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**AFGHANISTAN**

## Dozens dead, wounded in mosque blast

By RAHIM FAIEZ  
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An explosion rocked a mosque in eastern Afghanistan as dozens of people gathered for Friday prayers, causing the roof to collapse and killing 62 worshippers, provincial officials said. The attack

underscored the record-high number of civilians dying in the country's 18-year war.

**Both men and children are among those killed and wounded in the attack.**

Attahullah Khogyani, spokesman for the governor of Nangarhar Province, said the militant attack wounded 36 others. He said it was not immediately

clear if the mosque was attacked by a suicide bomber or by some other type of bombing.

"Both men and children are among those killed and wounded in the attack," he said.

Sediq Sediqqi, spokesman for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, strongly condemned the attack on his official Twitter account. "The Afghan government strongly condemns today's suicide attack in a mosque in Nangarhar province," he tweeted.

"The Taliban and their partners heinous crimes continue to target civilians in time of worship," he added.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but both the Taliban and Islamic State are active in eastern Afghanistan, especially Nangarhar province.

However, Zabihullah Mujaheed, the Taliban's spokesman in a statement condemned the attack in Nangarhar and called it a serious crime.

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## New warfare strategy

Army special ops adapt training to compete with Russia, China

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

Army Green Berets and Rangers will "get brilliant at the basics" to prepare for future battlefields where adversaries like Russia and China could knock out the secured combat outposts relied upon in more recent conflicts, according to a new U.S. Army Special Operations Command Strategy.

"We will shift from a mindset of inhabiting secure forward operating bases to one of surviving and thriving in large-scale combat operations," the strategy says.

The plan, which was rolled out by USASOC leaders earlier this week at the Association of the U.S. Army's annual conference in Washington, also says trends like climate change, urbanization and rapid technological advances will test Special Forces soldiers in new ways.

"Drastic changes to global social patterns, the cli-

mate, and economies will drive political instability and resource competition," the strategy states.

But the Army's main focus is Russia and China and the concerns also go beyond their military modernization programs. Such adversaries avoid provoking a conventional military fight by "weaponizing information at scale" to "fracture our alliances and win without fighting."

"Great power competition means we are in conflict right now," the strategy states.

To deal with threats short of armed combat, Army special operators want to get more out of combat training centers by using cyber and information warfare in all aspects of training.

In 2018, the Pentagon put out a new national defense strategy that placed greater focus on countering Russia and China. In the year since, the military has grappled with how to manage ongoing threats in the Middle East with the new focus.

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Green Berets assigned to 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) move to board a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter for extraction during training near Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., in August.

Steven Lewis/U.S. Army

MILITARY

# Strategy: Some changes in training already underway

FROM FRONT PAGE

The national defense strategy was “clear in its call to shake off strategic atrophy and restore America’s competitive edge,” Lt. Gen. Francis M. Beaudette said in a statement.

To that end, Army Special Forces must be able to operate when technology no longer works, which means getting better at battlefield maneuver and land navigation, the strategy states. In a fight against Russia or China, GPS and communications systems would likely come under attack.

At the same time, ARSOF said it will integrate rapidly changing technology such as “hardened communications” and information-gathering platforms, as well as weapons that can “reach out and kill the enemy undetected.”

“Our culture will be grounded

in a shift on two fronts: brilliant at the basics and revolutionary. Everything we do will emphasize survivability, lethality, and agility,” the strategy says.

Some changes in training have already taken root. The course to qualify for the Green Berets was recently revamped and shortened so that soldiers can get to units faster and receive additional training tailored to their specific mission.

“We need to reestablish our forte, which is our ability to work with partner forces, developing their capabilities to provide an advantage for them and the United States against our adversaries — North Korea, Iran and China and Russia,” the Army’s Maj. Gen. Kurt Sonntag told The Associated Press earlier this month.

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ANDREW ADAIRZ/U.S. Army

Green Berets assigned to 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne) train members of the Arizona Air Force National Guard on marksmanship during the Red Flag training event in Flagstaff, Ariz., in August.

# Blast: UN says more Afghan civilians died in July than in any previous one-month period

FROM FRONT PAGE

Zahir Adil, spokesman for the public health department in Nangarhar province, said 23 of the wounded were transferred to Jalalabad, the provincial capital, and the rest were being treated in the Haskamena district clinic.

The violence comes a day after a United Nations report said Afghan civilians are dying in record numbers in the country’s increasingly brutal war, noting that more civilians died in July than in any previous one-month

period since the U.N. began keeping statistics.

“Civilian casualties at record-high levels clearly show the need for all parties concerned to pay much more attention to protecting the civilian population, including through a review of conduct during combat operations,” said Tadamichi Yamamoto, the U.N. secretary-general’s special representative for Afghanistan.

The report said pro-government forces caused 2,348 civilian casualties, including 1,149

killed and 1,199 wounded, a 26% increase from the same period in 2018.

The report said 2,563 civilians were killed and 5,676 were wounded in the first nine months of this year. Insurgents were responsible for 62% July to September were the deadliest months so far this year.

Efforts to restart talks to end Afghanistan’s 18-year war picked up earlier this month, just weeks after President Donald Trump last month declared the talks

“dead,” blaming a surge in violence by the Taliban that included the killing of a U.S. soldier.

U.S. peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad visited Pakistan and met with the Taliban’s top negotiator, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, who is a co-founder of the hard-line Islamic movement and was head of a Taliban delegation to the Pakistani capital.

U.S. officials said Khalilzad was in the Pakistani capital only to follow up on talks he held in September in New York with

Pakistani officials, including Prime Minister Imran Khan. They insisted he was not in Pakistan to restart U.S.-Taliban peace talks.

In western Herat province, six civilians including four children were killed Thursday when their vehicle was hit by a road-side bomb, said Jelani Farhad, spokesman for the provincial governor.

He added that five other civilians were wounded in the attack in the Zawal district.

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MILITARY

# Navy: Bird strikes 'doomsday' plane in costly incident

By ALLYSON CHIU  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Navy's "doomsday" plane wasn't supposed to be on the ground in Maryland for long. Instead, the E-6B Mercury — a flying communications and command post designed to play a critical role during a nuclear war — should have briefly touched down before taking off again.

But as the hulking aircraft was attempting to perform the maneuver earlier this month at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, about 60 miles southeast of Washington, things didn't quite go according to plan.

A wayward bird struck one of the plane's four engines when it was landing on Oct. 2, temporarily grounding it and causing at least \$2 million in damage, Tim Boulay, communications director for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, told The Washington Post in an email Thursday.

The incident was classified by the Naval Safety Center as a "class A" mishap, which also applies to cases that result in aircraft destruction, death or permanent disability.

At the time of the costly bird encounter, a team of people were on board conducting a systems test, but no one was injured, Boulay said. It is unclear what species of feathered creature collided with the \$14.7 million plane, and the incident remains under investigation. As of Thursday, Boulay said, the damaged engine had been replaced and the aircraft was back in service.

The bird strike comes just months after another E-6B Mercury sustained millions in damage at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, the Navy Times reported. Navy officials said the plane was being towed out of a hangar in February when it clipped the structure.

E-6B Mercury planes are a critical component of the Navy's



Jacob Skovro/U.S. Air Force

A U.S. Navy E-6B Mercury aircraft like the one shown above was attempting to perform a touchdown maneuver at Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Maryland when a wayward bird struck one of its four engines on Oct. 2, causing at least \$2 million in damage.

"Take Charge and Move Out," or TACAMO, mission. Derived from Boeing's commercial 707 jet, the aircraft connects U.S. leaders to an arsenal of nuclear warheads ready to be delivered from land, air and sea in times of crisis, according to a Navy fact sheet. Until 1991, variations of the plane were kept in the air nonstop for three decades, providing a 24-hour link between the president and nuclear submarines during the Cold War, according to The Post.

The E-6B Mercury was accepted by the Navy in 1997 and deployed about a year later. The planes are just over 150 feet long and roughly 42 feet high. They can travel at 600 mph and have a range of 6,600 nautical miles.

Like every other plane, however, the E-6B Mercury does not come equipped with a fool-proof defense against birds.

Between 1981 and 2011, naval aviators reported more than 16,500 bird strikes that cost \$372

million in damage, according to the Naval Safety Center. But when the scope is broadened to include all military and civil aircraft, the number of cases increases exponentially.

Every year, there are at least 3,000 reports of wildlife strikes involving military aircraft, according to the Department of Defense Partners in Flight program. The Federal Aviation Administration reports an additional 2,300 encounters.

# Air Force major pleads guilty in health care fraud case

By JAMES NEAL  
Enid (Okla.) News & Eagle

ENID, Okla. — A nurse and officer at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., pleaded guilty in federal court Wednesday to receiving more than \$620,000 in kickbacks in an illegal pharmacy referral scheme.

Maj. Romeatrus Moss, 39, who is assigned to Vance, pleaded guilty to criminal health care fraud in which she accepted kickbacks for referring Tricare beneficiaries to pharmacies furnishing compounded drugs, U.S. Attorney Timothy Downing announced Wednesday.

According to a felony filing on

Sept. 30, Moss solicited and received \$73,823 in return for referrals to compounding pharmacies involving patients covered by Tricare, a health insurance program for members of the U.S. military. The initial case involved in the filing stemmed from June 2015.

"Because of resulting cost increases and infringement on patient choice, it is a crime to solicit or receive payments for referrals to health care providers for an item or service that could be paid, in whole or in part, by a federal health care program," according to the U.S. Attorney's press release.

Moss pleaded guilty Wednesday before U.S. District Judge Pat-

rick Wyrick, admitting that while working at the medical clinic at Vance, she gave military members pre-



Moss

scribed prescription pads and "induced them to ask their doctors for specific compounded drugs," according to the press release. Moss admitted she directed the prescriptions to specific pharmacies and was paid a kickback that was a percentage of the gross

reimbursement the pharmacies received from Tricare for filling the prescriptions, according to the press release.

As a result of her plea agreement, Moss must pay \$622,459 of restitution to Tricare — the total amount of kickbacks she received in the referral scheme, according to the press release. Her residence, a 2016 Porsche Cayenne and a 2000 Fleetwood Pace Arrow all must be surrendered to criminal forfeiture as part of the agreement.

According to the Garfield County Assessor's Office in Enid, Okla., the fair cash value of the residence is listed at \$712,860.

At sentencing, Moss faces a

maximum penalty of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, in addition to up to three years of supervised release.

The Defense Criminal Investigative Service, Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Oklahoma City Division collaborated in the investigation, according to the press release.

According to the Vance public affairs office, Moss "remains assigned to Vance AFB at this time, pending appropriate administrative action," and is not currently facing military justice charges because the Department of Justice assumed jurisdiction in the case.

# Lithuania says statement about accepting US nuclear weapons fake

By JOHN VANDIVER  
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STUTTGART, Germany — A "press release" swirling on social media that claims the U.S. plans to build a military base and transfer nuclear bombs from Turkey to the Baltics is a hoax, said Lithuania's Foreign Ministry, which launched an investigation Friday into the origins of the phony report.

"Urgent information ... This is a hoax," said a spokesman under investigation by Lithuanian au-

thorities," the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry said in a statement posted on Twitter.

The release appeared to be delivered from a spoofed Lithuanian government email address and said 500 U.S. soldiers recently deployed were on a mission to lay the groundwork for a base in the country. It added that the mission was focused on building infrastructure so that nuclear bombs could be transferred there from Incirlik Air Base in Turkey.

This isn't the first time fake

information has circulated about U.S. and NATO missions in the Baltics. In 2017, at the start of NATO battlegroup deployments in the Baltics, emails were sent to Lithuanian news outlets and government officials accusing German soldiers stationed in the country of rape. Some news outlets reported the claims, which were later rejected by Lithuanian authorities as fake and an attempt to discredit the NATO mission.

In recent days, about 500 U.S. soldiers and their military equip-

ment did actually begin arriving in Lithuania, where they will be on an extended deployment as part of efforts to deter potential Russian aggression in the region. However, the mission is rotational, and troops will return to the U.S. in the spring.

There are no plans for a permanent base in Lithuania.

In recent years, allies have taken steps to counter Russian disinformation campaigns and efforts to undermine the NATO alliance. NATO now has a cyber-

space operations center and intelligence division and has hybrid warfare teams that can deploy in support of member states.

In 2017, NATO and the European Union also launched a "center of excellence" in Helsinki to help allies and partners deal with "hybrid" attacks, which involve cyber and information warfare, along with political, economic and military actions. Another center was set up by NATO in Tallinn, Estonia in 2008.

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## MIDEAST

# Kurds: Turkey in violation of Syria cease-fire

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CEYLANPINAR, Turkey — The Kurdish-led administration in northern Syria accused Turkey on Friday of violating a U.S.-brokered cease-fire that went into effect overnight, as fighters from both sides clashed in and around a border town that has been one of the fiercest fronts in the Turkish invasion.

The town of Ras al-Ayn was emerging as an immediate test for the five-day cease-fire agreed on by Washington and Ankara. Before the deal's announcement, Turkish-backed forces had encircled the town and were battling fierce resistance from Kurdish fighters inside.

The Syrian Kurds raised further uncertainty over a cease-fire deal that already was vague on key points and left significant questions unanswered. The self-rule administration said some provisions of the cease-fire deal "need further discussion with the United States."

It did not specify which provisions, but the Kurds have not publicly committed to a central term of the deal — a pullout of their fighters from the border region. A spokesman for the Kurdish-led fighters said Friday they were not withdrawing from Ras al-Ayn because Turkish forces are still besieging and shelling it.

Criticism of the cease-fire deal — which President Donald Trump called "a great day for civilization" — mounted. EU Council President Donald Tusk said it was "not a cease-fire, it is a demand for the capitulation of the Kurds" and called on Turkey to immediately halt its operation in

northeast Syria. French President Emmanuel Macron called the Turkish operation "madness."

Turkish shelling hit in and around Ras al-Ayn on Friday morning, raising columns of smoke, seen by an Associated Press journalist in Ceylanpinar on the Turkish side of the border, but none was seen after 10:30 a.m., and only sporadic gunfire was heard from inside the town.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Rojava Information Center said fighting continued into the afternoon as Turkish-backed Syrian fighters clashed with Kurdish forces in villages on the outskirts of Ras al-Ayn. The Kurdish-led force said five of its fighters were killed and a number of civilians wounded in a Turkish airstrike on one of the villages.

Other activists reported a new exodus of civilians from the villages. Gun battles and shelling continued around a hospital in the center of Ras al-Ayn, and those injured inside could not be evacuated, said Mustafa Bali, spokesman for the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces. The Kurdish Red Crescent said it was unable to enter the town to evacuate the wounded because of fighting.

Kurdish fighters said the fighting quieted around 4 p.m.

In its statement, the Kurdish-led administration said Turkey "has not adhered with the cease-fire until now in some areas," particularly in Ras al-Ayn. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan denied any fighting took place Friday and said Kurdish fighters had begun withdrawing, a claim the Kurds denied.

A senior U.S. official said they were awaiting confirmation on the reported fighting. The official



EMRAN GUREL/AP

**Turkish-backed Syrian opposition fighters on an armored personnel carrier drive to cross the border into Syria in Akcakale, Sanliurfa province, southeastern Turkey on Friday.**

said it takes time for information to filter down to field units especially for forces without strong command and control. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The cease-fire agreement — reached after hours of negotiations in Turkey's capital between Erdogan and U.S. Vice President Mike Pence — requires the Kurdish fighters to vacate a swath of territory in Syria along the Turkish border. That arrangement would largely solidify the position Turkey has gained after days of fighting. The Turks and the Kurds appear to disagree on the size of the area covered by the cease-fire. Turkey calls it a "pause" not a cease-fire.

It remains unclear if the Kurdish-led force was on board with pulling back even if a pause in fighting firmly takes hold.

Pence said the U.S. was already coordinating with it on a withdrawal. But American sway with the group has diminished after Trump turned his back on it by withdrawing U.S. soldiers from northeast Syria, opening the way for Turkey to launch its invasion 10 days ago.

The Kurdish-led force's commander, Mazloum Abdi, said Thursday night that it would abide by the cease-fire and "do our best to make it successful." He did not mention any withdrawal.

Asked about a withdrawal, a force spokesman, Mervan, said "so far there is nothing," pointing to the continuing siege of Ras al-Ayn. "It seems that under this deal they want to commit more massacres," he said. He uses a nom de guerre in accordance with the group's regulations.

A member of the Syrian Kurdish force ruled out any pull-back from border towns, calling the U.S. deal with Turkey an "in-sult" and saying "no way this will work."

"They think we will just leave our land and our people to Turks if we are asked," he said. "They can come and take the land by force. Nobody should expect us to leave our land."

"How does the U.S. think to enforce a deal without presence on the ground?" he added, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

Elsewhere, no fighting was heard Friday along the stretch of

the border that has been the main theater of the Turkish assault, running from Ras al-Ayn about 75 miles west to the Turkish-held town of Tal Abyad. Kurdish fighters have already been driven out of much, but not all, of that territory.

Trump framed the U.S. cease-fire deal with Turkey as "a great day for civilization," but it aims to patch up a foreign policy crisis widely seen to be of his own making.

Turkish troops and their allied Syrian fighters launched the offensive two days after Trump suddenly announced he was withdrawing American troops from the border area. The Kurdish-led forces have since invited the Syrian government's military, backed by Russia, to deploy there to protect them from Turkey. Syrian troops have already rolled into several key points along the border.

The Kurds were U.S. allies in the fight against the Islamic State since 2014, but Turkey considers the Kurdish fighters terrorists because of their links to outlawed Kurdish rebels fighting inside Turkey since the 1980s.

## Trump claims 'great day' but draws fire from lawmakers

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — President Donald Trump framed the U.S.-brokered cease-fire deal with Turkey as "a great day for civilization."

The two nations Thursday agreed to a five-day cease-fire in the Turks' deadly attacks on Kurdish fighters in northern Syria. The agreement requires the Kurds to vacate a swath of territory in Syria along the Turkish border in an arrangement that largely solidifies Turkey's position and aims in the weeklong conflict.

Vice President Mike Pence, who reached the deal with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, hailed the agreement as the way to end the bloodshed caused by Turkey's invasion.

Trump seemed to endorse the Turkish aim of ridding the Syrian side of the border of the Kurdish fighters. "They had to have it cleared out," he said.

During a campaign rally in Texas on Thursday night, Trump said, "Sometimes you have to let them fight, like two kids in a lot, you got to let them fight and then you pull them apart."

Leading U.S. lawmakers were less pleased than Trump. Sen. Mitt Romney, the Republicans' presidential nominee in 2012, said he welcomed the cease-fire but wanted to know what America's role in the region would be and why Turkey was facing no consequences for its invasion.

"Further to the cease-fire does not change the fact that America has abandoned an

ally," he said on the Senate floor.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Trump confidant who has criticized the Republican president's pullout, said he thinks U.S. troops will be needed as part of an effort to implement and enforce a halt to the fighting.

"There's just no way around it," he said. "We need to maintain control of the skies" and work with the Kurds.

While the cease-fire seemed likely to temporarily slow legislation in Congress aimed at punishing Turkey and condemning Trump's U.S. troop withdrawal, lawmakers gave no sign of completely dropping the measures.

Shortly before the announcement of the pause in hostilities, Graham and Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., introduced legislation

that would bar U.S. military aid to Turkey, seek to curb foreign arms sales to Ankara and impose sanctions on top Turkish officials unless Turkey withdraws its forces. Those sanctions would include a report on Erdogan's family assets.

Brett McGurk, the former civilian head of the administration's U.S.-led counter-ISIS campaign, wrote on Twitter that the deal was a gift to the Turks.

"The US just ratified Turkey's plan to effectively extend its border 30km into Syria with no ability to meaningfully influence facts on the ground," he wrote.

Danielle Pletka, vice president for foreign and defense policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute, tweeted, "This is a respite while we surrender to Turkish domination of Northeast Syria."

MIDEAST

# Pence stops at Ramstein after Turkey trip

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Vice President Mike Pence paid a visit to servicemembers at the Ramstein flight line early Friday, hours after negotiating what he called a cease-fire of Turkey's incursion into northern Syria.

Pence looked upbeat as he stepped off Air Force Two after midnight and was greeted by hundreds of U.S. military personnel in a hangar pulsing with loud rock music. Pence told servicemembers he wanted to stop and say hello on his way back to Washington after a long day of meetings with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara.

"You all stayed up late to see me on," he said. "I'm very honored by that."

Pence's trip was aimed at getting Turkey to stop its military offensive in northeastern Syria, a campaign it began more than a week ago to rid the border of Kurdish fighters controlling the area after President Donald Trump said the U.S. wouldn't stand in the way.

Trump was widely criticized for the move that many in the defense community and in Congress said gave Turkey the "green light" to invade Syria and failed to protect the Syrian Kurds, who fought alongside U.S. military personnel to defeat the Islamic State in Syria.

"Today, I'm proud to report, thanks to the president's strong leadership, the United States and Turkey have agreed to a cease-fire in Syria," Pence told servicemembers, eliciting loud cheers.

Pence told the servicemembers, "We have a framework for peace in the region for Syrians and bring security for our allies in Turkey, our allies in the Syr-



Vice President Mike Pence visits with servicemembers at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, early Friday morning.

ian Defense Forces, and it will advance peace and security for all the men, women and children who have suffered through years of war and terror."

The situation in Syria was on the minds of some Ramstein airmen who came out to see Pence.

"That was one of the reasons we came out, to see what was going on (with Turkey and Syria)," said Maj. Kelly Miller, 40, a flight nurse. "I think it's great that there's a cease-fire and I'm glad that they made it happen."

Pence took time to shake servicemembers' hands and take selfies with those who asked. He told personnel that he and Trump

thanked them for their service. "You have my commander in chief's and my own deepest respect for your courage and values," he said.

Many found out about the visit earlier in the day. Even then, they didn't know who was coming right away.

"We were told someone important was coming along and they needed some people to volunteer to be there to greet them," said Capt. Amy Stanley, 27, a flight nurse at Ramstein.

"We all just kind of raised our hands and came on over," she said.

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Servicemembers take selfies with Vice President Mike Pence during his visit to Ramstein.

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Vice President Mike Pence talks to servicemembers at Ramstein on his return flight to the U.S. from Turkey.

# Pompeo seeks to reassure Israel amid turmoil in Syria

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met with Israel's prime minister on Friday to reaffirm the countries' close ties at a time when many in Israel fear the Trump administration intends to cut and run from the Middle East.

