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Judge denies Baldwin's bid to dismiss "Rust" charge. **5NN**



WAR IN MIDDLE EAST

Displaced Palestinian children carry water in a makeshift camp in Khan Younis, Gaza Strip, on Friday. EYAD BABA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES; PHOTO ILLUSTRATION TREATMENT BY ABEL MUNIZ MONTENEGRO

ISRAEL DEFIANT AFTER RULING

World Court orders halt to Rafah military operation

James Mackenzie and Nidal al-Mughrabi
REUTERS

JERUSALEM – Israeli ministers dismissed Friday's ruling by the International Court of Justice ordering Israel to cease its military operation in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, vowing to continue fighting to free its hostages and defeat Hamas.

Friday's ruling by the World Court was the latest in a series of steps in recent weeks that have deepened Israel's international isolation over its conduct of the war in Gaza, which has killed more than 35,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office rejected the allegations in the case brought by South Africa that Israel was carrying out genocide in Gaza as "false, outrageous and morally repugnant."

"Israel is acting based on its right to defend its territory and its citizens, consistent

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UCLA police make first arrest in mob attack on pro-Palestinian encampment. **7NN**

with its moral values and in compliance with international law," it said in a statement.

It said operations in Rafah would not be conducted in a way that "may inflict on the Palestinian civilian population in Gaza conditions of life that could bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part."

The war, triggered by the Hamas-led attack on communities around the Gaza Strip on Oct. 7 last year, has caused a widening gulf between Israel and much of the rest of the world and serious strains between Netanyahu's government and its closest allies, including the United States.

Rafah, close to the border with Egypt, had

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Protesters hold signs as they demonstrate outside the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands, Friday. NICK GAMMON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES



A man carrying a rifle looks at pictures of hostages kidnapped during the deadly Oct. 7 attack in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Friday. MARKO DJURICA/REUTERS

Louisiana measure on abortion pills signed

Classifies 2 medications as controlled substances

Steve Gorman
REUTERS

Louisiana's governor on Friday signed a bill making his state the first in the U.S. to classify two abortion-inducing medications as controlled substances, a category that health care regulators typically reserve for drugs prone to abuse or addiction.

The measure, thrusting Republican-led efforts to restrict abortion back to the political forefront in a presidential election year, was signed into law by Republican Gov. Jeff Landry a day after the state legislature sent it to his desk.

The bill cleared Louisiana's Republican-majority House and Senate by wide margins, even as efforts by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to expand access to abortion pills is facing a legal challenge before the Supreme Court.

The new law designates mifepristone and misoprostol, which the FDA approved more than two decades ago as safe and effective for terminating pregnancies, as Schedule IV drugs, meaning they merit greater oversight due to the potential for abuse or dependence.

That puts the abortion pills in Louisiana in the same category as anti-anxiety medications Xanax and Valium, though neither mifepristone or misoprostol is considered by the medical establishment to pose a hazard of tolerance or addiction.

Still, the reclassification makes it riskier for Louisiana residents, who are already subject to a near-total ban on surgical and medication-induced abortions, to obtain the pills from out of state or order them online without a prescription.

Critics say the measure will also make it harder for patients to obtain the drugs when they are prescribed for other uses, such as inducing labor in childbirth, treating miscarriages and reducing the risk of serious bleeding from ulcers.

Doctors will need a special license to prescribe the drugs, and those prescriptions are entered into a state database that law enforcement can access without a warrant. Critics say that situation could compromise patient privacy and expose physicians to unwarranted investigation.

"It creates more onus, more chaos and confusion for people accessing this medication," Kirsten Moore, who heads the nonprofit Expanding Mediation Abortion Access Project, adding that the overall intent is to "put mifepristone and misoprostol back under lock and key."

The bill makes unprescribed possession of the pills a crime punishable by one to five years in prison and fines of up to \$5,000.

Although pregnant women are expressly exempt from punishment for violation of the measure, any other person who might help them obtain the drugs,

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Taiwanese people, markets stay calm despite drills

China stages mock missile strikes, dispatches jets

REUTERS

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan – As China staged a second day of "punishment" drills on Friday in response to Taiwan's new President Lai Ching-te, some residents of the democratically governed island told Reuters they would carry on with their normal lives despite Beijing's pressure.

China staged mock missile strikes in waters east of Taiwan and dispatched fighter jets carrying live missiles, state media reported, as Beijing tested its ability to "seize power" and control key areas of Taiwan.

But on the island of 23 million people,

life has continued as normal, with no overt sign of worry, the Taiwanese having gotten used to decades of living with Chinese threats.

China's military exercises "don't really affect our daily lives. We still have to work to make money," said Chen Sian-en, a tire repair shop owner in the southern city of Kaohsiung, home to a major Taiwanese navy base.

"From childhood to adulthood, it means that we've gotten used to (China's) threats," said Chen, 66, adding that the drills were "some kind of intimidation tactic" and a "show of force" from

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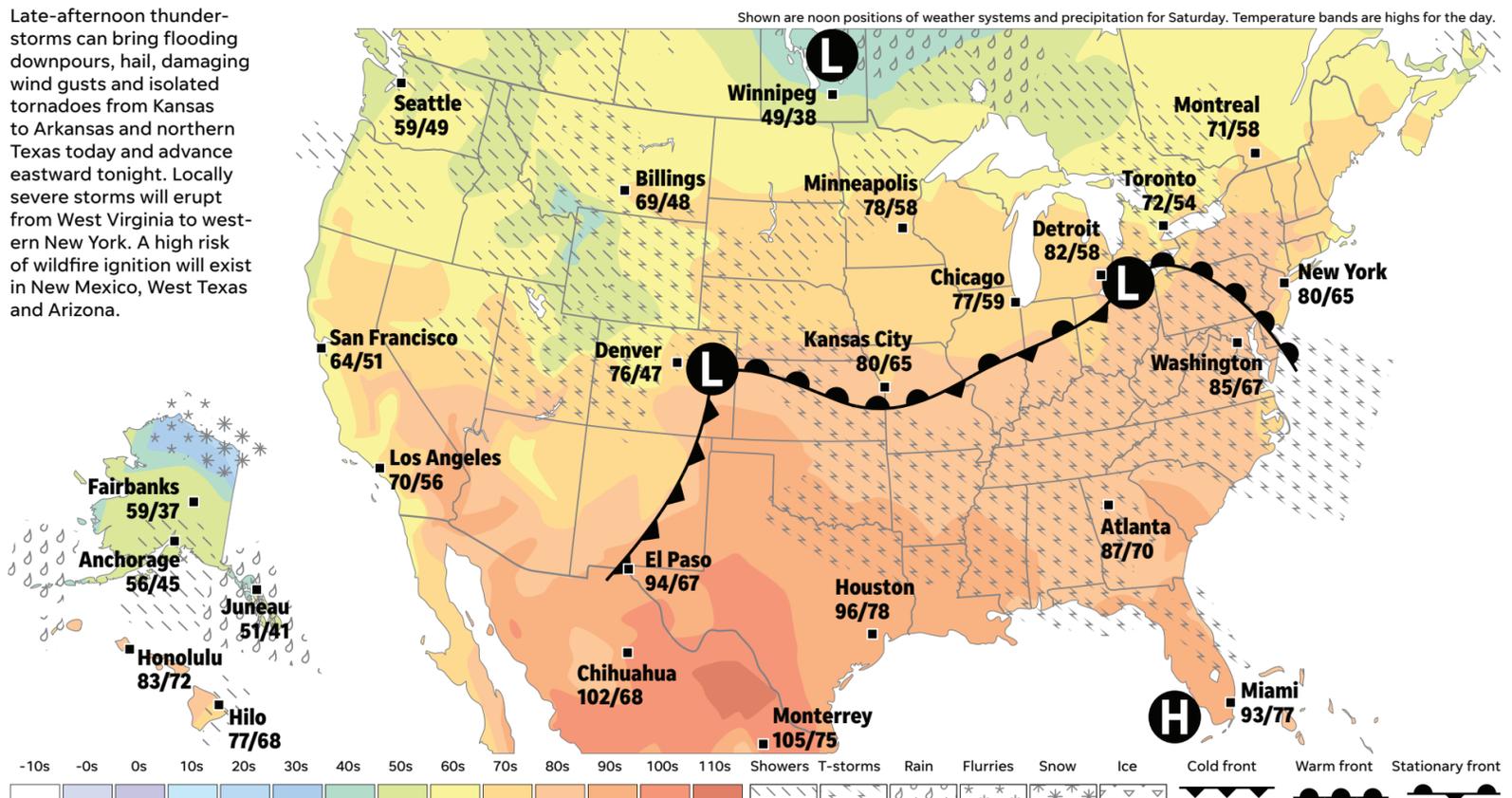


Two people ride a motorcycle as a Taiwan Air Force fighter jet approaches for a landing at Hsinchu Air Base on Thursday. YASUYOSHI CHIBA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Late-afternoon thunderstorms can bring flooding downpours, hail, damaging wind gusts and isolated tornadoes from Kansas to Arkansas and northern Texas today and advance eastward tonight. Locally severe storms will erupt from West Virginia to western New York. A high risk of wildfire ignition will exist in New Mexico, West Texas and Arizona.

In the digital e-edition, you can click anywhere on the US map to get up-to-date forecasts, radar, MinuteCast® and more.



FRIDAY EXTREMES

NATIONAL (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 109 at Zapata, TX
Low: 14 at Daniel, WY
Precip: 3.34" at Litchfield, IL

INTERNATIONAL (excludes Antarctica)
High: 122 at Jacobabad, Pakistan
Low: 8 at Antipayuta, Russia
Precip: 6.97" at Bhumibol Dam, Thailand

TODAY IN HISTORY

Providence, R.I., had light snow on May 25, 1832. On May 25, 1838, 10 inches of snow fell at Bradford, Pa., with a small amount in Pittsburgh.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What is part of a thunderstorm and also a blacksmith's tool?

NATIONAL CITIES SATURDAY

City	High/Low/W	Air Quality	City	High/Low/W	Air Quality	City	High/Low/W	Air Quality	City	High/Low/W	Air Quality
Aberdeen, SD	72/46/pc	28	Evansville, IN	83/69/t	38	Levittown, PA	87/63/s	84	Rochester, NY	80/58/t	62
Abilene, TX	96/74/pc	46	Fall River, MA	75/55/s	66	Lincoln, IL	80/63/s	47	Rockford, IL	79/55/s	45
Accomac, VA	78/61/c	78	Farmington, NM	77/45/s	55	Louisville, KY	81/69/t	56	Ruidoso, NM	75/51/s	71
Adrian, MI	80/55/t	60	Fayetteville, NC	88/66/t	54	Lubbock, TX	96/64/s	58	Salem, OR	64/45/pc	27
Akron, OH	77/57/t	63	Fond du Lac, WI	75/56/s	37	Manitowoc, WI	68/52/s	41	Salina, KS	86/62/t	46
Alamogordo, NM	90/54/s	72	Fort Myers, FL	93/74/s	44	Mansfield, OH	78/57/t	55	Salinas, CA	66/49/sh	37
Alexandria, VA	85/65/t	84	Fort Smith, AR	90/73/pc	60	Marshall, NC	82/59/t	68	Salisbury, MD	86/60/c	77
Alliance, OH	79/57/t	67	Framingham, MA	82/56/s	51	Marshfield, WI	73/54/s	48	San Angelo, TX	102/72/s	52
Amarillo, TX	95/61/pc	54	Freeport, IL	77/55/s	46	Massillon, OH	80/58/t	60	Sarasota, FL	91/74/s	58
Ames, IA	77/59/pc	34	Fremont, OH	83/61/t	57	McLean, VA	85/65/t	80	Savannah, GA	92/69/pc	59
Anderson, SC	89/66/t	61	Fort Collins, CO	74/48/t	81	Melbourne, FL	91/73/t	51	Sheboygan, WI	67/52/s	41
Appleton, WI	74/56/s	41	Gadsden, AL	85/66/t	46	Memphis, TN	85/75/t	29	Shelby, NC	86/63/t	66
Asheville, NC	82/60/t	65	Gainesville, FL	93/70/pc	47	Middletown, NY	82/57/t	53	Sherman, TX	91/73/t	84
Ashland, OH	79/56/t	54	Galesburg, IL	80/62/s	51	Milford, MA	81/55/s	52	Shreveport, LA	93/75/t	76
Athens, GA	90/66/t	56	Gastonia, NC	87/63/t	66	Milwaukee, WI	72/55/s	34	Silver City, NM	81/48/s	67
Augusta, GA	92/64/t	63	Glen Rose, TX	93/73/t	111	Monroe, MI	80/58/t	58	Sioux Falls, SD	76/57/pc	24
Austin, TX	96/74/pc	121	Gonzales, LA	94/75/c	44	Monroe, LA	92/73/t	45	Somerset, PA	78/59/t	68
Bartlesville, OK	87/72/t	35	Great Falls, MT	64/41/t	43	Montgomery, AL	88/70/t	40	Somerville, NJ	86/60/s	74
Battle Creek, MI	75/53/pc	51	Green Bay, WI	75/56/s	40	Muncie, IN	81/58/t	56	South Bend, IN	73/51/s	43
Bedford, IN	80/63/t	47	Greenville, SC	87/64/t	62	Murfreesboro, TN	85/66/t	38	Spartanburg, SC	86/63/t	66
Binghamton, NY	80/59/t	48	Hackensack, NJ	82/62/s	69	Naples, FL	91/76/pc	44	Springfield, IL	79/65/s	53
Bluffton, SC	89/71/t	62	Hagerstown, MD	84/65/t	76	Nashville, TN	87/69/t	34	Springfield, MO	84/70/pc	50
Bremerton, WA	60/46/pc	21	Hattiesburg, MS	92/73/t	37	Neptune, NJ	71/60/pc	69	St. Augustine, FL	91/72/pc	51
Brockton, MA	78/55/s	59	Henderson, KY	83/69/t	35	New Bedford, MA	73/54/s	66	St. Cloud, MN	77/57/sh	44
Brownwood, TX	96/72/pc	104	Hendersonville, NC	92/59/t	61	New Bern, NC	88/65/t	53	St. George, UT	82/58/s	59
Burlington, IA	76/63/s	51	Herkimer, NY	84/61/t	43	New Philadelphia, OH	81/57/t	61	Staunton, VA	83/57/t	64
Burlington, NC	85/62/t	54	Hillsdale, MI	76/52/t	53	Newark, OH	84/56/t	55	Stevens Point, WI	76/55/s	46
Burlington, VT	73/59/c	36	Holland, MI	62/54/s	45	Newton, NJ	85/59/t	60	Stockton, CA	75/46/pc	42
Cambridge, OH	86/61/t	64	Hornell, NY	84/58/t	54	New York, NY	80/65/s	70	Stroudsburg, PA	85/60/t	67
Camdenton, MO	84/71/pc	36	Houma, LA	91/76/pc	45	Norwich, CT	78/55/pc	67	Stuart, FL	91/74/t	53
Canandaigua, NY	80/59/t	55	Howell, MI	79/52/t	59	Ocala, FL	92/69/pc	49	Sturgis, MI	75/52/s	47
Canton, OH	79/58/t	64	Hutchinson, KS	86/62/t	41	Oklahoma City, OK	90/70/t	57	Tallahassee, FL	90/71/t	39
Carlsbad, NM	96/65/s	66	Hyannis, MA	68/55/pc	58	Opelousas, LA	91/75/pc	47	Thibodaux, LA	93/74/c	53
Chambersburg, PA	85/64/t	74	Indianapolis, IN	81/60/t	49	Oshkosh, WI	75/56/s	39	Topeka, KS	84/66/pc	47
Cherry Hill, NJ	88/64/t	89	Iowa City, IA	77/62/s	59	Palm Beach, FL	91/79/pc	54	Tuscaloosa, AL	89/70/t	36
Cincinnati, OH	78/63/t	59	Ithaca, NY	83/59/t	52	Palm Springs, CA	87/63/s	64	Utica, NY	82/58/t	44
Clarksville, TN	83/69/t	31	Jackson, MS	90/73/t	41	Panama City, FL	85/74/pc	39	Ventura, CA	67/55/pc	32
Coldwater, MI	76/51/t	51	Jackson, TN	85/71/t	34	Pekin, IL	80/65/s	52	Victorville, CA	77/48/s	51
Columbus, OH	83/60/t	59	Jacksonville, FL	93/70/pc	57	Pensacola, FL	87/75/t	37	Vineland, NJ	86/61/pc	84
Corning, NY	85/58/t	55	Jacksonville, NC	85/67/t	53	Peoria, IL	79/64/s	58	Visalia, CA	81/50/s	59
Corpus Christi, TX	95/81/s	85	Kent, OH	78/56/t	68	Petersburg, VA	86/63/c	58	Washington, DC	85/67/t	88
Daytona Beach, FL	91/71/pc	51	Kewanee, IL	78/61/s	53	Phoenix, AZ	91/69/s	80	Watertown, SD	70/51/sh	30
Deming, NM	88/53/s	68	Keyser, WV	86/61/t	72	Port Huron, MI	78/49/t	51	Wausau, WI	76/55/s	37
DeRidder, LA	92/76/c	46	Kinston, NC	88/64/t	55	Portsmouth, NH	74/57/pc	27	Waynesboro, PA	86/65/t	76
Des Moines, IA	79/62/pc	35	Knoxville, TN	84/66/t	65	Poughkeepsie, NY	85/58/pc	52	White Plains, NY	79/58/pc	65
Detroit, MI	82/58/t	63	Lafayette, IN	79/56/s	41	Providence, RI	75/55/s	70	Wichita Falls, TX	92/73/t	48
Devils Lake, ND	61/41/pc	36	Lafayette, LA	92/77/pc	46	Pueblo, CO	85/48/pc	63	Wilmington, DE	86/64/t	90
Dover, NH	75/54/pc	38	Lakeland, FL	96/71/pc	60	Quincy, MA	77/58/s	61	Wilmington, NC	88/69/t	53
El Paso, TX	94/67/s	72	Lansing, MI	77/53/pc	60	Redding, CA	76/55/pc	43	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	76/54/s	48
Elmira, NY	85/59/t	51	Las Cruces, NM	90/56/s	69	Reno, NV	73/48/pc	68	Wooster, OH	80/55/t	59
Erie, PA	78/59/t	60	Lebanon, PA	86/64/t	78	Ravenna, OH	78/56/t	68	Worcester, MA	80/59/pc	51
Eugene, OR	66/42/pc	27	Leesburg, FL	93/72/pc	52	Richmond, IN	82/57/t	62	York, PA	86/66/t	89

