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WORLD CUP FINAL

Viva Spain!

Spain celebrates with the trophy after winning the World Cup final against Argentina, 1-0, in East Rutherford, N.J., on Sunday. Ferran Torres (back row, far right) clinched Spain's second title with an extra-time goal. For more coverage, see Sports, C1. A bit closer to home, Philly's FIFA Fan Festival at Lemon Hill wrapped up 39 days of watch parties and events. Story, B3. Julio Cortez / Associated Press

Military announces another troop death as attacks intensify

A U.S. service member died in Iraq during the “controlled detonation” of an Iranian drone, officials say.

By Jon Gambrell, Sam Metz, and Ben Finley
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The United States announced another death of a service member as it launched more airstrikes at Iran on Sunday in response to the killing of U.S. troops, and Iran fired missiles toward Jordan that risked widening the conflict into neighboring Israel.

Step by step, the U.S. and Iran have returned closer to all-out war as last month's interim deal meant to permanently end the fighting has crumbled and shipping traffic in the Strait of Hormuz has largely stalled. Both sides have targeted civilian infrastructure relied on by millions of people.

The U.S. military said the service member was killed in Iraq on Saturday during the “controlled detonation” of a downed Iranian drone.

Earlier, the military said its strikes targeted Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard to retaliate for Friday's killing of troops in Jordan. One service member was missing after that attack, and the military's new statement said “unidentified remains” were found Sunday and were being examined. Since the war began, 17 U.S. service members have been killed.

The renewed exchanges of fire, now in their second week, have seen the U.S. target bridges, water desalination plants, and electrical facilities in Iran. Tehran has hit U.S.-allied countries throughout the Middle East.

Kuwait, Jordan, and Bahrain again activated air defenses for incoming Iranian drones and missiles. Israel warned that missiles launched toward neighboring Jordan could cause fire to spill over into Israeli territory for the first time in weeks.

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Three districts emerge as key City Council battlegrounds in 2027

Incumbents could face serious challenges from progressives hoping to seize a nationwide leftward shift amid Trump's second term.

By Anna Orso and Sean Collins Walsh
Staff Writers

Philadelphia City Council is already looking to 2027. And with all 17 seats on the ballot next spring, the elections are shaping up to be a pivotal test of whether the city's established politicians can withstand a rising tide of frustration with the party among Democratic voters.

All of the incumbents have said they intend to run for reelection,

and several are likely to face serious challenges from new candidates focused on grassroots organizing and progressive groups — hoping to seize the opportunity presented by a nationwide leftward shift amid President Donald Trump's second term.

Three districts have emerged as key battlegrounds.

In the North Philadelphia-based 5th District, at least four people are considering challenging Councilmember Jeffery Young Jr., a freshman lawmaker who has championed controversial legislation and at times publicly clashed with constituents.

And the city's progressive organizations, emboldened by a series of wins locally and nationally, are targeting two other districts: the 1st, which stretches from South Philadelphia to Fishtown and is

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Vance's remarks on Epstein and Israel echo conspiracy theories, alarm GOP



Vice President JD Vance speaks during the International Naval Review honoring America's 250th Anniversary on July 4 in New York. Vance's recent remarks on Jo Rogan's podcast about Jeffrey Epstein have been attacked by some Republicans. Frank Franklin II / New York Times

The vice president's musings on Joe Rogan's podcast drew rebukes from U.S. conservatives and Israeli leaders.

By Tim Balk and Lisa Lerer
New York Times

Vice President JD Vance embraced claims that there were ties between convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and the “highest levels” of Israeli intelligence, echoing conspiracy theories that have been a source of tension among conservatives.

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