The meeting came a day after a U.S. delegation led by Vice President Mike Pence and Pompeo reached agreement with Turkey to halt its week-old offensive against Kurdish forces in northern Syria. Turkey invaded after the U.S. moved its troops aside, abandoning the Syrian Kurdish fighters America had partnered with against the Islamic State group. Turkey views the Kurdish fighters as terrorists because of their links to an insurgency inside its borders.

Israel has strongly condemned the offensive, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warning of "ethnic cleansing." Others have expressed fear that President Donald Trump's stated desire to get out of "stupid endless wars" in the Middle East makes him an unreliable ally as Israel faces threats from Iran.

In brief remarks after their meeting, Pompeo said "the remarkable, close relationship between our two countries is as strong as it has ever been." He said they discussed ways to push back against Iran, and "efforts to jointly combat all the challenges that the world confronts here in the Middle East."

Netanyahu thanked America for its "consistent support" and said they discussed ways of making the alliance "even stronger."

When asked about the agree-

ment to halt the fighting in northern Syria, Netanyahu said "we hope things will turn out for the best," without elaborating. Pompeo declined to comment.

Later, Pompeo met with officials from the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which works to combat anti-Semitism worldwide. The center said its representatives had shared with Pompeo the "fears of millions of Americans over the plight of the Kurdish minority in Syria." They said Pompeo assured them the United States was not abandoning the Middle East.

Netanyahu has portrayed his close relationship with Trump as a godsend for Israel, pointing to the American president's decisions to withdraw from the Iranian nuclear deal and to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

But Israelis have expressed alarm over a series of recent decisions, culminating in the Syria

pullout, that they fear portend an American withdrawal from the region. Trump's expressed willingness to open negotiations with Iran, which nearly resulted in talks with President Hassan Rouhani, raised fears that the U.S. would back away from tough sanctions on the Islamic republic. Trump's refusal so far to retaliate for an attack on Saudi oil facilities, which the U.S. blamed on Iran, sparked further concern.

"Trump abandons allies without blinking and Israel is liable to be next," the popular Yediot Ahronot newspaper said in an article earlier this week. "The entire balance of power in the Middle East is built on a very delicate web of supports, pressures, understandings and agreements and Trump is unraveling that web."

Rapid advances by Turkish forces this week forced the Kurds to turn to Syrian President Bashar

Assad for protection, and Syrian and Russian forces have already fanned out across the vast swathes of northeastern Syria held by the Kurds. That could allow Iran, a close ally of Assad, to further expand its presence, which already stretches across the Middle East to Israel's northern frontier.

The questions about the U.S. alliance come at a sensitive time for Netanyahu, who made his relations with Trump and other top world leaders a major plank of his campaign ahead of last month's elections. The vote left him deadlocked with his main opponent, with no clear path for either to form a government.

On Wednesday, a Yediot Ahronot columnist accused Netanyahu of placing all his eggs in "Trump's basket," saying the American president has become a "flimsy crutch."

## NATION

# White House says Ukraine aid tied to probe

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WASHINGTON — The White House acknowledged that President Donald Trump's decision to hold up military aid to Ukraine was linked to his demand that Kyiv investigate the Democratic National Committee and the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign, a shifting new explanation about events at the heart of the impeachment inquiry.

The Thursday admission from acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney undercut the president's position that there was no quid pro quo during Trump's phone call with the Ukraine president that sparked the House investigation.

The sudden turn of events had immediate fallout. Trump's lawyer distanced the Republican president from Mulvaney's account. The Justice Department said the explanation was news to them. And Democrats cast Mulvaney's remarks as further evidence of wrongdoing as Trump sought a "favor" from Ukraine.

Trump, traveling in Texas, appeared to stand by his top aide,



EVAN VUCCA/AP

**White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney speaks during a press conference Thursday at the White House in Washington.**

calling Mulvaney a "good man." "I have a lot of confidence" in him, Trump said.

But Mulvaney's initial remarks, made during a rare appearance by an administration official in the White House briefing room, spun open a new phase of the impeachment inquiry.

He indicated that a quid pro quo was at play for the military

aid — but a different one than Democrats initially highlighted as they probed Trump's efforts to have Ukraine investigate a company linked to the son of his Democratic rival, Joe Biden.

Trump, as shown in a rough transcript of the July call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, sought help in investigating not only the firm tied to

Biden but also a security company hired by the Democratic National Committee that discovered that Russian agents had broken into the committee's network. The stolen emails were subsequently published by WikiLeaks ahead of the 2016 election.

"The look back to what happened in 2016 certainly was part of the thing that he was worried about in corruption with that nation," Mulvaney told reporters, delivering the White House's most granular explanation yet of the decision to withhold military assistance. "Did he also mention to me in the past the corruption that related to the DNC server? Absolutely, no question about that," Mulvaney continued. "That's why we held up the money."

Trump's personal lawyer, Jay Sekulow, issued a pointed statement distancing the president's legal team from Mulvaney's comments.

"The President's legal counsel was not involved in acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney's press briefing," it said.

Within hours, Mulvaney issued a separate statement claiming his remarks were misconstrued.

"Let me be clear: There was absolutely no quid pro quo between Ukrainian military aid and any investigation into the 2016 election," he said. "The president never told me to withhold any money until the Ukrainians did anything related to the server."

But it may be difficult to erase what Mulvaney said as House Democrats dig into their investigation.

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the chairman of the Intelligence Committee leading the impeachment probe, said, "I think Mr. Mulvaney's acknowledgment means that things have gone from very, very bad to much, much worse."

Mulvaney, who has already received a subpoena for documents in the impeachment probe, will now likely be asked by investigators to appear for a deposition.

"I believe that they're getting closer to basically admitting a crime," said Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, who said Mulvaney should testify. "Where he talks about politics being attached to foreign policy — I mean, you're going up to the water's edge there."

## Pentagon won't comply with Trump impeachment probe

By COREY DICKSTEIN  
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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon would ignore a subpoena to provide documents related to withheld military aid for Ukraine, a senior Defense Department official wrote in a letter to House Democrats days after Defense Secretary Mark Esper vowed to comply with the congressional investigation.

In a letter sent Tuesday to top Democrats, Robert R. Hood, assistant secretary of defense for legislative affairs, cites several "legal and practical concerns" in declining to participate in the impeachment probe aimed at determining whether President Donald Trump withheld a \$250

million aid package to pressure Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to investigate Trump's political rival — former Vice President Joe Biden. The letter was sent to Capitol Hill two days after Esper said during an appearance on CBS News' "Face the Nation" that the Pentagon would "do everything we can to cooperate with Congress" on the impeachment inquiry.

Esper and the Pentagon were given a Tuesday deadline to provide the Ukraine-related documents demanded in the subpoena issued Oct. 7. Hood's letter Tuesday denying to provide those documents was addressed to Reps. Adam Schiff, of California, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee; Eliot Engel, of New

York, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and Elijah Cummings, of Maryland, who was chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee until his death Thursday.

Following the lead of the White House, which last week announced it would not comply with the inquiry, Hood questioned the legitimacy of the probe.

He challenged House Democrats' ability to issue a subpoena for information before a formal House vote authorizes them to conduct an impeachment inquiry and he asserted that much of the documentation sought is likely subject to "executive privilege" and "would require careful review" before it could be released to Congress.

But Hood also noted the Pentagon would comply with the probe if a vote authorized an official impeachment inquiry.

"The department is prepared to engage in the process consistent with long-standing practice and provide the responsive information should there be resolution of this matter," Hood wrote.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said this week that she would not call for a formal vote on impeachment. Schiff on Tuesday blamed the White House for the Pentagon's decision not to comply with the inquiry, adding that "the case for obstruction of Congress continues to build."

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## US picks Trump's Doral golf resort for G-7; critics call choice 'brazen'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's suggestion that his Miami golf resort host next year's Group of Seven summit became a reality Thursday, sparking an outcry from critics who called it the most blatant example yet of him using the power of his office to boost his business empire.

"There are folks who will never get over the fact that it's a Trump property, but we're still going to go there," acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said in announcing Trump National Doral as host. "It's not the only place. It's the best place."

Mulvaney said the president will not profit from the summit because it will be booked "at cost" and that it stood out from a dozen sites considered because of its location and amenities. But it at least creates the appearance of a conflict of interest because, unlike foreign dignitaries who can choose to stay at the president's Washington hotel and other properties, they have



Alex Saxe/AP

**The White House says it has chosen President Donald Trump's golf resort in Miami as the site for next year's Group of Seven summit.**

no choice but to spend money at his resort during the June 10-12 summit.

"He is doubling down on his corruption," said ethics lawyer Kathleen Clark, of Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. "He's daring anyone to prevent him from further enriching himself from the presidency."

The decision comes as several lawsuits accuse Trump of violating the Constitution's emoluments clause, which bans the president from receiving gifts or payments from foreign governments. It also comes as Trump has been repeatedly accusing Joe Biden's family of profiting from public office because of Hunter Biden's business activities in Ukraine when his father was vice president.

Mulvaney brushed off such concerns, as well as the idea that the naming at Trump's Doral course would be nothing more than a massive promotion for his brand.

"Donald Trump's brand is strong as it is," Mulvaney said. "It's the most recognized name in the English language."

The chief of staff recounted that Trump himself raised the idea during a brainstorming session on possible sites, saying, "What about Doral?" Said Mulvaney, "That's not the craziest idea I've ever heard."

Trump boasted at this year's G-7 summit in France that Doral would be a "natural" choice, touting its sprawling acreage,

proximity to the airport, three golf courses, "incredible" restaurants and separate buildings for every delegation.

Mulvaney said about a dozen potential sites were narrowed to a list of four finalists before Doral was selected as "far and away the best physical facility." He added that holding the event at Doral would be dramatically cheaper — saving "millions" — and he promised to provide financial figures after the event to back that up.

Critics noted that the Doral resort, the biggest source of revenue among Trump's 17 golf properties, appears to have been struggling since even before he became president.

Financial disclosure reports filed by the president show revenue is barely growing, up just \$1 million last year, to \$76 million. And the Trump Organization itself has admitted it was struggling, arguing in a tax appeal to local authorities last year that it is "seriously underperforming," according to a Washington Post review of tax appeal documents.

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# At rally in Texas, Trump says Dems 'crazy,' unpatriotic

BY JILL COLVIN AND KEVIN FREKING  
Associated Press

DALLAS — President Donald Trump tried to turn impeachment rancor into a political rallying cry Thursday, using a Texas rally to bash Democrats as “crazy” and unpatriotic as they push forward with their investigations.

Setting a dire tone, Trump told his supporters, “At stake in this fight is the survival of American democracy itself.”

“Don’t kid yourselves,” he said of the Democrats, “I really don’t believe anyone that they love our country.”

A day after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other top Democrats walked out of a White House meeting that had devolved into an insult fest, Trump denounced her as “crazy Nancy.”

“She’s nuts,” he told the crowd at a packed stadium in Dallas. The comments came as the White House continues its quickly unfolding inquiry into Trump’s dealings with Ukraine, deposing witness after witness as they build their case. But Trump and his campaign have tried to turn

the inquiry his way, accusing Democrats of using the Constitutional process to try to overturn the results of the 2016 election.

“They’re coming after and fighting you, and we never lose,” he said, predicting the 2020 election will be “a landslide” for Republicans, despite polling showing him lagging behind.

Trump also continued his attacks on former Vice President Joe Biden, and his son Hunter’s work for a Ukraine energy company. Trump’s efforts to pressure Ukraine to investigate the Biden family are at the heart of the Democrats’ inquiry into whether Trump compromised national security and used his office to try to bolster his 2020 chances by pushing foreign governments to investigate one of his Democratic rivals.

Trump’s day included a tour of a new Louis Vuitton leather workshop in north central Texas and a fundraiser in Fort Worth that, combined with a pre-rally reception in Dallas, brought in \$5.5 million, according to the Republican National Committee.

Texas is a crucial state for Republicans, both in terms of money



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Members of the audience wear “Trump 2020” cowboy hats and chant, “four more years!” as President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally at American Airlines Arena in Dallas on Thursday.

and votes. Trump carried the GOP stronghold and its 38 Electoral College votes by 9 points in 2016. But Democrats have pointed to demographic changes — as well as the fact that Republican Sen. Ted Cruz won reelection by less than 3 points last year — as evidence that the second-most-populous state could soon be in play. But Trump rejected that thinking as he urged his supporters to reelect Cruz and John Cornyn, the state’s other Republican senator.

As he campaigns for a second term, Trump’s team has tried to focus attention on economic gains over the last three years, including the low unemployment rate. Pressing that message, Trump

cut the ribbon at a new production facility for the luxury brand Louis Vuitton in Alvarado with his elder daughter, Ivanka.

Trump joked that the company, which is known for its lo-gged handbags and luggage, has cost him “a lot of money over the years.” His wife, first lady Melania Trump, has repeatedly been spotted traveling with the brand.

“This workshop will soon employ 500 of the most highly skilled workers anywhere in the world,” Trump said. “No one can match the precision and perfection of an American artisan.”

The Texas visit comes at a treacherous time for Trump, whose dealings with the president of Ukraine are under fire.

While Republicans have largely rallied around him, they sounded alarmed over his decision to pull U.S. troops out of northeast Syria — a move that paved the way for Turkey to invade and assault the Kurds, who’d fought alongside the U.S. in its campaign against Islamic State militants.

At his rally, Trump credited his “unconventional” approach for the announcement of a ceasefire Thursday. And he repeatedly painted the Turkish assault on the Kurds as something that had its benefits.

“Sometimes, you have to let them fight like two kids in a lot,” he said. “You got to let them fight and then you pull them apart.”

## Energy chief resigning at end of year

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Energy Secretary Rick Perry will leave his job by the end of the year, President Donald Trump said Thursday.

Perry was traveling with Trump to Texas when he told Trump of his decision aboard Air Force One.

Perry is under scrutiny over the role he played in the president’s dealings with Ukraine that are currently the subject of an impeachment inquiry.

House Democrats have subpoenaed Perry for documents related to a Ukrainian state-owned energy company, as well as his involvement in a July call between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy. The lawmakers set a Friday deadline.

Trump has said Perry teed up the July 25 call, in which Trump pressed Ukraine to investigate his Democratic rival, Joe Biden, and his son, who was employed by a Ukrainian gas company.

Perry did not answer questions about his decision upon arrival in Fort Worth.



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## Showing O’Rourke support

Supporters stand in line waiting for the venue to open, followed by Kim Thomson, right, dressed in a Donald Trump costume, as they arrive to listen to Democratic presidential candidate former Texas Rep. Beto O’Rourke speak at a rally in Grand Prairie, Texas, on Thursday.

## Can Buttigieg connect in way that’s expected?

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT  
Associated Press

WATERLOO, Iowa — John McAnear, 77, an Air Force veteran, stood in an audience of hundreds in suburban Des Moines, Iowa, with an oxygen tank at his side, wheezing as he implored Pete Buttigieg, 37, to protect the Veterans Administration.

The Democratic presidential hopeful offered a respectful, if deferential, “Thank you for serving” and skipped any attempt to bond over their mutual military service. Instead, Buttigieg offered a list of proposals to fix the VA.

Of the many ways the mayor of South Bend, Ind., is different from his better-known rivals, there is this: his ingrained emotional restraint in a show-all-tell-all era.

“You don’t really get the warm fuzzies from him,” said Lisa Ann Spilman, a retired Air Force officer who attended Buttigieg’s event. “But I really like how intelligent and down to earth he is.”

As Buttigieg, whose campaign appears better positioned organizationally in Iowa and financially overall than former Vice President Joe Biden’s, attempts

to climb into the top tier of Democrats, voters will be taking a measure of him in all ways, including whether he can make the kind of personal connection they have come to expect, at least since Bill Clinton showed he could feel their pain.

Buttigieg chafes at being labeled an emotionless technocrat, and his supporters cite his intellectual agility as his main draw, particularly against his own leader, President Donald Trump, whose strained relationship with the truth is so frequently on display.

In a candidate debate Tuesday, Buttigieg showed rare outward fire, pointedly challenging Sen. Elizabeth Warren on her health care plan and former Rep. Beto O’Rourke on gun control.

“I don’t need lessons from you on courage, political or personal,” Buttigieg said to O’Rourke.

“I don’t mind being a little professional at times,” Buttigieg acknowledged in a conversation with reporters last month. He added, “Sometimes, I think I’m misread because I’m laid-back. I’m misread as being bloodless.”

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# Senate permits use of DOD funds for border wall

By ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Thursday to sustain President Donald Trump's veto of Democratic-sponsored legislation reversing his raid of military base project money to pay for the U.S.-Mexico border wall.

The 53-36 vote was well short of the two-thirds required to overturn the veto. The vote mirrored ones last month and in March in which a number of Republicans broke with Trump in defending lawmakers' power of the purse. The military projects in question included base schools and target ranges.

In February, Trump declared the security situation along the border "a national emergency. That decision enabled him to take up to \$3.6 billion from such projects to finance wall construction beyond the miles that lawmakers have been willing to fund.

Democrats reacted with outrage and some GOP senators opposed Trump as well. Top Republicans such as Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky had urged Trump not to do it. But once Trump acted, McConnell and others fell into line even as 10 Republicans broke with Trump on Thursday's vote.

"The president's emergency declaration is an unconstitutional, all-power grab. Congress has not funded his requests for border wall funding," said Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M. "But this presi-

dent will not accept Congress's judgment. Or our constitutional authority. His emergency declaration is an exercise of power that is just not his under the Constitution."

Trump has obtained just over \$3 billion for border barrier construction by working through regular congressional channels, subject to limitations imposed by lawmakers.

He has used various transfer and emergency authorities to shift almost \$7 billion more from the emergency declaration, a forfeiture fund containing money seized by law enforcement, and funding for military counterdrug activities.

Last week, a federal judge in Texas ruled that Trump had exceeded his authority in reallocating the money for military construction to the border wall. The Supreme Court in July issued a stay on a ruling by a California court that blocked Trump from carrying out the maneuver.

The Pentagon recently identified \$3.6 billion worth of military construction projects it's willing to kill in order to build 175 miles of border wall.

**'This president will not accept Congress' judgment. Or our... authority.'**

Sen. Tom Udall D-N.M



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Former Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, right foreground, receives a standing ovation during the 74th Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner, on Thursday, in New York.

## Mattis laughs off Trump barb at gala

By TOM McELROY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis is laughing off an insult hurled at him by President Donald Trump.

Speaking at a New York charity event Thursday the day after Trump demeaned him as "the world's most overrated general," Mattis joked that he took it as a compliment. "I'm not just an overrated general. I'm the greatest, the world's most overrated," he told diners at the annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner.

"I'm honored to be considered that by Donald Trump because he also called Meryl Streep an overrated actress," he said. "So I guess I'm the Meryl Streep of generals, and frankly that sounds

pretty good to me."

Trump lashed out at his former defense secretary Wednesday, during a contentious White House meeting with members of Congress.

The meeting was intended to be a bipartisan discussion of Trump's decision to pull U.S. forces from northern Syria, but it broke up after a testy exchange between Trump and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Before the walkout, Trump disparaged Mattis, who had argued as defense secretary that U.S. troops were needed in Syria to prevent a resurgence of Islamic State fighters.

Trump said Mattis was "the world's most overrated general. You know why? He wasn't tough enough."

"I captured ISIS," Trump went

on to say.

Mattis resigned as defense secretary last December after Trump said he intended to pull 2,000 American troops out of Syria. In his resignation letter, the retired Marine general told Trump he had "the right to have a Secretary of Defense whose views are better aligned with yours."

Since then, he has largely refrained from publicly criticizing the administration, saying he owed the commander in chief "a duty of silence."

But he did save a zinger for Trump at the laughter-filled gala, saying the "overrated" moniker didn't bother him.

"I earned my spurs on the battlefield ... and Donald Trump earned his spurs in a letter from a doctor," Mattis joked.

## Pelosi moves forward on drug prices despite falling out with Trump

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is plowing ahead with her bill allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices despite a breakdown in relations with her chief bargaining partner on the issue — President Donald Trump.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has estimated the legislation would save Medicare \$345 billion over seven years, partly because some seniors would no longer have to skip on costly medicines, and they'd stay healthier.

A separate estimate from nonpartisan analysts at the Department of Health and Human Services found that households would save \$158 billion over 10 years.

But the budget office also cautioned that squeezing drugmakers could mean that some new



ALEX BRANDON/AP

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., has moved forward with her bill to allow Medicare to negotiate on drug prices.

medications — 3% to 5% — won't make it to market.

Such trade-offs were front and center Thursday as House committees considered the legislation. The Education and Labor Committee voted along party lines to advance the bill, and the Energy and Commerce panel was deliberating. Ways and Means also

held a hearing. Democrats and Republicans say Pelosi is moving quickly to get the bill ready for a floor vote.

"These are jaw-dropping savings," said Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Calif., who chairs the health subcommittee of Energy and Commerce. "This is legislation that is going to make a true, tangible difference in the lives of the American people."

Eshoo said the money could be used to provide dental, vision and hearing benefits for Medicare recipients or could be reinvested in drug research at the National Institutes of Health.

But at another hearing before Ways and Means, Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, caustically dubbed the Pelosi bill the "Fewer Cures for Patients Act." Brady said the budget office found that one consequence could be fewer drug approvals should be a stop sign for lawmakers.

Although supporters of the leg-

islation note that the CBO said only a small share of new drugs would be affected, Brady said, "One cure lost is one cure too many."

The legislation from Pelosi, D-Calif., would authorize Medicare to negotiate prices for the costliest drugs — including insulin — using lower prices paid in other economically advanced countries as the reference point. The budget office says that could result in price cuts of 40% to 55% for pharmacy drugs. The bill would allow private insurance plans to also get Medicare's price.

As a hammer to force companies to negotiate, Pelosi would impose steep sales taxes on the medications at issue. Overall, budget analysts estimated the legislation would cut industry revenues by \$500 billion to \$1 trillion over 10 years. The CBO says those numbers are preliminary.

Congressional Republicans are broadly opposed to allowing

Medicare to negotiate drug prices, so the legislation has no chance in the Senate unless Trump gets behind it. As a candidate, Trump called for Medicare negotiations, and Pelosi's office has been in communication with top White House officials for months. Congressional Republicans say negotiations are best left to insurers that administer Medicare's prescription drug benefit.