Air Quality Index: 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

City	Saturday High/Low/W	Sunday High/Low/W	City	Saturday High/Low/W	Sunday High/Low/W	City	Saturday High/Low/W	Sunday High/Low/W	City	Saturday High/Low/W	Sunday High/Low/W
Acapulco	91/72/s	91/72/s	Cape Town	70/54/s	70/50/s	La Paz	60/29/s	60/29/pc	San Jose	89/69/r	87/69/r
Addis Ababa	81/56/s	81/55/s	Caracas	90/76/t	90/76/sh	Lagos	88/78/r	90/79/t	San Salvador	88/71/t	87/71/t
Algiers	80/55/s	87/64/c	Casablanca	77/60/c	79/63/s	Lima	69/60/s	69/62/pc	Santiago	58/42/c	60/34/s
Amman	76/60/pc	83/64/s	Colombo	86/82/t	88/82/t	Lisbon	77/61/pc	74/56/pc	Sao Paulo	63/57/c	62/58/r
Amsterdam	65/51/sh	70/54/sh	Copenhagen	69/57/pc	69/56/sh	London	69/53/pc	67/49/sh	Sarajevo	74/53/sh	67/51/r
Ankara	72/51/sh	74/54/c	Damascus	83/59/s	88/57/s	Madrid	86/53/pc	87/57/pc	Shanghai	81/71/s	95/72/t
Asuncion	60/44/c	62/50/pc	Dublin	59/50/c	60/49/sh	Manila	95/81/t	89/80/t	Singapore	89/81/t	88/80/t
Athens	81/67/c	77/64/sh	Geneva	69/50/pc	73/56/c	Mexico City	89/62/s	91/62/s	Stockholm	76/53/s	74/52/s
Auckland	60/56/pc	62/53/pc	Guatemala City	86/67/r	85/66/t	Milan	71/54/pc	78/59/pc	Sydney	68/52/c	69/52/s
Baghdad	100/76/pc	101/76/pc	Hanoi	88/80/t	91/81/t	Mombasa	87/74/pc	86/74/sh	Taipei	87/75/c	91/76/t
Bangkok	92/81/t	93/82/t	Harare	76/48/c	76/46/pc	Montevideo	53/42/pc	52/43/c	Tegucigalpa	88/68/t	89/68/t
Beijing	62/55/c	84/55/pc	Havana	93/71/pc	94/75/t	Montreal	71/58/c	78/61/pc	Tehran	85/64/pc	86/70/s
Beirut	78/68/s	78/67/s	Helsinki	69/57/pc	65/56/c	Moscow	75/53/s	76/53/pc	Tokyo	72/63/pc	74/68/pc
Belgrade	80/60/pc	78/54/pc	Hong Kong	85/79/t	89/81/t	Nairobi	75/60/t	77/58/t	Toronto	72/54/t	73/61/pc
Berlin	77/55/pc	76/58/sh	Jakarta	90/78/pc	94/78/t	New Delhi	113/90/pc	115/91/pc	Tunis	82/63/s	82/62/s
Bogota	69/51/r	68/50/c	Jerusalem	75/59/pc	83/64/s	Panama City	87/76/r	89/77/t	Vancouver	59/49/sh	58/50/sh
Brussels	67/53/c	69/52/sh	Johannesburg	70/49/s	72/49/s	Paris	71/56/pc	71/52/sh	Vienna	73/54/pc	75/56/c
Bucharest	81/49/s	81/49/s	Kabul	84/55/pc	83/54/s	Port-au-Prince	93/74/t	95/74/t	Warsaw	80/58/sh	82/57/pc
Budapest	79/58/t	78/56/sh	Khartoum	111/85/pc	110/84/pc	Rio de Janeiro	78/68/r	73/70/sh	Yerevan	64/49/t	67/51/t
Buenos Aires	54/45/pc	53/45/c	Kyiv	77/53/s	78/57/pc	Riyadh	111/82/pc	111/82/pc	Zagreb	77/55/pc	70/53/sh
Cairo	91/70/s	96/81/c	Kingston	91/81/s	91/82/s	Rome	71/55/sh	77/55/s	Zurich	67/49/sh	73/56/c

● Denotes possible travel delays Saturday

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



ECUADOR

State of emergency

Ecuadorian President Daniel Noboa this week declared a new state of emergency in parts of the South American country, a move aimed at addressing the rising number of murders and other crimes as security forces shore up their fight against drug gangs, Reuters reported.

The new measure will be in force for 60 days in seven of Ecuador's 24 provinces.

The decree will allow authorities to enter homes and intercept communications in those provinces without prior authorization.

The president cited rising violence, and the number of violent deaths, in those regions, adding that the new decree will be submitted to the Constitutional Court for review.

Earlier this month, the court rendered the previous emergency declaration void, saying that it was not sufficiently justified.

The decision comes as Ecuadorian police and soldiers are attempting to combat rival narco-trafficking gangs that have plagued the country.

Located between top cocaine exporters Peru and Colombia, the country has seen a surge in violence in recent years as feuding gangs with links to Mexican and Colombian cartels vie for control, according to Agence France-Presse.

Gang wars have been frequent in Ecuadorian prisons, leaving hundreds of prisoners dead.

Noboa declared a state of emergency in January after a major drug kingpin escaped from a maximum security facility. He has said that the country is in a state of "internal armed conflict" and ordered the military to "neutralize" 22 criminal groups.

While government data has shown that violent deaths dropped 28% in the first months of 2024 compared with the same period in 2023, the rates of other crimes such as kidnappings and extortion have risen.



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Recognizing inhumanity

The United Nations General Assembly approved a resolution Thursday establishing an annual memorial day for the 1995 Srebrenica genocide in Bosnia, a historic vote that comes amid strong opposition and fears from Serbia and Bosnian Serbs that it will mark them as "genocidal people," Euronews reported.

The vote in the 193-member General Assembly was 84-19 with 68 nations abstaining – and 22 failing to appear for the vote – a reflection of concerns among many countries about the impact of the vote on reconciliation efforts in deeply divided Bosnia, the Associated Press wrote.

The resolution, which designates July 11 as the day of commemoration, was sponsored by Germany and Rwanda and aims at recognizing what many consider the worst massacre in Europe since World War II. The massacre occurred on July 11, 1995, during the Bosnian War, when Bosnian Serb forces overran a UN-protected safe area in Srebrenica and systematically executed more than 8,000 Bosniak men and boys.

The special court that tried crimes

perpetrated during the Yugoslavian conflict, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, labeled the Srebrenica massacre as genocide. The U.N.'s highest tribunal, the International Court of Justice, also determined in 2007 that the acts committed in Srebrenica constituted genocide.

The resolution also condemns any denial of the Srebrenica genocide and actions glorifying convicted war criminals. It received support from the U.S. and other Western nations.

However, the vote sparked political tension, particularly in Bosnia and Serbia, Politico noted. Serbian leaders have consistently denied that the massacre in Srebrenica was genocide.

On Wednesday, Milorad Dodik, the leader of Bosnia's Serb-majority entity Republika Srpska, reiterated his threat to secede from Bosnia and Herzegovina, a move that would further destabilize the region.

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic had launched a vigorous diplomatic campaign against the U.N. resolution, including press conferences, stakeholder meetings and billboards proclaiming that "Serbs are not genocidal people."

However, groups representing the victims' families said the U.N. vote signifies a measure of justice.

DISCOVERIES

Truth in teeth

Cavemen, it turns out, ate their veggies too, a new study shows.

Long thought to mainly subsist on a protein-based diet, researchers have found that the Palaeolithic hunter-gatherers who lived 15,000 years ago in what is now Morocco actually ate more vegetables than meat.

In fact, these Late Stone Age humans were almost vegetarians, according to the findings of anthropologist Zineb Moubtahij of Germany's Max Planck Institute and her team.

"This distinct dietary pattern challenges the prevailing notion of high reliance on animal proteins among pre-agricultural human groups," the researchers wrote.

For years, researchers believed that ancient humans who lived before the rise of agriculture in the Neolithic period mainly survived on meat.

But using new methods available now, Moubtahij and her team studied the remains of pre-agricultural human hunter-gatherers known as Iberomaurusians, who lived at Taforal Cave in northern Morocco at the end of the Pleistocene.

Even though most remains after thousands of years in the ground lack any soft tissue to study, the team examined 25 teeth and seven bone samples from 17 Iberomaurusian individuals found at the site, focusing on the isotopic ratios of zinc and strontium in tooth enamel, carbon and nitrogen in bone collagen, and amino acids from bones of both humans and animals recovered there.

From this isotopic analysis, they learned that the ancient humans – like the Neolithic farmers that came after them thousands of years later – got much of their protein from plant-based food.

The archaeological team also found other evidence at the site that backs up their findings, for example grinding stones that could have been used to process nuts.

EXPLAINER

What may happen in South Africa's election

Governing ANC party could lose its majority

Anait Miridzhanian
REUTERS

JOHANNESBURG – South Africans vote in national and provincial elections on Wednesday with opinion polls suggesting the governing African National Congress will lose its majority for the first time in the democratic era, while remaining the largest party.

Under South Africa's constitution, voters elect 400 members of the National Assembly, who then elect the president by a simple majority. In all previous elections since 1994, the ANC won and lawmakers elected the party's leader as president.

Here are scenarios that could unfold this time, depending on the electoral math.

ANC outperforms polls and wins

In recent months, several polls suggested ANC support was hovering around the 40% mark, which would represent a collapse from its performance in 2019, when it won 57.5% of the vote. However, a tracking poll suggests ANC support has risen in the weeks leading up to election day. Analysts say the party has an unmatched grassroots campaigning machine, with activists going door-to-door in communities across the country.

Over the past four electoral cycles, the ANC's share of the vote gradually dropped, but never by more than five percentage points from one election to the next.

If the ANC wins a majority, it is highly likely that President Cyril Ramaphosa, the party leader, would be reelected as head of state by the new National Assembly.

ANC loses majority and Ramaphosa gets ousted

If the ANC loses its majority by a wide margin and Ramaphosa is blamed, the party could seek to oust him as its leader



A man walks past election posters in Soweto, South Africa, on Friday as the country prepares to vote. PHOTOS BY SIPHIWE SIBEKO/REUTERS



The EFF said last month it would partner with the ANC if it got the powerful post of finance minister.

and nominate someone else for the National Assembly to elect as South African president.

It would have to move quickly as the constitution says the new National Assembly must convene within 14 days of

the election result being declared to elect a president. Most analysts say this is unlikely unless the ANC vote share is around 40% or less, a worst-case scenario for the party. A more probable scenario would be for Ramaphosa to hand over to a successor in an orderly transition part way through his term.

Whether Ramaphosa stays or goes, the overwhelmingly likely scenario is that he or the next ANC leader will be president after the election. There would have to be a colossal upset for another party to have a chance of winning the presidency.

Regardless of whether Ramaphosa or someone else is president, if the ANC loses its majority it will need support from one or more other parties to keep governing.

ANC narrowly loses majority and seeks small partners

If the ANC comes close enough to 50%, it will try to make a deal with small- or medium-sized parties to form a government. Analysts say the socially conservative Inkatha Freedom Party, which is strong in KwaZulu-Natal province and is polling at about 5% nationally, could be the ANC's first choice, though the IFP leader says it would rath-

er not prop up the ANC.

The two parties were in violent conflict during the final years of apartheid, but worked together in the government of national unity that was formed after the 1994 election. Other potential partners include the small Muslim party Al-Jama'ah and the Patriotic Alliance, which draws its support from the mixed-race community.

ANC loses majority by wider margin and seeks larger partner

Depending on the numbers, the party may have no choice but to seek support from one of its larger rivals: the free-market Democratic Alliance or the Marxist Economic Freedom Fighters.

The price of a deal with either of those would likely be significant policy concessions by the ANC, as well as the offer of some senior government positions for their partner.

Analysts say it is difficult to envisage a stable arrangement under this scenario, and South Africa could be facing a period of unprecedented government volatility. Investors and the business community would prefer a deal with the DA, which has said it would not rule one out. However, many analysts think the ideological divide between the ANC and the DA is so wide as to make a deal difficult or impossible.

Led by Julius Malema, a former leader of the ANC's youth wing, the EFF may be a more natural fit for the ANC, but relations are tense between Malema and some ANC factions.

The EFF said in April it would partner with the ANC if it got the powerful post of finance minister. The ANC, which has not disclosed its thinking on any non-majority scenario, would be unlikely to agree to this unless it were hugely weakened.

Steven Friedman, an academic affiliated with the University of Johannesburg and Rhodes University, said it was hard to imagine the ANC and the EFF governing together for five years.

He cited their inability last year to agree on a constitutional change on land reform even though their positions on the issue are closely aligned.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

Stocks rebound to close higher

But Dow index snaps five-week win streak

Chuck Mikolajczak
REUTERS

NEW YORK – U.S. stocks rebounded on Friday from sharp losses the day before on news of an improving consumer outlook on inflation, sending the Nasdaq to a fifth straight week of gains and record closing high.

The Commerce Department said new orders for key U.S.-manufactured capital goods rebounded more than expected in April while the University of Michigan reported that consumers' inflation expectations improved in late May after deteriorating early in the month.

"The data has come in a little better than people thought this morning. Durable goods was a pretty solid number. ... And then consumer sentiment, not great, but not bad, better than people expected," said Rob Haworth, senior investment strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management in Seattle.

"This is a bounce where people are like maybe things aren't as bad as we thought, maybe there's room for the Fed to cut rates and the economy's going to be OK, and we're not completely falling apart."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 4.33 points, or 0.01%, to 39,069.59. The S&P 500 gained 36.88 points, or 0.70%, at 5,304.72 and the Nasdaq Composite advanced 184.76 points, or 1.10%, to 16,920.79.

Despite Friday's gains, the Dow snapped its five-week rally a day after registering its largest daily percentage decline in over a year.

For the week, the Dow dropped 2.34%, the S&P edged up 0.03% and the Nasdaq gained 1.41%.

Trading volumes were subdued ahead of the Memorial Day market holiday on Monday.

U.S. stocks dropped on Thursday as economic data indicating rising price pressures tempered expectations for rate cuts this year from the Federal Reserve. This overshadowed Nvidia's blowout quarterly results that helped justify investor expectations for growth in artificial intelligence related stocks.

Communication services gained 1.29% as the best performer among the 11 major S&P sectors, while tech and utilities each gained around 1%.

Markets are pricing in a 49.4% chance for a rate cut at the Fed's September meeting, down from 54.8% a week ago, CME's FedWatch Tool showed. Goldman Sachs pushed back its call for a first easing to September from July.

Small-cap stocks, sensitive to interest rates, also rebounded, with the Russell 2000 rising 1.04% after tumbling 1.6% on Thursday.

Workday plunged 15.33% after the human resources software provider cut its annual subscription revenue forecast.

Ross Stores rallied 7.89% after posting first-quarter results above estimates and raising its annual profit forecast.

With earnings season largely wrapped up, 77.9% of the 480 companies in the S&P 500 that have reported earnings have topped analysts' expectations, LSEG data showed. That is just shy of the 79% beat rate over the past four quarters but above the 67% average since 1994.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 2.91-to-1 ratio on the NYSE and by a 1.85-to-1 ratio on the Nasdaq.

The S&P index recorded 28 new 52-week highs and six new lows, while the Nasdaq Composite recorded 68 new highs and 114 new lows.

Volume on U.S. exchanges was 10.36 billion shares, compared with the 12.22 billion average for the full session over the last 20 trading days.

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ANALYSIS

Rising debt burden in US spooks some bond investors

They see no end in sight for large fiscal deficits

Davide Barbuscia
REUTERS

NEW YORK – Investors are bracing for a flood of U.S. government debt issuance that over time could dwarf an expected rally in bonds, as they see no end in sight for large fiscal deficits ahead of this year's presidential election.

While bond markets so far this year have been driven mostly by bets on how deeply the Federal Reserve will be able to cut interest rates, fiscal concerns are expected to become more prominent as the Nov. 5 election nears. Analysts and investors say a reduction in deficit spending does not appear to be a policy priority for President Joe Biden and Republican challenger Donald Trump. Both candidates' teams dispute this notion.

Some investors have already started to allocate funds in ways that would avoid losses if Treasury yields, which move inversely to prices, start surging because of supply and demand imbalances. Others are concerned that uncertainty over just how much debt will be needed for deficit spending could end up destabilizing the \$27 trillion Treasury market, the bedrock of the global financial system.

"If we take a step back away from the Fed and away from the next six months where we could still get substantial rate cuts, supply numbers are not healthy," said Ella Hoxha, head of fixed income at Newton Investment Management, who favors short-term maturities in Treasuries.

Benchmark 10-year Treasury yields, now at around 4.4%, could go up to 8%-10% over the next several years, she said. "Longer term, it's not sustainable."

So-called bond vigilantes – investors who punish profligate governments by selling their bonds – made a comeback

last year, pushing 10-year Treasury yields to 5% for the first time in 16 years, but concerns over growing U.S. debt issuance subsided after the Treasury Department in November slowed down the pace of increases.

In its latest refunding announcement this month, the Treasury Department said it plans to keep auction sizes steady over the next several quarters. Still, larger auctions for long-dated debt are expected already next year, analysts have said.

Federal debt held by the public could grow by \$21 trillion to \$48 trillion by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Meanwhile, traditional sources of demand for U.S. government bonds are lagging. Foreign ownership is not keeping up with the growing size of the market and the Fed keeps shrinking its bond holdings.

"One of the things we've been talking a lot about internally is not just the supply but the demand," said David Rogal, managing director and a member of the multi-sector team in BlackRock's global fixed income group.

"An environment where you have a reduced buyer base and more supply definitely makes me think that over time you will see more term premium," he said, referring to a measure of the extra compensation investors demand for lending to the government over the long term.

Democrats as well as Republicans have vowed to reduce deficit spending and debt levels.

"After the prior administration increased the debt by a record \$8 trillion and didn't sign a single law to reduce the deficit, President Biden has signed \$1 trillion of deficit reduction into law and has a plan to lower the deficit by \$3 trillion more," said White House spokesperson Jeremy Edwards.

Anna Kelly, spokesperson for the Republican National Committee, said Trump's "pro-growth, anti-inflation economic policies will ... bring down interest rates, shrink deficits, and lower long-term debt levels."

'Problem for tomorrow'

A sudden drop in demand for U.S. government bonds is unlikely given the dollar's leading reserve currency status and the size and depth of the Treasuries market.

"The most predictable crisis in history ... is for the moment more a silent crisis," JPMorgan analysts said in a recent note. "A problem 'for tomorrow' but not right now," they wrote.

Still, some market participants have started to take stock.

Investor pressure on the Treasury Department to become more fiscally conservative would manifest itself with higher long-term yields relative to shorter-term ones, said Jonathan Duensing, head of U.S. fixed income at Amundi US.

"We're much more in the front end and intermediate part of the yield curve right now and prefer to stay away in general from the longer-duration part of the Treasury curve," he said.

