Tech. "So just hearing a lot about him, I'm excited to continue to be around him, see how he works, see how he's a pro. I've heard a lot about how he approaches the game and how he does a great job, and so I'm excited just be a part of that."

Rogers, though, said he doesn't remember those early interactions with Jeanty.

"I don't because he happened to have (Denver wide receiver) Marvin Mims on his team," Rogers said. "He has the record for high school football receiving yards, so he was kind of doing his thing back then."

Jeanty hopes to give Rogers and the rest of his new teammates performances they won't be able to forget.

They are excited to have him. Star defensive end Maxx Crosby live-streamed his podcast on the first night of the draft with center Jackson Powers-Johnson. Both were ecstatic when Las Vegas selected Jeanty, with Crosby pumping his right fist and Powers-Johnson raising both arms and yelling.

Expectations certainly are high inside and outside the Raiders facility. Now it's a matter of whether Jeanty meets them.

He has a long way to go, but Friday was a start.

"Getting out just seeing everything, how it all works," Jeanty said.

Greener: Every team left made at least one big trade this season

FROM PAGE 24

games going into Sunday — last weekend in Game 7 to knock out the Colorado Avalanche who traded him in late January and then in Wednesday's series opener against the Jets.

"It's a treat," teammate Sam Steel said. "He's one of the best players in the world and he's just on fire right now, so we're just trying to get him the puck."

Stars coach Peter DeBoer said Rantanen had an easy transition. That may be an understatement, as the 28-year-old Finn leads the postseason with eight goals and 15 points.

"We all know how elite he is," Winnipeg winger Nino Niederreiter said. "He's really done it these last few games and throughout his whole career — always a fantastic player."

That was the Hurricanes' thinking when they sent Martin Necas, Jack Drury and two picks to Colorado for Rantanen in an unexpected, blockbuster trade more than a month before the deadline. Avalanche president of hockey operations Joe Sakic — who drafted Rantanen with the 10th pick in 2015 — heard after that move that the possibility of another trade back West was possible.

With the clock ticking toward the deadline on March 7, first-year Carolina general manager Eric Tulsky made the most of the situation and dealt Rantanen to Dallas, which then signed him to an eight-year, $96 million extension.

Rantanen is a playoff producer, scoring 101 points in 81 games before this spring including helping Colorado win the Cup in 2022.

Carolina has gotten three goals this playoffs from Stankoven and four points from Hall, while Jankowski was a big reason for a perfect penalty kill in the first round.

"They've all helped in a lot of different ways on both sides of the puck," captain Jordan Staal said. "Three great players that have really kind of solidified our lineup and played really well for us."

So has Marchand for the defending champion Panthers, so far scoring at a point-a-game pace this playoffs. He and Jones felt welcomed right away.

"This team is built to want to win, and they have that drive," Marchand said. "And when you walk in the room, everyone was really excited for each and every one of us to come in and be part of the group."

The Capitals got Beauvillier in part because he has had some high-scoring playoffs. He had 27 points combined over two New York Islanders trips to the Eastern Conference Final and put up five points in his first six games with Washington.

"There's something about important games and meaningful games that get me, I guess, a little bit more fired up and get my a little bit more focused," Beauvillier said.

Some of the additions have been more subtle: Laughton has a couple of points and Carlo is playing important minutes for the Maple Leafs as they try to get past the second round for the first time in more than two decades. Schenn and Tanev toughened up the Jets, and Walman and Frederic helped the Oilers fill holes vacated by Philip Broberg and Dylan Holloway leaving last summer.

The Stars also loaded up beyond Rantanen. General manager Jim Nill's February trade for Cody Ceci and Mikael Granlund, also involving a first-round pick, has paid dividends.

"I can't say enough about Granlund and what he's brought, Cody Ceci — (without them) we don't get through the first round," DeBoer said.

NATHAN DENETTE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Florida Panthers forward Brad Marchand, right, and Maple Leafs forward Scott Laughton vie for control of the puck in Toronto on May 5.

NHL PLAYOFFS

JASON FRANSON, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

The Golden Knights celebrate after a win over the Oilers in Game 3 of a second-round playoff series in Edmonton, Alberta, on Saturday. The 4-3 victory brought Vegas within 2-1 in the series.