If Trump's anger over the Pelosi-initiated impeachment probe sinks the effort, lawmakers of both parties would face voters next year with nothing to show on a top consumer issue. The White House had no comment on the budget estimates.

CBO hasn't said what kinds of new drugs could be kept off the market — whether they would be copycat medications or life-changing medications would be affected, too.



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# Female spacewalking team makes history

By **MARCIA DUNN**  
Associated Press

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.** — The world's first female spacewalking team made history high above Earth on Friday, floating out of the International Space Station to fix a broken part of the power network.

As NASA astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir emerged one by one, it marked the first time in a half-century of spacewalking that a woman floated out without a male crew mate.

America's first female spacewalker from 35 years ago, Kathy Sullivan, was delighted. She said it's good to finally have enough women in the astronaut corps and trained for spacewalking for this to happen.

NASA leaders — along with women and others around the world — cheered Koch and Meir on. At the same time, many noted that this will hopefully become routine in the future.

"We've got qualified women running the control, running space centers, commanding the station, commanding spaceships and doing spacewalks," Sullivan told The Associated Press earlier this week. "And golly gee whiz, every now and then there's more than one woman in the same place."

Tracy Caldwell Dyson, a three-time spacewalker who watched

from Mission Control, added: "Hopefully, this will now be considered normal."

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine watched the big event unfold from NASA headquarters in Washington.

"We have the right people doing the right job at the right time," he said. "They are an inspiration to people all over the world, including me. And we're very excited to get this mission underway."

NASA originally wanted to conduct an all-female spacewalk last spring but did not have enough medium-size suits ready to go. Koch and Meir were supposed to install more new batteries in a spacewalk next week but had to venture out three days earlier to deal with an equipment failure that had occurred last weekend. They needed to replace an old battery charger for one of the three new batteries that was installed last week by Koch and Andrew Morgan.

"Jessica and Christina, we are so proud of you. You're going to do great today," Morgan radioed from inside as the women exited the hatch.

Meir, making her spacewalking debut, became the 228th person in the world to conduct a spacewalk and the 15th woman.

It was the fourth spacewalk for Koch, who is seven months into an 11-month mission that will be the longest ever by a woman.



**Above:** Astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir exit the International Space Station on Friday. **Left:** Meir, left, and Koch pose for a photo in the International Space Station on Thursday.

PHOTOS BY NASA/AP

## New Orleans to explode cranes as storm nears

Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** — The city of New Orleans was preparing to explode two giant, badly damaged construction cranes that are towering over a partially collapsed hotel project at the edge of the French Quarter, bringing them down Friday just ahead of tropical weather that could possibly cause them to tumble out of control.

They hoped to demolish the cranes with a series of controlled explosions that would drop them straight down without damaging gas and electricity lines and historic buildings.

Eyes Chief Tim McConnell said they're working quickly to collapse the multiton structures as authorities keep watch on the outer bands of what the National Hurricane Center expects to become Tropical Storm Nestor. Forecasters said the storm could kick up stiff winds and rain by Friday night.

Mayor LaToya Cantrell cited the collapsed Hard Rock Hotel and the coming storm in declaring a state of emergency that empowers police to "commander or utilize any private property," force people out of dangerous areas and suspend the sale or transport of alcohol and firearms, among other measures.

"There is still a possibility of tropical storm force winds here in New Orleans," Gov. John Bel Edwards said, flanking the mayor at a Thursday evening news conference. "That is not the probability. But there is a probability that we're going to have elevated winds regardless."

The fire chief described a plan involving workers suspended from another crane, moved in Thursday,



GERALD HERBERT/AP

**New Orleans music legend Deacon John Moore sings "Amazing Grace" on Thursday during a candlelight vigil outside city hall for deceased and injured workers from the Hard Rock Hotel construction collapse in New Orleans.**

to weaken the damaged construction towers with blow torches and attach explosives at key points. One of the crane towers is about 270 feet high, the other about 300 feet. Both have massive cross arms adding more tonnage. Neither is stable.

"The rear tower moved four inches overnight, the one in the front moved two inches," McConnell said. "They're not designed to do that."

McConnell said an already wide evacuation area around the site would be expanded ahead of the explosion. Gas to a major utility line was being shut down, and steps were being taken to protect that line and underground electrical lines that could be affected by falling debris. McConnell said the line would be severely damaged were a crane to land on it.

If the operation is successful, McConnell said, the towers will drop vertically and simultaneously. "Think of it like it's melting," he told reporters.

## NC officials emphasize voting security efforts

Associated Press

**RALEIGH, N.C.** — Countering any voter anxieties about the integrity of the ballot box, North Carolina officials embarked Thursday on a public campaign to highlight current safeguards and strategies against interference entering the 2020 elections.

The "Your Vote Counts NC" effort will emphasize social media to make the state's 6.8 million voters — a number likely to grow in the next year — aware that protecting free elections is an ongoing effort by federal, state and county agencies.

"We want all the voters to know all the steps we're taking to ensure fair and accurate elections, so voters will be confident that their vote counts," State Board of Elections Executive Director Karen Brinson Bell said at a news conference.

The campaign follows a tumultuous period in elections nationwide and in North Carolina.

A U.S. Senate committee's report released this summer found that the Russian government directed "extensive activity" against U.S. election systems, likely targeting all 50 states, ahead of the 2016 election. But the committee saw no evidence

of altered voters or manipulated machines, the report said.

A 2018 North Carolina congressional election also had to be redone this year, as last November's results in the 9th District were invalidated following absentee voting fraud allegations that ultimately led to criminal indictments.

In response, state legislators are debating how to tighten rules related to mail-in absentee ballots.

State and county officials are preparing to comply with a voter photo identification mandate set to begin next year. A different voter ID requirement was carried out briefly in 2016 but ultimately got struck down in court.

Speakers at Thursday's event identified several long-standing protective measures, including the prohibition for voting equipment to be connected to the internet or accessed through Wi-Fi. Machines are calibrated before every election, Bell said, and after election day, ballots are counted by hand in sample precincts in all counties to ensure accuracy.

The state's Emergency Operations Center will continue to be activated on election nights in 2020 to respond to unexpected threats.

NATION

# Teachers in Chicago strike after talks fail

By KATHLEEN FOODY  
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Associated Press

CHICAGO — Striking Chicago teachers returned to the picket lines for a second day Friday as union and city bargainers try to hammer out a contract in the nation's third-largest school district.

The teachers marched outside hundreds of Chicago schools on Thursday after their union and city officials failed to reach a contract deal, canceling classes for more than 300,000 students.

The strike came after the Chicago Teachers Union confirmed Wednesday night that its 25,000 members would not return to their classrooms. It follows months of negotiations between the union and Chicago Public Schools that failed to resolve disputes over pay and benefits, class size and teacher preparation time.

Union vice president Stacy Davis Gates said the strike will continue into Friday as a result of the impasse, and the school district canceled a second day of classes.

Picketing teachers said Thursday the walkout was about getting more resources and smaller class sizes for students in the cash-strapped district, not about putting more money in their pockets.

Outside Smyth Elementary, a predominantly black and low-income school on the city's near South Side, art teacher John Hous-



VICTOR HILITSKY, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES/AP

Thousands of teachers and supporters gathered near the Chicago Public School headquarters and march on the streets in downtown Chicago on Thursday.

lihan said "we're not fighting for paychecks and health care. It's the kids."

"It's ridiculous to say that you can put these kids who are dealing with profound poverty and profound homelessness in classes of 30-40 kids," said Houlihan, who picketed with about 20 other teachers and staff as

drivers passed by, honking their horns. "That's not manageable and it is not an environment for learning."

The strike is Chicago's first major walkout by teachers since 2012. And just as that strike inspired unions in Los Angeles and other politically left-leaning cities to walk off the job and protest

over issues such as class size and student services, unions nationwide are today watching closely to see how parents respond to a walkout based on a "social justice" agenda.

Chicago Teachers Union President Jesse Sharkey joined teachers picketing outside Helen Peirce International Studies school,

where he said every kindergarten class has at least 30 students. He said there's "pent-up frustration" among union members about conditions in the schools, and the union wants some of those long-standing issues addressed in their next contract.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she was disappointed by the union's decision to strike.

"We are offering a historic package on the core issues — salary, staffing and class size," she said.

Lightfoot voiced frustration about what she sees as the union's lack of urgency to make a deal. "So, what we need is for the union to come back to the table to bargain in good faith, spend the time actually getting a deal done, face to face with us, and not off to the side in a caucus," she said. "If there is a seriousness of purpose and a willingness on the other side we could get a deal done today."

Sharkey spoke briefly after early talks wrapped up and said it's "highly unlikely" a deal on all outstanding issues would be struck Thursday. Sharkey said the district did provide some written language on class sizes that the union was still reviewing.

"We don't just want a fast deal," Sharkey said before leading teachers on a march through the city's downtown streets. "We are going to hold fast to a just deal."

Bargainers were expected to return Thursday afternoon.

## NYC OKs closing of Rikers jail by 2026

By KAREN MATTHEWS  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City lawmakers voted Thursday to close the notorious Rikers Island jail complex, which has become synonymous with violence and neglect, and replace it with four smaller jails intended to be more modern and humane.

The City Council voted 36-13 to replace the complex with four smaller jails located closer to the city's main courthouses in Manhattan, Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens.

Rikers is scheduled to shutter by 2026, ending a decadeslong run as one of the world's largest jails. "Rikers island is a symbol of brutality and inhumanity and it is time for us to once and for all close Rikers Island," said City Council Speaker Corey Johnson, a Democrat who shepherded the plan through the Council. "As a



SETH WENIG/AP

New York City lawmakers approved a plan on Thursday to close the Rikers Island complex and replace it with four smaller jails.

city, we must do everything we can to move away from the failed policies of mass incarceration."

Mayor Bill de Blasio and other Democrats support the plan, which has a price tag of more than \$8 billion, in part because of a belief that in an age of falling crime rates, huge jails are part of the public safety problem rather than part of the solution.

"This is one of those moments where a cycle gets broken. There's been a cycle of incarceration," de Blasio said at a news conference after the vote. He added, "It ends now. That cycle ends now."

Members of the Council spoke in emotional terms about the significance of closing Rikers.

Councilman Daniel Dromm invoked the names of former inmates who have died including Kalief Browder, who took his own life at age 22 after being held in for three years at Rikers, and Layleen Polanco, a transgender woman who was found dead in her cell at Rikers last June.

But some opponents of the plan said they don't want the city to build any new jails.

City officials say a steep drop in the jail population has made it feasible to close Rikers, a complex of 10 jails on an island between Queens and the Bronx that mainly houses inmates awaiting trial.

## Study: California's big July quakes strain major fault

By JOHN ANT CZAK  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The earthquakes that hammered the Southern California desert near the town of Ridgecrest last summer involved ruptures on a web of interconnected faults and increased strain on a major nearby fault that has begun to slowly move, according to a new study.

Ruptures in the Ridgecrest earthquake sequence ended a few miles from the Garlock Fault, which runs east-west for 185 miles from the San Andreas Fault to Death Valley.

The Garlock Fault has been relatively quiet for 500 years. It now has begun a process called fault creep and has slipped a 0.8 inch since July, the research found.

The study by geophysicists from the California Institute of Technology and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory was published in the journal Science on Thursday, coinciding with the implementation of a statewide earthquake early warning system for the general public.

Southern California's largest earthquake sequence in two decades began July 4 in the Mojave Desert about 120 miles north of

Los Angeles.

A magnitude 6.4 foreshock was followed the next day by a magnitude 7.1 mainshock and then more than 100,000 aftershocks.

Zachary Ross, assistant professor of geophysics at Caltech and lead author of the paper, said in a statement that it was one of the most well-documented earthquake sequences in history.

Ross developed automated computer analysis of seismometer data to detect the huge number of aftershocks with precise location information, Caltech and JPL said in a press release.

"It's going to be force people to think hard about how we quantify seismic hazard and whether our approach to defining faults needs to change," Ross said.

The ShakeAlert system that has been under development by the U.S. Geological Survey and science institutions for years will now push alerts to cellphones through an app developed by the University of California, Berkeley, and the Wire Emergency Alert system.

The intent is to provide seconds or tens of seconds in which people can protect themselves before shaking arrives at their location.

## WORLD



AUGUSTO ZURITA/AP

A man handles a bullet cartridge in a bloodied street near a truck with a flat tire and covered with bullet holes after a gunfight in Culiacan, Mexico, on Thursday.

## Gunbattles sweep Mexican city after troops locate Chapo's son

By ANDRES VILLARREAL  
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Associated Press

CULIACAN, Mexico — An intense gunfight with heavy weapons and burning vehicles blocking roads paralyzed the capital of Mexico's Sinaloa state Thursday after security forces located one of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's sons who is wanted in the U.S. on drug trafficking charges.

Mexican security Secretary Alfonso Durazo said 30 members of the National Guard and army were patrolling in Culiacan when they were fired on from a house. They repelled the attack and inside the house found Ovidio Guzman Lopez.

The house was then surrounded by heavily armed gunmen who

had "a greater force," and authorities decided to suspend the operation, Durazo said. He did not say if Ovidio Guzman was arrested or went free.

"With the goal of safeguarding the well-being and tranquility of Culiacan society, officials in the security cabinet decided to suspend the actions," said Durazo.

Jose Luis Gonzalez Meza, a lawyer for El Chapo's family, told The Associated Press that Guzman's family has said "Ovidio is alive and free," but that he had no more details about what had happened.

Ovidio was not one of the jailed Mexican drug lord's best-known sons — Ivan Archivaldo Guzman and Jesus Alfredo Guzman are known as "los Chapitos," or "the little Chapos," and are believed

to currently run their father's Sinaloa cartel together with Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada.

But Ovidio Guzman was indicted in 2018 by a grand jury in Washington, along with a fourth brother, for the alleged trafficking of cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana.

Following Thursday's localization of Ovidio Guzman, Culiacan exploded in violence, with armed civilians in trucks roaring through the city's center shooting what appeared to be .50-caliber sniper rifles and machine guns.

Videos published on social media showed a scene resembling a war zone, with gunmen, some wearing black ski masks over their faces, riding in the back of trucks firing mounted machine guns as vehicles burned.

## Johnson returns to London to drum up Brexit deal support

By MIKE CORDER  
Associated Press

LONDON — After winning the backing of European Union leaders for his new Brexit deal, Prime Minister Boris Johnson was in London on Friday looking to secure enough support to get the deal through the fractious British Parliament.

Johnson returned overnight for what was expected to be a busy day attempting to persuade lawmakers to vote for the divorce deal at a rare Saturday sitting of Parliament.

It is expected to be a knife-edge vote.

Johnson's Conservative Party doesn't have a majority in the 650-seat House of Commons so he will have to rely on support from other parties and independent lawmakers to get over the line.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab started drumming up support early.

"We've got a real opportunity now to get Brexit delivered faithful to the referendum, move on as a government and, I think, as a country, away from the clouds of Brexit," he told the BBC.

Raab said the government has not given up hope of winning the support of its Northern Ireland ally, the Democratic Unionist Party, which has rejected the new deal.

But the chances of that ap-

peared slim. The DUP's Brexit spokesman, Sammy Wilson, said Johnson's Brexit package was bad for Northern Ireland.

"I can give you absolute assurance we will not be voting for this deal when it comes before the Commons tomorrow," he told the BBC.

The deal's fate could largely rest on a group of former Conservative Party rebels expelled from the party earlier this year and members from the main opposition Labour Party, which has 244 members. About 20 of them, mainly representing pro-Brexit parts of the country, have previously indicated a desire to back a deal in order to honor the June 2016 Brexit referendum result.

If Johnson's charm offensive manages to corral enough votes to pass the deal, Britain would leave the EU in an orderly fashion on Oct. 31.

If lawmakers reject the deal — as they did three times with an earlier deal presented by Johnson's predecessor, Theresa May — a law passed earlier this year compels the prime minister to ask the EU for another extension.

Asked Thursday what he would do if Britain seeks an extension, European Council President Donald Tusk said he would consent to the other 27 EU nations in order to reach a decision — leaving open the prospect of another delay.

## China's economic slowdown deepens, weighing on global growth

By JOE McDONALD  
Associated Press

BEIJING — China's economic growth sank to a new multidecade low in the latest quarter as a trade war with Washington deepened a slump that is weighing on the global economy.

Growth in the world's second-largest economy slipped to 6% in the three months ending in September, down from the previous quarter's 6.2%, data showed Friday. It was the weakest level since China started reporting data by quarters in 1993.

The slowdown and weakening consumer demand add to headaches for Chinese leaders as they fight a 15-month-old tariff war with President Donald Trump that has sapped China's exports.

Still, the slowdown will not necessarily compel decision-makers in Beijing to reach an agreement with Trump since domestic factors, rather than trade, are having a bigger impact on the economy, said Julian Evans-Pritchard, of Capital Economics.

"I don't think striking a deal with the U.S. and lifting those tariffs would resolve the issues the Chinese economy is facing," said Evans-Pritchard. "It would be only a modest boost."

Asian stock markets declined on the

news. China's benchmark Shanghai Composite Index lost 1.3%, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 0.5%.

Markets in Australia and South Korea also retreated.

The weak data raise the likelihood of interest rate cuts and other stimulus to shore up growth and avert politically dangerous job losses. Chinese leaders have boosted government spending but avoided large-scale stimulus that might add to debt that already is so high that rating agencies cut Beijing's credit rating.

"More aggressive stimulus can be expected," said Bill Adams, of PNC Financial Services Group, in a report.

The slowdown in China, the world's biggest trader, has global repercussions. It is depressing demand for industrial com-

ponents from Asian countries. Prices of soybeans, iron ore and other commodities have fallen, hitting Brazil, Australia and other suppliers.

An epidemic in China's vast pig herds is disrupting pork supplies, pushing politically sensitive food prices sharply higher.

The International Monetary Fund cited the U.S.-Chinese tariff war in this week's decision to cut its 2019 global economic growth forecast to 3% from 3.2%.

Developed economies will be "considerably weaker" this year due to trade tensions and "increased uncertainty on confidence and investment," the IMF said in a report.

Trump agreed last week to delay a tariff hike on Chinese goods and said Beijing promised to buy up to \$50 billion of American farm goods.

The initial burst of enthusiasm faded after Beijing failed to confirm the scale of possible purchases and officials said the two sides still were working out details. It is unclear whether Chinese leaders want more steps including lifting punitive tariffs already in place before purchases of American goods go ahead.

Beijing is resisting U.S. pressure to roll back plans for the government to nurture Chinese leaders in robotics and other technology. Washington, Europe, Japan and

other trading partners say those violate Beijing's market-opening commitments and are based on stealing or pressuring companies to hand over technology.

Slowing consumer spending and investment have had a bigger impact on cooling Chinese growth. Chinese families spooked by uncertainty over jobs and the trade war are putting off big purchases and scaling back spending on travel and other nonessentials.

Retail sales growth fell to 8.2% over a year earlier in January-September, down from 8.4% in the first half, the National Bureau of Statistics reported.

Auto sales in China, the global industry's biggest market, are off 11.7%.

Such trends are a setback for a marathon effort to shift toward greater reliance on consumer and corporate demand instead of trade and government-led investment. But trade support millions of jobs, and exports so far this year have fallen slightly.

Factory output growth slowed to 5.6% in January-September from 6% in the first six months of the year. Growth in investment in factories, real estate and other fixed assets slowed to 5.4% from 5.5% in January-August.

Investment is being held back by trade war uncertainties, said Adams, of PNC.

## WORLD

# Protests paralyze Spain's Catalonia region

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Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Spain's northeastern Catalonia region and its riot-swept regional capital, Barcelona, were paralyzed Friday by a mix of strikes and marches as they faced their fifth day of protests over the conviction of independence leaders.

Spain's central authorities said that 57 flights into and out of the region were canceled for the day due to a general strike called by pro-independence unions. Picketers also closed off to traffic the border with France across the Pyrenees and burned tires or blocked dozens of roads and highways across the northeastern region.

Commuter and long-distance train services were reduced significantly, and many shops and factories didn't open for business. Architect Antoni Gaudí's modernist Sagrada Família, a tourist magnet in central Barcelona, closed its doors due to a protest blocking the access to the basilica.

Highways were occupied by thousands of people joining five main construction sites by tempo that were expected to converge in Barcelona's city center on Friday afternoon for a mass protest with striking students and workers. Farmers in tractors are joining some of the so-called "Freedom marches," organized by the grass-



MANU FERNANDEZ/AP

**Demonstrators march into the city on the fifth day of protests over the conviction of a dozen Catalan independence leaders in Barcelona, Spain, on Friday.**

roots pro-independence ANC and Ombium groups.

That follows clashes with police that broke out in cities across the region late on Thursday, for the fourth night in a row. In the capital, a mob of far-right anti-independence activists also tried to storm a separatist protest of

thousands. Health authorities in the region said 42 people were injured Thursday night, most of them in the capital, and regional police arrested 16 protesters, sending eight to jail, according to Spain's Interior Ministry.

The caretaker interior minister, Fernando Grande-Marlaska,

said authorities are tracking "minority groups that are provoking incidents in very specific places," vowing to punish the radicals.

More than 200 people have been arrested since separatist sentiment swelled again this week following the imprisonment of nine separatist politicians and activists

who led a push for independence that triggered Spain's deepest political crisis in decades.

Their former leader, Carles Puigdemont, on Friday avoided arrest after he voluntarily testified before Belgian judicial authorities over a new warrant that Spain issued this week following the sentences.

Spain is seeking Puigdemont on possible charges of sedition and misuse of public funds after previously failing to secure his extradition from Germany and Belgium on suspicion of rebellion.

Puigdemont fled to Brussels in late 2017 following the failed attempt to establish a new European republic in the wealthy region and has since then campaigned for Catalan independence from there.

In May, he was elected as a European lawmaker, but he wasn't sworn in because Spain's electoral board said he didn't qualify for the seat by failing to show up in Madrid to swear Spain's constitution.

The Belgian judge did not put bail conditions on him while the case is being examined, making any immediate extradition unlikely.

The separatist leader told Belgian authorities that he rejects being sent back to Spain. He was ordered to remain in Belgium but can apply for permission to travel abroad, his lawyers said.

## Dubai bets billions on Expo 2020

By JON GAMBRELL  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — It rises out of what were once rolling sand dunes stretching toward the horizon, a feverish construction site by tempo and temperature that has tens of thousands of workers building what looks like a new city in the desert of Dubai.