In a sign of weakening demand, over the past year 10-year Treasury auctions have seen investors demand a concession to buy the paper more frequently than in recent years. Meanwhile, the U.S. Treasury 10-year term premium briefly moved back into positive territory last month.

"Ahead of the elections you probably don't want to be owning as much very long-dated U.S. Treasuries," said Brij Khurana, a fixed income portfolio manager at Wellington Management.

Others echoed those concerns. Craig Ellinger, head of Americas fixed income at UBS Asset Management, said short-term debt "seems like the safer place to be in case deficits do get out of control."

Kathryn Rooney Vera, chief market strategist at StoneX, is positioning for a steeper yield curve partly because she anticipates large issuance will pressure long-term Treasuries.

"The answer is reducing spending, and neither side wants to do that," she said.

Asarco plans to reopen its US copper smelter as prices surge

Julian Luk and Ernest Scheyder
REUTERS

Asarco, the mining company controlled by industrial conglomerate Grupo Mexico, is planning to restart its mothballed copper smelter in the United States as prices for the red metal hit record highs, two sources with direct knowledge of the company's plans told Reuters.

Asarco, first bought by Grupo Mexico in 1999, is in negotiations with unionized workers to restart the Hayden smelter in Arizona and nearby copper mines, as well as the Amarillo refinery in Texas, the sources said.

Reopening Hayden would boost supply of the key red metal across the country – which uses twice the amount of refined copper it produces because it only has two domestic smelters: Freeport McMoRan's Miami smelter in Arizona and Rio Tinto's Kennecott smelter in Utah.

The sources said recent copper price rallies motivated Asarco to restart Hayden given an acute need for copper smelting in the United States.

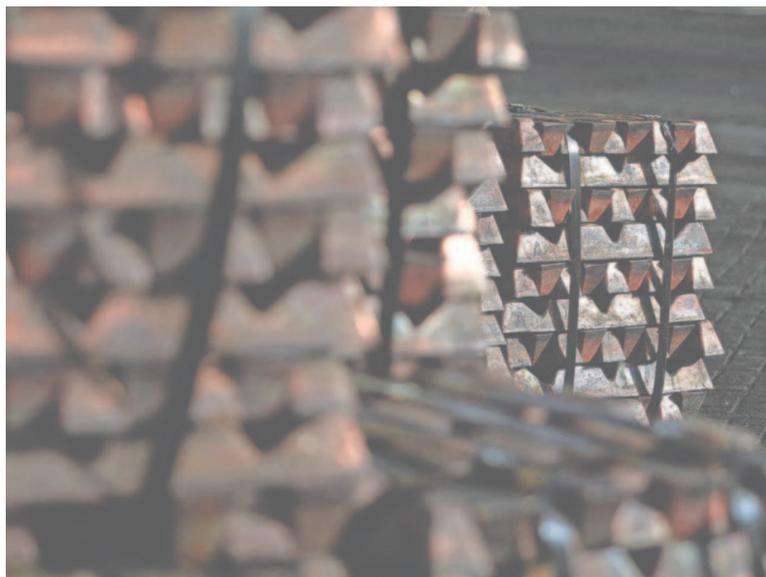
Mexico City-based Grupo Mexico declined to comment.

Copper demand is expected to grow steadily in coming years, fueled largely by the global clean energy transition and the rising use of artificial intelligence. Recent price jumps, though, appear to be driven in part by speculative activity.

The most traded front month copper contract on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, also known as Comex, has gained 24% since January, hitting a record \$5.1985 per pound this week.

The Comex rally, outpacing moves on the London Metal Exchange and Shanghai Futures Exchange, was driven by a speculative spree that forced those who had bet on prices falling to cover their positions.

Traders, including Trafigura and IXM, have been scrambling to ship metal to CME warehouses in the United States to cover short positions, but copper produced in China – which smelts half of the world's copper, is not CME-deliverable. Russian copper, which ac-



Sources said recent copper price rallies motivated Asarco to restart its mothballed copper smelter in Arizona. ELISEO FERNANDEZ/REUTERS FILE

counts for 60% of LME inventory, is also not eligible for U.S. delivery.

Mothballed

Asarco's smelter, located about 100 miles southwest of Phoenix, has not been fully operational for more than four years after a labor strike by its unionized workforce. It has widespread environmental damage and is considered a "Superfund" hazardous waste site by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

It was not immediately clear when Asarco plans to officially restart smelting operations, but the company is in negotiations now with a union representing mining and smelting workers, according to one source. Asarco is focused on finalizing a contract with miners first and then staff for the smelter, the source added.

The company last June filed for an extension of the smelter's air quality permit – which had been set to expire in December – with state and federal officials, a request that is under review.

Asarco recently hosted a delegation from Peru, the world's second-largest copper producing nation, at the facility, one source said.

Concentrates from Asarco's nearby Ray and Mission mines are sold now mainly to Chinese smelters.

When last operational, Hayden had an annual capacity of 300 million pounds and processed copper extracted from the Ray mine.

Asarco's "RAY" and "ATR" branded copper cathodes could be delivered on to Comex for contract settlement.

The plans also underscore tight global supply of copper concentrates, a form of crushed, flotated ore used by smelters to make copper.

Treatment charge, an indicator of copper concentrates availability, flipped to negative for the first time ever in April.

The United States produced 971,000 tons of refined copper last year, according to the International Copper Study Group, although it imported 850,000 tons and consumed over 1.76 million tons of refined copper.

Baldwin bid to dismiss charge denied

Actor now faces trial in July over on-set shooting

Andrew Hay
REUTERS

A New Mexico judge on Friday rejected Alec Baldwin's bid to dismiss an involuntary manslaughter charge for the 2021 shooting of cinematographer Halyana Hutchins, opening the way for an unprecedented trial of a Hollywood actor for an on-set death.

Baldwin's lawyers argued at a May 17 hearing that a grand jury indictment of the actor was "a sham" as prosecutors failed to tell jurors they could question defense witnesses and stopped them hearing evidence helpful to the actor's case.

Among her arguments in a court filing, district court Judge Mary Marlowe Sommer said she did not find prosecutorial bad faith in the grand jury, nor error in jury instructions and prosecutors adequately advised jurors regarding a letter from Baldwin's legal team listing defense jurors they could call.

"The court finds no error in the actions taken by the prosecutor vis-a-vis the reading of the evidence letter," Marlowe Sommer, appointed by former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson in 2010, said in the filing.

The actor now faces a July 10 trial. Hutchins was shot with a live round after Baldwin pointed a gun at her as she set up a camera shot on a movie set near Santa Fe, New Mexico. The "30 Rock" actor maintains he did not pull the trigger, an assertion that has become central to the case.

Much of the differences between prosecution and defense positions are factual disputes and that is the type of case juries are meant to decide, said business and entertainment trial litigator Tre Lovell.

He is among attorneys who expect Baldwin to escape conviction, arguing he was an actor and not responsible for firearms safety, a position supported by Hollywood's SAG-AFTRA performers union.

"The real secret is educating a jury



Actor Alec Baldwin's legal team must convince jurors there was a cascading failure in set firearms safety before the weapon was put in Baldwin's hand. DAVID DEE DELGADO/REUTERS FILE

about a film set," Lovell said.

At trial, Baldwin's legal team must convince Santa Fe jurors there was a cascading failure in set firearms safety before the weapon was put in Baldwin's hand.

Special prosecutor Kari Morrissey has argued in court filings that Baldwin broke firearm safety rules by pointing the gun at Hutchins, cocking it and pulling the trigger.

Sommer sentenced "Rust" armorer Hannah Gutierrez to 18 months prison in April after a Santa Fe jury found her guilty of involuntary manslaughter for loading the live round into the reproduction Colt Single Action Army revolver

Baldwin was using.

Morrissey accuses Baldwin of contributing to the collapse in firearm safety protocols by being an on-set bully. At Gutierrez's trial she showed video of him pointing his revolver at people, firing it when not supposed to, swearing at himself and others, and telling Gutierrez what to do.

"Rust" director Joel Souza and first assistant director Dave Halls have defended Baldwin's on-set behavior, characterizing it as related to the adrenaline of an "A-list" actor.

Testing of Baldwin's revolver by the FBI and an independent firearms specialist hired by the prosecution found it

would not fire without the trigger pulled.

The defense argues the hammer and trigger of the revolver were modified to make it easier to fire, allowing an accidental discharge.

Observer and attorney Rachel Fiset sees this as a risky strategy.

"What is unusual in Baldwin's case is that the alleged malfunction was directly in line with him appearing to 'intentionally' act as if he was going to shoot the gun," adding that if the jury does not believe the modification argument, it may be devastating to Baldwin's credibility.

Uvalde families sue Meta, Microsoft and gunmaker

They claim companies market weapons to teens

Joseph Ax
REUTERS

Families of the victims of the 2022 elementary school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, filed two lawsuits on Friday against Instagram's parent company Meta, Activision Blizzard and its parent Microsoft and the gunmaker Daniel Defense, claiming they cooperated to market dangerous weapons to impressionable teens such as the Uvalde shooter.

Together, the wrongful death complaints argue that Daniel Defense — a Georgia-based gun manufacturer — used Instagram and Activision's video game "Call of Duty" to market its assault-style rifles to teenage boys, while Meta and Microsoft facilitated the strategy with lax oversight and no regard for the consequences.

Meta, Microsoft and Daniel Defense did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

A spokesperson for the Entertainment Software Association, a lobbying group representing the video game industry, said many other countries have similar levels of video game playing but less gun violence than the United States.

"We are saddened and outraged by senseless acts of violence," the group said in a statement. "At the same time, we discourage baseless accusations linking these tragedies to video game-play, which detract from efforts to focus on the root issues in question and safeguard against future tragedies."

In one of the deadliest school shootings in history, 19 children and two teachers were killed on May 24, 2022, when an 18-year-old gunman armed with a Daniel Defense rifle entered Robb Elementary School and barricaded himself inside adjoining classrooms with dozens of students.

The complaints were filed on the two-year anniversary of the massacre by Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder, the same law firm that reached a \$73 million settlement with rifle manufacturer Remington in 2022 on behalf of families of

children killed in the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012.

The first lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, accuses Meta's Instagram of giving gun manufacturers "an unsupervised channel to speak directly to minors, in their homes, at school, even in the middle of the night," with only token oversight.

The complaint also alleges that Activision's popular warfare game "Call of Duty" "creates a vividly realistic and addicting theater of violence in which teenage boys learn to kill with frightening skill and ease," using real-life weapons as models for the game's firearms.

The Uvalde shooter played "Call of Duty" — which features, among other weapons, an assault-style rifle manufactured by Daniel Defense, according to the lawsuit — and visited Instagram obsessively, where Daniel Defense often advertised.

As a result, the complaint alleges, he became fixated on acquiring the same weapon and using it to commit the killings, even though he had never fired a gun in real life before.

The second lawsuit, filed in Uvalde County District Court, accuses Daniel Defense of deliberately aiming its ads at adolescent boys in an effort to secure lifelong customers.

"There is a direct line between the conduct of these companies and the Uvalde shooting," Josh Koskoff, one of the families' lawyers, said in a statement. "This three-headed monster knowingly exposed him to the weapon, conditioned him to see it as a tool to solve his problems and trained him to use it."

Daniel Defense is already facing other lawsuits filed by families of some victims. In a 2022 statement, CEO Marty Daniel called such litigation "frivolous" and "politically motivated."

Earlier this week, families of the victims announced a separate lawsuit against nearly 100 state police officers who participated in what the U.S. Justice Department has concluded was a botched emergency response. The families also reached a \$2 million settlement with the city of Uvalde.

Several other suits against various public agencies remain pending.

Trump hush money trial nears conclusion in NY

What to expect as case wraps up next week

Jack Queen
REUTERS

Closing arguments are expected on Tuesday in Donald Trump's criminal hush money trial in New York, wrapping up what is likely to be the only case against the former president to reach a jury before the November election.

Here is a look at what comes next.

What happens during closing arguments?

The defense will present their summations first, followed by prosecutors.

Prosecutors with the Manhattan District Attorney's Office will seek to convince a dozen New Yorkers that Trump falsified business records to cover up an alleged sexual encounter with adult film star Stormy Daniels — a liaison Trump denies.

Prosecutors must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Trump intentionally made or directed others to make false entries in business records, did so with intent to commit another underlying crime and sought to conceal the commission of that crime. They must also prove the 34 records in question were falsified.

Trump's lawyers face a lower burden and only need to sow sufficient doubt in jurors' minds to secure an acquittal, or sway at least one holdout among the 12 to deadlock the jury and trigger a mistrial.

What happens after closing arguments?

The judge overseeing the case, Juan Merchan, will give the jury lengthy instructions on how to interpret the law and evidence during their deliberations.

Jurors will be told that they can only convict Trump if they believe he is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

During deliberations, jurors will have access to all of the evidence and be able to ask questions of the judge, who will confer with prosecutors and



Former President Donald Trump speaks alongside his attorney Todd Blanche in New York City on Tuesday. If Trump is convicted, it would likely be several weeks or months until he is sentenced.

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defense lawyers before deciding how to answer.

What happens when jurors reach a verdict?

The verdict must be unanimous, and if the jury deadlocks, Merchan will declare a mistrial.

Once jurors inform the court they have reached a verdict, Merchan will summon the parties to the courtroom to hear it read by the foreperson. Merchan must still affirm the verdict and enter a final judgment. Either side can ask him to effectively overrule the jury.

What happens if Trump is convicted?

If Trump is convicted, it would likely be several weeks or months until he is sentenced. As a first-time offender of a nonviolent crime, he would likely be released on bond in the meantime.

It is rare for people with no criminal history who are convicted only of falsification of business records to be sentenced to prison in New York. Punishments like fines or probation are more common.

The maximum sentence for Trump's crime of falsifying business records is 16 months to four years in prison, but in cases involving prison time, defendants are typically sentenced to a year or less.

IN BRIEF

Defense Secretary Austin to undergo non-surgical procedure

WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin turned over his duties temporarily on Friday as he undergoes a non-surgical procedure related to his previously reported bladder issue, the Pentagon said.

Austin has determined he will be unable to perform his duties during the minimally invasive procedure and Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks will assume them, the Pentagon said in a statement.

The Pentagon said the bladder issue was not related to the secretary's prostate cancer diagnosis and "has had no effect on his excellent cancer prognosis." The White House and Congress have been notified, it said.

In February, Austin was hospitalized to address the bladder issue. The hospitalization came after he underwent surgery to treat prostate cancer in December. The secretary triggered a political uproar after failing to disclose his surgery to the White House as well as a subsequent hospitalization in January to deal with its complications.

Report: Blackstone's CEO Schwarzman to back Trump

Blackstone CEO Stephen Schwarzman will support Donald Trump as the former president seeks to return to the White House, Axios reported on Friday.

Schwarzman, one of the biggest political donors on Wall Street, plans to donate to Trump and various Republican Senate candidates, the report said, citing a statement from the investment management company's CEO.

Long viewed as a Trump ally, Schwarzman had announced in 2022 he would not back the former president, saying it was time for the Republican Party to turn to a new generation of leaders. He did not back any candidate in this year's nominating contests.

But concerns about economic, immigration and foreign policies under Democratic President Joe Biden, along with "the dramatic rise of antisemitism" in the country, drove his decision to endorse Trump, Schwarzman said in the statement.

Before Friday's report, Schwarzman had in March donated \$375,000 to Buckeye Values, a super PAC supporting Ohio Republican Senate candidate Bernie Moreno which subsequently staged Trump rallies, campaign finance records show.

Tens of thousands flee from Sudan's al-Fashir, activists say

CAIRO – Tens of thousands of people fled their homes in a camp in the Sudanese city of al-Fashir, activists said, after a raid by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces who are fighting to seize the last army stronghold in the western Darfur region.

RSF troops attacked and looted the vast Abu Shouk camp on Wednesday, killing an unknown number of people and wounding at least 13, locals said, more than a year into Sudan's war.

Around 60% of the more than 100,000 inhabitants fled on Thursday, according to the Coordinating Committee for Refugees and Displaced People, which oversees camps in the region. Fighting continued in other parts of al-Fashir on Friday, locals said.

The RSF and its allies swept through four other Darfur state capitals last year, and were blamed for a campaign of ethnically driven killings against non-Arab groups and other abuses in West Darfur – accusations they have dismissed.

There was no immediate comment from the RSF or the army on the latest clashes in al-Fashir, a historic center of power. Both have blamed each other for the violence.

Local media: More than 300 buried in Papua New Guinea landslide

SYDNEY – More than 300 people and over 1,100 houses were buried by a massive landslide that leveled a remote village in northern Papua New Guinea, local media reported on Saturday.

Hundreds are feared dead in the landslide that hit Kaokalam village in Enga Province, about 370 miles northwest of capital Port Moresby, around 3 a.m. on Friday.

The landslide in the Pacific nation north of Australia buried more than 300 people and 1,182 houses, the Papua New Guinea Post Courier said, citing comments from a member of the country's parliament, Aimos Akem. Akem did not immediately respond to Reuters' request for comment.

The Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported on Saturday that four bodies had been retrieved from the area after emergency teams reached the sparsely populated area, where the death toll is expected to rise.

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Zelenskyy says Ukraine has 'combat control' of border area

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President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Friday that Ukrainian forces had secured "combat control" of areas where Russian troops staged an incursion this month in northern parts of the Kharkiv region.

"Our soldiers have now managed to take combat control of the border area where the Russian occupiers entered," Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address.

Zelenskyy's comments, after holding a meeting of military and regional officials in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city, appeared to be at odds with comments by Russian officials.

Viktor Vodolatskiy, a member of Russia's State Duma lower house of parliament, was quoted by Tass news agency as saying Russian forces controlled more than half the territory of the town of Vovchansk, three miles inside the border.

Vodolatskiy was quoted as saying that once Vovchansk was secured, Russian forces would target three cities in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region – Sloviansk, Kramatorsk and Pokrovsk.

Reuters was unable to verify independently battlefield accounts from either side.

Russian forces pushed into border regions of Ukraine's Kharkiv region this month and Russia's Defense Ministry said they had secured control of about 12 settlements.

Zelenskyy and other Ukrainian officials had been reporting success in "stabilizing" the area.

The Ukrainian military's General Staff, in its evening report on Friday, said the situation in Vovchansk was



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy takes part in a meeting to address the operational situation in the Kharkiv region on Friday. UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

"tense but controlled by the defense forces."

"The Russian army today launched air terror against this town – eight guided bombs hit the town," it said. Attacks were launched on at least two other settlements north of Kharkiv.

The General Staff said Ukrainian forces had repelled 10 Russian attacks in the area, including around Vovchansk.

It also noted Russian forces had

achieved "partial success" in areas near Kupiansk, further east in the Kharkiv region, and the Pokrovsk sector where heavy fighting has been taking place further south in Donetsk region.