Knights stun Oilers with last-second shot to win

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Reilly Smith scored with 0.4 seconds left on a shot that deflected in off Edmonton forward Leon Draisaitl's stick to give the Vegas Golden Knights a stunning 4-3 victory in Game 3 on Saturday night.

Vegas cut Edmonton's lead to 2-1 in the Western Conference semifinal series, avoiding overtime after Oilers star Connor McDavid tied it with 3:02 to go with a centering pass that went in off defender Brayden McNabb's skate.

Smith's shot was going wide until it hit Draisaitl's stick.

"Sometimes you just hope for the best and that one seemed to work out, thankfully I had enough time," Smith said.

It was officially the third-latest third-period winning goal in playoff history, at least since the NHL added decimals to the final minute. Nazem Kadri had one with 0.1 seconds left for Colorado in 2020, and Jussi Jokinen scored with 0.2 remaining for Carolina in 2009.

"That was one of the craziest things I've ever seen in a hockey game, but obviously it was a great play," Vegas defenseman Nicolas Hague.

After Corey Perry gave Edmonton an early 2-0 lead, Nicolas Roy and Smith tied it with goals in a 54-second span late in the first period.

William Karlsson put the Golden Knights in front with 2:55 left in the second, beating goalie Stuart Skinner off a give-and-go play with Noah Hanifin.

"We know we got good character in the room," Vegas coach Bruce Cassidy said. "Obviously, we have to correct some of the things how we started. You don't want to put yourself in that hole, but there's a lot of hockey left, we know we have the ability to come back, we can score goals."

Adin Hill made 17 saves for the Knights.

Game 4 is Monday night in Edmonton.

"It's probably more deflating losing the way we did, not getting to overtime," Perry said. "It's happened twice to us in these playoffs. You use it as motivation."

Vegas rallied in the first period after Golden Knights forward Mark Stone left because of an upper-body injury.

Roy, playing a day after being fined but not suspended for cross-checking Trent Frederic in the face in overtime in Game 2, cut it to 2-1 off a rebound with 4:43 left in the first. Smith then slipped a backhander through Skinner's legs with 3:49 to go in the period.

Skinner stopped 20 shots, taking over in goal for the injured Calvin Pickard. Pickard appeared uncomfortable and was seen shaking out his left leg after Vegas forward Tomas Hertl landed on his left pad in Game 2.

Scoreboard

Second Round

Best-of-seven
x-if necessary
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Carolina 2, Washington 1

Carolina 2, Washington 1, OT
Washington 3, Carolina 1
Saturday: Carolina 4, Washington 0
Monday: at Carolina, **AFN-Sports2, 1 a.m. Tuesday CET, 9 a.m. Tuesday JKT**
Thursday: at Washington
x-Saturday, May 17: at Carolina
x-Monday, May 19: at Washington

Toronto 2, Florida 1

Toronto 5, Florida 4
Toronto 4, Florida 3
Florida 5, Toronto 4, OT
Sunday: at Florida
Wednesday: at Toronto, **AFN-Sports2, 1 a.m. Thursday CET, 9 a.m. Tuesday JKT**
x-Friday: at Florida
x-Sunday, May 18: at Toronto

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Edmonton 2, Vegas 1

Edmonton 4, Vegas 2
Edmonton 5, Vegas 4, OT
Saturday: Vegas 4, Edmonton 3
Monday: at Edmonton, **AFN-Sports2, 3:30 a.m. Tuesday CET, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday JKT**
Wednesday: at Vegas
x-Friday: at Edmonton
x-Sunday, May 18: at Vegas

Dallas 1, Winnipeg 1

Dallas 3, Winnipeg 2
Winnipeg 4, Dallas 0
Sunday: at Dallas
Tuesday: at Dallas, **AFN-Sports2, 2 a.m. Wednesday CET, 10 a.m. Wednesday JKT**
Thursday: at Winnipeg
x-Saturday, May 17: at Dallas
x-Monday, May 19: at Winnipeg

Svechnikov, Andersen lead Hurricanes past Capitals for 2-1 edge

BY AARON BEARD
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Andrei Svechnikov pounced on a loose faceoff puck for his sixth postseason goal while Frederik Andersen had 21 saves as the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Washington Capitals 4-0 on Saturday night for a 2-1 lead in their second-round playoff series.