This is the site of Expo 2020, a world's fair that will be hosted by a city-state that is already home to the world's tallest building, the busiest airport for international travel, an indoor ski slope and other modern marvels.

Dubai is betting billions of dollars the expo will draw 25 million visitors, encourage business and spur further development of the city, a place that has been transformed by its ruling Al Maktoum family over the decades from a sleepy port of pearl divers and gold smugglers into a world and showcase.

However, the preparations for Expo 2020 come as Dubai's real estate market shows signs of faltering amid global economic woes. Fears of military conflict across the Persian Gulf cloud organizers' sunny projections. And the planning for the event, which begins Oct. 20, 2020, highlights

the contradictions of Dubai and the wider United Arab Emirates, a nation governed by hereditary rulers, wildly enriched by its oil reserves and built by foreign laborers.

"We can only again invite, we can only be open, we can only facilitate, we can only give discounts to incentivize them to come," said Tarek Oliveira Shayya, a board director for Expo 2020 and its chief spokesman. "The response, however, will come from them."

World fairs conjure great wonders of engineering, like Paris' Eiffel Tower for the 1889 fair. The light bulb and the Ferris wheel dazzled those at the 1893 fair in Chicago. The X-ray followed at the 1901 fair in Buffalo, N.Y., and Seattle's Space Needle opened to visitors at the 1962 fair.

But some of these extravaganzas can also turn sour. The 1984 world's fair in New Orleans went bankrupt and required a government bailout. Expo 2000 in Germany drew 18 million visitors, well short of the 40 million expected. Milan's 2015 expo saw rioting over corruption allegations.

While estimating Expo 2020 will account for as much as 2.5% of Dubai's gross domestic product during its run, the government-backed bank Emirates NBD has warned that world fairs "have

also resulted in higher-than-expected costs, increased debt for host cities, 'white elephants' and abandoned buildings."

Dubai functions like a company town. Its marquee employers are the state-owned Emirates airline, state-backed real estate developers and other government-associated industries. And those industries helped build the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building at 2,717 feet, and the man-made harbor at its Jebel Al port, and the man-made, frond-shaped Palm Jumeirah archipelago in the Persian Gulf.

The city's well-known appetite for megaprojects once inspired a 2016 article from the satirical website The Onion about Dubai building "the world's first full-scale replica of Dubai, a multibillion-dollar investment known as the Dubai Experience built on the outskirts of the city-state."

At the center of the Expo 2020 site is the Al Wasl Dome, a 213-foot-high structure that will see videos and designs projected across it. Its Sustainability Pavilion, which recalls the towers of New York's 1964 world's fair, will be covered in solar panels and surrounded by similarly paneled "energy trees" to make it a zero-energy structure. Construction crews will also build a network of



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**Technicians work at the construction site for Expo 2020 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, earlier this month.**

roads and a connection to Dubai's driverless Metro line.

All told, construction costs around the event are estimated at \$7 billion.

"We are building a city," Shayya said. "We are not building an Expo site. We are building a city, and it's a city that is going to be one of the smartest cities in the world."

But Dubai will need to incorporate the new city into its sprawling real estate market after the six-month expo ends on April 10, 2021. And already, that market shows signs of trouble.

Real estate speculation and the Great Recession helped drag

down Dubai's economy in 2009. A sharp drop in oil prices in 2014 also hurt its economy, as has tension between the U.S. and Iran and the war in Yemen.

Dubai's real estate market, which has been a major economic driver since it allowed foreigners to own property beginning in 2002, has seen its value drop by a third since its 2014 peak. Apartments, villas and office space stand empty, and more properties are due to come onto the market in the coming years, sparking enough alarm for Dubai's government to set up a commission to come up with ways of heading off the problem.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

# GM workers to continue strike until vote on deal

By TOM KRUISER  
Associated Press

DETROIT — Striking General Motors workers will stay on the picket lines for at least another week until they vote on a tentative contract with the company.

Factory-level officials from the United Auto Workers union voted to recommend the agreement to members at a daylong meeting in Detroit Thursday. But they also voted not to return to factories unless members approve the deal.

About 49,000 workers have been on strike for more than a month, paralyzing GM's U.S. factories and costing the company an estimated \$2 billion.

On Wednesday, the company and the UAW reached a deal that would give workers a mix of pay raises, lump-sum payments and an \$11,000 signing bonus. In return, the contract allows GM to proceed with factory closures in Lordstown, Ohio, Warren, Mich.; and near Baltimore.

Details on the four-year pact were posted Thursday on the UAW website as factory-level union officials met to decide if they'll approve the deal. Workers went on strike Sept. 16, crippling the company's U.S. production and costing it an estimated \$2 billion.

The Detroit Hamtramck plant, which GM wanted to close, will stay open, and a new electric pickup truck will be built there. Meanwhile, the Lordstown area will get a new battery factory that is expected to employ 1,000 workers. In addition, a company called

Lordstown Motors could also set up an electric commercial vehicle factory that would initially employ 400 workers. But neither of those would come close to the shuttered Lordstown assembly plant, which two years ago employed 4,500 people making the Chevrolet Cruze compact car.

The deal shortens the eight years it takes for new hires to reach full wages and gives temporary workers a full-time job after three years of continuous work. Workers hired after 2007 who are paid a lower wage rate will hit the top wage of \$32.32 per hour in four years or less. The deal also provides a \$60,000 early retirement incentive for up to 2,000 eligible workers.

The tentative agreement between GM and the UAW now will be used as a template for talks with GM's crosstown rivals, Ford and Fiat Chrysler. Normally, the major provisions carry over to the other two companies and cover about 140,000 auto workers nationwide. The union hasn't decided yet which company it will bargain with next, and it's not clear if there will be another strike.

The local union officials met for about six hours Thursday before reaching their decisions. Dan Morgan, the bargaining chairman at the Lordstown assembly plant, made an unsuccessful plea to hold out so GM would build another vehicle there.

"We're extremely disappointed that we didn't get a product out of the contract," said Tim O'Hara, the Lordstown local's president.

"I think a lot of people in the room realized what happened to us can happen to anybody."

But union spokesman Brian Rothenberg said bargainers could get the company to agree only to early retirement and buyout offers for workers from the factories that are closing who didn't move to other GM plants.

"I think our national negotiators and all of us did everything we could," he said.

GM has promised \$7.7 billion worth of investments in U.S. factories, but details of what would be built where were left out of the union's summary of the contract, unlike in past years. Rothenberg said he would release more information on investments later.

The strike at GM immediately brought the company's U.S. factories to a halt and, within a week, started to hamper production in Mexico and Canada. Analysts at KeyBanc investment services estimated the stoppage cut GM vehicle production by 250,000 to 300,000 vehicles. That's too much for the company to make up with overtime or increased assembly line speeds.

GM and the union have been negotiating at a time of troubling uncertainty for the U.S. auto industry. Driven by the longest economic expansion in American history, auto sales appear to have peaked and are now heading in the other direction. GM and other carmakers are also struggling to make the transition to electric and autonomous vehicles.

Meanwhile, Trump's trade war with China and his tariffs on im-



CRISTINA M. FLETES, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

Bill Jackson, of St. Louis, gives a thumbs-up to drivers that wave or honk at United Auto Workers outside the General Motors Wentzville Assembly Center in Wentzville, Mo., on Wednesday.

ported steel and aluminum have raised costs for auto companies.

A revamped North American free trade deal is stalled in Congress, raising doubts about the future of America's trade in autos and auto parts with Canada and Mexico, which last year came to \$257 billion.

Amid that uncertainty, GM workers wanted to lock in as much as they can before things get ugly. They argue that they had given up pay raises and made other concessions to keep GM afloat during its 2009 trip through bankruptcy protection. Now that GM has been nursed back to health — earning \$2.42 billion in its latest quarter — they wanted a bigger share.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 21)	\$1.1430
Dollar buys (Oct. 21)	69.8749
British pound (Oct. 21)	\$1.32
Japanese yen (Oct. 21)	106.00
South Korean won (Oct. 21)	1,511.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2887
Canada (Dollar)	1.3138
China (Yuan)	7.0804
Denmark (Krone)	6.7060
Egypt (Pound)	16.2528
Euro	\$1.1140/0.8976
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8423
Hungary (Forint)	297.31
Israel (Shekel)	3.5423
Japan (Yen)	108.50
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3033
Norway (Krone)	9.1817
Philippines (Peso)	51.22
Poland (Zloty)	3.85
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7508
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3650
South Korea (Won)	1,179.27
Taiwan (Dollar)	0.9878
Thailand (Baht)	30.30
Turkey (Lira)	7.8775

MARKET WATCH

	Oct. 17, 2019
Dow Jones Industrials	23,90
	27,025.88
Nasdaq composite	32.67
	8,156.85
Standard & Poor's 500	8.26
	2,997.95
Russell 2000	16.78
	1,541.84

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

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.00
Discount rate	2.50
Federals funds market rate	2.50
3-month bill	1.63
30-year bond	2.24

WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## City to allow women to go topless, with limits

**KS** MANHATTAN — Women are now legally allowed to go topless in Manhattan, with some restrictions.

The Manhattan City Commission on Tuesday unanimously decided to amend the city code to allow females to go topless. However, property owners and businesses may still require all patrons to wear shirts.

The Manhattan Mercury reported that city attorney Katie Jackson recommended the change to avoid potential lawsuits. She said the code could be changed again later.

Jackson cited a federal ruling in February 2017 that blocked Fort Collins, Colo., from enforcing a law against women going topless. Fort Collins is in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, as is Kansas.

She said the government could still prosecute a topless woman who is acting in a lewd manner, which is against state law.

## Iconic wedding chapel is no longer up for sale

**NV** LAS VEGAS — The owner of a Las Vegas chapel where celebrity couples like Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner have gotten married is staying wedded to her business.

Charlotte Richards told KVVU-TV on Wednesday that she is taking A Little White Wedding Chapel off the market.

The iconic property had been listed for \$12 million in April.

Richards said she received one offer but declined it.

## Library reports hiding of left-leaning books

**ID** COEUR D'ALENE — Staff at an Idaho library have confirmed at least one person is intentionally hiding books throughout the building dealing with issues traditionally assigned to more liberal political platforms.

The Coeur d'Alene Press reported Wednesday that books promoting LGBTQ rights, discussing gun control policies and criticizing President Donald Trump were found hidden in spaces throughout the Coeur d'Alene Public Library.

Staff members say books on other topics have also been moved, including readings on impeachment, white privilege and women's voting rights.

Library staff say it costs the library about \$20 for each book they must replace for checkout and hours of time to locate original copies.

## Pot grower loses 20K plants due to early snow

**CO** DENVER — A Colorado marijuana grower has lost about 20,000 plants worth millions of dollars because of an early winter storm and said the impact is expected to affect the state's legal pot supply.

The Marijuana Business Daily reported Wednesday that Pueblo-based Los Suenos Farms lost the



COURTESY OF PAUL BEDARD/AP

## Gator grabber

Paul Bedard raises a 9-foot alligator over his head at a home in Parkland, Fla. Bedard, a local trapper, removed the nuisance reptile that had jumped into a customer's pool. Bedard stars in the Animal Planet show "Gator Boys."

plants because of subfreezing temperatures and several inches of snow earlier this month.

Company employees said retailers and processors could face higher wholesale cannabis prices.

But extractors are expected to benefit by gaining access to additional plant material to manufacture goods such as infused marijuana products, edibles and concentrates.

## Woman allegedly used daughter to hide drugs

**AZ** PHOENIX — A Phoenix woman has been indicted after authorities say she used her teenage daughter to hide cocaine from police during a traffic stop two months ago.

State prosecutors said Rufina Lopez Covarruvia is accused of multiple felony charges including involving or using a minor in a drug offense.

Covarruvia allegedly told her daughter, 13, to hide a bag of \$130 worth of cocaine inside her bra as the car was being pulled over Sept. 19.

Authorities said a 2-year-old and a 10-year-old also were in Covarruvia's car at the time.

During the traffic stop, the bag of cocaine reportedly fell out of the girl's bra.

## Escaped goat caught with help after 2 days

**AK** FAIRBANKS — An escaped Alaska goat that eluded authorities for nearly two

## THE CENSUS

# \$17K

The approximate value of property authorities in South Carolina say a thief made off with from a high school, including an \$8,000 all-terrain vehicle, a \$3,000 cello and several power tools. News outlets reported Pelion High School's resource

officer responded to a call Monday that someone illegally entered the building overnight. A Lexington County Sheriff's Department report shows dozens of items were missing, from musical instruments to saws, drills and maintenance vehicles.

days has been caught after a hunt involving requests for public assistance and reported sightings shared on social media.

The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported Wednesday that the goat was in the custody of Fairbanks North Star Borough Animal Control on Tuesday night. The male goat was reported missing from its herd Monday morning.

The state Department of Public Safety said two troopers transported the animal after the goat was caught by members of the public near a road "jumping into traffic and causing some concern."

The goat was named Curry by Facebook users, who shared requests for information and updates more than 500 times.

Officials said the owner may be willing to pardon the goat and find it a new home.

## Prison agency spent \$12,000 on party

**CA** SACRAMENTO — A newspaper investigation found a California prison agency spent \$12,000 in public

money on a retirement party with 300 guests for a longtime manager.

The Sacramento Bee on Wednesday cited records that show the Prison Industry Authority paid for food, equipment, supplies and luxury portable toilets for a Jan. 25 luncheon for Chuck Pattillo.

The restrooms were outfitted with flowers, artwork and mints and cost \$5,700.

The report says two dozen employees took time out of two workdays for the event at a Folsom State Prison warehouse. Women in a prison culinary program prepared food.

The authority, which trains inmates for technical careers, declined to answer questions about specific expenditures and who authorized them.

## City commits to plan to replenish tree canopy

**OH** CLEVELAND — Cleveland's mayor has announced a commitment of up to \$1 million every year for the next 10 years to replenish the city's tree canopy.

Mayor Frank Jackson made his announcement during the opening of the Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Summit on Wednesday. The mayor said the efforts came from a conference he attended a decade ago that analyzed what might be done to respond to the impact of the recession.

The mayor realized any solution would have to include sustainability and replenishing the tree canopy falls within that.

## Missing man is found alive in crashed car

**MO** KANSAS CITY — A Missouri man who had been missing for a week is hospitalized after being found in a wrecked car at the bottom of a ravine.

Lee's Summit police said a dirt bike rider found Ryan Linneman, 37, of Lee's Summit, Wednesday evening in the wreckage along Interstate 470 in Kansas City.

Linneman was taken to a hospital with critical injuries. Lee's Summit police spokesman Sgt. Chris Depue said he did not have an updated condition report as of Thursday.

Police asked the public for help finding Linneman after he was last seen driving his car on Oct. 9. The Kansas City Star reported that crash investigators determined Linneman's car ran off of Interstate 470 and went down a 50-foot incline. The vehicle landed in a gully that was obscured from the view of passing motorists.

From wire reports

## VIDEO GAMES



Code Vein focuses on a society of vampire-like beings called revenants that are closed off from the world. Players will encounter several different enemy types and will require different strategies to take them on.

Bandai Namco photos

# More than a clone

Code Vein borrows from Dark Souls and tweaks some less-forgiving aspects of the classic game

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The Mercury News

Difficulty has always been a barrier for Dark Souls. The franchise's intimidating reputation is a turn-off for gamers who don't see the joy in "getting good." That's a shame, really, because the series shines once players shatter those challenging roadblocks.

The game reveals its depth and transforms players as they learn the values of patience and persistence. Although Bandai Namco's latest project, Code Vein, has a Dark Souls-type vibe, the developer tweaks the formula to make it more approachable. The team removes the rigidity of the systems and mitigates the punishing aspects of the modern classic.

All those changes give Code Vein a distinct identity that makes it easier to step into its grim postapocalyptic world. The campaign takes place after the Great Collapse, a disaster spurred by enormous thorns that ripped apart the earth. Horrors emerged from the event and humanity had to create vampire-like beings called revenants to combat them. They're essentially dead people who have been resurrected via a parasite.

Revenants have special abilities and can revive from mortal wounds, but that power comes at a cost: The sci-fi vampires

lose their memories and also need blood to survive, otherwise they'll devolve into monsters called the Lost. Amid this bleak environment, players take on the role of a special revenant who has the ability to absorb the talents of other vampires while also clearing the miasma poisoning the world.

The revenant joins up with a ragtag group that is trying to make the fractured world a better place. That involves venturing into dungeons and eliminating the miasma that limits travel and defeating the Lost and Horrors that patrol it.

Compared to Dark Souls, the plot is straightforward as players delve into the mysteries of Code Vein. They'll uncover the world's rich history and the murky past of the protagonist and the companions. The partners who venture with players is a major departure and one that makes the game less lonely.

A partner eases the difficulty and helps players bond with the supporting cast. The companions revive players when they lose their health and they add a dose of damage to tough boss fights. It makes the campaign manageable, though Code Vein

can still be difficult. Bosses still hit hard, and those foolish enough to button mash will quickly be frustrated.

The beauty in Code Vein is that it lets players adapt quickly to their situations. Because players can change the protagonist's class, they can switch roles (depending on the enemy. In one fight, melee attacks would open up players to poison, so instead, attacking from a distance would be more effective. Other times, players will discover it's better to dodge a heavy-hitting boss rather than go toe to toe with it. They may even change their class to work better with a partner.

Code Vein offers plenty of opportunities to experiment with loadouts. Players can figure out which abilities work best with a class and companion. The number of options is overwhelming at first, but after venturing through a few dungeons, players will get a handle on what works best.

The only issue is that combat feels too cumbersome at times. Part of that comes from the complexity of the system, which includes light and heavy attacks on top of parry and block moves. On top of that, players have to deal with a drain button that lets them gain Ichor, which is vital to using powers, and a focus meter that empowers the protagonist and opens up a launching move.

It's a lot to take in, and players will find some moves superfluous in the heat of

combat. At times, players can luck into a drain attack or their partner can carry them to victory. This removes the white-knuckle tension of boss fights, but it's a sacrifice Code Vein makes to push a feeling of collaboration and teamwork in the campaign.

That feeling of fellowship shows up in the partner banter as players explore the labyrinthine level design. They'll call out dangerous areas and offer advice in others. The developers succeed in giving players zones that requires different tactics. Dodging won't be smart along narrow cliff faces, but it is more acceptable in wide-open spaces. Other times, they're presented with big areas, but they're shrouded in fog raising the specter of ambushes. For the most part, the maps are smartly designed and borrow much from the intertwining layout of Dark Souls.

Although Code Vein borrows heavily from the genre-defining classic, the project does a lot to push a distinct identity. It's a perfect title for those curious about Dark Souls, but didn't want to deal with the frustrating gameplay. Code Vein is more accommodating and features story with enough intrigue and a core mystery will keep players venturing into its challenging depths.

**Platforms:** PlayStation 4, Xbox One, PC  
**Online:** en.bandainamcoent.eu/code-vein



## BOOKS

## Only in 'Movies'

A slasher film villain takes questions (and other things) in Serrano's latest

By THOMAS FLOYD

Special to The Washington Post

Shea Serrano was camped on his couch in December 2017, "watching something stupid," when his phone started buzzing. He opened the message and saw the screenshot: a list of President Barack Obama's 12 favorite books of the year, with Serrano's collection "Basketball (And Other Things)" making the cut.

"I assumed somebody saw it, saw that I was not on there, added me to it and then sent it to me," Serrano says. "I was like, 'Ha-ha, LOL, whatever.'"

So he put his phone down, thinking nothing of it. But the texts kept coming. Finally, he checked Obama's Facebook page for himself.

"And I saw my name on there," he says. "Then I started picturing him reading some of the sillier stuff that I wrote in there, like, 'Oh my God, the president read a thing I wrote about J.J. Redick's penis.'"

The nod from Obama was one of many accolades for the best-selling "Basketball (And Other Things)." Now, Serrano is back with the second book in the series, "Movies (And Other Things)," which hit shelves Oct. 8.

Serrano's new book follows the same Q&A format as the previous one. Serrano, a staff writer for the Ringer website, uses idiosyncratic humor — plus illustrations by Arturo Torres — to explore a film-themed question in each of his 30 chapters. Among them: "Were the Jurassic Park raptors just misunderstood?" "Which movie death hurt you the most as an adult?" and "Which race was white-saviored the best by Kevin Costner?"

Speaking from his office in Houston, Serrano discussed putting together the second installment in his "And Other Things" series.

**The Washington Post: So how did 'Movies (And Other Things)' come about?**

**Serrano:** I really liked working on the basketball book. I liked the format and how set everything was. Each chapter is its own thing, and you don't have to read it in order. You can read whatever chapters you want, and you're fine. But they all sort of have the same feel and a through line that connects them all. When Arturo and I decided, "All right, let's do another book," it just made sense to us.

**How did the success of "Basketball (And Other Things)" affect your approach to this book?**

I try to make it a point, whenever I'm writing stuff, to just assume nobody is ever going to read it. That makes it easier.



Shea Serrano

**You got John Leguizamo and Don Cheadle to write the foreword and afterword, respectively. How did you react when they joined the project?**

Oh dude, I ... lost my mind. I've followed John Leguizamo's career for 20 years, and we've had this very one-sided relationship where anything he's in, I'm going to go see it. It's the same with Don Cheadle. He showed up in my life very early and has been there for a long, long time. He's always been just this exceptionally cool movie star. So to be able to have them do the foreword and afterword was a big achievement for me. But more than anything else, I just wanted to use it as an excuse to try to have a conversation with these two guys that I've looked up to.

**This book tackles a lot of amusing questions. What was the most enjoyable chapter to write?**

In my head right now, they all suck and they're all terrible and none of them are funny or smart, because I've just gone so, so many times through them. But if I had to pick one, I think "Who's in the perfect heist movie crew?" was the most purely fun to write. I had to spend two weeks watching every heist movie that I could think of, or that was on any list on the internet anywhere, to make sure that I didn't miss anything. I could think of worse ways to spend a couple weeks than watching "Set It Off" and "Point Break" and "Ocean's Eleven," "Twelve," "Thirteen" and "8."