Ukrainian military bloggers said Ukrainian troops had been holding their ground around Vovchansk and Russian forces were using less infantry in the area and instead firing from a distance, with limited accuracy.

Groups fight California document demands in plastics investigation

Clark Mindock

REUTERS

Two chemical and plastics industry groups each filed a lawsuit against California Attorney General Rob Bonta on Friday, seeking to block his attempt to force them to hand over documents as part of an ongoing probe into the plastic waste crisis.

The American Chemistry Council and Plastics Industry Association filed their lawsuits in a Washington, D.C., federal court, claiming the demands from California's top lawyer have chilled their constitutional right to free speech, among other things.

The groups said they had already provided some documents on things like public newsletters and public remarks about "advanced recycling" technology, which uses a process called pyrolysis to turn hard-to-recycle plastic into fuel.

They have withheld internal documents they said contain confidential industry data and communications related to public policy and advocacy matters.

They said Bonta, a Democrat, has abused his authority by demanding the additional documents, and are seeking an order enjoining him from taking further investigative actions against them.

Bonta's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

American Chemistry Council attorney Allison Starmann said in a statement that Bonta "may disagree with ACC's political views, including our recommended policies for creating a more sustainable plastics future, but the U.S. and California constitutions



More than 90% of plastic waste globally ends up in landfills or is incinerated, according to a landmark study published in Science Advances.

GEORGE FREY/REUTERS FILE

protect free speech and political engagement and prohibit government officials from retaliating against the exercise of those rights."

Plastics Industry Association CEO Matt Seaholm said in a statement that the industry is investing billions of dollars in "innovative technologies" to increase recycling rates, and remains committed to working with policymakers to keep plastic out of the environment.

California launched its investigation into the oil and petrochemical industry's role in creating and exacerbating the global plastic waste crisis in April 2022. Bonta said last month his office would decide whether to sue Exxon,

a key focus of the investigation, by the summer.

California has taken similar legal actions on climate change, focusing on what the fossil fuel industry knew about that problem for decades and how it misled the public about its role.

More than 90% of plastic waste globally ends up in landfills or is incinerated, according to a landmark study published in Science Advances. The U.S. recycling rate has never gone higher than 9%, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

A Reuters investigation found that recycling projects worldwide had faced numerous delays and failures as companies touted their success.

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such as friends, family members or health care providers, could be subject to prosecution.

Women who are not pregnant but obtain the pills to have on hand as a precaution are likewise not exempt.

The drug reclassification was added as an amendment to a bill specifically outlawing "coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud," making it a crime for abortion-inducing medication to be administered to an unsuspecting pregnant woman without her consent.

Supporters said placing mifepristone and misoprostol under greater regulatory control is intended to curtail their distribution for illicit purposes, such as coerced medication abortions that the larger bill aims to prevent.

The measure's chief sponsor, Sen. Thomas Pressly, named the bill for his sister whose then-husband slipped abortion drugs he obtained from Mexico into her drinks, causing her serious health effects and causing the premature birth of her daughter, who survived. The husband, whom she divorced, was later convicted in a domestic violence case and sentenced to 180 days in jail.

Abortion rights groups decried the

bill as part of a larger Republican-driven effort to criminalize abortion since the Supreme Court's conservative majority in 2022 overturned the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that made access to abortion a constitutional right nationwide. That reversal left it up to individual states to regulate abortion largely as they saw fit.

The Supreme Court in March heard oral arguments in a case challenging FDA regulations that expanded access to mifepristone, such as allowing the drug to be prescribed by telemedicine and dispensed by mail. In their line of questioning, the justices appeared skeptical about siding with anti-abortion groups on the issue.

UCLA police make first arrest in mob attack

Response to recent encampment unrest was widely criticized

Steve Gorman and Andrew Hay
REUTERS

LOS ANGELES – Three weeks after a mob attacked pro-Palestinian activists encamped at the University of California, Los Angeles, police have made their first arrest in the violence, a man they say was seen in video footage beating victims with a wooden pole.

The suspect, identified as Edan On, 18, was taken into custody on Thursday in the city of Beverly Hills and booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, the UCLA Police Department said in a statement on Friday.

The man, who police said had no affiliation with UCLA, was reported by local media to be a Beverly Hills High School student.

His arrest was the first by police in their investigation of violence that flared on campus between activists occupying a tent camp to protest Israel's war in Gaza, and a group who attacked them late on the night of April 30.

The masked assailants, described by university officials and police as "instigators," stormed the protest site with clubs and poles, sparking a pitched skirmish in which both sides traded blows and doused each other with pepper spray. The encampment occupants said fireworks were also hurled at them.

The confrontation dragged on for at least three hours into the early morning of May 1 before order was restored. Po-



UCLA Chancellor Gene Block testifies during a House committee hearing on pro-Palestinian protests on college campuses in Washington on Thursday.
AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES/REUTERS

lice forcibly dismantled the encampment the next night, arresting 210 people. The two days of disturbances thrust UCLA to the center of mounting tensions on dozens of U.S. college campuses between pro-Palestinian and pro-Israel activists, with the two sides trading accusations of antisemitism and Islamophobia.

The police response to the UCLA unrest was widely criticized as slow and feeble when the pro-Palestinian encampment was attacked and denounced by some as comparatively heavy-handed when the tents were torn down 24 hours later.

Earlier this week, UCLA's police chief, John Thomas, was removed from his post pending an outside review of campus security and public safety protocols, university officials said.

No group took responsibility for the April 30 attack. But the UCLA chapter of the Jewish campus organization Hillel said in a statement that the mob was



Los Angeles police officers keep watch after they cleared a new encampment of pro-Palestinian protesters on the UCLA campus on Thursday.
MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

comprised of "fringe members of the off-campus Jewish community."

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block, testifying Thursday before a U.S. congressional hearing into the protests, said his school should have been prepared to immediately remove the protest encampment "if and when the safety of our community was put at risk."

The violence took place two days after a pro-Israel group, the Israeli American Council, held a rally next to the UCLA encampment, with the council's leader, Elan Carr, urging his supporters to "take back our campuses" from pro-Palestinian protesters. Scuffles broke out between the two sides.

"It really significantly escalated tensions on the campus and around the encampment," said Dov Waxman, professor of Israeli studies at UCLA, who tried to keep the opposing sides separate on April 28. In an interview, Carr denied trying to incite violence at UCLA but defended his denunciations of the pro-Palestinian protesters for what he said was their support of Hamas.

"These campus groups have made themselves aiders and abettors of some of the worst human rights violators in the world," said Carr, a former U.S. Army officer who was former President Donald Trump's special envoy to combat antisemitism.

Ruling

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taken in more than 1 million Palestinians displaced from their homes by the Israeli ground assault until an evacuation order by the military earlier this month sent hundreds of thousands to seek refuge in camps in central Gaza.

Outside Israel, there has been shock at the harrowing television images of the suffering in the ruins of Gaza, where aid agencies, struggling to get enough emergency supplies in, report a growing humanitarian crisis.

For Israelis, the devastating attack by Hamas-led gunmen that killed some 1,200 people in the deadliest day in Israel's history, remains a traumatic scar, made worse by the fate of around 250 hostages seized and taken into Gaza.

"The fact that they're even having this conversation is quite ludicrous, to be honest," said 39-year-old Adi Levanon, who works in start up investments in Tel Aviv.

"I think that we have women, young women, we have men, we have elderly individuals that have been take hostage. It makes no sense for country that's trying to defend and protect its people to not get them back home," he said.

'Continue fighting'

However the immediate practical impact on Israeli policy is likely to be limited, beyond reinforcing a defiant national mood already stoked by the International Criminal Court prosecutor's decision to seek arrest warrants against Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, who heads a hardline nationalist religious party that is key to the stability of Netanyahu's coalition, dismissed the ruling.

"Our future doesn't depend on what the Gentiles say but rather what the Jews do," he said on social media platform X, quoting David Ben Gurion, Israel's first prime minister.

The case before the ICJ was brought



Security forces pull away a protester in Jerusalem on Friday as they disperse a demonstration by Israeli activists against the war in Gaza. AHMAD GHARABLI/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

by South Africa on the basis that by killing Palestinians in Gaza, causing them serious mental and bodily harm and creating conditions of life "calculated to bring about their physical destruction," Israel is committing genocide against them. Israel calls the allegations outrageous, saying it does everything possible to protect civilians and accusing Hamas of deliberately using civilians as human shields, a charge denied by the Islamist group which has controlled Gaza since 2007.

Israeli forces have been massed at the city's edges for weeks ahead of a long announced operation to destroy the four remaining Hamas battalions the army says are based there.

War cabinet minister Benny Gantz said Israel had set out on a "just and necessary campaign" following the

Oct. 7 attack and said it would keep going, despite the ruling.

"The State of Israel is committed to continue fighting to return its hostages and promise the security of its citizens – wherever and whenever necessary – including in Rafah," he said.

Palestinians want action not words

Meanwhile, Salwa al-Masri, who was forced from her home by Israel's seven-month-long Gaza offensive, has little hope her plight will be alleviated by the U.N. court's ruling.

"The massacres are only increasing," she said, as she cooked a meal on an open fire outside a tent in Deir al-Balah. "They shouldn't say one thing, while the action is something different," said

Masri, who fled her home in northern Gaza earlier in the war.

Simultaneous Israeli assaults on the northern and southern edges of Gaza this month have caused a new exodus of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians fleeing their homes, and have cut off the main access routes for aid, raising the risk of famine.

"Israel doesn't care about the world, it acts as if it was above the law because the U.S. administration is shielding it against punishment," said Shaban Abdel-Raouf, a Palestinian displaced four times by the Israeli offensive.

Hamas said it welcomed the World Court ruling but said it was not enough "since the occupation aggression across the Gaza Strip and especially in northern Gaza is just as brutal and dangerous."

Taiwan

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Beijing to Taiwan's new leader.

"They've talked about it so many times, but there hasn't been any real action. If they wanted to take over Taiwan, they would have done it already."

While Taiwanese media has covered the drills, a lot of their focus has actually been on continuing protests against efforts by the opposition to push legislative reforms, and occasional fighting by lawmakers on the floor of the chamber.

"I feel no reason to be scared," said Taipei taxi driver Chuang Jun-sung. "If

China really attacks Taiwan, there's nothing Taiwan can do but deal with it. But we should still have the guts to fire our missiles back at them."

The drills are being conducted all around Taiwan, as well as areas close to the Taiwan-controlled islands of Kinmen, Matsu, Wuqiu and Dongyin next to the Chinese coast.

China has been infuriated by Lai's inauguration speech on Monday in which he said the two sides of the Taiwan Strait are "not subordinate to each other," which Beijing has viewed as implying China and Taiwan are two separate countries.

Kinmen resident Tim Chang, 52, said that Beijing has been threatening war

for decades.

"If war is bound to happen, if they planned to attack, they would have struck 20, 30 years ago," he said.

Taiwan's benchmark index is at a historic high, scarcely impacted by China's drills. The market closed down 0.2% on Friday; on Thursday, the day the drills began, it closed up 0.3%.

The stock of Taiwan's TSMC, the world's largest contract chip maker and a major Nvidia supplier, is also at a historic peak.

"The drills will have a short-term psychological impact, but won't reverse the long-term upward trend of Taiwan stocks," said Alex Huang, vice president of Mega International Investment Ser-

vices.

Vasu Menon, managing director of investment strategy at OCBC in Singapore, said that investors were not expecting any dramatic escalation in tensions.

"China's military has over the past few years carried out regular activities near Taiwan, making investors less sensitive to such drills," he added.

Still, Kaohsiung resident Angeline Liao said that she was personally "very worried" about the drills.

"If, hypothetically, there were some military (war) activities today, I think I would be the first one to wave the white flag," said the 36-year-old insurance agent.

SPORTS **EXTRA**

NBA PLAYOFFS MAVERICKS 109, TIMBERWOLVES 108



Dallas Mavericks guard Luka Dončić (77) shoots against Minnesota Timberwolves center Rudy Gobert in the fourth quarter of Game 2 of the Western Conference finals on Friday in Minneapolis. JESSE JOHNSON/USA TODAY SPORTS

DONCIC DELIVERS

Mavs star hits game-winning 3 in final seconds to put Dallas up 2-0 in series

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

The Dallas Mavericks needed a big shot as they trailed in the final seconds Friday night.

Luka Dončić was on the floor. Therefore, nobody on the Mavericks had a question about which player would get the opportunity to shoot or find the

open man.

"The play was to get Luka the ball, and let Luka do what Luka does in those moments," Mavericks coach Jason Kidd said. "He has trust with his teammates. If they were to come and hit him, he knew who he was going to find to knock down a shot."

"We talked about taking a two – we

were only down two – but when he got to dancing with (Rudy) Gobert, you could see that the step-back was coming. And the rest was history."

Dončić knocked down the go-ahead 3-pointer with 3.1 seconds left and the Dallas Mavericks held on for a 109-108

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GOLF PGA TOUR

Riley moves to 10 under for Charles Schwab lead

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

After getting past an ill-timed interruption at the end of his round, Davis Riley polished off a bogey-free, 6-under 64 on Friday to claim the second-round lead of the Charles Schwab Challenge in Fort Worth, Texas.

Riley enters the weekend at 10-under 130, two shots clear of the field. Pierceson Coody and Hayden Buckley each shot 65 to take second place at 8 under.

After racking up five of his six birdies in a six-hole stretch midway through his round, Riley faced 3 feet left for par at his final hole, the par-4 ninth – when play was suspended due to a dangerous weather situation at Colonial Country Club.

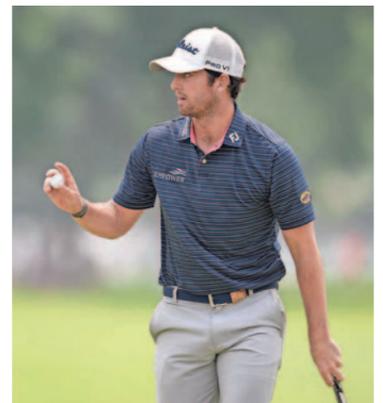
The delay officially lasted an hour and nine minutes. Riley made good use of the time before returning to the green to hit his par putt.

"I was starving, so I got some food, which was nice," Riley said. "Luckily, it was a 3-footer straight up the hill. So wasn't too much to stress about. I knocked in about five 3-footers before walking over there to cap off the round. Yeah, hit it center cut and made it. It was nice to finish the day and made for a good pretty stress-free 6-under."

Riley birdied the 15th and 16th holes before running in three more at Nos. 18, 1 and 2. He capped his scoring for the day by sticking his approach at the par-4 sixth hole 10 feet away, then draining the right-to-left putt.

Riley's only win on the PGA Tour came last year at the Zurich Classic,

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Davis Riley acknowledges fans after a putt on the 18th green during the Charles Schwab Challenge on Friday. SAM HODDE/GETTY IMAGES

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS RANGERS 2, PANTHERS 1 (OT)

Rangers tie series on Goodrow goal in OT

Larry Fleisher
Field Level Media

NEW YORK – Barclay Goodrow won a defensive zone faceoff, then batted a puck out of mid-air with his stick in the neutral zone before crossing into the offensive zone.

Goodrow waited for a clean pass from Vincent Trocheck and a few seconds later, he was celebrating with his teammates near the New York Rangers bench.

Goodrow scored 14:01 into overtime and the Rangers beat the Florida Panthers 2-1 Friday night to even the Eastern Conference final at one game apiece.

Game 3 is Sunday afternoon in Sunrise, Fla. The Rangers ensured themselves of a return trip to New York for Game 5 next week thanks to Goodrow's savvy play and game-winner.

Shortly after Igor Shesterkin stopped Sam Reinhart, Goodrow beat Kevin Stenlund on a faceoff, and defenseman Jacob Trouba moved the puck out of the left corner. As the puck bounced near the neutral zone, Goodrow used his stick to maintain possession, gave it to Trocheck and cut to the right circle.

Trocheck then made a cross-ice pass as rookie Will Cuyllé cut to the net. Goodrow ripped a shot that sailed over Sergei Bobrovsky's stick as the Florida goalie slightly came out of the crease.

"I don't really remember exactly how it went in but I just remember Troch made a great pass to me and Cools (Cuyllé) was driving to the net and opening up the lane," Goodrow said. "So it was a great play by those two."

"When you get a player that a coach

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The Rangers' Barclay Goodrow (21) and Alexis Lafreniere celebrate Goodrow's overtime goal vs. the Florida Panthers on Friday in New York. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

BASKETBALL

WNBA FEVER 78, SPARKS 73

Clark hits late 3-pointers in 1st WNBA win

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Caitlin Clark rallied after missing her first seven 3-point attempts on Friday to connect on a pair of critical, deep triples late in the fourth quarter and the Indiana Fever scored their first win of the season with a 78-73 defeat of the host Los Angeles Sparks.

With Indiana (1-5) holding a two-point lead after five quick points from Los Angeles' Cameron Brink and Lexie Brown, Clark fired from well beyond the 3-point arc with 40 seconds remaining. The long shot effectively put away the win for the Fever after they rallied from an 11-point halftime hole.

Indiana chipped away at the double-digit deficit, ultimately pulling ahead with a 10-2 run in the fourth quarter. Kelsey Mitchell, who scored 13 of her team-high 18 points in the fourth quarter, capped the pivotal stretch with a pair of 3-pointers.

After the Fever's burst, the Sparks (1-3) cut the eventual 69-62 deficit to three when Brink and Rickea Jackson scored four quick points. Brink finished with 15 points and nine rebounds, while Jackson scored 16 points in less than 21 minutes off the bench.

Clark answered the Sparks' mini-rally with the first of her crucial 3-pointers, a 33-footer that gave Indiana an important cushion for the final two minutes.

Clark finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds, flirting with a triple-double as she dished eight assists. She also came away with a game-high four steals.



Indiana Fever guard Caitlin Clark smiles after a 3-point basket against the Sparks on Friday in Los Angeles. JAYNE KAMIN/ONCEA-USA TODAY SPORTS

CELTICS VS. PACERS BOSTON LEADS SERIES 2-0

Pacers, possibly without star, bank on home court in Game 3

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

The Indiana Pacers have an unblemished 6-0 home record during the NBA playoffs, but another obstacle has emerged.

Not only do the Pacers trail the Boston Celtics 2-0 in the Eastern Conference finals, but Indiana may not have the services of star point guard Tyrese Haliburton for Saturday's pivotal Game 3 in Indianapolis.

Haliburton injured his left hamstring during the second quarter of Thursday's 126-110 loss in Game 2 and exited for good late in the third quarter. The team listed him as questionable for Saturday's contest.

The Pacers hope to have the All-NBA third-team selection but they also are being realistic. Haliburton suffered a similar injury earlier this season — Jan. 8, also against Boston — and missed 10 of the next 11 games. Indiana went 6-4 without him.