Svechnikov sprang into the circle to beat John Carlson to the puck and beat Logan Thompson at 12:34 of the second for the game's first goal in what turned out to be the start of Carolina's game-seizing surge.

And Andersen bought time for the Hurricanes to find that groove after a strong start by Washington, on the way to posting his first postseason shutout for Carolina and the franchise's first in three years.

"Clearly that was the key to our win tonight, was that first period where clearly they were on their game and we were a little on our heels," Canes coach Rod Brind'Amour said. "That's what goaltending does. It keeps us in the game. And then I thought we got to it in that second half of the game.

"But it could've been a lot different if we're chasing it."

Jack Roslovic added a power-play goal late in the second period for Carolina, while Eric Robinson charged up the left side to beat Thompson early in the third to make it 3-0.

Jackson Blake added a clinching power-play finish near the post late as the Hurricanes improved to 4-0 at home in the playoffs.

"It's pretty obvious when we're not playing it and maybe trying to do something different or do too much," Robinson said. "So yeah, we just got to our game."

Carolina dominated play in the series opener but needed Jaccob Slavin's overtime goal to push through on the road. The Capitals did a better job of countering in Game 2 and tied the series behind a strong two-way effort from Tom Wilson.

Washington had seemingly reversed the script on the Canes with a strong start, which included Andersen having to stand up to an immediate skating-in chance by Wilson and an early shot from Taylor Raddysh while Carolina struggled to get on its aggressive game.

Thompson finished with 24 saves for the Caps, while Washington managed just 10 shots in the final 39-plus minutes.

"Whenever we're playing from behind, it's not a good recipe for our group," Capitals coach Spencer Carbery said. "Like, we just don't have the firepower that can snap it around, we're going to be able to score five or six goals. It's just not our makeup.

"So once we start to trail, we start to press and then you see some uncharacteristic things. We can't some string some plays together and it gets a little sloppy."

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Monday night in Raleigh.

KARL B DEBLAKER/AP

Hurricanes goaltender Frederik Andersen watches the puck against the Capitals during the third period of Game 3 of a second-round series in Raleigh, N.C., on Saturday. Andersen earned a shutout.

SPORTS

Back in action

Celtics recover 3-point groove, rout Knicks for first win of series ›› NBA playoffs, Page 21

NHL PLAYOFFS

JULIO CORTEZ/AP

The Stars' Mikko Rantanen is shown on the video board as fans celebrate a 4-2 win against the Colorado Avalanche in Game 7 of a first-round playoff series May 3 in Dallas.

Grass is greener

Rantanen, other trade deadline additions making significant impacts for new teams

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

Mikko Rantanen is showing exactly why Dallas was willing to pay such a hefty price to put him the roster. One of the players the Stars traded for Rantanen is also making a positive impact for his new team.

Nearly every team in the second round of the NHL playoffs is benefiting from moves they made at the trade deadline. That includes Toronto with Brandon Carlo and Scott Laughton; Florida with Brad Marchand and Seth Jones; Washington with Anthony Beauvillier; Edmonton with Jake Walman and Trent Frederic; Winnipeg with Brandon Tanev and Luke Schenn; and the Carolina Hurricanes also with Taylor Hall and Mark Jankowski.

One of those teams — or maybe Vegas, which made a move to get Reilly Smith back — will hoist the Stanley Cup in June and have a trade or two to credit for the journey.

The Stars and Hurricanes are co-Cup favorites according to BetMGM Sportsbook after making the biggest deadline deal: Rantanen to Dallas for Logan Stankoven, two first-round picks and a third-rounder to Carolina. Rantanen had a hat trick in two of his last three

SEE GREENER ON PAGE 22

NICK WASS/AP

Capitals left wing Anthony Beauvillier came to Washington in a trade deadline deal and has put up five points in eight playoff games so far.

Last-second goal lifts Knights to victory

›› NHL playoffs, Page 23

027664 463149