**One highlight is the chapter in which you imagine "Hal-ween" villain Michael Myers conducting an NBA-style postgame press conference after a night of slayings. What did you find so entertaining about this premise?**

What's the opposite of what you know Michael Myers to be? To me, that would be this sort of secretly funny, almost tender person who likes to talk about the stuff that he's doing. He



**Shea Serrano retears with Arturo Torres for "Movies," the second installment in the "And Other Things" series. Imagery includes Jesus Christ and John the Baptist baptizing "Jurassic Park" raptors and "Friday the 13th" villain Jason Voorhees playing ping-pong.**

Arturo Torres photos

never one time says one single word ever in any of the movies, so if I got to pick a dream scenario, I would like to see him answering a bunch of questions. It was just a silly, dumb thing that made me laugh.

**You made the Marvel Cinematic Universe chapter a transcript of a conversation you had with your three young sons after seeing "Avengers: Endgame." How did you land on that concept?**

I thought it would be interesting in 10 years to look back and



have this conversation saved forever. It's going to be in the book for a long, long time, and even if it's not meaningful to anybody else, it's going to mean a lot to me to think back to that time in all of our lives. As silly as the idea of Iron Man fighting Thanos is, it's also a moment that we had together and a bunch of other people had, and let's be a little sentimental for at least this

one chapter.

**What's next for you and the "And Other Things" series?**

We're definitely doing a third "And Other Things." But I don't know exactly what they're going to do just yet. I would guess it's between rap or television. Both of those would be fun projects to spend two years of my life working on with Arturo again.



## BOOK REVIEW

## DARK ACTS

Ronan Farrow's 'Catch and Kill' follows a reporter's noirish road to uncovering alleged sexual abuse at NBC, in Hollywood

By ELIZABETH BRUENIG  
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While political unrest rolls the nation, left and right unite over a shared sense that nefarious elites plot to abuse and exploit us, their lessers. It is easy to dismiss these sorts of anxieties as delusional, their hosts as paranoids. But the trouble—and the great revelation of Ronan Farrow's book "Catch and Kill"—is that the conspiracy theorists are essentially correct.

Farrow's dark memoir of the era in which he helped unearth the abuses of Harvey Weinstein unfolds like a classic noir. He opens on a suspicious conversation between a pair of criminals, and then whisks the reader into his own world as it was then—surprisingly bleak, and mottled with disappointment. Farrow depicts himself as an outsider, demoralized by the fallout of his short-lived MSNBC program,

"Ronan Farrow Daily," and convinced that he lacks the cool and gravitas of the longtime TV journalists who surrounded him at NBC. He has his reasons for being especially concerned about issues regarding sexual abuse; at the outset, he remarks on the allegations his sister Dylan has made against his father, Woody Allen, and seems to suggest that they were formative for him.

A tone of cold dread sets in before Farrow realizes he's in the presence of some truly despicable characters. Matt Lauer's first appearance in the book, for instance, is subtly sinister—Farrow innocently observes as Lauer pushes a button on his desk, and his office door swings shut. (The infamous button, for which a chapter is named, would eventually become a key feature in the sexual misconduct allegations against the former NBC "Today" show host.) As Farrow begins digging into the Weinstein case, other dark threads unspool around him, including those involving Lauer. The network superiors seem indifferent to their anchor's alleged abuse, and Farrow is soon navigating a web of deceit and intrigue spangled with the names of some of the most powerful media figures.

At the heart of every great noir is a conspiracy of evil that imbues the initial crime uncovered by the hero with a weightier resonance than was immediately obvious. So it goes with "Catch and Kill." Weinstein turns out not only to be a sexually exploitative megalomaniac, but also a thoroughly connected one, whose Rolodex of debtors, leeches and sycophants included the Clinton family, the Trump family and seemingly all of Hollywood. (In one stomach-turning episode, a worried publicist trying to put Farrow off Weinstein's trail calls to say that "Hillary Clinton had finished a greenroom conversation with Weinstein, her old friend and fundraiser, then stepped onstage to give a speech at Women in the World.") Farrow is, fortunately, not dissuaded by the creep's proximity to power.) When the army of connections enlisted to pressure Farrow fails to get him to drop the story, Weinstein turns to less figurative militants—Black Cube, a private investigative agency staffed by former Israeli spooks, who give Farrow cause to fear for his life.



MARY INEHA KANG/For The Washington Post

Observers of the weirder aspects of the news cycle might note similarities to Pizzagate, an invented scandal in which Clinton-linked operatives such as David Brock and John Podesta were alleged to have been involved in a child prostitution ring run out of the basement of a Washington, D.C., pizza parlor. That was nonsense. But the scandal surrounding Jeffrey Epstein—the late financier of mysterious means who trafficked teenage girls for sex with him and his wealthy friends—was decidedly real, and involved a similar roster of rich and powerful characters, including Les Wexner, the mogul behind Victoria's Secret; Britain's Prince Andrew; and Bill Clinton. (Unsurprisingly, Epstein and Weinstein were at least acquaintances.)

By the time Farrow gets around to the allegations against Lauer—to which the former NBC anchor has now responded with vehement denial—one begins to wonder if all these conspiracies of exploitation are really parallel, or whether they somehow intersect. Is it possible that Bill Cosby, Brian Singer, Les Moonves, Epstein and Weinstein could have all simultaneously carried on years-long campaigns of sexual abuse in the claustrophobic, insular world of media without drawing upon the same resources? Or is the media—and by extension politics, its symbiotic partner—corrupt by its nature, structured by its own power brokers to permit victimization on a grand scale?

"Catch and Kill" has already resulted in precisely the sorts of legal threats and intimidation campaigns it details in its pages, suggesting that, at the very least, media moguls in the business of villainy share a playbook. Dylan Howard, an executive at American Media Inc.—the parent company of the National Enquirer, whose service of obtaining and burying incriminating stories for rich clients such as Weinstein and Trump gives the book its title—has sued Farrow and his publisher, Little, Brown and Co., in hopes of halting publication. Neither Farrow nor his publisher have shown signs of backing down.

And that's a good thing. Exposing the rot inside the media has had the simultaneous effect of discrediting journalism as a profession, which is perhaps the greatest unspoken reality of the #MeToo era. Journalists played an enormous role in uncovering these endless scandals, but the abuse by journalists themselves also helped keep them submerged for as long as they were. (Farrow writes that Weinstein, for instance, used knowledge of Lauer's alleged misconduct to suppress stories about his own foul play, which might otherwise have appeared on NBC.) It isn't difficult to understand why ordinary people, reviewing a full accounting of the facts, might conclude that he can't necessarily trust what they see—or don't see—in the news.

Such is the great political crisis of these times. One can't blame people for doubting the truth when there are so many well-publicized lies, and one can't blame people for believing in conspiracy theories when there are so many conspiracies. Maybe these scandals are limited to particular spheres of influence—and maybe they're not; how can one expect a rational onlooker to be certain, when those tasked with exposing the truth have themselves been exposed as liars?

Journalism like Farrow's—fearless, exhaustive, even reckless in its disregard for personal or professional consequences—is the only way to begin to correct this problem. Still, even the noblest journalism can't reverse the fact of what happened: namely, that some of the most influential people in our country have long perpetrated organized sex crimes against women and children. Farrow might be able to restore some faith in journalism, but restoring trust in the wide range of institutions implicated in these heinous scandals lies beyond the reach of a single book. But he does what he can—he bears witness, and offers a harrowing portrait of sin and depravity in the bleak tones they merit. If there is any lesson in noir, it's that the darkness is always all around you.

## HEALTH &amp; FITNESS



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**Wearers can take a puff of nicotine (or marijuana) through this hoodie's drawstring.**

### Hoodie the latest discreet vaping device

In yet another twist for worried parents: Meet the vaping hoodie. This high school fashion mainstay — defined by a hood with drawstrings — is now available as a vaping device, ready to deliver a puff of nicotine (or marijuana) anywhere, anytime. Including in the classroom.

It marks an addition to the fleet of discreet — some would say camouflaged — vaping devices that have teachers and parents struggling to monitor the usage of a product that has surged in popularity among high school-aged kids in the past two years, despite laws in most states that allow sales only to people 18 and up. A computer mouse. A phone case. Backpacks. USB jump drives. The vaping kit options colorfully advertised online are fashionable and many.

Juul, which dominates the e-cigarette trade, and other manufacturers are promoting their devices as tools for adults looking to get a nicotine fix without the toxins associated with burning tobacco. But the crowded market of devices and accessories that has sprung up around vaping is filled with products that seem tailored to teenagers who want to keep their use secret — and according to parents and teachers, are all but impossible to keep out of kids' hands.

Preliminary federal data released this month show more than one-quarter of the nation's high schoolers had reported vaping in the previous 30 days, up from 11.7% in 2017. As the teen vaping scene has exploded, adults have had a hard time keeping up. In a 2018 survey, the Truth Initiative, an anti-tobacco advocacy group, surveyed middle and high school teachers on vaping and found that fewer than half recognized a photo of a Juul, the most commonly used device. A palm-sized stick that charges via USB, it's easily mistaken for a flash drive to the uninitiated.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to investigate a spurt of vaping-related lung illnesses, mostly affecting young people. Authorities have reported more than 1,000 cases of suspected cases nationwide. Seven of the cases have resulted in death.

Two states — Michigan and New York — have moved to ban sales of most flavored e-cigarette products, which are popular among young people; and President Donald Trump this month said he would launch a similar effort at the federal level.

— Times  
Kaiser Health News

# DOUBLE DIP

Twin birth rate in the US drops as IVF becomes more cautious

By **MARIE McCULLOUGH**  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

**A**fter climbing relentlessly for more than three decades, the U.S. twin birth rate has inched downward for the last three years, new federal data show.

The rate declined 1% a year between 2014 and 2018 — although that still translated to 123,536 twins born in 2018, or 32.6 duos for every 1,000 births.

The report from the National Center for Health Statistics doesn't offer a reason for the apparent trend. But the best guesses are that the nation's 480 IVF (in vitro fertilization) clinics have finally gotten serious about avoiding twins because dual births are far riskier and costlier than singletons.

The prescription for preventing pairs is simple: Put just one embryo at a time into the would-be mother.

"The declines in twin births are among older moms and white moms — groups that are more likely to have fertility treatment," said epidemiologist Joyce Martin, lead author of the new report. "It does suggest an association" between the twin birth rate and IVF.

Twins can occur with old-fashioned reproduction and with fertility treatment that involves insemination, but experts agree IVF — in which eggs are fertilized in a lab dish — has driven the nation's 79% increase in twins since 1980.

The latest report on IVF clinics bolsters the idea that IVF is now behind the national downturn. Twins made up less than 13% of the high-tech births in 2017 — down from 44% a year through much of the past decade.

"And I think it's going to continue to improve. No question," said Kevin Doody, a Bedford, Texas, fertility specialist and past president of the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART), which publishes the report on IVF clinics.

Beginning in 2004, SART and another professional group, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), have issued increasingly conservative guidelines for how many embryos to transfer to a patient's womb. As a result, triplets and higher multiples are now a rarity — less than 0.3% of all IVF births.

But because IVF is usually not covered by health insurance and is largely unregulated in the United States, "single embryo transfer" has been a tough sell. Even though studies have shown that adding a second embryo doesn't boost the odds of a birth for women with favorable profiles, both patients and doctors have been reluctant to give up the presumed hedge.

Historically, many couples viewed twins as an ideal outcome. And many doctors failed to stress the increased risks for mother and babies, including preeclampsia, cesarean section, prematurity, even death. (Not to mention that prenatal care, delivery, and the first year of medical care of twins cost about five times more than a singleton.)

So what has changed?

First, the technology for growing, selecting and freezing embryos has improved.

"The tipping point happened a few years ago when success rates seemed high enough that it was reasonable" to rely on one embryo at a time, said Alan Penzias, a specialist at Boston IVF and chair of the ASRM practice committee.

Second, doctors — and social media — are doing a better job of explaining the realities to prospective patients.

"It's been shown in multiple studies, when insurance covers IVF, patients' acceptance of single-embryo transfer is uniform. Paying out-of-pocket, patients ask for more embryos," said Larry Barmat, a fertility specialist at Abington Reproductive Medicine. "It's our job to educate them that two embryos is not in their best interests." Penzias said, "I get so many fever patients saying, 'I want twins' now than 15 years ago. There's been a shift in perception."

A third factor: In 2017, ASRM further refined its guidelines, recommending that only one embryo be used "in patients of any age" as long as they had favorable medical characteristics.

There is still plenty of room for improvement. The 2017 clinic report shows that while the majority of women under 35 — the most fertile age group — had single-embryo transfers, most women ages 35 to 40 had multiple embryos.

Also, a recent survey by FertilityIQ found more than a quarter of patients felt insufficiently informed about the risks of multiple births. FertilityIQ, a website aimed at patients, was founded by Deborah and Jake Anderson-Bialis after they went through treatment.

"As we work to understand why multiple-embryo transfer remains stubbornly high in the U.S., we would be wise to pay closer attention to how patients are being educated on the trade-offs of their treatment options," concludes their survey.

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## TRAVEL

# Fear of flying?

For many Americans, statistical safety not enough to quell 'aviophobia'

By SARAH VANDER SCHAFF  
The Washington Post

**T**ami Augen Rhodes needed to fly to Washington. An invitation to a black-tie event at the Supreme Court was an opportunity the 49-year-old lawyer in Tampa, Fla., did not want to miss. But Rhodes had not flown since she was 35, when an escalating dislike of flying grew into a firm phobia.

Desperate to get to Washington without resorting to a long train ride, Rhodes called into a weekly group-telephone chat run by Tom Bunn, a former Air Force and commercial airline pilot and licensed clinical social worker who runs a program for fearful fliers.

Bunn asked her what she was afraid of. "I started crying," Rhodes recalled. She told the group what worried her. "I am afraid of dying."

Fear of flying, or aviophobia, is an anxiety disorder. About 40% of the general population reports some fear of flying, and 2.5% have what is classified as a clinical phobia, one in which a person avoids flying or does so with significant distress.

As with other situational phobias, the fear is disproportionate to the danger posed. Commercial air travel in the United States is extremely safe. A person who took a 500-mile flight every day for a year would have a fatality risk of 1 in 85,000, according to an analysis by Ian Savage, associate chair of the Economics Department at Northwestern University. In contrast, highway travel accounts for 94.4% of national transportation fatalities.

But for many, statistics are not enough to quell phobias.

The Anxiety and Depression Association of America suggests eight steps to help identify triggers and defuse them. Martin Seif, a clinical psychologist who wrote the steps, identifies the variety of conditions that may comprise the phobia — panic disorder, social anxiety disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder and panic disorder, among them.

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For some, breathing exercises, anti-anxiety medication and cognitive behavioral therapy work. But the strategies do not work for everyone.

Bunn has worked with fearful fliers since 1980 after becoming curious about the psychological and physical components that produced anxiety and panic in situations that he as a pilot knew to be safe. He developed a set of mental exercises for fearful fliers. One, called the "strengthening exercise," links specific phases of air travel with a joyful personal memory, a visualization technique meant to trigger a sense of calm.

Rhodes had two months to prepare. She delved deeply into written exercises, videos and phone sessions. The day of her flight, she felt anxiety. But she was organized, equipped with magazines, memorized mental exercises and had an understanding of the expected noises and sensations of flight.

It worked.

"The panic never came," she said, describing her flight. Since then, she has flown several more times, including a trip to Seattle to surprise her best friend.

Fear of flying, according to one overview, is far less studied than other conditions that can be detrimental to relationships and careers such as social anxiety, obsessive compulsive and post-traumatic stress disorders. Little is known about what keeps people afraid even after exposure to successful flights. And there are few experts in the field who are trained as both pilots and clinical social workers.

Untreated, the phobia takes a toll. Rhodes did not go to her grandmother's funeral or her best friend's wedding.

Bunn trained as a fighter pilot, a vocation he chose because growing up in a small town in North Carolina after World War II, "the ones who got all the attention were ex-pilots," he said. He finished top of his class in flight school and got assigned to the F-100 Super Sabre, a supersonic fighter.

While based in Germany in the early 1960s, sitting around on "nuclear alert," he delved into books on psychology, an interest spurred by his mother's mental illness. Later, as a commercial pilot for Pan Am, he helped a fellow pilot with a graduation class for fearful fliers run by the airline.

"People were sitting on the plane doing breathing exercises, doing exactly what we told them, and they still had panic," he said. It was awful to be so helpless, he thought.

By 1982, Bunn started his own course, and eventually earned a master's degree in social work at Fordham University. He did shifts at a Veterans Affairs hospital, and in 1996 retired from flying to work full time as a licensed clinical social worker in Bridgeport, Conn.

His program for fearful fliers, SOAR, continued to grow until it became his sole focus.

"[People] were in control," he said. "They didn't have to show up in an airport and fly in two days."

At age 83, Bunn is busy. He responds to 30 to 40 emails a day from anxious fliers and conducts up to eight private phone sessions. His weekly email goes to more than 17,000 subscribers. Last April, he released a book, "Panic Free: The 10-Day Program to End Panic, Anxiety, and Claustrophobia," which uses the system developed for fearful fliers.

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OPINION

We need a tent revival – for the Constitution

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**A**s a nation, we find ourselves at a time of historic polarization. Many of us simply refuse to listen to people in a different political camp. A significant portion of Americans are more likely to believe in conspiracy theories than reality, if the facts don't match their politics.

It's time for a revival. Remember Billy Graham's revivals that spread the Christian gospel? Today, our mass awakening needs to be based on our Constitution and Declaration of Independence. We need a collective, almost spiritual, recommitment to our founding documents.

Such a movement could help address our crisis in civics education. (A poll in 2017 revealed that only 26% of Americans can name the three branches of government.) But even more important than knowledge, this tent revival for the Constitution would give us a shared sense of meaning, at a time when Americans are increasingly vulnerable to divisive, radical solutions for their political dilemma.

Many of the causes the political crisis in our country today stem from the failure of civil society to make people feel like they matter. On the right, President Donald Trump has exploited the deep sense of cultural alienation and economic insecurity held by many Americans, some of whom are more than willing to trade their souls for a racist version of populism because of their own bigotries. And on the left, increasingly unsatisfied by their highly individualistic modern lifestyles and separated from their families and home communities, many have turned for purpose to extreme forms of political activism.

Without drawing any equivalence, the responsibility for Trump's election rests on the shoulders of Republican voters,

after all — it is hard to see a positive path forward for our country unless its political extremes de-radicalize. This is where the tent revival comes in. It would help to fill our spiritual void that leaves us vulnerable to radicalization.

What would such a revival look like? Perhaps it would look like one of Graham's revivals, or "crusades" as they were called. It would be a revival that would change to "missions". Graham would rent out a stadium or another large venue in a given city for days and or weeks, and listeners from all political stripes would flock there to hear him preach the gospel. Instead of learning about Scripture, participants at constitutional revivals would learn about the importance of our founding documents and our founding values to being a good citizen. Instead of receiving a Bible, these constitutional revivalists would receive a copy of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence or a Federalist paper.

Would it be completely appeal to people? I believe so. In some ways, what I'm calling for would resemble a Trump rally. There would be lines around the block to get into a large arena, inspirational speakers who can whip up the crowd, and TV audiences in the millions. The content, of course, would be completely different.

Instead of statements mocking the rule of law, a speaker would tell the crowd about how Judge John Sirica, a man with no army or navy, once stood up to the most powerful man in the world. She would recount what happened not so long ago in our nation. Sirica faced President Richard Nixon and ordered that he turn over the White House tapes. And Nixon eventually handed them over, an action that would lead to his resignation.

Instead of calling the press the enemy of the people, a speaker would tell a story about the liberal trial of publisher John Peter Zenger: how in 1735, Andrew Hamilton, one of the great lawyers in America at the

time, successfully defended Zenger by arguing that instead of making it a crime to speak ill of the government, the truth should prevail over the defamations.

Instead of praising Confederate generals who committed treason to preserve slavery, a civil rights leader like John Lewis would talk to us about how America must fully reckon with its original sins to live up to its extraordinary promise — how we must confront and prevail over the racism that is entrenched in too many of our people and institutions, to finally make this country a fair and just place for people of color.

Instead of spreading conspiracy theories about the "deep state," former government officials and members of the armed forces would tell the crowd about the importance of duty and service. Perhaps they would share the true story of Nathan Hale, our nation's first spy, whose last words before being executed by the British were said to be: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

And instead of calling to make America great again, we would learn about the civic greatness that already we possess. We would hear how at the time of our Revolution, no nation of consequence had been governed according to democratic principles since the Roman Republic. We would learn how our founders emphatically declared to the world that the people could not govern themselves, but that they renew our patriotic belief that today, our country, for all its flaws, is the greatest democracy in the world.

Fervent crowds of Americans of both parties, gathered to celebrate the virtues of our nation, might sound far-fetched, given our divided and fractious country. But at a time when Americans are looking to do something, is it so radical that we recommit ourselves to believing in America?

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Zuckerberg doesn't know his civil rights history

By SHERRILYN IFILL  
Special to The Washington Post

**I**n a speech Thursday at Georgetown University, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg invoked "Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King Jr. Black Lives Matter and the struggles of the civil rights movement to defend his company's policy exempting politicians from the platform's policies against false speech and misinformation.

This is a profound misreading of the civil rights movement in America. And a dangerous misunderstanding of the political and digital landscape we now inhabit.

Special counsel Robert Mueller's indictment of Russian operatives last year confirmed other official reports that Facebook has been a particularly useful tool in a misinformation campaign that targeted African Americans more than any other voters. In recent months, civil rights groups such as mine worked to convince Facebook that the problem extended beyond foreign interference to the use of Facebook by domestic political forces engaged in their own dangerous campaigns of racial division and voter suppression. We argued that Facebook failed to understand how its platform has been manipulated and weaponized in ways that endanger racial and ethnic groups. We also challenged — including in court — practices by the tech giant that permitted the explicit use of racism by ad purchasers — and demanded that the firm undertake a civil rights audit.

Although Facebook has undertaken commendable measures to address the ways that foreign and fake accounts engage in election interference, the company

has refused to fully recognize the threat of voter suppression and intimidation that is at home, especially from users that the company refers to as "authentic voices" — politicians and candidates for public office.

Facebook insists it does not allow voter suppression on its platform. But that statement is more evasion than fact. After nearly two years of conversations between the company and our groups, I am convinced that Facebook simply is ill-equipped to define what constitutes voter suppression — especially at the local level.