The stakes are certainly higher now with the Pacers hoping to avoid a 3-0 deficit.

"That's a time for this group for everyone to step up and take a bigger role," Indiana guard T.J. McConnell said of the possibility of his squad being without Haliburton.

"We've done a good job of that when he's been out. It hurts when he goes down, but one of those things where it's the 'next man up' mentality. Obviously, we'll see."

Haliburton had 25 points and 10 assists when the Pacers put up a huge fight in Game 1 before falling 133-128 in overtime. He had 10 points and eight assists in Game 2 when Boston's Jaylen Brown stole the show by matching his personal playoff career best of 40 points.

Despite the 2-0 hole and the possibility that their top player could be done for the series, the Pacers point to their home-court advantage as the reason they can still win the seven-game set.

Indiana has won 11 straight at home dating to a regular-season loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers on March 18.

"I think we have the guys to understand how hard it is to win, and we know that we can bounce back," Pacers forward Pascal Siakam said. "We've done it all year, and it's time to dig deep and just go out there and compete at the highest level in front of our fans."



Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton reacts during Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals vs. the Celtics on Thursday in Boston. DAVID BUTLER II/USA TODAY

Brown was certainly competing at a high level when he made four 3-pointers and was 14 of 27 from the field in Game 2.

His big outing came one night after he was snubbed when the All-NBA team was announced. Brown had been a second-team pick in 2022-23 but didn't land one of the 15 spots this season.

"I think he cares about it in a way that motivates him, and I think he doesn't really care about it at all," Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said. "He understands that winning is the most important thing. He just cares about the right stuff."

Brown denied that missing out on the honor served as motivation in Game 2.

"I mean, we're two games from the Finals," Brown said. "So honestly, I don't got the time to give a (expletive)."

Though Jayson Tatum and Derrick White added 23 points apiece, Thurs-

day night was Brown's show.

"I mean, he has it going," Boston guard Jrue Holiday said. "Y'all see what I see. Great player, great leader, but wants to win. And takes things into his own hands."

"So I'm glad to have him on my side. I ride with him. The way JB's been playing, man, it's outstanding."

Brown averaged 33 points in the two games in Boston but the task figures to get tougher during a huge sports weekend in Indianapolis.

The Celtics and Pacers play Game 4 on Monday and the famous Indianapolis 500 will be held Sunday on the day between games.

"I know that our building will be as loud and live as it's ever been," Indianapolis coach Rick Carlisle said. "It's race weekend and everything else going on. We've got to take advantage of that."

Boston big man Kristaps Porzingis (calf) will miss his ninth straight game.

Mavericks

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win over the Minnesota Timberwolves in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals on in Minneapolis.

Doncic registered a triple-double with 32 points, 10 rebounds and 13 assists. Kyrie Irving finished with 20 points and Daniel Gafford scored 16 on 8-for-10 shooting.

The Mavericks seized a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series as they head to Dallas for the next two games.

Naz Reid led the Timberwolves with 23 points off the bench. He shot 8-for-13 from the field and 7-for-9 from beyond the arc to give Minnesota an opportunity to win, but he missed his final attempt from 3-point range as the buzzer sounded.

Anthony Edwards scored 21 points, grabbed five rebounds and dished seven assists for Minnesota. Mike Conley contributed 18 points.

The Timberwolves led 108-103 with 1:29 to go before Dallas made its final run.

Irving drained a 3-pointer at the 1:05 mark. Jaden McDaniels and Edwards lost turnovers on Minnesota's next two possessions before Doncic's winning shot.

Edwards pointed the finger at himself after shooting 5 of 17 from the field.

"They're just showing me crowds, man, sitting in the gaps," Edwards said of the Dallas defense. "But I'm turning down a lot of shots, like my mid-rangers and stuff, I'm turning a lot of those down. But we're getting open looks, so I'm not tripping."

Gafford provided energy for the Mavericks throughout the game. In one sequence, he blocked a 3-pointer on defense and sprinted the length of the court to finish with a layup to give the Mavericks a 96-94 edge with 5:55 remaining.



Dallas Mavericks guard Kyrie Irving (11) controls the ball against Minnesota Timberwolves guard Mike Conley (10) in the first quarter of Game 2 of the Western Conference finals on Friday in Minneapolis. JESSE JOHNSON/USA TODAY SPORTS

maining.

The Mavericks trailed 86-79 entering the fourth quarter.

The Timberwolves enjoyed a 68-52 lead after Conley made a pair of free throws with 9:07 to go in the third quarter.

Dallas responded with a 13-3 run to cut its deficit to 71-65 with 5:40 remaining in the third. Doncic capped the run with a floating jump shot from 10 feet.

Minnesota led 60-48 at the half.

Edwards scored 10 points in the first quarter to lift the Timberwolves to a 32-26 edge.

He made a 2-point basket, a 3-pointer and 5 of 6 free-throw attempts.

Minnesota maintained the pressure in the second quarter.

Conley put the Timberwolves on top by 14 points with a floating jump shot with 1:32 left in the half, but Josh Green responded with a basket with 1:10 to go before the break.

Dallas 109, Minnesota 108

DALLAS (109)
Gafford 8-10 4-6 16, Lively II 6-6 2-2 14, Green 2-4 0-0 5, Hardy 3-7 0-0 8, Hardaway Jr. 0-1 0-2 0, Exum 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-84 15-22 109.

MINNESOTA (108)
Gobert 6-10 4-6 16, Reid 8-13 0-0 23, Anderson 2-5 3-4 7, Alexander-Walker 2-4 2-2 6, Morris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-85 26-32 108.

DAL 26 22 31 30 - 109
MIN 32 28 26 22 - 108
3-Point Goals: Dallas 12-31 (Doncic 5-11, Irving 4-7, Hardy 2-3, Green 1-1, Exum 0-1, Hardaway Jr. 0-1, Jones Jr. 0-3, Washington 0-4), Minnesota 12-31 (Reid 7-9, Conley 2-5, Edwards 2-7, Towns 1-5, Alexander-Walker 0-2, McDaniels 0-3). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Dallas 44 (Doncic, Lively II 9), Minnesota 40 (Gobert 10). Assists: Dallas 24 (Doncic 13), Minnesota 26 (Edwards 7). Total Fouls: Dallas 18, Minnesota 18. A: 0 (19,356)

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

OILERS VS. STARS EDMONTON LEADS SERIES 1-0

Stars again in hole after a Game 1 defeat

REUTERS

A feeling of déjà vu may be a huge saving grace for the Dallas Stars as they prepare to host Game 2 of the Western Conference final Saturday.

Coming off the 3-2 double-overtime loss to the Edmonton Oilers in the opener Thursday, the Stars have been in this exact position often in the past — likely too often — and still managed to come out on top.

Dallas lost the first two games at home to the Vegas Golden Knights in the first round before winning that series in seven games, and then dropped the opener, also at home, against the Colorado Avalanche last round before taking that best-of-seven clash in six games.

The Stars have lost seven consecutive series-opening matchups, but won four of their previous six series.

“There’s good character in this room and the understanding that it’s not over,” forward Joe Pavelski said after Friday’s optional practice. “We’ve got to go do a job.”

As disappointing as the loss is, the Stars do have reason for optimism, and not just because top-line center Roope Hintz may return from missing the past three games due to injury.

Dallas erased a two-goal deficit in Thursday’s clash and came within a whisker of winning early in the first overtime when Jason Robertson rang a shot off the post.

Stars coach Pete DeBoer said not playing for nearly a week impacted his squad’s execution in the early going and during its five fruitless power plays.

“We can adjust. I expect us to adjust,” DeBoer said. “When our mindset gets to the right place, that will fix our power play.”

That said, the Oilers have made their penalty killing a position of strength in the playoffs, no small feat for a club that has long been known for its offensive prowess.

Edmonton has snuffed 19 consecutive short-handed situations and killed 37 of 40 penalties this spring, an impressive 92.5 percent rate.

“The guys who are part of the penalty kill all the time, a big part of their identity has been established,” Oilers defenseman Brett Kulak said. “they’re very proud to go out on the ice and get the job done.”

That penalty killing success is just another reason the Oilers believe they are just as worthy of being Cup champs. While it can be pointed out Edmonton won the opener thanks to goals by



Dallas Stars center Roope Hintz, who has missed the past three games, could return for Saturday’s Game 2 of the Western Conference final. ISAAH J. DOWNING/USA TODAY SPORTS

the team’s offensive dynamos, Leon Draisaitl, Zach Hyman and Connor McDavid, this team has become very good at preventing opposition tallies.

The Oilers have surrendered 10 goals in their past five games.

“The three years I’ve been here, we’ve progressed and gotten better and better each year,” Hyman said. “Every year, you learn what it takes and what you’re not doing as well, right?”

“Offensively, we’ve always been pretty good, but I think defensively, as a group, everybody’s taken that next step.”

The Oilers may also have a key veteran forward back in the lineup, Adam Henrique, who was injured in the final game of the opening-round series against the Los Angeles Kings.

Henrique played sparingly in Game 2 against the Vancouver Canucks last round, but coach Kris Knoblauch said Henrique could force him to make a change even after a victory.

“He hasn’t played for a while, but a player like Adam would be a huge boost to our team,” Knoblauch said. “It’s something we have to decide.”



The Edmonton Oilers’ Connor McDavid skates against the Stars during overtime on Thursday in Dallas. COOPER NEILL/GETTY IMAGES

Rangers

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can rely on that person, that’s a pretty useful tool in the toolbox,” New York coach Peter Laviolette said of Goodrow, who won 10 of 13 faceoffs.

It was Goodrow’s fourth goal this postseason after the checking forward scored four times in 80 regular-season games.

“Everybody knows what he brings to the team,” Trocheck said. “Every night he’s going to bring the same game. We use him in all different situations. He’s a guy that you can count on defensively. You know he’s going to bring his best effort every night, plays physical and he’s been outstanding for us on both ends of the ice.”

“It was a really nice shot,” Laviolette said.

Trocheck scored New York’s first goal of the series early in the first period. Carter Verhaeghe scored the tying goal on a power play late in the first after a penalty by Goodrow.

“I think that’s what happens when you get the two best teams in the conference,” Verhaeghe said. “It’s going to be a battle and they’re playing hard defense, we’re playing hard defense. It’s tough to get chances. It was a tight game.”

Shesterkin stopped 26 shots, including five by Ryan Lomberg and three by Reinhart.

Bobrovsky made 28 saves and was nearly beaten by Filip Chytil with nine minutes left in overtime. Chytil appeared to have a slightly open net but defenseman Oliver Ekman-Larsson made a timely block.

“It was a pass in the middle,” Bobrovsky said. “I don’t like to talk about the goals. He just shoots and scores.”

The Rangers started with significantly increased physicality and it eventually led to a 1-0 lead at 4:12 of the open-



Rangers goaltender Igor Shesterkin makes a save against Florida Panthers center Sam Reinhart during Game 2 of the Eastern Conference final on Friday in New York. VINCENT CARCHIETTA/USA TODAY SPORTS

ing period.

“I thought we were sharper with everything we were doing,” Laviolette said.

Trocheck’s pass from the left boards was briefly intercepted by Verhaeghe in the slot. Verhaeghe lost the puck on a hard check by Alexis Lafreniere. Adam Fox gained possession at the right side of the crease and dished the puck to Trocheck at the left side for the tap-in into the vacated side of the net.

Florida saw its level of play improve toward the latter half of the period.

Nearly a minute into Goodrow’s interference penalty, Verhaeghe cashed in.

The Panthers kept the puck alive and Verhaeghe’s shot from between the circles went past a screened Shesterkin and into the slightly vacated right side of the net.

Shesterkin kept the score tied during a span of 5:29 without a whistle by making a stick save on a partial breakaway by Brandon Montour with about 8 1/2 minutes left in the second period. Florida nearly went ahead with 2:48 left but Aleksander Barkov hit the post.

N.Y. Rangers 2, Florida 1 (OT)

Florida	1	0	0	0	1
N.Y. Rangers	1	0	0	1	2
First Period —1, N.Y. Rangers, Trocheck 7 (Fox, Panarin), 4:12. 1, Florida, Verhaeghe 8 (Bennett, Lundell), 18:09.					
Penalties —Verhaeghe, FLA (Roughing), 4:12. Tkachuk, FLA (Roughing), 4:12. Lafreniere, N.Y.R. (Roughing), 4:12. Kulikov, FLA (Interference), 9:56. Goodrow, N.Y.R. (Interference), 17:10.					
Second Period —None. Penalties—Stenlund, FLA (Interference), 12:15. Chytil, N.Y.R. (Slashing), 12:15. Ekblad, FLA (High-sticking), 12:50. Fox, N.Y.R. (Holding), 19:15.					
Third Period —None. Penalties—Verhaeghe, FLA (High-sticking), 0:29.					
Overtime —1, N.Y. Rangers, Goodrow 4 (Trocheck, Trouba), 14:01. Penalties—None.					
Shots on Goal —Florida 7-9-5-6-27. N.Y. Rangers 8-9-8-6-31.					
Power-play opportunities —Florida 1 of 2; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 4.					
Goalies —Florida, Bobrovsky 9-4-0 (31 shots-29 saves). N.Y. Rangers, Shesterkin 9-3-0 (27-26).					
A—18,006 (18,200).					

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FRIDAY'S ROUNDUP

Bailey's grand slam rallies Giants past Mets

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Patrick Bailey hit the go-ahead grand slam in the eighth inning Friday night for the visiting San Francisco Giants, who mounted another multi-run late-inning comeback to stun the New York Mets 8-7 in the opener of a three-game series.

J.D. Martinez, Mark Vientos and Pete Alonso hit solo homers to help stake the Mets to a 6-2 lead before the Giants stormed back against Reed Garrett (5-2). Mike Yastrzemski and Marco Luciano opened the inning with singles before Luis Matos popped out and Luciano was forced at second on a grounder by LaMonte Wade Jr.

Thairo Estrada doubled on the next pitch and Matt Chapman worked a seven-pitch walk before Bailey homered on a 2-0 pitch.

Yastrzemski hit what proved to be a key insurance homer in the ninth before the Mets nearly rallied against Camilo Doval in the bottom half.

DJ Stewart led off with a double and moved to third on a groundout by Brett Baty before scoring on Francisco Lindor's single. Alonso followed by hitting a potential double-play ball to shortstop, but the ball glanced off the glove of Luciano for an error.

Reds 9, Dodgers 6

Jonathan India hit a go-ahead grand slam in the fifth inning and Cincinnati earned a victory over visiting Los Angeles, its second series-opening win over the Dodgers in eight days.

Spencer Steer hit a three-run home run and Stuart Fairchild added a homer for the Reds, who won a May 16 game at Los Angeles and then lost five of six. Fairchild also made two spectacular catches up against the wall, robbing Will Smith and Mookie Betts of extra bases.

Cincinnati starter Graham Ashcraft (4-3) gave up five runs on eight hits over 5½ innings.

Smith and Teoscar Hernandez hit home runs for the Dodgers and Betts had three hits, including an RBI double. Chris Taylor added a two-run double as the Dodgers lost three consecutive games for the first time since mid-April.

Dodgers starter James Paxton had his worst outing of the season, giving up five runs on five hits with four walks in 4½ innings.

Marlins 3, Diamondbacks 0

Left-hander Braxton Garrett tossed a four-hit shutout as Miami defeated Arizona in the opener of a three-game series in Phoenix.

Garrett (1-0), making just his third start after beginning the season on the 15-day injured list with a left shoulder injury, struck out six and didn't walk a batter. He retired the final 14 batters and needed just 95 pitches, 71 of which were strikes, to register the first complete game of his career while lowering his ERA from 10.24 to 5.30.

It was the fifth shutout win in the past nine games for Miami, which improved to 8-3 over its past 11 contests. Jake Burger homered and scored twice, and Otto Lopez went 2-for-3 with two RBIs to lead the Marlins.

Blaze Alexander had two hits for Arizona, which had a two-game win streak snapped. Zac Gallen (5-4) picked up his second straight loss, allowing three runs on eight hits and a walk over seven innings. He struck out five.

Miami parlayed four singles into a 2-0 lead in the second. Jesus Sanchez led off the inning with an infield single and went to second when Burger lined a single to left. One out later, Tim Anderson singled to left to load the bases. Lopez then bounced a single over the mound into center field to drive in Sanchez and Burger.

Nationals 6, Mariners 1

MacKenzie Gore pitched seven strong innings as Washington defeated visiting Seattle in the opener of a three-game interleague series.

Luis Garcia Jr., Keibert Ruiz and Eddie Rosario each homered to account for all of the runs for the Nationals, who snapped a two-game skid and won for just the second time in their past nine games.

J.P. Crawford homered for the American League West-leading Mariners, who lost their third in a row and dropped to 3-5 on their 10-game trip to Baltimore, New York and Washington. Seattle, which was blanked by the host Yankees 5-0 on Thursday, managed just



The San Francisco Giants' Patrick Bailey follows through on a grand slam during the eighth inning of Friday's game against the Mets at Citi Field in New York. BRAD PENNER/USA TODAY SPORTS

five hits, two by Crawford, and struck out 10 times against Washington.

The only run Gore (3-4) allowed came on Crawford's leadoff homer in the first inning. The left-hander gave up four hits, walked one and struck out eight.

Nationals reliever Hunter Harvey pitched a 1-2-3 eighth and Dylan Floro allowed an infield single and struck out two in a scoreless ninth.

Tigers 6, Blue Jays 2

Colt Keith hit his first career home run and drove in two runs, Kerry Carpenter smacked a two-run homer and host Detroit ended a five-game losing streak by defeating Toronto.

Kenta Maeda (2-1), activated off the 15-day injured list earlier in the day, pitched five scoreless innings to collect the win. Beau Brieske tossed 2½ scoreless innings and Jason Foley got the last out for his 11th save in the second game of a four-game series.

Toronto starter Alek Manoah (1-2) gave up six runs (four earned) and five hits in 4½ innings with four strikeouts and two walks.

Vladimir Guerrero had a two-out double in the top of the first and tried to score on Bo Bichette's bloop single. But Carpenter threw Guerrero out at the plate from right field.

Toronto didn't have another hit until Bichette's two-out single in the fourth.

Pirates 11, Braves 5

Nick Gonzales went 2-for-3 with a career-high four RBIs and Edward Olivares went 3-for-5 with two RBIs to help Pittsburgh to a win against visiting Atlanta.

Pirates starting pitcher Bailey Falter (3-2) allowed three runs on six hits and struck out four in 7½ innings.

Braves starter Ray Kerr (1-1) allowed five runs on seven hits while fanning six in four innings.

Pittsburgh opened up an 11-0 lead on Atlanta before Ronald Acuna Jr. hit a three-run home run and Travis d'Arnaud added a two-run double in the eighth to save face.

Andrew McCutchen led off the first with a fly-ball single to left field and Connor Joe hit a one-out double. After Olivares struck out, Gonzales delivered a two-out single, driving in both runners for a 2-0 lead.

Twins 3, Rangers 2

Alex Kirilloff went 1-for-3 with a go-ahead home run, and Minnesota held on for a win over Texas in Minneapolis.

Christian Vazquez and Edouard Julien drove in one run apiece for Minnesota, which won its third game in a row. Jose Miranda, Carlos Correa and Vazquez finished with two hits apiece.

Corey Seager hit a two-run homer to lead the Rangers. Marcus Semien, Josh Smith and Leody Taveras tallied the only other hits for Texas, which dropped its fifth game in a row and has lost 11 of its past 13 contests.

Twins right-hander Bailey Ober (5-2) allowed two runs on four hits in five innings. He walked three and struck out five, throwing 57 of 99 pitches for strikes.

Rangers right-hander Jose Urena (1-4) gave up three runs on nine hits in five innings. He walked one and struck out six.

Royals 8, Rays 1

Michael Massey belted a three-run homer and Seth Lugo tossed seven strong innings to fuel Kansas City to a victory over Tampa Bay in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Kansas City's Bobby Witt Jr. launched a solo shot to lead off the seventh inning for his third homer in his past three games.

Freddy Fermin had an RBI double and Garrett Hampson added an RBI single for the Royals, who matched a season high with their seventh straight win. Kansas City has scored eight or more runs in each of its past five games.

Tampa Bay, in turn, saw its season-high skid extend to five games.

Massey scored on a fielder's choice to give Kansas City a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning before he provided some breathing room in the fifth. Massey deposited a first-pitch sweeper from Tyler Alexander (2-3) over the wall in right-center for his sixth homer of the season and second in his past three games.

Brewers 7, Red Sox 2

William Contreras hit a two-run home run and Willy Adames added a two-run double as visiting Milwaukee won the opener of a three-game series against Boston.

Christian Yelich had three hits for Milwaukee, which improved its road record to 17-12. The Brewers received two hits from Contreras, Adames and Blake Perkins.

Bryse Wilson (3-1) earned the win. He entered the game in relief of opener Jared Koenig with two outs in the first inning and limited the Red Sox to two runs on six hits in 5½ innings. Wilson struck out seven and walked one.

Dominic Smith hit a solo home run for Boston, which entered the contest on a four-game winning streak. It was his first home run of the season.

Boston's Jarren Duran extended his hitting streak to nine games when he singled in the first inning.

Orioles 6, White Sox 4

Adley Rutschman hit a tiebreaking two-out, pinch-hit single in the eighth inning to drive in two runs and Gunnar Henderson homered earlier as Baltimore defeated host Chicago.

Rutschman's single came on a full-count pitch from Michael Kopech after the Orioles nearly wasted a scoring threat. Ryan O'Hearn led off the Baltimore eighth with a double but almost didn't advance any further. Anthony Santander reached on a one-out walk to put two runners on base.

Rutschman has five runs batted in across the first two games of the series after going four straight games without an RBI.

Chicago's Andrew Vaughn, who was at the center of Thursday night's controversy when he was ruled out for runner interference in what became a game-ending double play, launched a tying

home run in the seventh inning.

The game ended when center fielder Colton Cowser robbed Tommy Pham of a would-be solo home run.

Rockies 3, Phillies 2, 11 innings

Ezequiel Tovar hit a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the 11th inning to cap a four-hit game, and Colorado rallied to beat scorching Philadelphia in Denver.

Colorado handed the Phillies a rare loss and ended Philadelphia's six-game winning streak.

Jacob Stallings had a two-out, pinch-hit home run in the bottom of the ninth to tie it and Kris Bryant had two hits for the Rockies, who have played three straight games that have gone past the 10th inning.

Tyler Kinley (3-1) pitched one inning for the win.

Edmundo Sosa homered and doubled, Nick Castellanos also went deep and J.T. Realmuto had two hits for Philadelphia, which was without Bryce Harper for a majority of Friday night's game.

Guardians 10, Angels 4

Jose Ramirez hit two home runs, including the first of three straight in a five-run fourth inning, to power Cleveland to a victory over Los Angeles in Anaheim, Calif.

Ramirez hit a two-run homer in the third inning off Angels starter Patrick Sandoval, then another two-run homer in the fourth. Josh Naylor followed Ramirez with a solo homer off Sandoval, who was removed after the blast. David Fry completed the hat trick with a homer off Jose Suarez.

The Guardians finished with 10 hits, including two each from Ramirez, Fry, Andres Gimenez and Gabriel Arias. Six different Guardians hitters had at least one RBI, led by four from Ramirez.

It was another disappointing performance by Sandoval (2-7), who gave up eight runs, six hits and four walks in 3 2/3 innings.

Guardians left-hander Logan Allen (6-2) benefited from all the offense to get the win, giving up three runs on seven hits and two walks in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out seven.

Astros 6, Athletics 3

Jake Meyers capped a six-run fourth inning with a three-run homer, Justin Verlander won again at one of his favorite road sites and Houston opened a three-game series against Oakland with a victory.

In the rematch of a four-game set the Astros swept in Houston last week, Oakland led 1-0 before the visitors jumped all over A's starter Ross Stripling (1-9) in the decisive fourth inning.

Consecutive infield singles by Jose Altuve and Kyle Tucker set the stage for the Astros, who tied the score on an RBI double by Yordan Alvarez and then took the lead for good on a two-RBI single by Alex Bregman.

Jon Singleton singled one out later to put two aboard for Meyers, who bombed his sixth home run of the season, a three-run shot well over the fence in left field to give Houston a 6-1 lead.

Verlander (3-2) coasted from there, making it through six innings despite allowing eight hits. He limited the A's to two runs (one earned) with nine strikeouts and no walks.

Yankees 8, Padres 0

Carlos Rodon tossed six-plus shutout innings and Juan Soto homered in his return to San Diego as New York scored a win.

Rodon (6-2) allowed three hits and three walks, striking out two. Two relievers finished the shutout as New York won in its first visit to Petco Park since 2016.

Yu Darvish (4-2) endured his poorest outing of the year, getting shelled for nine hits and seven runs over 5½ innings. Darvish walked one and whiffed five as the Padres continued their peculiar home-road splits. They are 17-10 on the road but 10-17 in home games.

This one spiraled out of control early, beginning with the end of Darvish's 25½ scoreless-inning streak that dated to mid-April and featured a stint on the injured list. Darvish had twirled 24 consecutive scoreless innings in his previous four starts.

Anthony Volpe led off with a triple into the left field corner. After Soto fanned to loud cheers from a sellout crowd, Aaron Judge cashed in Volpe's hit with a sacrifice fly.

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FRIDAY'S BOX SCORES

Washington 6, Seattle 1										
SEA	100	000	000	-	1	5	0			
WAS	000	302	01x	-	6	8	0			
Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Crawford ss	4	1	2	1	0	1	.214			
Moore 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.242			
Garver dh	4	0	0	0	2	1	.179			
Raleigh c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.220			
France 1b	4	0	1	0	0	3	.237			
Rodriguez cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.252			
Haninger rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.216			
Polanco 2b	3	0	0	0	2	1	.388			
Clase lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.207			
a-Carzone ph-1f	1	0	0	0	0	0	.204			
Totals	32	1	5	1	10					
Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Abrams ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	.262			
Rosario rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.183			
Meneses ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.234			
Garcia Jr. 2b	4	1	1	0	1	0	.279			
Winker lf	3	1	0	0	1	2	.222			
Ruiz c	3	1	2	2	0	0	.371			
Senzo 3b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.200			
Gallo 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.222			
Young cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.268			
Totals	31	6	8	6	1	5				

a-grounded out for Clase in 8th.

HR: Crawford (3), Rosario (7), Garcia Jr. (5), Ruiz (3). **RBI:** Crawford (10), Rosario (18), Garcia Jr. 3 (26), Ruiz 2 (10). **CS:** Abrams (4). **SB:** Moore (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 2 (Garver, Raleigh), Washington 1 (Gallo). **RISP:** Washington 1 for 2.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kirby L, 4-5	6.0	6	5	5	1	3	82	4.33
Snead	1.0	1	0	0	0	10	5.79	
Wohls	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	20	3.98
Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gore W, 3-4	7.0	4	1	1	1	8	98	3.04
Harvey	1.0	0	0	0	0	10	2.52	
Floro	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	12	0.36

Umpires: HP-Tosi, 1B-Bellino, 2B-Randazzo, 3B-Hanahan. T: 2:07. A: 23,789 (41,380).

Detroit 6, Toronto 2										
TOR	000	000	002	-	2	10	1			
DET	010	320	00x	-	6	7	0			

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Varsho lf	4	0	0	0	1	0	.207			
b-Kirk ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.207			
Jansen c	4	0	0	0	1	0	.313			
Guerrero Jr. 1b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.288			
Bichette ss	4	0	1	0	1	0	.249			
Turner dh	4	0	1	0	1	0	.231			
Springer lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.192			
Baglio 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.196			
a-Clement ph	1	1	1	0	1	0	.256			
Kiner-Falek 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.255			
Kiermaier cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.222			
c-Schneider ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.244			
Totals	26	2	10	2	6					
Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Perez cf	4	0	0	0	1	0	.284			
Greene lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.235			
Canha dh	3	2	1	0	1	1	.226			
Carpenter 2b	3	2	2	1	1	1	.277			
Vierling 3b	2	0	0	1	0	0	.262			
Keith 2b	3	1	2	2	0	0	.236			
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.207			
McKinstry ss	4	0	1	0	1	0	.200			
Kelly c	4	0	1	0	1	0	.222			
Totals	30	6	7	6	4	6				

a-single for Biggio in 9th. b-struck out for Varsho in 9th. c-single for Kiermaier in 9th.

E: Kiermaier. **2B:** Guerrero Jr. (9), Greene (9). **HR:** Carpenter (7), Keith (1). **RBI:** Kirk (13), Schneider (20), Carpenter (2), Vierling (19), Keith (2), McKinstry (4). **CS:** Perez (2). **SF:** Vierling. **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 2 (Jansen, Bichette), Detroit 4 (Torkelson, Kelly). **RISP:** Toronto 3 for 5, Detroit 1 for 6.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Manoah L, 1-2	4.2	5	6	4	2	4	97	3.97
Pearson	1.3	1	0	0	1	2	26	5.19
Cabrera	1.0	0	0	0	0	11	4.82	
Swanson	1.0	1	0	0	1	16	9.49	
Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Maeda W, 2-1	5.0	4	0	0	1	7	50	5.80
Brieske	2.2	1	0	0	2	4	20	0.00
Vest	0.1	1	0	0	1	8	3.63	
Chafin	0.2	2	2	2	2	22	4.41	
Foley S, 11	0.1	0	0	0	0	3	2.41	

Inherited runners: Vest 1-1, Foley 2-2. **HBP:** Keith. **Umpires:** HP-Ripperger, 1B-Ortiz, 2B-Marquez, 3B-Barrett. T: 2:37. A: 27,160 (41,083).

Pittsburgh 11, Atlanta 5										
ATL	000	000	050	-	5	7	2			
PIT	203	023	10x	-	11	14	0			

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Acuna Jr. rf	4	1	2	3	0	0	.247			
Albies 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.264			
Ozuna dh	4	1	0	1	1	0	.318			
Olson 1b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.219			
d'Arnaud c	4	0	2	2	0	1	.263			
Acia ss	4	0	0	0	1	0	.242			
Harris lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.255			
Duval lf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.197			
Short 3b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.171			
Totals	33	5	7	5	5					
Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
McCutchen dh	4	2	2	0	0	0	.232			
Reynolds lf	5	0	1	0	0	0	.258			
Joe 1b	4	3	2	0	1	0	.273			
Oliveras rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.228			
Gonzales 2b	3	1	2	4	1	0	.300			
Triolo 3b	5	1	1	2	0	2	.206			
Cruz ss	3	1	1	0	1	2	.251			
a-Williams pr-ss	1	1	0	0	0	0	.228			
Grandal c	5	0	1	2	0	1	.213			
Taylor cf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.214			
Totals	38	11	14	11	2	9				

a-ran for Cruz in 7th.

E: Arcia, Kerr. **2B:** Ozuna (10), d'Arnaud (11), McCutchen (4), Joe (2), Gonzales (2), Cruz (12), Grandal (3). **HR:** Acuna Jr. (4), Triolo (3). **RBI:** Acuna Jr. 3 (15), d'Arnaud (2), Olivares (2), Gonzales (4), Triolo (2), Grandal (2), Taylor (9). **SF:** Taylor. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 3 (Olson, Arcia, Short), Pittsburgh 5 (Reynolds, Joe, Triolo, Grandal, Taylor). **RISP:** Atlanta 2 for 6, Pittsburgh 5 for 16. **GIDP:** Albies. **DP:** Pittsburgh 1.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kerr L, 1-1	4.0	7	5	5	1	6	72	5.40
Vines	3.0	6	1	1	2	7	78	1.64
Chavez	1.0	1	0	0	1	15	1.80	
Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Falter W, 3-2	7.1	6	3	3	1	4	97	3.55
Ortiz	1.2	1	2	2	1	26	5.34	

HBP: McCutchen, Joe, Gonzales. **WP:** Kerr. **Umpires:** HP-Mahrey, 1B-Wendelstedt, 2B-Tumpane, 3B-Hudson. T: 2:38. A: 35,822 (38,747).

Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 1										
KC	000	231	200	-	8	12	0			
TB	100	000	000	-	1	4	0			

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Garcia 3b	5	1	1	0	1	0	.266			
Witt Jr. ss	5	1	1	0	3	0	.305			
Pasquantino dh	4	2	1	0	0	0	.233			
Perez 1b	4	1	0	0	0	0	.330			
Massey 2b	3	2	0	0	1	0	.359			
Isbel cf	2	0	1	0	0	1	.218			
Fermin c	5	2	1	0	2	0	.305			
Velazquez lf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.226			
Renfroe rf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.217			
Hampson cf-2b	3	0	2	1	1	0	.286			
Totals	37	8	12	8	4	8				
Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Diaz 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.255			
Low 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.217			
DeLuca rf	2	0	0	0	1	25	.046			
Paredes 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.307			
Aranda dh	4	0	0	0	1	0	.200			
Arozarena lf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.159			
Caballero ss	4	0	1	0	1	0	.263			
Jackson c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.036			
Siri cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.168			
Totals	31	1	2	1	2	4				

2B: Fermin (4), Renfroe (5), Diaz (10). **HR:** Witt Jr. (8), Massey (6), RBI: Witt Jr. (34), Massey (3), Fermin (9), Velazquez (14), Renfroe (19), Hampson (5), Aranda (1). **CS:** Hampson (2). **SB:** Garcia (13), Renfroe (1), Hampson (5). **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 6 (Witt Jr., Pasquantino 2, Velazquez, Hampson 2), Tampa Bay 2 (DeLuca, Arozarena). **RISP:** Kansas City 3 for 12, Tampa Bay 1 for 4. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lugo W, 8-1	7.0	4	1	1	2	31	104	2.14
Long	1.0	0	0	0	1	19	0.00	
Hernandez	1.0	0	0	0	0	11	0.00	
Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Armstrong	2.0	0	0	0	3	32	3.70	
Alexander L, 2-3	5.0	11	8	8	1	4	93	6.06
Massey 2b	1.0	0	0	0	1	22	5.80	
Lovely	1.0	1	0	0	0	8	6.75	

HBP: Pasquantino, Perez, DeLuca. **WP:** Maston. **Umpires:** HP-Barksdale, 1B-Lentz, 2B-Wolcott, 3B-MacKay. T: 2:25. A: 16,368 (25,025).

Milwaukee 7, Boston 2										
MIL	003	030	001	-	7	11	0			
BOS	000	101	000	-	2					



Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce (87) celebrates with kicker Harrison Butker (7) after beating the Bengals in 2023. DENNY MEDLEY/USA TODAY SPORTS

Kelce weighs in on Butker's speech

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce said he doesn't agree with the "majority" of Harrison Butker's recent controversial comments but noted that he will not judge his teammate for it.

Butker caused a stir during his 20-minute commencement address on May 11 at Benedictine College, which is a Catholic school in Atchison, Kan. He addressed the female graduates in attendance and spoke against the "diabolical lies" society places on women who emphasize their careers over motherhood.

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes said on Wednesday that he did not "necessarily agree with" Butker's comments but noted he was going to "judge him by the character he shows every single day."

Kelce had a similar take on the

matter while speaking Friday on his "New Heights" podcast.

"He's treated friends and family that I've introduced to him with nothing but respect and kindness," Kelce said of Butker. "And that's how he treats everyone. When it comes down to his views and what he said (in his) commencement speech, those are his."

"I can't say I agree with the majority of it or just about any of it outside of just him loving his family and his kids. And I don't think that I should judge him by his views, especially his religious views, of how to go about life, that's just not who I am."

Kelce did not address the part of Butker's speech in which the kicker quoted a Taylor Swift lyric.

Butker said, "As my teammate's girlfriend says, 'familiarity breeds contempt'" — which references Swift's song "Bewitched."

TENNIS ROUNDUP

Machac upsets Djokovic to reach final in Geneva

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Open Parc

Tomas Machac upset No. 1 seed Novak Djokovic 6-4, 0-6, 6-1 in the Gonet Geneva Open semifinals on Friday in Switzerland.

The roller-coaster match saw Machac rally from a 1-4 deficit to win the opening set, only to get blanked by the 24-time Grand Slam winner in the second. After Djokovic won his seventh straight game to open the deciding set, the 23-year-old Czech won the final six games for his second top-10 win.

"I have no reaction right now. I just fought for every ball," Machac said after the 2-hour, 7-minute match. "When you play against Novak you just hope. You just try to play your best and see what it looks like."

Djokovic was competing in the ATP 250 clay-court event for the first time as preparation for the French Open. The Serbian star celebrated his 37th birthday on Wednesday with his 1,100th tour-level victory.

Djokovic, the No. 1 seed and the defending French Open champion, will face Frenchman Pierre-Hugues Herbert in the opening round in Paris on Tuesday.

He said he doesn't see himself as a favorite heading to Roland Garros.

"Of course I'm worried," Djokovic said. "I haven't played well at all this year, apart from a few matches here and there. Things are what they are. I don't see myself as a favorite in Paris. I will try to take the matches one after the other. I didn't have a great night, and today was tough. I had horrible feelings during the first part of the match."

Djokovic seemed to struggle physically at times and took a medical timeout following the first set.