To help Facebook understand, we have provided the company with examples of voter suppression practices we have seen at the local level that would survive their policies. Here's one. Imagine a candidate is running for sheriff in a border-state county. On the Sunday night before Election Day, the candidate posts the following on Facebook: "If you're a illegal, you will not be voting on Tuesday. If you are citizens, legally registered to vote our county are able to vote. We'll have an armed citizen patrol watch on duty. Our citizens patrol will be out in force outside the polls, exercising our Second Amendment rights and protecting the integrity of our elections. If you're illegal, you and anyone who tries to help you crossing to the U.S."

If this were a tweet, posted in a Latino community, we would recognize it as an attempt at voter suppression. But posted on Facebook by a candidate, such a post would be part of the "newsworthy" content that Zuckerberg believes will spark debate.

In his speech, Zuckerberg invoked King's Letter from Birmingham Jail as an example of the tension that comes with

free expression — a tension Zuckerberg encouraged us to embrace. What Zuckerberg failed to note is that King was the subject of violent assaults (and finally assassination) that were the result of the same kind of hate-fueled disinformation campaigns that infect the Internet and are now aimed at different generations of civil rights leaders. At the height of the Civil War, segregationists and racists — often led by politicians — falsely and repeatedly claimed that King was a communist. Many of those who harassed King and civil rights protesters believed themselves to be acting in defense of America, precisely because of the promise of full citizenship and human dignity guaranteed to black people by the 14th Amendment. To use the struggle of those heroes as a rationale for protecting Facebook users who seek to incite the same kind of division and violence those heroes faced is a distortion of history on its head.

Facebook must more than stand in the reflected glory of those who sacrificed much to create our modern democracy. It must stand in the harsh light of truth and confront the responsibility of stewarding a platform that influences hundreds of millions of people and the potential uses of that platform that threaten our democracy.

Sherrilyn Ifill is president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.



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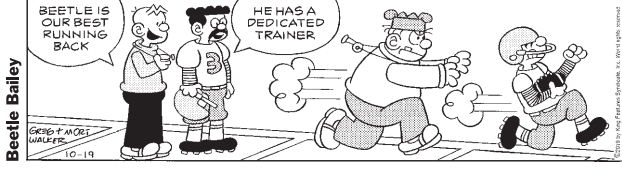
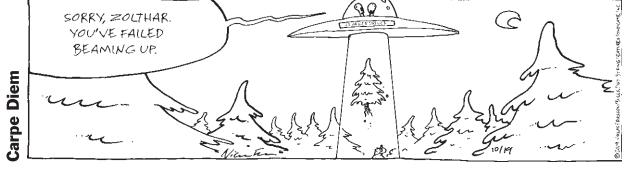
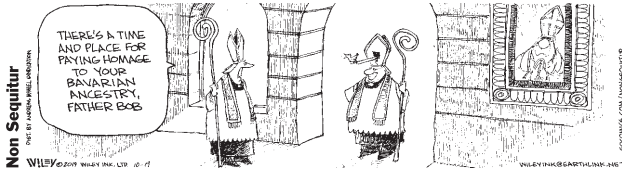
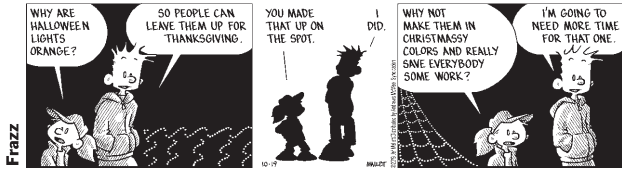
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## SPORTS BRIEFS/COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Briefly

## Two-time All-Star Deng signs with Bulls, retires

CHICAGO — Two-time All-Star forward Luol Deng has signed with the Chicago Bulls and retired as a member of the team that drafted him.

The No. 7 overall pick in 2004, the 34-year-old Deng averaged 14.8 points and 6.1 rebounds over 15 seasons with Chicago, Cleveland, Miami, the Los Angeles Lakers and Minnesota.

He was part of seven playoff teams — six with Chicago, one with Miami — and averaged 15.9 points and 6.7 rebounds in 82 postseason games. From South Sudan, he played one season at Duke before entering the NBA draft.

Deng was an All-Star on the Bulls' 2011-12 and 2012-13 teams, leading the league in minutes per game both seasons. He was traded to Cleveland in January 2014.

The Bulls said Thursday they will honor Deng at a game this season.

In other NBA news:

■ Zion Williamson won't play in New York in the New Orleans Pelicans' final preseason game because of a sore right knee.

■ The Pelicans said Thursday that the No. 1 pick didn't travel with the team to New York, remaining in New Orleans to undergo further testing and evaluation at Ochsner Sports Medicine.

■ Michael Jordan unveiled the first of two medical clinics in Charlotte he and his family funded to provide care to underprivileged members of the community.

The six-time NBA champion and Hornets owner was on hand Thursday for the grand opening of the \$7 million Novant Health Miami Jordan Family Medical Clinic. Tears streamed down Jordan's cheeks as he said, "This is a very emotional thing for me to be able to give back to a community that has supported me over the years."

The clinic, located in a lower-income section of the city, will provide vital access to primary and preventive care to individuals in the community, including those who are uninsured or underinsured.

■ Sacramento Kings forward Harrison Barnes is covering a majority of the funeral costs for Atriana Jefferson, the 28-year-old woman who was fatally shot by a police officer during a wellness check last week in Fort Worth, Texas.

Barnes, who previously played for the Dallas Mavericks, discussed his decision to pay for Jefferson's funeral following the Kings' practice Thursday at Golden 1 Center.

"My wife and I wanted to do something for that family," Barnes said. "It was a tragic situation that happened and no one should be killed during a wellness check, but the biggest thing is, anytime someone has to go through that, the least thing you want to have to worry about is trying to come up

with the money for a funeral. It's about the family. It's about everything they're going through. Our prayers are obviously with them and it was a gesture that my wife and I wanted to do for them."

■ The Los Angeles Lakers have exercised their contract option on forward Kyle Kuzma for the 2020-21 season.

The Lakers made the move Thursday on Kuzma, who is currently out with a foot injury suffered while playing for USA Basketball during the summer.

## Lawyer details limits on Olympic sponsorships

DOHA, Qatar — A lawyer with the Association of National Olympic Committees has detailed the limits on athletes promoting their sponsors under new guidelines for the 2020 Tokyo Games.

ANOC legal commission chairman Michael Chambers has told the group's 206 members that only generic advertising is allowed.

He says advertising by an athlete's personal sponsor "can't use Olympic symbols, the rings, your emblem, references to the Olympics."

The U.S. Olympic Committee's agreement this month includes now letting athletes thank their sponsors.

## Napoli fan arrested in killing of soccer fan

MILAN — A Napoli "ultra" fan was arrested Friday and accused of killing the Inter Milan supporter who died following clashes outside the San Siro ahead of a Serie A match last December.

Fabio Manduca, a 39-year-old Napoli fan, is accused of driving the SUV that fatally struck Daniele Belardinelli, a 35-year-old Inter supporter who died in the December 11 shooting.

Manduca, who has a long criminal record, has been charged with voluntary manslaughter.

Prosecutors believe that Manduca, who refused to answer questions by authorities in the 10-month investigation, has ties to the Naples-area Camorra crime syndicate.

## Brave 1B Freeman has surgery on right elbow

ATLANTA — Braves first baseman Freddie Freeman has undergone arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow after a nagging injury that limited him late in the season and into playoffs.

The team announced Friday that Freeman underwent the procedure in New York. Dr. David Altchek cleaned out the entire right elbow joint, removing three fragmented loose bodies and cleaning up numerous bone spur formations that had developed in the slugger's elbow. Freeman is expected to be recovered in time for the start of spring training.



Michigan head basketball coach Juwan Howard, at his team's media day Thursday, said he's adjusting to recruiting and wants to earn his players' trust.

## Michigan's Howard focuses on recruiting, building trust

BY NOAH TRISTER  
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — When asked if anything about his new job has surprised him, Michigan coach Juwan Howard mentioned recruiting.

"I knew you have to recruit, but all the work that comes behind the recruiting. Like I haven't talked on the phone in years. What we all do now is just text, 'right? Or email,'" Howard said. "I've been on the phone sometimes with recruits for like 30 minutes. ... You've got to do a really good job with your text game, too. A lot of kids like to text."

Michigan held its men's basketball media day Thursday, another first for Howard as he prepares for his initial season at the helm. The former Fab Five star returned to his school after coach John Beilein left for the NBA this off-season.

Hours after his media day news conference, Howard had a recruiting victory when Isaiah Todd of Word of God Christian Academy in North Carolina chose Michigan. Todd is ranked 12th

overall among 2020 recruits at 247sports.com.

Howard has big shoes to fill after Beilein led Michigan to two Final Fours and returned the school to relevance both in the Big Ten and nationally.

"I don't expect my players to trust me. I want to earn their trust," Howard said. "I want them to know that I'm in their corner 110%, and that has to be proven by my actions, not just my words."

The Wolverines have to replace some key players from last season's Sweet 16 team. Iggy Brazdeikis, Jordan Poole and Charles Matthews all left early for the NBA draft.

Returning are point guard and defensive standout Zavier Simpson, 7-foot-1 Jon Teske and forward Isaiah Livers. Howard says the team is healthy at the moment.

Howard also welcomes freshman Franz Wagner of Berlin, the brother of former Michigan star Moe Wagner.

As Howard noted, recruiting is a big part of his job — and it will

likely play a significant role in his success or failure. Under Beilein, Michigan wasn't necessarily beating out Kentucky and Duke for the top-ranked high school prospects, but the coaching staff excelled at identifying talent and developing players.

It remains to be seen how Howard and his staff will do in those regards, but landing Todd was a sign that the program's brand is strong — and that the new coach is plenty capable of selling it.

Although there are rules governing what coaches can and can't say about their recruiting efforts with specific players, Howard was asked at media day to explain how he pitches Michigan to young prospects.

"Michigan — this block 'M' right here — it's a beautiful university, one of the best institutions in the world," Howard said. "I want to watch Franz play ... in Greece, and it wasn't, like, Athens, Greece. We were like, in the mountains. ... There was a Michigan block 'M' shirt — that right there speaks for itself."

## Papers sue NC State for probe records

BY WILL DORAN

The (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Observer

RALEIGH, N.C. — N.C. State University is refusing to turn over records — which should be public — that could shine a light on a corruption scandal involving Adidas and former basketball star Dennis Smith Jr., multiple media outlets claim in a new lawsuit.

The (Raleigh, N.C.) News & Observer, The New York Times, WRAL and ABC11 have sued N.C. State, claiming the school has

been "knowingly and intentionally violating" the law by refusing to turn over public records.

At issue is a high-profile scandal involving college basketball players and coaches in which several people went to prison after being convicted of federal crimes including fraud. The FBI's investigation into college basketball and the subsequent trial focused on Adidas, the apparel company that has contracts with N.C. State, Miami, Louisville, Georgia Tech, East Carolina and other college

sports programs.

Duke, UNC and Wake Forest have contracts with Nike and were not implicated in this investigation.

For the last two years, N&O reporters have been asking N.C. State officials for documents the university provided under federal subpoena in the investigation, which includes electronic communications and phone records. They have also sought documents related to the NCAA's investigation.

NHL



PAUL CHASSON, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price deflects a shot by Minnesota Wild's Zach Parise during the Canadiens' 4-0 win Thursday in Montreal.

Roundup

# Canadiens' Price tags Wild with shutout loss

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Carey Price made 17 saves for his first shutout of the season and Victor Mete and Nick Suzuki scored their first NHL goals in a first-period burst in the Montreal Canadiens' 4-0 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Thursday night.

Joel Armia and Brendan Gallagher also scored and Nick Cousins had an assist in his Montreal debut to help the Canadiens improve to 3-2-2. The 32-year-old Price has 45 career shutouts.

Alex Stalock stopped 28 shots for the reeling Wild. They dropped to 1-6-0.

Playing his 127th NHL game, the 21-year-old Mete opened the scoring with 5:23 left in the first. He found space in the slot, took a backhand pass from Cousins from behind the net and beat Stalock to the glove side. That ended the longest goal drought to start a career in Canadiens history, a mark previously held by Mike Komarek at 122 games.

**Islanders 3, Jets 1:** Mathew Barzal scored two second-period goals and Semyon Varlamov made 32 saves in New York's victory at Winnipeg.

Josh Bailey scored into an empty net on a power play with 27 seconds left in the third period to cap the Islanders' third straight victory and seal the Jets' third loss in a row.

Nikolaj Ehlers had a power-play goal for Winnipeg and Connor Hellebuyck made 23 saves.

New York didn't get its sixth shot until 7:41 of the second period — and it was a power-play goal by Barzal that tied it 16 seconds

after Dmitry Kulikov went to the penalty box for tripping.

**Canucks 4, Blues 3 (SO):** Josh Leivo scored the lone shutout goal and Thatcher Demko stopped 31 shots in Vancouver's victory at St. Louis.

Leivo lifted a shot over Jordan Binnington in the bottom half of the sixth shootout round. Bo Horvat, J.T. Miller and Michael Ferland scored in regulation for the Canucks.

Vladimir Tarasenko, Alex Pietrangolo and Robby Fabbri scored for the defending Stanley Cup champion Blues. They have lost three in a row.

**Lightning 4, Bruins 3 (SO):** Steven Stamkos scored the lone goal in the shootout to lift Tampa Bay to a win at Boston.

After the first three shooters for both sides failed, Stamkos put a wrist shot past Tuukka Rask. Andrei Vasilevsky then stopped Jake DeBrusk.

Brayden Point, Mathieu Joseph and Kevin Shattenkirk scored in regulation for the Lightning, and Andrei Vasilevsky made 33 saves. David Pastrnak had two goals and an assist, and Patrice Bergeron added a goal for the Bruins. Boston three goals came on power plays.

**Coyotes 5, Predators 2:** Phil Kessel scored his first two goals for host Arizona, and Christian Dvorak scored his third goal in two games in the over of Nashville.

The Coyotes, 3-0-1 in their last four games, went 3-for-6 on the power play. Darcy Kuemper stopped 23 shots and set a franchise record by allowing no more than two goals in 12 consecutive games. Jakob Chyhrun added

his first goal of the season. Dante Fabbro and Nick Bonino scored for the Predators.

**Devils 5, Rangers 2:** Kyle Palmieri and Myles Wood scored in the second period and host New Jersey held off New York for its first victory of the season.

Blake Coleman, Nikita Gusev and P.K. Subban also scored and Mackenzie Blackwood made 29 saves to help the Devils improve to 1-4-2. Tony DeAngelo and Jesper Fast scored for the Rangers.

**Flames 5, Red Wings 1:** Sam Bennett, Derek Ryan and Mark Giordano scored in a 5:18 span of the third period to break open a close game in host Calgary's victory over Detroit.

Bennett gave the Flames a 3-1 lead at 3:29, Ryan connected at 4:57 and Giordano added a power-play goal at 8:47. Andrew Mangiapane and Elias Lindholm also scored and David Rittich made 27 saves.

**Sabres 3, Kings 0:** Carter Hutten made 47 saves for his second straight shutout and Casey Mittelstadt scored twice in Buffalo's loss at Los Angeles.

Connor Sheary also scored for the Sabres, who bounced back from their first regulation loss of the season at Anaheim on Wednesday.

**Golden Knights 3, Senators 2 (SO):** Jonathan Marchessault scored his first career shootout game-winning goal and host Las Vegas beat Ottawa.

The Golden Knights fired a franchise-record 54 shots on goal.

Reilly Smith and Nick Holden scored for Las Vegas.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
Team	GP	W	L	OT
Boston	7	5	1	1
Tampa Bay	7	5	1	1
Toronto	8	4	3	1
Montreal	6	4	2	0
Florida	6	3	2	1
Ottawa	7	3	4	0

Metropolitan Division				
Team	GP	W	L	OT
Carolina	7	5	2	0
Pittsburgh	7	5	2	0
Washington	7	4	3	0
N.Y. Islanders	7	4	3	0
Columbus	6	3	3	0
Philadelphia	7	3	4	0
N.Y. Rangers	4	2	2	0
New Jersey	7	4	2	1

### Western Conference

Central Division				
Team	GP	W	L	OT
Colorado	6	5	0	1
St. Louis	7	4	3	0
Nashville	7	4	3	0
Winnipeg	7	4	3	0
Chicago	4	1	2	1
Dallas	8	1	6	1
Minnesota	7	1	6	0

Pacific Division				
Team	GP	W	L	OT
Anaheim	7	4	3	0
Calgary	8	4	3	1
Vancouver	6	3	3	0
Arizona	6	3	3	0
San Jose	7	2	5	0
Los Angeles	7	2	5	0

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime, six points for each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Wednesday's games				
Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
Columbus 5, Dallas 2	5-2	0	12	28
Pittsburgh 3, Colorado 2	3-2	OT	11	24
Washington 4, Toronto 3	4-3	0	12	54
Edmonton 6, Philadelphia 3	6-3	0	10	26
San Jose 5, Carolina 2	5-2	0	13	13
San Jose 5, Carolina 2	5-2	0	17	11
San Jose 5, Carolina 2	5-2	0	4	31

Thursday's games				
Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
Tampa Bay 1, Minnesota 0	1-0	0	12	19
New Jersey 5, N.Y. Rangers 2	5-2	0	9	23
Vancouver 4, St. Louis 3	4-3	0	20	20
N.Y. Islanders 5, Winnipeg 1	5-1	0	11	16
Calgary 5, Detroit 1	5-1	0	11	16
Arizona 5, Nashville 2	5-2	0	11	16
Vegas 3, Ottawa 2	3-2	SO	10	21
Buffalo 3, Los Angeles 0	3-0	0	12	19

Friday's games				
Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
Dallas at Pittsburgh				
N.Y. Rangers at Washington				
Colorado at Florida				
Columbus at Chicago				
Detroit at Edmonton				
Carolina at Anaheim				

### Saturday

Knights 3, Senators 2 (SO)				
Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
Ottawa	1	0	1	0-2
Montreal	0	0	0	0-3
Vegas won shootout 2-1				
First Period—Vegas, Smith 6 (MacArthur), 4:12, 2, Ottawa, Chobot 1 (Therby, Brown), 5:12, 3, Vegas, Holden 1 (Paciorek, Stone), 13:32 (pp).				
Second Period—Ottawa, Pageau 2 (Brown, Einarsson), 4:22.				
Shootout—Ottawa 2 (Ryan NG, Nash, St. Louis, Fabari) 1 (Bozak, Tkachuk NG), Vegas 3 (Pirri G, Stone NG, Smith NG, Sheard, Marchessault G).				
Shots on Goal—Ottawa 13-10-5-39, Vegas 16-16-20-54.				
Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 6, Vegas 1 of 2.				
Vegas—Ottawa, Nilsson 0-1 (54 shots-52 saves), Vegas, Feary 5-2-0 (39-74).				
A-18,171 (17,367). T-2,54.				

### Canadiens 4, Wild 0

Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
Minnesota	0	0	0	0-0
Montreal	3	0	1-4	20
First Period—1, Montreal 3 (Gosz, Leivo), 14:37, 2, Montreal, Armia 4 (Wagner, Brown), 13:18, 3, Montreal, Suzuki 1 (Petry, Dorn), 19:23.				
Second Period—Montreal, Gallagher 3, 12:40.				
Shots on Goal—Minnesota 6-6-5-17, Montreal 15-7-11-33.				
Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 5, Montreal 1 of 5.				
Goals—Minnesota, Stalock 1-1-0 (33 shots-16 saves), Montreal, Price 3-2-1 (17-17, 20, 419 (21,288)). T-2,29.				

### Canucks 4, Blues 3 (SO)

Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
Vancouver	0	2	1	0-4
St. Louis	3	0	1-3	20
First Period—Vancouver won shootout 1-0.				
Second Period—Vancouver, Ferland 1 (Gutter, Eder), 2:04, 3, St. Louis, Wagner 1 (Petry, Dorn), 13:22.				
Third Period—Vancouver, Gallagher 3, 12:40.				
Shots on Goal—Minnesota 6-6-5-17, Montreal 15-7-11-33.				
Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 5, St. Louis 1 of 5.				
Goals—Vancouver, Demko 2-1-0 (37 shots-20 saves), St. Louis, Binnington 1-3 (32-29).				
A-18,996 (19,150). T-2,43.				

### Flames 5, Red Wings 1

Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
Detroit	0	1	0-1	10
Calgary	5	0	0-0	26
First Period—1, Calgary, Mangiapane 2 (Giordano), 11:01.				
Second Period—2, Calgary, Lindholm 5 (Tkachuk, Monahan), 9:45 (pp), 3, Detroit, Helm 5 (Chyhrun), 13:13 (pp).				
Third Period—4, Calgary, Bennett 1 (Ludwig), 5:28, 5, Calgary, Ryan 1, 4:57.				
Shots on Goal—Calgary, Monahan, Gallagher, Giordano 2 (Ryan, Monahan), 8:47 (pp).				
Shots on Goal—Detroit 5-13-10-28, Calgary 10-7-20-37.				
Power-play opportunities—Detroit 0 of 2, Calgary 5 of 5.				
Goals—Detroit, Howard 1-3-0 (36 shots-31 saves), Calgary, Rittich 4-1-2 (28-12).				
A-18,232 (19,288). T-2,22.				

### Sabres 3, Kings 0

Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
Buffalo	2	1	0-3	10
Los Angeles	3	0	0-0	9
First Period—1, Buffalo, Mittelstadt 1 (Miller, Ristolainen), 2:32 (pp).				
Second Period—3, Buffalo, Mittelstadt 2 (Miller, Ristolainen), 2:32 (pp).				
Shots on Goal—Buffalo 7-10-7-24, Los Angeles 11-17-19-44.				
Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 1 of 3, Los Angeles 0 of 3.				
Goals—Buffalo, C.Hutton 5-0-0 (47 shots-24 saves), Los Angeles, Campbell 2-0-2 (24-22).				
A-17,605 (18,230). T-2,25.				

### Coyotes 5, Predators 2

Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
Nashville	2	1	1-2	10
Arizona	5	0	1-5	26
First Period—1, Arizona, Kessel 3 (Schmaltz, Gode), Arizona, Kessel (Keller, Stepan), 10:34 (pp).				
Second Period—2, Buffalo, Fabbro 2 (Ellis, Turris), 3:13, 4, Arizona, Chyhrun 1 (Schmaltz), 8:59.				
Third Period—5, Arizona, Kessel 2 (Schmaltz), 11:01, 2, Arizona, Soderberg 1 (Cruise), 17:10.				
Shots on Goal—Nashville 3-11-11-25, Arizona 15-11-32-37.				
Power-play opportunities—Nashville 0 of 3, Arizona 3 of 6.				
Goals—Nashville, Saros 0-3-0 (31 shots-27 saves), Arizona, Kuemper 3-2-0 (23-12).				
A-13,521 (17,125). T-2,31.				