"I don't want to take any credit away from Tomas, who deserved his victory, but I don't know what to think of this match," he said. "I prefer to forget it. I don't know how I was able to win the second set either. I was hoping to play more than one match when I came here, and I played three. But I wish I could feel better. It's not nice to suffer like that on the court. It's hard to concentrate on tennis when you have other things on your mind. I just hope to be ready and in good health for Roland Garros."

Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard pulled off a home-country upset, defeating No. 2 seed Alexander Bublik of Kazakhstan 6-4, 7-5 in the semifinals in Lyon, France.

Bublik hit eight aces, but they were negated by eight double faults. He also lost three of 10 break points.

The 117th-ranked Perricard helped himself with 28 winners against 11 unforced errors and by winning 85 percent (34 of 40) of points on his first serve, compared to 63.3 percent (31 of 49) for Bublik.

In the final, Perricard will take on sixth-seeded Tomas Martin Etcheverry of Argentina, who downed Luciano Darderi of Italy 6-2, 6-4.

Internationaux de Strasbourg

Red-hot Danielle Collins continued her torrid run with a semifinal victory and will face fellow American Madison Keys in the championship match of the Internationaux de Strasbourg in France on Saturday.

The third-seeded Collins had 31 winners while cruising to a 7-6 (3), 6-2 victory in 99 minutes over Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina for her 22th victory in her past 24 matches. Collins will be looking for her third title of the season Saturday after earlier winning back-to-back events in Miami and Charleston.

Keys, the No. 4 seed, converted 6 of 10 break points in her 6-1, 6-3 victory over fifth-seeded Russian Liudmila Samsonova. Keys finished the match in 67 minutes. She will be seeking her eighth career title.

La Princesse Lalla Meryem

American Peyton Stearns will be looking for her first career title after outlasting Bulgaria's Viktoriya Tomova 6-7 (6), 7-5, 7-6 (4) in the semifinals at Rabat, Morocco.

Stearns converted 8 of 12 break points while prevailing in three hours and 15 minutes. She will face Egypt's Mayar Sherif in Saturday's title match.

Sherif was on court for just 61 minutes while sailing to a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Russia's Kamilla Rakhimova. Sherif will be looking for her second career title.

Bland stays out front at Senior PGA

REUTERS

LIV Golf's Richard Bland is alone in first place after two rounds of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

The Englishman followed his opening 64 with a 5-under 66 at Harbor Shores Resort to take a one-shot lead over Scott Dunlap on Friday in Benton Harbor, Mich.

After his bogey-free trip around the course on Thursday gave him a share of the 18-hole lead with Australian Richard Green, Bland made six birdies (four on the front nine) with one bogey for his encore. He enters the weekend at 12-under 130.

"Probably wasn't as easy as it probably was yesterday," Bland said. "I kind of — I struggled a little bit on the greens with my pace; my strike was a little off. ..."

"But, yeah, tee to green there is no issues there. But I haven't really had any all year, so, yeah, if I can just get the putter warmed up a little bit, then hopefully there is a couple good scores in me for the weekend."

Bland, 51, is playing in his first senior tournament of any kind and clearly faring well.

He said he was curious how he'd do against the 50-and-older major championship field.

"I want to play LIV as long as I can, but also I know — I don't really know what I want to do when that ends, whether I do want to come and try and play out here," Bland said. "... My wife seems to think I'll never retire, but, yeah, we'll see. Even if I did win here this week, and there is a lot of golf to be played before then, I don't know if the PGA Tour would allow me to play Champions."

For his part, Dunlap reached 12 under for the tournament by birdieing seven of his first 11 holes Friday. His only misstep came with a bogey at the par-5 15th, so he settled for a 65.

Schwab

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the team event in New Orleans, alongside Nick Hardy. He missed seven of 14 cuts this year coming to Colonial.

"Having being able to win Zurich, which is a team event, and having a couple close calls in individual events, you draw back on stuff like that," Riley said. "Just trying to improve on the times I had (contended) before, maybe I could have handled a certain situation better here or there, but also telling yourself that you can handle the situation and believing in yourself."

Buckley made five birdies on a bogey-free round, while Coody started and finished strong. He holed out for an eagle 2 on a 49-yard pitch shot from the second fairway. Three bogeys and three birdies later, he managed to finish his day with three straight birdies.

Coody, 24, and his twin brother Parker Coody are in the field on sponsor invitations. The natives of nearby Plano played at the University of Texas and are getting their professional careers off the ground.

"It's a nice feeling (being tied for second) because the season hasn't been what I wanted it to this year, and to know that my game's going the right direction, it's great," Pierceson Coody said. "I'm trying to stay kind of in a process mindset with everything and just build because I know I have still a lot of events left and an opportunity to go win the tournament is a great feeling."

Parker Coody made the cut on the number at 2 over.

Meanwhile, South Korea's Sungjae Im matched Riley for the low round of the day with a 64 and is in a tie at 6 under with Keegan Bradley (66) and Austria's Sepp Straka (66).

Brian Harman and Tony Finau each shot 69 on Friday and are in a five-way tie at 5 under.

Gary Woodland, the 2019 U.S. Open winner who is back on tour after surgery to remove a brain tumor, had the only other 64 of the day and is tied at 4 under. Woodland picked up an eagle, seven birdies and three bogeys.



Scottie Scheffler plays his shot from the eighth tee during the second round of the Charles Schwab Challenge on Friday in Fort Worth. JIM COWSERT/USA TODAY

It was Woodland's lowest round since returning to competition.

"I'm still battling, still on medication, still battling all the (symptoms), but probably a little more positive, I would say, the last three weeks than I was earlier this year," Woodland said. "I think I was getting down on myself just because I didn't feel well. There's a lot to be positive about because I'm in a different position than I was a year

ago."

World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler was in danger of missing the cut after opening with a 2-over 72. He fared better Friday, when he made four straight birdies amid a bogey-free 65 to get to 3 under for the week.

Notable players to miss the cut include Harris English (3 over), Camilo Villegas of Colombia (4 over) and Max Homa (7 over).

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES

Larson ready for rare double

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Kyle Larson's career is zooming at a rate that has to be clocked with a stopwatch and digital scoring, and race fans will get to see plenty of him this weekend.

In what is a delightfully full weekend for motorsports fans and gearheads around the world, this Sunday presents unrivaled high-speed action and competitive on-track maneuvering from one of the world's most glamorous cities to NASCAR's home turf, where bragging rights are at stake.

The Memorial Day weekend offerings start early Sunday morning with Formula One's Monaco Grand Prix then shifts to the U.S. for the Indianapolis 500 in the afternoon and the NASCAR Cup Series' longest race, the Coca-Cola 600, in Charlotte in the evening.

Not a bad day of finely tuned, roaring, mechanical drama, hey?

Larson will try to compete in two-thirds of those events, similar to what he did last week when he qualified fifth for the 108th Indy 500 and quickly jetted to western North Carolina for NASCAR's All-Star Race at North Wilkesboro Speedway and ran fourth.

Larson, 31, leads NASCAR's top series in points, 30 ahead of Martin Truex Jr., and ranks first in top-five finishes (six), laps led (649) and stage wins (seven).

The Elk Grove, Calif., product is also one of a trio of multiple winners through 13 races, with his two wins trailing Denny Hamlin and William Byron with three each.

Larson will race anything, it seems, and if there was physically some way to pull off a Memorial Day Triple of Monaco, Indianapolis and North Carolina's Queen City, you get the feeling the No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports driver would try that, too.

But for now it's just Indy and Charlotte, a dicey duo of potentially 1,100 miles of racing with 400 miles of flying in between to complete The Double.

He will become the 11th driver to tackle two of racing's most prestigious



Kyle Larson climbs into his car during Carb Day for the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Friday. MARK J. REBILAS/USA TODAY SPORTS

tracks. Only Tony Stewart was able to run all 1,100 miles, which he did in 2001. Kurt Busch in 2014 was the last to attempt the feat.

However, Indy has an 80 percent chance of rain Sunday.

"I think for me where I sit, if it's going to rain, I hope it rains all day," Larson said Thursday. "That way it can just get pushed to Monday or something, and then Charlotte is not going to rain, I just hope it doesn't rain, and we can get (Charlotte) in on Sunday night and then come here Monday."

While race-winner Joey Logano and Larson were busy battling North Wilkesboro's newly paved surface last Sunday, another kind of fracas went on following the 200-lap short track

event.

After Ricky Stenhouse Jr. waited all race and slugged Kyle Busch outside the No. 8 Chevrolet team's hauler for two incidents on the first two laps, NASCAR penalized Stenhouse \$75,000, the largest fine for fighting.

The Olive Branch, Miss., native vowed to wreck Busch's Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet this Sunday, while Ricky Stenhouse Sr. was suspended indefinitely for his role in the incident.

Meanwhile, with Stenhouse and Busch having 400 laps in a long night at Charlotte to figure this all out, an adage that NASCAR created in 2010 to settle on-track disputes might still be applicable: "Have at it, boys."

NASCAR TRUCK SERIES

Sanchez makes late charge for Charlotte win

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Nick Sanchez showed what an opportunist can do when the right moment presents itself.

Taking advantage of fresh tires and a quick pit stop, Sanchez charged from the 10th position on a restart with nine laps left in Friday night's North Carolina Education Lottery 200 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., and held off Corey Heim to win his second NASCAR Truck Series race of the season – and of his career.

Sanchez crossed the finish line 0.507 seconds ahead of Heim, who fell just short after two snafus on pit relegated him to the runner-up position – temporarily. Sanchez collects a \$50,000 bonus as the winner of the first Triple Truck Challenge event of the season.

After the race, Heim's troubles multiplied when inspectors found three lug nuts not safe and secure on his No. 11 Toyota, resulting in a disqualification that promoted Stewart Friesen to the runner-up position.

"It's awesome – my No. 2 Gainbridge Chevrolet," said Sanchez, who qualified 16th for the 11th Truck Series race of the season. "What can I say more about this (Rev Racing) team? We started off bad. It didn't affect us. We went to work. We put ourselves in position when it mattered most."

"This is for Chris Showalter, my car chief. Birthday today, 700th truck start. This is for him, and it's great to get number two."

Remarkably, Showalter has been a part of the series for every race since its inception in 1995.

Sanchez led only the final nine laps. Heim led 72 before the penalty and Christian Eckes 37.

After dominating the first two stages of the race, Heim dropped to 27th under caution for Matt Crafton's collision with the outside wall on Lap 79 when the jack malfunctioned and failed to lift his No. 11 Toyota.

FORMULA 1

Leclerc sets pace while Verstappen struggles

Alan Baldwin
REUTERS

MONACO — Ferrari's Charles Leclerc raised hopes of a first home podium appearance after setting the fastest lap in practice for Formula One's showcase Monaco Grand Prix on Friday ahead of Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton.

The local hero, who has twice been on pole position in Monaco without securing a top-three finish, showed an impressive pace with a best lap of one minute and 11.278 seconds on the soft tires.

That time was already quicker than last year's pole of 1:11.365 set by Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who has also been on pole at every race this season and is aiming for an outright record ninth in a row.

"All in all we have a good car for the moment," said Leclerc. "I felt quite confident with the car, however it's super important that we keep this rhythm into FP3 (third practice)."

"The way Monaco is, I might have taken a bit more risk compared to the others today which paid off, however it's all about tomorrow in qualifying when everybody starts to go on the limit."

Seven-times world champion Hamilton, a three-times winner in the principality that is now also his home, was surprisingly quickest in practice one with a time of 1:12.169 and second in the later session, 0.188 slower.

Best day

Hamilton, Formula One's most successful driver but without a win since 2021, had sounded gloomy earlier about his podium prospects but that all changed within the space of a day.

"It's been a good day, probably the best we've had so far this year, and the car is feeling very positive," said the Briton. "This track is just amazing in an F1 car, and I've been enjoying my driving today. I was pleasantly surprised by the grip level and the way the car was



Ferrari's Charles Leclerc drives on Friday during practice for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix.

CLAUDIA GRECO/REUTERS

responding."

Monaco has not had a home-grown race winner since Louis Chiron, whose bust now gazes out over the swimming pool section of the harbourside circuit, drove his Bugatti to victory in 1931.

The race, steeped in history and glamour but the slowest on the calendar with little overtaking, is often professional and Saturday's qualifying will be of crucial importance.

McLaren's Oscar Piastri was sandwiched between Hamilton and George Russell in the first session but Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso, another past Monaco winner, was third fastest in the later one.

Championship leader Verstappen was fourth and McLaren's Lando Norris fifth with Ferrari's Carlos Sainz sixth.

Verstappen, winner of five of the seven races so far and 48 points clear of closest rival Leclerc in the standings, had several scrapes and brushes with the barriers and was only 11th in practice one.

"The car is so loose on the bumps. Any interaction with engine braking or brake bias, it's just making it all worse," he said over the radio then.

INDIANAPOLIS 500

'Pretty whirlwind week' for pole-sitter McLaughlin

Kyle Smedley
Indianapolis Star - USA TODAY NETWORK

INDIANAPOLIS — Watching the 2008 Indianapolis 500 from his home in New Zealand was the day a 15-year-old Scott McLaughlin fell in love with the Greatest Spectacle in Racing when a fellow Kiwi, Scott Dixon, won the 500-mile race.

Sixteen years later, the two sat next to each other just two days before the 108th Indy 500. This time, Dixon will be chasing McLaughlin, as the Team Penske driver earned pole position during last week's qualifying, his highest starting position at the 500 by 13 spots. But Dixon isn't the only legend McLaughlin is feeling the impact of this weekend.

Not only is McLaughlin's No. 3 Chevrolet donning the iconic Pennzoil "Yellow Submarine" livery, but the New Zealand native is wearing a replica of Rick Mears' 1984 Indy 500-winning red and yellow gear. On top of that, McLaughlin revealed the "secret mentor" who has been providing him advice during his time at Indianapolis Motor Speedway is none other than 2019 Indy 500 winner Simon Pagenaud.

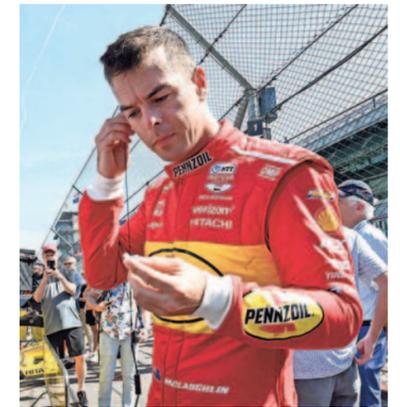
And with recent Team Penske controversies still swirling around the sea of McLaughlin's personal and career highlights, it would be forgivable if the 31-year-old was feeling pressure heading into his fourth 500. Well, he's not.

"You'll get a sore neck looking back," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin called a potential Indy win a "life-changing experience," but he was sure not to overlook his 32 competitors starting behind him.

"It has been a pretty whirlwind week," McLaughlin said. "It's been a really cool week, I've enjoyed it and really tried to soak it in as much as I can, but at the end of the day, the job is this weekend ... Just keep the emotions in check, enjoy the moment and see what happens."

Carb Day practice itself was fairly uneventful, with the sole noteworthy



Driver Scott McLaughlin prepares to get in his car Friday during Carb Day ahead of Sunday's Indianapolis 500.

KRISTIN ENZOR/USA TODAY NETWORK

happening being Kyle Larson of Arrow McLaren running out of gas early. The yellow flag was briefly waved, and all was as normal as could be for the remaining time. Larson finished practice with a top average lap speed of 224.761 and completed 74 laps.

Graham Rahal of Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing led the field with 106 laps, but his 224.353 mph top lap speed was middle of the pack.

Once the two hours concluded, Dixon of Chip Ganassi Racing led all drivers with a best lap speed of 227.206 mph. The 2008 winner completed 90 laps, tied for the 12th most.

Despite starting in the seventh row, Dixon said his approach to race day will be the same as always: He's going in with an open mind.

"If you go in with any kind of preset notion of what you want to do, it just takes one person to change that," Dixon said. "Especially with weather conditions, there's a lot of things outside of your control."

His strategy for the final official practice before the Greatest Spectacle in Racing was perhaps even simpler: go fast.

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American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Yankees	36	17	.679	-
Baltimore	31	18	.633	3
Boston	26	25	.510	9
Tampa Bay	23	27	.461	10½
Toronto	23	27	.460	11½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	17	.667	-
Kansas City	33	19	.635	1½
Minnesota	27	23	.540	6½
Detroit	24	27	.471	10
Chicago	15	37	.288	19½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	27	25	.519	-
Texas	24	28	.462	3
Houston	23	28	.451	3½
Oakland	21	32	.396	6½
L.A. Angels	20	31	.392	6½

National League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	37	15	.712	-
Atlanta	29	19	.604	6
Washington	22	27	.449	13½
N.Y. Mets	21	29	.420	15
Miami	18	34	.346	19

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	29	21	.580	-
Chicago	27	24	.529	2½
St. Louis	23	26	.469	5½
Pittsburgh	24	28	.462	6
Cincinnati	21	30	.412	8½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	33	20	.623	-
San Francisco	26	26	.500	6½
San Diego	27	27	.500	6½
Arizona	24	27	.471	8
Colorado	17	33	.340	14½

Wednesday's Scores

St. Louis 3, Baltimore 1, completion of suspended game
 Minnesota 3, Washington 2
 Cleveland 6, N.Y. Mets 3
 L.A. Angels 2, Houston 1
 Kansas City 8, Detroit 3
 St. Louis 5, Baltimore 4
 San Diego 7, Cincinnati 3
 Miami 1, Milwaukee 0
 San Francisco 9, Pittsburgh 5
 Philadelphia 11, Texas 4
 Boston 8, Tampa Bay 5
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Seattle 3
 Toronto 9, Chicago 2
 Atlanta 9, Chicago 2
 Colorado 4, Oakland 3
 Arizona 6, L.A. Dodgers 0

Thursday's Scores

N.Y. Yankees 5, Seattle 0
 San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 6
 Philadelphia 5, Texas 2
 San Diego 6, Cincinnati 4
 Atlanta 3, Chicago 0
 Oakland 10, Colorado 9
 Toronto 9, Detroit 1
 Baltimore 8, Chicago 6

Friday's Scores

Detroit 6, Toronto 2
 Pittsburgh 11, Atlanta 5
 Washington 6, Seattle 1
 Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 1
 Cincinnati 9, L.A. Dodgers 6
 Milwaukee 7, Boston 2
 Minnesota 3, Texas 2
 San Francisco 8, N.Y. Mets 7
 Baltimore 6, Chicago 4
 Chicago at St. Louis, PPD Rain
 Colorado 3, Philadelphia 2
 Cleveland 10, L.A. Angels 4
 Miami 3, Arizona 0
 Houston 6, Oakland 3
 N.Y. Yankees 8, San Diego 0

Saturday's Games

Toronto (Berrios 5-3) at Detroit (Olson 0-5), 1:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Hicks 4-1) at N.Y. Mets (Severino 2-2), 1:40 p.m.
 Baltimore (Kremer 3-4) at Chicago (Fedde 4-1), 2:10 p.m.
 Texas (Lorenzen 2-3) at Minnesota (Paddock 4-2), 2:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Gilbert 3-2) at Washington (Williams 4-0), 4:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Lopez 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Keller 5-3), 4:05 p.m.
 Houston (Arrighetti 2-4) at Oakland (Sears 3-3), 4:07 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Rea 3-2) at Boston (Pivetta 2-2), 4:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Singer 4-2) at Tampa Bay (Civale 2-4), 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 1-1) at Cincinnati (Greene 2-2), 7:15 p.m.
 Cleveland (Biese 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Svariano 2-4), 9:38 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Stroman 3-2) at San Diego (Cease 5-3), 9:40 p.m.
 Miami (Sanchez 0-2) at Arizona (Montgomery 2-2), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Toronto (Kikuchi 2-4) at Detroit (Mize 1-3), 11:35 a.m.
 Milwaukee (TBD) at Boston (Houck 4-5),

1:35 p.m.
 Seattle (Woo 2-0) at Washington (Parker 3-2), 1:35 p.m.
 Atlanta (Sale 7-1) at Pittsburgh (Perez 1-3), 1:35 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Yamamoto 5-1) at Cincinnati (Abbott 3-4), 1:40 p.m.
 Kansas City (Wacha 4-4) at Tampa Bay (Bradley 1-2), 1:40 p.m.
 San Francisco (Webb 4-4) at N.Y. Mets (Manaea 3-1), 1:40 p.m.
 Baltimore (Bradish 0-0) at Chicago (Crockett 5-4), 2:10 p.m.
 Texas (Gray 2-2) at Minnesota (Lopez 4-4), 2:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Suarez 9-0) at Colorado (Quattrill 3-3), 3:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (Lively 3-2) at L.A. Angels (Detmers 3-4), 4:07 p.m.
 Houston (Blanco 4-0) at Oakland (TBD), 4:07 p.m.
 Miami (Weathers 2-4) at Arizona (TBD), 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Schmidt 5-2) at San Diego (Mugrove 3-4), 4:10 p.m.
 Chicago (Assad 4-0) at St. Louis (Gray 6-2), 7:10 p.m.

Monday's Games

Boston (Criswell 2-1) at Baltimore (Means 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Bassitt 3-6) at Chicago (Nastrini 0-2), 2:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Marsh 4-1) at Minnesota (Ryan 3-3), 2:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Lynn 1-2) at Cincinnati (Martinez 1-2), 4:10 p.m.
 Washington (Corbin 1-5) at Atlanta (Morton 3-1), 4:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (Curry 0-0) at Colorado (Gomber 1-2), 4:10 p.m.
 Chicago (Steele 0-1) at Milwaukee (Gasser 2-0), 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Stone 4-2) at N.Y. Mets (Megill 0-2), 4:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Walker 3-0) at San Francisco (Snell 0-3), 5:05 p.m.
 Miami (Rogers 1-6) at San Diego (King 3-4), 6:40 p.m.
 Houston (Valdez 3-2) at Seattle (Miller 3-4), 9:40 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Boston (Bello 5-2) at Baltimore (Rodriguez 4-1), 6:35 p.m.
 St. Louis (Gibson 3-2) at Cincinnati (Montas 2-3), 6:40 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Jones 3-4) at Detroit (Skubal 6-1), 6:40 p.m.
 Oakland (Spence 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Littell 2-2), 6:50 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Glasnow 6-3) at N.Y. Mets (Luiser 0-4), 7:10 p.m.
 Washington (Irvine 2-5) at Atlanta (Fried 4-2), 7:20 p.m.
 Toronto (Gausman 2-3) at Chicago (Clevinger 0-2), 7:40 p.m.
 Chicago (Wesneski 2-2) at Milwaukee (Peralta 3-3), 7:40 p.m.
 Kansas City (Ragans 4-3) at Minnesota (Woods Richardson 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
 Arizona (Pfaadt 2-3) at Texas (Dunning 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (McKenzie 2-3) at Colorado (Feltner 1-4), 8:40 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 3-4) at L.A. Angels (Canning 2-4), 9:38 p.m.
 Houston (Javier 3-1) at Seattle (Castillo 4-5), 9:40 p.m.
 Miami (Luzardo 2-3) at San Diego (Waldron 2-5), 9:40 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Wheeler 5-3) at San Francisco (Black 0-1), 9:45 p.m.

Leaders

Batting Average - Perez, Kansas City .337; Pena, Houston .326; Soto, New York .312; Paredes, Tampa Bay .308; Witt Jr., Kansas City .308; Rutschman, Baltimore .299; Altuve, Houston .291; Tucker, Houston .288; Rooker, Oakland .286; Guerrero Jr., Toronto .282.
Home Runs - Tucker, Houston 17; Henderson, Baltimore 16; Judge, New York 15; Soto, New York 13; Naylor, Cleveland 12; Garcia, Texas 12; Stanton, New York 12; Ramirez, Cleveland 12; O'Neill, Boston 11; Rooker, Oakland 11.
RBI - Ramirez, Cleveland 45; Soto, New York 41; Perez, Kansas City 39; Garcia, Texas 36; Tucker, Houston 36; Judge, New York 35; Henderson, Baltimore 35; Samson, Texas 34; Naylor, Cleveland 34; Witt Jr., Kansas City 33.
Stolen Bases - Caballero, Tampa Bay 18; Witten Jr., Kansas City 16; Rengifo, Los Angeles 12; Garcia, Kansas City 12; Blanco, Kansas City 11; Duran, Boston 11; Mullins, Baltimore 10; Volpe, New York 10; Mateo, Baltimore 9; Tucker, Houston 9.
Wins - Lugo, Kansas City 7; Gil, New York 6; Skubal, Detroit 6; Anderson, Los Angeles 5; Rodon, New York 5; Berrios, Toronto 5; Schmidt, New York 5; Allen, Cleveland 5; Crochet, Chicago 5; Bello, Boston 5.
ERA - Lugo, Kansas City 1.79; Houck, Boston 1.94; Gil, New York 2.11; Olson, Detroit 2.16; Crawford, Boston 2.17; Gray, Texas 2.21; Skubal, Detroit 2.25; Burnes, Baltimore 2.41; Anderson, Los Angeles 2.52; Schmidt, New York 2.59.
Strikeouts - Flaherty, Detroit 81; Ragans, Kansas City 76; Crochet, Chicago 74; Skubal, Detroit 72; Gil, New York 70; Castillo, Seattle 69; Ryan, Minnesota 64; Lopez, Minnesota 63; Cortes, New York 63; Houck, Boston 62.
Saves - Clase, Cleveland 15; Holmes, New York 14; McArthur, Kansas City 11; Munoz, Seattle 10; Kimbrel, Baltimore 10; Foley, Detroit 10; Miller, Oakland 9; Jansen, Boston 8; Yates, Texas 7; Estevez, Los Angeles 7.

National League

Batting Average - Ohtani, Los Angeles .348; Arraez, San Diego .341; Wade Jr., San Francisco .339; Profar, San Diego .337; Contreras, Milwaukee .333; Betts, Los Angeles .330; Bohm, Philadelphia .323; Ozuna, Atlanta .320; Diaz, Colorado .320; Turriff, Milwaukee .310.
Home Runs - Ozuna, Atlanta 15; Ohtani, Los Angeles 13; Harper, Philadelphia 12; Hernandez, Los Angeles 11; Alonso, New York 11; Walker, Arizona 10; Marte, Arizona 10; Muncy, Los Angeles 9; Schwarber, Philadelphia 9; McMahon, Colorado 9.
RBI - Ozuna, Atlanta 47; Bohm, Philadelphia 46; Contreras, Milwaukee 40; Harper, Philadelphia 37; Hernandez, Los Angeles 37; Ohtani, Los Angeles 34; Cronenworth, San Diego 34; Morel, Chicago 33; Walker, Arizona 32; Profar, San Diego 32.
Stolen Bases - De La Cruz, Cincinnati 31; Turriff, Milwaukee 18; Acuna Jr., Atlanta 15; Young, Washington 15; Ohtani, Los Angeles 13; Kim, San Diego 13; Stott, Philadelphia 13; Thomas, Washington 11; Steer, Cincinnati 11; Turner, Philadelphia 11.
Wins - Suarez, Philadelphia 9; Sale, Atlanta 7; Gray, St. Louis 6; Wheeler, Philadelphia 6; Glasnow, Los Angeles 6; Nola, Philadelphia 6; Paxton, Los Angeles 5; Minter, Atlanta 5; Keller, Pittsburgh 5; Cease, San Diego 5.
ERA - Imanaga, Chicago 0.84; Suarez, Philadelphia 1.36; Assad, Chicago 1.70; Sale, Atlanta 2.22; Hicks, San Francisco 2.38; Wheeler, Philadelphia 2.53; Abbott, Cincinnati 2.68; Gomber, Colorado 2.76; Gallen, Arizona 3.02; Webb, San Francisco 3.03.
Strikeouts - Glasnow, Los Angeles 87; Wheeler, Philadelphia 76; Cease, San Diego 73; Peralta, Milwaukee 71; Sale, Atlanta 70; Suarez, Philadelphia 68; Jones, Pittsburgh 68; King, San Diego 67; Greene, Cincinnati 66; Yamamoto, Los Angeles 61.
Saves - Helsey, St. Louis 15; Suarez, San Diego 14; Finnegan, Washington 13; Iglesias, Atlanta 12; Bednar, Pittsburgh 10; Alvarado, Philadelphia 9; Phillips, Los Angeles 8; Diaz, Cincinnati 8; Doval, San Francisco 8; Megill, Milwaukee 7.

NBA

Playoffs
CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
No. 1 Boston Celtics 2, vs. No. 6 Indiana Pacers 0
 Tuesday: Celtics 133, Pacers 128 (OT)
 Thursday: Celtics 126, Pacers 110
 Saturday: Celtics at Pacers, 8:30 p.m.
 Monday: Celtics at Pacers, 8 p.m.
 x-Wednesday: Pacers at Celtics, 8 p.m.
 x-Friday: Celtics at Pacers, 8 p.m.
 x-June 2: Pacers at Celtics, 8 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
No. 5 Dallas Mavericks 2, No. 3 Minnesota Timberwolves 0
 Wednesday: Mavericks 108, Timberwolves 105
 Friday: Mavericks 109, Timberwolves 108
 Sunday: Timberwolves at Mavericks, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday: Timberwolves at Mavericks, 8:30 p.m.
 x-Thursday: Mavericks at Timberwolves, 8:30 p.m.
 x-June 1: Timberwolves at Mavericks, 8:30 p.m.
 x-June 3: Mavericks at Timberwolves, 8:30 p.m.
NHL
CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Florida Panthers 1, New York Rangers 1
 Wednesday: Panthers 3, Rangers 0
 Friday: Rangers 2, Panthers 1 (OT)
 Sunday: Rangers at Panthers, 3 p.m.
 Tuesday: Rangers at Panthers, 8 p.m.
 Thursday: Panthers at Rangers, 8 p.m.
 x-June 1: Rangers at Panthers, 8 p.m.
 x-June 3: Panthers at Rangers, 8 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Edmonton Oilers 1, Dallas Stars 0
 Thursday: Oilers 3, Stars 2 (2OT)
 Saturday: Oilers at Stars, 8 p.m.
 Monday: Stars at Oilers, 8:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: Stars at Oilers, 8:30 p.m.
 x-Friday: Oilers at Stars, TBD
 x-June 2: Stars at Oilers, TBD
 x-June 4: Oilers at Stars, TBD
MLS
Eastern Conference

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Inter Miami CF	9	2	4	31	36
Cincinnati	9	2	3	30	19
N.Y. City FC	7	5	2	23	16
N.Y. Red Bulls	6	3	5	23	25
Toronto FC	7	6	1	22	21
Charlotte FC	6	5	3	21	14
Columbus	5	2	6	21	13
Philadelphia	4	4	5	17	25
D.C. United	4	5	5	17	20
Orlando City	4	5	4	16	20
Nashville	3	4	6	15	17
Atlanta	3	6	4	13	17
CF Montreal	3	7	3	14	31
Chicago	2	8	4	10	26
New England	2	9	1	7	25

Western Conference

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	8	2	4	28	27
Minnesota	7	2	3	24	14
Austin FC	6	4	4	22	19
LA Galaxy	5	2	7	22	25
Los Angeles FC	6	4	3	21	24
Colorado	6	5	3	21	24
Vancouver	5	4	4	19	15
Houston	5	5	3	18	13
Saint Louis	3	7	3	16	20
Seattle	3	6	3	14	17
Portland	3	6	4	13	26
FC Dallas	3	6	3	12	17
Sporting KC	2	6	5	11	24
San Jose	3	10	1	10	22

Saturday, May 25
 Atlanta at Los Angeles FC, 7:30 p.m.
 CF Montreal at Nashville SC, 7:30 p.m.
 Charlotte FC at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
 DC United at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 New England at N.Y. City FC, 7:30 p.m.
 Orlando City at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto FC at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
 FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 8:30 p.m.
 St. Louis at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.
 Colorado at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
 LA Galaxy at Houston, 10:30 p.m.
 Portland at Sporting KC, 10:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Austin FC, 10:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Inter Miami CF, 10:30 p.m.

Tyler Duncan.....71-69-140 (0)
 Doug Ghim.....69-71-140 (0)
 Charles Hoffman.....65-75-140 (0)
 Tom Hoge.....71-69-140 (0)
 Billy Horschel.....69-71-140 (0)
 Davis Thompson.....70-70-141 (0)
 Peter Malnati.....72-69-141 (1)
 Mac Meissner.....71-70-141 (1)
 Victor Perez.....70-71-141 (1)
 Justin Rose.....70-71-141 (1)
 Austin Smotherman.....72-69-141 (1)
 Kevin Streelman.....71-70-141 (1)
 Adam Svensson.....70-71-141 (1)
 Callum Tarren.....67-74-141 (1)
 Parker Coody.....70-72-142 (2)
 Emiliano Grillo.....74-68-142 (2)
 Nick Hardy.....72-70-142 (2)
 Lee Hodges.....72-70-142 (2)
 Mark Hubbard.....71-71-142 (2)
 Si Woo Kim.....71-71-142 (2)
 Kevin Kisner.....71-71-142 (2)
 Maverick McNealy.....70-72-142 (2)
 Troy Merritt.....70-72-142 (2)
 Vincent Norrman.....72-70-142 (2)
 Aaron Rai.....71-71-142 (2)
 Ben Silverman.....69-73-142 (2)
 Eric Cole.....72-71-143 (3)
 Nico Echavarria.....70-73-143 (3)
 Harris English.....69-74-143 (3)
 Ben Griffin.....71-72-143 (3)
 Ryo Hisatsune.....74-69-143 (3)
 Bove Hossler.....72-71-143 (3)
 Chan Kim.....73-70-143 (3)
 Nate Lashley.....72-71-143 (3)
 Andrew Novak.....73-70-143 (3)
 Gregory Sigg.....75-68-143 (3)
 Brandt Snedeker.....69-74-143 (3)
 Sam Stevens.....74-69-143 (3)
 Justin Suh.....72-71-143 (3)
 Brandon Wu.....72-71-143 (3)
 Tyson Alexander.....71-73-144 (4)
 Wesley Bryan.....71-73-144 (4)
 Austin Eckroat.....72-72-144 (4)
 Michael Kim.....74-70-144 (4)
 Ben Kohles.....73-71-144 (4)
 Luke List.....70-74-144 (4)
 Robert MacIntyre.....70-74-144 (4)
 Taylor Moore.....69-75-144 (4)
 Sam Ryder.....73-71-144 (4)
 Rory Sabbatini.....74-70-144 (4)
 Jimmy Stanger.....75-69-144 (4)
 Sami Valimaki.....70-74-144 (4)
 Camilo Villegas.....72-72-144 (4)
 Tom Whitney.....73-71-144 (4)
 Akshay Bhatia.....73-72-145 (5)
 Jorge Campillo.....73-72-145 (5)
 Rafael Campos.....73-72-145 (5)
 Chesson Hadley.....74-71-145 (5)
 Chris Kirk.....71-74-145 (5)
 J.J. Spaun.....74-71-145 (5)
 Hayden Springer.....69-76-145 (5)
 Dylan Wu.....72-73-145 (5)
 Michael Block.....72-74-146 (6)
 Chris Gotterup.....76-70-146 (6)
 Max Greyserman.....73-73-146 (6)
 Justin Lower.....71-75-146 (6)
 Andrew Putnam.....75-71-146 (6)
 Chad Ramey.....75-71-146 (6)
 Chad Reavie.....73-73-146 (6)
 Matti Schmid.....75-71-146 (6)
 Martin Trainer.....69-77-146 (6)
 Zach Blair.....74-73-147 (7)
 Max Homa.....78-69-147 (7)
 Ryan Palmer.....69-78-147 (7)
 David Skins.....76-71-147 (7)
 Carson Young.....72-75-147 (7)
 Carl Yuen.....73-74-147 (7)
 Harry Hall.....75-73-148 (8)
 Garrick Higgo.....73-75-148 (8)
 Nicolai Hoegaard.....71-77-148 (8)
 Jimmy Walker.....73-75-148 (8)
 Erik Barnes.....71-75-149 (9)
 Ben Taylor.....74-76-150 (10)
 Paul Haley II.....82-72-154 (14)
 Grayson Murray.....68-68 (0) WD
 Alex Smalley.....78-78 (0) WD
 Adam Schenk.....75-75 (0) WD

PGA Tour Schedule
 May 23-26 - Charles Schwab Challenge, Fort Worth, Texas
 May 30-June 2 - RBC Canadian Open, Hamilton, Canada
 June 6-9 - The Memorial Tournament, Dublin, Ohio
 June 13-16 - U.S. Open, Pinehurst, NC
 June 20-23 - Travelers Championship, Cromwell, Conn.
 June 27-30 - Rocket Mortgage Classic, Detroit
 July 4-7 - John Deere Classic, Silvis, Ill.
 July 11-14 - Genesis Scottish Open, North Berwick, Scotland
 July 11-14 - Kentucky Championship, Nicholasville, Ky.
 July 18-21 - Barracuda Championship, Truckee, Calif.
 July 18-21 - The Open Championship, Troon, Scotland
 July 25-28 - 3M Open, Blaine, Minn.
 Aug. 8-11 - Wyndham Championship, Greensboro, NC
 Aug. 15-18 - FedEx St. Jude Championship, Memphis, Tenn.
 Aug. 22-25 - BMW Championship, Castle Rock, Colo.
 Aug. 28-Sept. 1 - TOUR Championship, Atlanta
 Sept. 26-29 - The Presidents Cup, Montreal, Canada