### Devils 5, Rangers 2

Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
N.Y. Rangers	1	0	1-2	10
New Jersey	5	0	0-0	26
First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, DeAngelo 1 (Kleji, Buchnevich), 6:27, New Jersey, Coleman 1 (Zales, Remys), 12:58.				
Second Period—1, New Jersey, Palmieri 1 (Hughes, Thompson), 12:25.				
Third Period—N.Y. Rangers, Fast 1 (Strome, Smith), 2:22, 6, New Jersey, Gusev 3, 12:27, 7, New Jersey, Subban 1, 19:12.				
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 10-15-6-31, New Jersey 14-9-15-35.				
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 0 of 3, New Jersey 1 of 2.				
Goals—N.Y. Rangers, Georgiev 1-1-0 (26 shots-23 saves), New Jersey, Blackwood 1-1-2 (31-29).				
A-13,521 (17,125). T-3,21.				

### Lightning 4, Bruins 3 (SO)

Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
Tampa Bay	1	1	0-3	10
Boston	3	0	1-3	26
First Period—1, Boston, Pastrnak 7 (Wing, Bergeron), 0:44 (pp), 2, Tampa Bay, Kessel 1 (Stromberg), 7:26 (pp), 4, Tampa Bay, Pastrnak 2 (Kilorn), 10:22.				
Second Period—3, Boston, Bergeron 2 (Pastrnak, Marchand), 1:26 (pp), 4, Tampa Bay, Pastrnak 1 (Shattenkirk), 10:22.				
Third Period—1, Tampa Bay, Shattenkirk 4 (Stamkos, Point), 15:13, 6, Boston, Pastrnak 3 (Marchand, Bergeron), 17:10.				
Shootout—Tampa Bay 1 (Hedman NG), Boston 3 (Marchand NG, Stamkos NG, Coyte NG). Pastrnak NG, Marchand NG, DeBruk NG.				
Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 16-13-4-3-36, Boston 11-10-11-37-57.				
Power-play opportunities—Tampa Bay 4 of 4, Boston 3 of 5.				
Goals—Tampa Bay, Vasilevsky 4-1-0 (37 shots-34 saves), Boston, Rask 3-0-0 (26-17).				
A-17,193 (17,565). T-2,53.				

### Islanders 3, Winnipeg 1

Team	Score	OT	PTS	GF
N.Y. Islanders	0	2	1-3	10
Winnipeg	1	0	0-1	10
First Period—1, Winnipeg, Ehlers 3 (Pilonk, Hejnalik), 13:12 (pp).				
Second Period—2, Islanders, Barzal 2 (Toews, Baizer), 7:41 (pp), 3, N.Y. Islanders, Pastrnak 1 (Toews, Baizer), 12:40.				
Third Period—4, N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 3 (Toews, Baizer), 12:40.				
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 5-12-9-26, Winnipeg 10-12-12-32.				
Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 1 of 2, Winnipeg 1 of 2.				
Goals—N.Y. Islanders, Arlamov 2-0-3 (33 shots-32 saves), Winnipeg, Hellebuyck 1-0-3 (22-28).				
A-15,663 (15,321). T-2,28.				

### Scoring Leaders

Player	GP	G	A	PTS
Connor McDavid, EDM	6	7	9	15
John Carlson, WPG	10	6	14	14
David Pastrnak, BOS	7	8	13	13
Manuel Andino, PIT	7	7	13	13
Sidney Crosby, PIT	7	7	13	13
Patrick Lake, WPG	9	3	12	11
Brayden Point, TAM	7	7	11	11
Brad Marchand, BOS	7	6	12	11
Anthony Mantha, DET	7	6	10	10

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**Broncos tight end Noah Fant, left, can't make the catch as Kansas City Chiefs defensive back Daniel Sorensen defends Thursday in Denver. Fant had three drops that would have totaled more than 100 yards in the Broncos' 30-6 loss.**

# Scary: Mahomes dislocates kneecap

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attraction in the league. "You never want to see anyone get hurt, especially like what I hope everything is good and I hope he has a speedy recovery." Chiefs coach Andy Reid said after the game that didn't know how serious Mahomes' injury was, but added that "We're good with whatever direction this thing goes."

Backup Matt Moore threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to Tyreek Hill and the Chiefs (5-2) collected nine sacks, gave up a season-long 71 yards rushing and beat the Broncos (2-5) for the eighth straight time.

His balky left ankle heavily taped, Mahomes completed 10 of 11 passes for 76 yards and a touchdown, before getting injured on a successful sneak on fourth-and-inches at the Denver 5 early in the second quarter.

One by one, players peeled off the pile but when Mahomes didn't get up, the stadium grew quiet, Broncos players knelt and some Chiefs stormed away in anguish as their quarterback ripped off his helmet and covered his face. Broncos cornerback Chris Harris Jr. went over to shake Mahomes' hand as he awaited medical help, his right knee stuck in an awkward angle.

"Hopefully he's not too injured, for the season," Harris said. "He's great for our league, he's a great player. So, hopefully he's not hurt too bad." As players milled about nervously, the Chiefs' medical personnel appeared to pop Mahomes' right knee back in place before he was helped from the field and taken into the locker room.

"Excited for the win," Moore said. "At the same time, a guy like Patrick goes down it can be deflating." Before he got hurt, Mahomes

Chiefs 30, Broncos 6	
Kansas City	10 10 7 3-30
Denver	6 0 0 0-6
<b>First Quarter</b>	
Den—Freeman 1 run (run failed), 9:06	
KC—Hardman 21 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 4:10	
KC—FG Butker 35, 1:00	
<b>Second Quarter</b>	
KC—FG Butker 20, 8:01	
KC—Regard 5 fumble return (Butker kick), 7:10	
<b>Third Quarter</b>	
KC—Hill 57 pass from Moore (Butker kick), 4:20	
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	
KC—FG Butker 39, 5:04	
A—76:48	

	KC	Den
First downs	14	35
Total Net Yards	271	205
Rushes-Yards	27-80	21-71
Passing-Yards	131	134
Punt Returns	4-50	0-0
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	4-12
Comp-Att-Int	20-30-0	21-34-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-44.3	7-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-46	4-33
Time of Possession	22:13	27:47

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING—Kansas City:** McCoy 12-64, Sherman 2-7, Dam-Williams 9-7, Mahomes 1-2, Dar-Williams 2-1, Moore (minus 1). **Denver:** Lindsay 11-56, Freeman 10-35.

**PASSING—Kansas City:** Mahomes 10-11-976, Moore 10-19-117. **Denver:** Flacco 21-24-213.  
**RECEIVING—Kansas City:** Kelce 6-44, Hill 3-74, Robinson 3-31, Hardman 2-28, McCoy 2-12, Dar-Williams 2-5, Dam-Williams 2 (minus 1). **Denver:** Sutton 6-87, Sanders 2-60, Freeman 4-32, Hamilton 2-4, Janovich 1-22, Fant 1-7, Spencer 1-5, Lindsay (minus 1)-1.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS—Denver:** McManis 45.

became the fastest player in NFL history to throw for 7,500 yards, in just his 25th game.

"You feel for anybody that has something that looks like it may be pretty serious," Broncos quarterback Joe Flacco said. "That's not just other quarterbacks; that's everybody. But man, a young guy like that who's starting off his career the way he has and starting off this season the way he has, it's definitely not easy to watch guys go down with injuries like that. I hope that he's all right."

Mahomes, who has 15 TDs and one interception this season, didn't speak with reporters after the game but he did lead the

team's "breakdown," in the winning locker room, praising Moore, who completed 10 of 19 passes for 117 yards, and the defense.

"Just seeing him in the locker room after the game, standing on his feet and just super optimistic about everything I think that shows one more time how strong of a man he is and how good of leader he is," said guard Laurent Duvernay-Tardif. "He's said, 'I'm going to get better, we're going to get this team back on track,' and it was great to just see him walk and smile at the end."

The Broncos had won two straight and were aiming to turn the AFC West upside down by handling the Chiefs their third straight loss. But the Chiefs, who were 24th in the league with just 11 sacks coming in, sacked Flacco a career-high eight times and held Denver's running back duo in check after allowing an average of 190 rushing yards over their previous four games.

When Flacco did stay upright to deliver deep passes, they fell incomplete. Rookie tight end Noah Fant dropped three passes that would have totaled more than 100 yards, and Denver converted just one of 13 third downs.

"This is about as bad an offense as I've seen," Fox NFL analyst Troy Aikman exclaimed at one point. "I'm shocked there's as many people still here at the game."

**Bungling Broncos:** The Chiefs even sacked punter Colby Wadman, who had nowhere to throw the ball on a failed fake punt that gave Kansas City the ball at the Broncos 38 on the drive that ended with Mahomes' injury.

Other special teams follies included missing a 45-yard field goal, allowing a 37-yard punt return and failing to punch it in from a yard out on a two-point conversion.

# Dallas defense lacking impact

**Cowboys struggling to make key stops, create turnovers**

By SCHUYLER DIXON  
 Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — Jeff Heath agrees the Dallas defense hasn't had the impact it did early last season, when that unit often covered for a sagging offense and kept the Cowboys from falling too far out of the playoff picture.

The seventh-year safety also doesn't want to overstate how he and his defensive mates were playing a year ago.

"The idea that we were this perfect defense last year just is not true," Heath said. "I think it's something that you're always trying to get better. The results of these last three games haven't been what wanted them to be. But I think we have the right approach."

After a 3-0 start, the Cowboys have lost three straight games but are still tied atop the NFC East at 3-3 with Philadelphia. The Eagles win on Sunday night.

While the first loss — 12-10 at New Orleans — was the first time since 2002 that the Cowboys have lost without allowing a defensive touchdown, Dallas couldn't get a quick stop in the fourth quarter.

The Cowboys had to use their timeouts before getting the ball back with 1:39 remaining. After quarterback Dak Prescott was sacked on the first play, Dallas eventually ran short on time and had to throw a desperation pass from midfield on the final play.

In a 24-22 loss to the previously winless Jets last week, Dallas let New York drive to a field goal after getting within five points in the fourth quarter. The Cowboys answered with a touchdown to get within two, but the 2-point conversion attempt failed with 43 seconds remaining.

"We haven't been as consistent as we've wanted to be on the defensive side of the ball," coach Jason Garrett said. "And we want to do a better job making some impact plays, taking the ball away. But I think in general we've done a good job keeping the scores down, which is the No. 1 thing a defense needs to do."

The Cowboys are eighth in scoring defense at 19 points per game after finishing sixth last season. And Dallas is back in the top 10 in total defense after a slow start while the offense was generating nearly 500 yards and more than 30 points per game through the first three.

But Dallas is near the bottom in takeaways (five) and interceptions (two), an area that has kept the unit from being elite under



ADAM HUNGER/AP

**The Jets' Ryan Griffin, top, makes a catch in front of a touchdown during the Cowboys' 24-22 loss to New York on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.**

defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli. As much as he talks about forcing turnovers, the defense is designed to avoid big plays.

"That's been another problem for the Cowboys, highlighted by Robby Anderson's 92-yard touchdown catch last week. Dallas is in the bottom third in the league in allowing plays of at least 20 yards."

Last season, the Cowboys were among the best in the NFL in limiting big plays.

"There's been times where I think we've played well, at other times that we haven't," Heath said. "It's really hard to pinpoint what the main difference is. It just as a whole we've just got to be more disciplined."

Linebackers Jaylon Smith and Leighton Vander Esch, emerging young stars last season with several highlight-worthy plays, haven't shown up much this year. Neither player was in the locker room this week when it was open to reporters.

"It's a matter of time," passing game coordinator and secondary coach Kris Richard said. "We all set a very high standard for ourselves, them in particular. They're more than capable. We take the responsibility. We go out there and we know we need to perform."

Dallas still has a relatively young defense. Sean Lee (33 years old) is the only starter not in his 20s, and six of them are 25 or younger. At the same time, most of them have been starters for at least two years.

"There's no question we have some guys who are young that haven't played that much football but we have some veteran players too," Garrett said. "It's a good mix. We like the mix and we just have to keep banging away."

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Vols looking to light up against Crimson Tide

Tennessee hasn't had victory cigar in past 12 games against Alabama

By JOHN ZENOR  
Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Nick Saban was coaching the Miami Dolphins the last time Alabama lost to Tennessee.

The current players from both teams were mostly in elementary school. The top-ranked Crimson Tide have won the past 12 meetings in this traditional third Saturday in October rivalry, mostly by large margins.

The Vols are hoping to end that bitter streak and break out the traditional victory cigars once again Saturday night at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

"It means everything to me, man," Tennessee linebacker Darrell Taylor said. "It's a cigar game. Whoever wins gets to smoke that cigar, and we ain't never got it yet. So that's what we're looking to do. We're looking to go play and looking to go win."

It just so happens that Alabama's dynastic stretch under Saban has coincided with a rocky span for the Volunteers. They have had five head coaches since Saban's 2007 arrival in Tuscaloosa, not counting interim coaches. One of the five, Butch Jones, is now an analyst for Saban.

Alabama has won the past three meetings by a combined 152-38.

It has been a streaky rivalry at times even before this one. Tennessee won seven straight starting in 1995, including the last three years of quarterback Pey-



Tennessee defensive back Nigel Warrior celebrates the Volunteers' 20-10 victory over Mississippi State on Oct. 12 in Knoxville, Tenn. Warrior hasn't celebrated a victory over Alabama since 2006.

ton Manning's career.

That followed an 8-0-1 stretch controlled by Bama.

There hasn't been one this long. Tennessee's last victory over the Tide was 13-6 in 2006, Mike Shula's last year with Alabama.

The rivalry might not have quite the same bragging rights as the Iron Bowl game with Auburn. It's still big, though.

"This is a special game for a lot of folks around here," Saban said. "The rivalry with Tennessee is a special one for a lot of people in

Alabama and it's been one of the best in college football through the years."

Just mostly not competitive, lately.

Some of the memorable games — good and bad — during that 12-year streak:

■ Alabama won the national title in 2009, but not before surviving the Tennessee game in wild fashion. Terrence Cody, the Tide's 350-pound nose guard, blocked two fourth-quarter kicks, including a 44-yard field goal at-

tempt on the final play, to beat Lane Kiffin's Vols 12-10. Leigh Tiffin booted four field goals for Alabama.

Saban said Cody's second block was "really significant" for that team. "But sometimes in rivalry games you have those kinds of tough tests," the coach said.

■ In 2015, Derrick Henry gave Alabama the lead for good with a 14-yard touchdown run with 2:24 left in a 19-14 victory. The Tide defense had two consecutive sacks and Ryan Ander-

son knocked the ball loose from quarterback Joshua Dobbs to cement the victory in the only other meeting that wasn't decided well before the final minutes.

"Every loss is painful because you invest so much in it and everyone talked about the culture," Jones said afterward. "We believed that we were going to win the football game coming here and we came up short."

■ In 2014, it could have been called The Lane Kiffin Game. The former Tennessee head coach returned to Knoxville as Alabama's offensive coordinator. Alabama won 34-20, scored the game's first 27 points and got a huge game from wide receiver Amari Cooper.

■ Alabama's 49-10 victory in 2016 marked the most lopsided game in the series since the Tide won 51-0 in 1906. Alabama had touchdowns on defense and special teams and Bo Scarbrough scored on an 85-yard run.

■ Last season Alabama scored the most points for either team in the series' 101 games, winning 58-21. The Tide outgained Tennessee 217-6 in building a 28-0 lead after one quarter.

Tennessee coach Jeremy Pruitt, a former Alabama player and assistant coach, is intimately familiar with the rivalry.

"I grew up watching it, I had the opportunity to play in it, I've had an opportunity to coach in it — now on both sides," Pruitt said. "So this week does kind of get you going right there."

Streak aside, Saban took time this week to remind any players who didn't grow up with this rivalry of its significance.

"He was just explaining to us, this game really means a lot to him, and everybody," Tide defensive end Rakevon Davis said. "So we've got to go out there and just execute."

## Five things to know

## Michigan desperately needs win at Penn State

By ERIC OLSON  
Associated Press

Michigan came into the season a trendy pick to win the Big Ten East. It's not even November and the No. 16 Wolverines must beat No. 7 Penn State as a road underdog Saturday night to keep control of their destiny.

That 35-14 loss at Wisconsin last month dropped fifth-year coach Jim Harbaugh to 1-6 on the road against ranked opponents.

This is Penn State's annual "Whiteout" game, and the Nittany Lions are looking to build on their hard-earned victory at Iowa last week and avenge last year's lopsided loss at Michigan.

There are two other Top 25 matchups, both in the Pac 12. No. 12 Oregon visits No. 25 Washington, and No. 13 Utah plays at No.

17 Arizona State.

## Game of the week

Michigan (5-1, 3-1 Big Ten) at Penn State (6-0, 3-0)

The Wolverines' new offense has not yet been impressive against a strong opponent. Here's an opportunity against one of the nation's best defenses. The Nittany Lions have allowed 19 points in three Big Ten games.

Penn State is in the middle of a challenging stretch. After playing Michigan at home, trips to Michigan State and Minnesota are next.

## Heisman watch

LSU's Joe Burrow, whose performance against Florida further enhanced his credentials, goes against a maddening defense at Mississippi State. Burrow was only so-so against the Bulldogs last year. He and the LSU offense are way different than they were then.

Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts will try to make the Sooners 3-0 against West Virginia since the Mountaineers joined the Big 12 in 2012. Through six games he's matched 2018 Heisman winner Kyler Murray's passing numbers and has surpassed his rushing numbers.

Tua Tagovailoa enters Alabama's home game against Tennessee having thrown for 1,155 yards and 15 touchdowns with one interception against three SEC opponents.

## Numbers game

7 — Total points by which Pittsburgh has won its past three games.

8 — Texas wide receivers who have scored touchdowns.

16 — Consecutive games Oklahoma has scored at least 30 points, the longest streak in the nation.

22 — Consecutive games Mississippi State has recorded a takeaway, the longest active streak in the nation.

1933 — The last year Oregon held

its first three conference opponents under 10 points.

## Under the radar

No. 18 Baylor (6-0, 3-0 Big 12) at Oklahoma State (4-2, 1-2): The Bears' sack-happy defense goes against the highest-ranked offense it's seen so far. Oklahoma State is coming off an open date and looking to get back on track after losing two of its last three.

Temple (5-1, 2-0 American) at No. 19 SMU (6-0, 2-0): SMU is 6-0 for the first time since 1982, but only one of those victories was against a team that has a winning record. The Owls have beaten two ranked opponents.

Louisiana-Monroe (3-3, 2-0 Sun Belt) at No. 24 Appalachian State (5-0, 2-0): The Mountaineers have their highest ranking since joining the FBS ranks in 2014. Two of the Warhawks' three losses are against Power Five teams, and they've won both of their Sun Belt games by double digits.



TONY DIMA/AP

Jim Harbaugh's Michigan teams are 1-6 on the road against ranked opponents. The No. 16 Wolverines play at No. 7 Penn State on Saturday.

## Hot seat watch

Kalani Sitake's BYU Cougars enter their home game against Boise State having lost three straight since the overtime home victory over Southern California. That leaves Sitake 22-23 in four seasons and 13-19 since he went 9-4 in 2016. Road losses to Toledo and South Florida in consecutive weeks — games in which the Cougars were favored — have left the fan base squirming.

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## TOP 25 SCHEDULE

- Friday's games**  
No. 4 Ohio State at Northwestern
- Saturday's games**  
No. 1 Alabama vs. Tennessee  
No. 2 LSU at Mississippi State  
No. 3 Clemson at Louisville  
No. 4 Oklahoma vs. West Virginia  
No. 6 Wisconsin at Illinois  
No. 7 Penn State vs. No. 16 Michigan  
No. 9 Florida at South Carolina  
No. 10 Georgia vs. Kentucky  
No. 11 Auburn at Arkansas  
No. 12 Oregon at No. 25 Washington  
No. 13 Utah vs. No. 17 Arizona State  
No. 14 Boise State at BYU  
No. 15 Texas vs. Kansas  
No. 18 Baylor at Oklahoma State  
No. 19 SMU vs. Temple  
No. 20 Minnesota at Rutgers  
No. 21 Cincinnati vs. Tulsa  
No. 22 Missouri at Vanderbilt  
No. 23 Iowa vs. Purdue  
No. 24 Appalachian State vs. Louisville-Monroe

## SERVICE ACADEMIES

- Air Force (4-2)**  
at Hawaii (4-2), Saturday  
Last week: Beat Fresno State 43-24
- Army (3-3)**  
at Georgia State (4-2), Saturday  
Last week: Lost to W. Kentucky 17-8
- Navy (1-1)**  
vs. South Florida (3-3), Saturday  
Last week: Beat Tulsa 45-17

## POWER FIVE STANDINGS

ACC		Atlantic Division		Coastal Division		
Team	W	L	Overall W	L	Overall W	L
Clemson	4	0	6	1	0	0
Louisville	3	1	5	1	1	1
Florida State	3	1	5	1	1	1
Wake Forest	3	1	5	1	1	1
NC State	3	1	5	1	1	1
Boston College	3	1	5	1	1	1
Syracuse	3	1	5	1	1	1
Duke	3	1	4	0	4	0
Virginia	3	1	4	0	4	0
North Carolina	3	1	4	0	4	0
Pittsburgh	3	1	4	0	4	0
Virginia Tech	3	1	4	0	4	0
Miami	3	1	4	0	4	0
Georgia Tech	3	1	4	0	4	0

Big 12		Conference		Overall		
Team	W	L	Overall W	L	Overall W	L
Baylor	3	0	6	0	6	0
Oklahoma	3	0	6	0	6	0
Iowa State	3	0	6	0	6	0
Texas	3	0	6	0	6	0
TCU	3	0	6	0	6	0
Oklahoma State	3	0	6	0	6	0
Texas Tech	3	0	6	0	6	0
West Virginia	3	0	6	0	6	0
Kansas State	3	0	6	0	6	0
Kansas	3	0	6	0	6	0

Big Ten		Conference		Overall		
Team	W	L	Overall W	L	Overall W	L
Ohio State	5	0	6	0	6	0
Penn State	5	0	6	0	6	0
Washington	4	1	5	1	5	1
Michigan State	4	1	5	1	5	1
Michigan	4	1	5	1	5	1
Maryland	4	1	5	1	5	1
Rutgers	4	1	5	1	5	1
Minnesota	3	2	6	0	6	0
Wisconsin	3	2	6	0	6	0
Nebraska	3	2	5	1	5	1
Auburn	3	2	5	1	5	1
Purdue	3	2	5	1	5	1
Illinois	3	2	5	1	5	1
Northwestern	3	2	5	1	5	1

Pac-12		North		South		
Team	W	L	Overall W	L	Overall W	L
Oregon	3	2	5	1	4	2
Washington State	3	2	5	1	4	2
Stanford	3	2	5	1	4	2
California	3	2	5	1	4	2
Utah	3	2	5	1	4	2
Washington State	3	2	5	1	4	2
Ariz. State	3	2	5	1	4	2
Utah State	3	2	5	1	4	2
Arizona	3	2	5	1	4	2
Southern Cal	3	2	5	1	4	2
Kentucky	3	2	5	1	4	2
UCLA	3	2	5	1	4	2

SEC		East		West		
Team	W	L	Overall W	L	Overall W	L
Missouri	3	2	5	1	4	2
Florida	3	2	5	1	4	2
Georgia	3	2	5	1	4	2
Virginia	3	2	5	1	4	2
Tennessee	3	2	5	1	4	2
Kentucky	3	2	5	1	4	2
Vanderbilt	3	2	5	1	4	2
Alabama	3	0	6	0	6	0
LSU	3	0	6	0	6	0
Mississippi	3	0	6	0	6	0
Mississippi State	3	0	6	0	6	0
Texas A&M	3	0	6	0	6	0
Texas	3	0	6	0	6	0
Arkansas	3	0	6	0	6	0



MATTHEW PUTNEY/AP

**Penn State running back Noah Cain gets past Iowa linebacker Dijmon Colbert for a touchdown during the second half last Saturday in Iowa City, Iowa. Cain has posted two straight 100-yard rushing games for the Nittany Lions.**

## KEY POWER FIVE MATCHUPS

**No. 3 Clemson (6-0)**  
at **Louisville (4-2)**  
6 p.m. Saturday CET  
2 a.m. Sunday JKT  
AFN-Sports

**Series record** — Clemson leads 5-0.  
**What's at stake?** — Clemson seeks its 22nd consecutive victory and firmer control of the ACC Atlantic Division while remaining unbeaten against the Cardinals. Fresh off winning a second consecutive shootout in league play, the improving Cardinals aim to finally give first-year coach Scott Satterfield his second win in a row over a ranked school.  
**Key matchup** — Clemson's offense vs. Louisville's defense. Tigers QB Trevor Lawrence (1,301 yards, 11 TDs) and RB Travis Etienne (589, five) get another crack at the Cardinals after combining for four touchdowns in last year's 77-16 home shelling. That duo hasn't missed a beat this season and leads the ACC's No. 2 offense in several offensive categories, including yards per game at 497. The Cardinals are 12th in the ACC in total defense (439 yards allowed) and scoring D (31.5).

**Players to watch** — Clemson: LB Isaiah Simmons. The Tigers lead the ACC in total defense (254.8) and pass defense (150.3) thanks to the junior, who has team best of 46 tackles and four sacks. He returned an interception 27 yards for TD in last year's meeting.

**Louisville:** WR Dez Fitzpatrick. Since going without a reception in a victory over Western Kentucky, the junior has 17 catches for 366 yards and four touchdowns the past three games. His total includes 125 yards and two TDs on five catches at Wake Forest, making Fitzpatrick is the first receiver since DeVante Parker with three consecutive 100-yard efforts.

**Facts & figures** — Clemson has won both previous visits to Louisville, including 47-21 in 2017. ... The Tigers seek their 16th consecutive ACC regular-season win for the second time and first since winning 20 in a row from 1981-84. ... Louisville is third in ACC of offense (409.5 yards per game) and scoring (37.3).

**No. 2 LSU (6-0)**  
at **Mississippi State (3-3)**  
9:30 p.m. Saturday CET  
4:30 a.m. Sunday JKT  
AFN-Sports

**Series record** — LSU leads 74-35-3.  
**What's at stake?** — LSU is seeking to remain unbeaten and earn its first 6-0 start since 2015. Mississippi State is trying to snap a two-game skid and avoid falling below .500.

**Key matchup** — Mississippi State running back Kylin Hill vs. LSU's run defense. LSU averages 52.5 points per game as the nation's highest-scoring team, so Mississippi State's best chance of staying competitive is to control the clock and keep the Tigers' offense on the sidelines. Hill rushed for over 100 yards in each of Mississippi State's first four games but has been held below 50 yards in each of the Bulldogs' last two contests. LSU is allowing just 91.8 yards rushing per game.

**Players to watch** — LSU: CB Derek Stingley Jr. Although quarterback Joe Burrow and the high-powered LSU offense justifiably have garnered much of the attention during the Tigers' fast start, Stingley is having a huge year. The freshman has intercepted a pass in three straight games and ranks third among all Football Bowl Subdivision players in passes defended.

**Mississippi State:** QB Garrett Shrader. After backing up Penn State graduate transfer Tommy Stevens for most of the season, Shrader is expected to start Saturday. Shrader, a freshman dual-threat quarterback, already has played quite a bit and has run for 374 yards while averaging 6.3 yards per carry.

**Facts & figures** — LSU leads the nation in scoring and ranks second in total offense, and third-down conversion percentage. ... Burrow leads the nation in passing efficiency and completion percentage. ... The last time these two teams faced each other at Mississippi State, the Bulldogs won 37-7 in 2017 for their most lopsided victory in the series. ... Mississippi State has forced a turnover in 22 straight games, the longest active streak of any FBS team.

**No. 16 Michigan (5-1)**  
at **No. 7 Penn State (6-0)**  
1:30 a.m. Sunday CET  
8:30 a.m. Sunday JKT  
AFN-Atlantic

**Series record** — Michigan leads 14-8.  
**What's at stake?** — One of just two unbeaten left in the Big Ten East, No. 7 Penn State can earn some cushion with a signature win at home. Meanwhile, the No. 16 Wolverines will try to stay in the hunt for the division crown by winning their second in a row in the series.

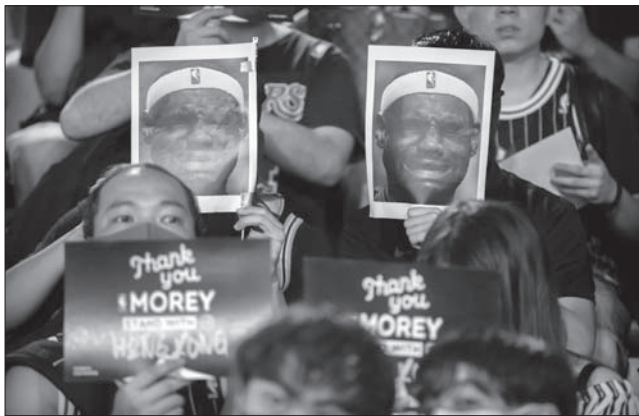
**Key matchup** — Penn State's defensive line vs. Michigan's defensive line. These two units obviously won't meet head-to-head, but this game could easily turn into a competition between both defensive fronts. The Nittany Lions are second in the country with 27 sacks while the Wolverines have posted 16 in the last three games.

**Players to watch** — Michigan: QB Shea Patterson. The Wolverines' signal-caller has been a turnover machine with four fumbles lost and three interceptions so far. He'll need to be better against the nation's fourth-ranked total defense that's allowing just eight points per game.

**Penn State:** QB Sean Clifford. The junior got off to a shaky start against Iowa, holding the ball too long and taking unnecessary hits. He settled in nicely, however and finished as the second-leading rusher. His running abilities could come in handy again against Michigan's aggressive front seven.

**Facts & figures** — Penn State is allowing just 1.59 yards per carry and has surrendered only one rushing touchdown this season. ... Penn State RB Noah Cain posted his second straight 100-yard rushing game last week. ... Michigan posted a season-best 29.5 rushing yards per carry and has surpassed only one rushing coordinator Josh Gattis was Penn State's wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator from 2014-17. Jim Harbaugh is 1-6 against ranked teams on the road in five seasons as Michigan's coach.

## NBA/MLB



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**Demonstrators hold up photos of LeBron James grimacing during a rally at the Southern Playground in Hong Kong, Tuesday, in support of Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey, whose tweet in support of the Hong Kong protests touched off a firestorm of controversy in China.**

# Silver: China asked that Rockets' Morey be fired

By **TYM REYNOLDS**  
Associated Press

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Chinese officials wanted Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey to be fired for his tweet supporting anti-government protesters in Hong Kong, and the league emphatically dismissed the request.

Silver also said that the league is already feeling “substantial” financial losses because of the Chinese reaction to Morey’s deleted tweet.

“Obviously, we made clear that we were being asked to fire him by the Chinese government, by the parties we dealt with, government and business,” Silver said Thursday during an appearance at the Time 100 Health Summit in New York. “We said, ‘There’s no chance that’s happening. There’s no chance we’ll even discipline him.’”

Silver also said he isn’t sure what will happen to the NBA’s relationship with China, which has been growing steadily over the last three decades.

“I felt we had made enormous progress in terms of building cultural exchanges with the Chinese people,” Silver said. “Again, I have regret that much of that was lost. And I’m not even sure where we’ll go from here.”

The league and LeBron James, one of its biggest stars, has been heavily criticized by some U.S. lawmakers for the perception that they caved to the Chinese regime. Morey has not been rebuked publicly by the league, and Silver has said that the league will support his freedom of expression.

“We wanted to make an absolute clear statement that the values of the NBA, these American values — we are an American business — travel with us wherever we go, and one of those values is free expression,” Silver said. “We wanted to make sure everyone understood we were supporting free expression.”

The Rockets were of massive interest in China, largely because of Yao Ming — the Chinese star who spent his entire NBA career in Houston. Yao is now the president of the Chinese Basketball Association, which has suspended its ties to the Rockets because of the tweet.

Silver has not commented publicly since a pair of tweets on Oct. 6 attempting to clarify his position.



**A demonstrator wearing a Houston Rockets jersey in support of Daryl Morey, holds up his hand with fellow demonstrators during a rally at the Southern Playground in Hong Kong, Tuesday.**

“I understand there is a point of view from some that we shouldn’t be in business at all in China, and I’d say from an intellectual standpoint, that’s fair — not getting into whether the tweet or the response to it,” Silver said.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV did not air the two NBA preseason games between the Los Angeles Lakers and Brooklyn Nets last week. Tencent, which has a \$1.5 billion deal to stream NBA games in China over the next five years, has also stopped showing Rockets games but has not totally dropped all NBA content.

“The losses have already been substantial,” Silver said. “Our games are not back on the air in China, as we speak, and we’ll see what happens next.”

Silver was at the summit to discuss the league’s deeper commitment to ensuring players and employees are taking care of their mental health, something that has been a growing topic in the NBA in recent years — particularly with the acknowledgment of top players like San Antonio’s DeMar DeRozan and Cleveland’s Kevin Love that they struggle with certain issues.

# Road to Series was paved with bumps for Nats’ Martinez

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Nationals manager Dave Martinez is an optimistic sort, a live-in-the-moment guy who loves his mantras and his mottos, whether it’s telling players to “go 1-0 today” or to “stay in the fight.”

Rough as things were when Washington was 19-31 and people were wondering whether Martinez was in over his head and might get fired, he never wavered. Just as important, neither did the support he received from GM Mike Rizzo and team ownership.

And worried as Martinez was — as anyone would be — when his heart acted up during a game in September, leading to a hospital stay, he’s able to laugh about it now. He jokes that each game qualifies as a cardiac stress test. He points out that he needs to try to avoid booze, on doctor’s orders, during all of those clubhouse celebrations NL wild-card Washington has enjoyed on the way to the World Series, which begins Tuesday.

So it made perfect sense that this is what Martinez said when he was given a chance to address a full stadium and television audience this week after a 7-4 victory completed a sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals in the NL Championship Series: “Often, bumpy roads lead to beautiful places, and this is a beautiful place.”

Moments later, referring to his players, Martinez added: “These guys cured my heart, and my heart feels great right now.”

For all of the players, and there are many, who deserve credit for contributing to this season’s tremendous turnaround, including the current 16-2 run — the Nationals are the fourth club in major league history to go from 12 games under .500 to the Fall Classic — the 55-year-old called “Davey” by many gets his fair share of kudos for helping steer Max Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg, Anthony Rendon and every-

one else from where they were in

**‘Often, bumpy roads lead to beautiful places, and this is a beautiful place.’**

**Dave Martinez**

Washington Nationals manager

May to this point in October.

“I have had a lot of managers, obviously, and they all come into spring training, and say they’re going to stay this way no matter what: ‘We’re going to be here for you. It’s going to be us. We don’t care what anyone says.’ And then as soon as stuff goes bad, every manager has pretty much kind of thrown that out the window and sort of gone into self-preservation mode, where Davey, honestly, has stayed the same way,” said Ryan Zimmerman, in his 15th season with the Nationals.

“He’s positive every day, his energy,” Zimmerman said. “He always trusts his players and has his players’ backs.”

Hired to replace Dusty Baker before last season after two NL East titles and immediate playoff exits, Martinez did not have a successful start.

First came his rookie year of 2018, with a much-mocked spring training visit by a couple of camels — intended to help the Nationals “get over the hump” (get it?) — and an 82-80 record.

Then came early 2019. “A lot of teams could’ve folded. A lot of teams, the clubhouse would have been fractured,” Rizzo said. “But Davey held this thing together.”

Nationals owner Mark Lerner’s mindset after those first 50 games?

“How can you not think the season was in trouble?” Lerner said. “But it never crossed my mind, one time, to make any changes with Davey or Mike. It just wasn’t going to happen. We have too much confidence in Davey and his intelligence as a manager.”



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

**Washington Nationals manager Dave Martinez survived a 19-31 start and a brief hospital stay to lead the franchise into its first World Series. The Nats face the American League winner starting Tuesday.**

MLB PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

# Astros power past Yankees in Game 4

Houston on cusp of a second World Series in three years

By JAKE SEINER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — They have the pitching, and they don't need the pitches. Certainly, the Houston Astros have confidence for good reason on the brink of another World Series.

"It's Justin Verlander," reliever Ryan Pressly said. George Springer and Carlos Correa each hit three-run homers and the Astros got another wild ace off the hook to beat the disheveled New York Yankees 8-3 Thursday night and reach the cusp of a second World Series visit in three years.

The Astros lead the AL Championship Series 3-1, putting the 2017 World Series winners on the brink of a showdown with the NL champion Washington Nationals.

Houston still has Verlander and Gerrit Cole queued up for this series, and the Yankees will have to beat both to survive. Verlander will start Game 5 on Friday night against James Paxton.

Springer lined an errant splitter from playoff star Masahiro Tanaka in the third inning for his homer, and Correa battered Chad Green's fastball when New York turned to its vaunted bullpen. Those All-Star sluggers have combined for just five hits in the series, but four have been homers.

Earlier in the day, Astros manager AJ Hinch angrily denied that his team has started tunes to steal signs after an allegation by the Yankees, which was investigated and cleared by Major League Baseball. He also made it clear: If a pitcher is tipping what's coming, Houston will take advantage.

The Astros are tired of that talk detracting from the sluggers. "I think it's disrespectful that every time we score a lot of runs, people talk about tipping," Correa said. "Nobody was tipping today and we scored, what, eight runs? We're great hitters. We've been doing it for a whole season."

## Greinke tunes out taunts, quiets NY crowd

By MIKE FITZPATRICK  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sounds as though Zack Greinke got an earful at Yankee Stadium while warming up in the bullpen. By the time the ninth inning rolled around, most of those fans were long gone.

Awfully satisfying for the Houston Astros.

"They emptied out pretty quick toward the end. I guess there wasn't that much to say," right fielder Josh Reddick said.

Greinke kept his cool after a rocky start Thursday night and the Astros romped to an 8-3 victory over the New York Yankees for a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven AL Championship Series.

A report by NJ Advance Media detailed some of the jeering directed at Greinke as he got loose before the game. Fans in the left field bleachers insulted his family and taunted the Astros starting pitcher with chants about his social anxiety disorder, the outlet indicated. At least one was ejected as police officers kept a watchful eye close by.

"I didn't hear anything," Greinke said softly in the Houston clubhouse after allowing one run in 4 1/3 innings.



The Astros' Carlos Correa hits a three-run home run against the New York Yankees during the sixth inning in Game 4 of the American League Championship Series in New York. Houston leads the series 3-1 after beating the Yankees 8-3 on Thursday.

New York worked starter Zack Greinke hard during a 28-pitch first inning, but just like against Cole in Game 3, the clutch hit never came. Pressly dodged a bases-loaded jam in the fifth, and many fans had left Yankee Stadium by the time it ended.

The Yankees are at risk of failing to make the World Series for an entire decade for the first time since the 1910s. They are 0-for-13 with runners in scoring position the past two games. It didn't help when they committed four errors in Game 4, the most ever for the club in a home postseason game.

"We played poorly tonight, there's no other way to explain it," manager Aaron Boone said.

"And we need to flush this immediately." Tanaka allowed four runs — three earned — his most in eight postseason starts.

CC Sabathia pitched in relief for New York but was pulled with a left shoulder injury during the eighth inning. Planning to retire after the season, an emotional Sabathia covered his face with his glove as he left the field for likely the final time. Fans shouted his name as he walked off, and Cole and Springer were among the Houston players who stood and clapped for the 39-year-old.

"I hate to see for him," said Hinch, who played with and against Sabathia. "I hate to see that for the sport."

**Playoffs**  
x-if necessary  
**WILD CARD**  
Washington 4, Milwaukee 3  
Tampa Bay 5, Oakland 1

**DIVISION SERIES**  
(Best-of-five)  
**American League**  
Houston 3, Tampa Bay 2  
Houston 6, Tampa Bay 2  
Houston 3, Tampa Bay 1  
Tampa Bay 10, Houston 3  
Tampa Bay 4, Houston 1  
Houston 6, Tampa Bay 1

**N.Y. Yankees 3, Minnesota 0**  
N.Y. Yankees 1, Minnesota 4  
N.Y. Yankees 8, Minnesota 2  
N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 1

**National League**  
Washington 3, L.A. Dodgers 2  
L.A. Dodgers 6, Washington 0  
Washington 4, L.A. Dodgers 2  
L.A. Dodgers 10, Washington 4  
Washington 5, L.A. Dodgers 3  
Washington 7, L.A. Dodgers 3, 10 innings

**St. Louis 3, Atlanta 2**  
St. Louis 7, Atlanta 6  
Atlanta 3, St. Louis 0  
Atlanta 5, St. Louis 1  
St. Louis 5, Atlanta 4, 10 Innings  
St. Louis 13, Atlanta 1

**LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**  
(Best-of-seven)  
**American League**  
Houston 3, N.Y. Yankees 1  
New York 7, Houston 0  
Houston 3, New York 2, 11 Innings  
Houston 4, N.Y. Yankees 3  
Thursday: Houston 8, N.Y. Yankees 3  
Friday: at N.Y. Yankees, AFN-Sports, 1  
am. Saturday CET, 8 am. Saturday JPTK  
x-Saturday, Oct. 19, at Houston  
x-Sunday, Oct. 20, at Houston

**National League**  
Washington 4, St. Louis 0  
Washington 2, St. Louis 0  
Washington 3, St. Louis 1  
Washington 9, St. Louis 1

**WORLD SERIES**  
(Best-of-seven)  
Houston vs. Houston N.Y. Yankees  
winner  
Tuesday, Oct. 22: at Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner  
Wednesday, Oct. 23: at Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner  
Friday, Oct. 25: at Washington  
Saturday, Oct. 26: at Washington  
x-Sunday, Oct. 27: at Washington  
x-Tuesday, Oct. 29: at Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner  
x-Wednesday, Oct. 30: at Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner

**Thursday**  
Houston 8, N.Y. Yankees 3

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Springer-cf	5	1	1	3	LeMahieu lf	4	0	2	0
Altuve 2b	5	1	1	0	Judge rf	4	1	0	0
Brantley lf	5	1	2	2	Correa 3b	5	1	3	2
Bregman 3b	4	2	2	1	Torres 2b	5	0	0	0
Alvarez dh	5	1	1	0	Sanchez 1b	4	0	0	0
Correa ss	5	1	1	3	Gardner if	2	1	0	1
Correa ss	5	1	1	3	Sanchez c	4	1	1	2
Reddick rf	3	1	1	0	Chirvasiu 3b	4	0	0	0
Diaz ph	1	0	0	0	Gregorius ss	4	0	1	0
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

**Houston**  
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New York  
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E-Bregman (2), LeMahieu (1), Torres 2 (2), LOB-Houston 8, New York 10, 2B-Bregman (3), LeMahieu (3), HR-Sanchez (2), Correa (2), Sanchez (1), SB-Hicks (1), Judge (2).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Greinke	4 1/3	3	1	1	4	5
Pressly WJ-1	1 2/3	0	0	0	1	2
James H-1	1 2/3	1	2	0	2	1
Harris H-3	1	0	0	0	0	2
Smith	1	0	0	0	0	1
Osuena	1 1/3	0	0	0	1	2

**New York**  
Tanaka L-1  
Green 1 2/2 2 2 0 1  
Lindor 1 0 1 0 0 0  
Kadrick 0 1 1 0 0 0  
Lahai 1 0 1 0 0 0  
Sabathia 1/2 0 0 0 0 0  
Correa 1 0 1 0 0 0  
Lyons 1/2 0 0 0 0 2

Tanaka pitched to 1 batter in the 6th, Ottavino pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. HPB-Sabathia (Chirinos), WP-Loaigast(2), T-419, A-49,957 (47,309).

**Calendar**  
November TBA — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players who became free agents, fifth in the World Series.

November TBA — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 15th in the World Series.

Nov. 11-14 — General managers' meetings, 15th in the World Series.

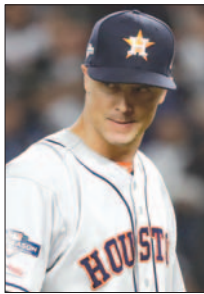
Nov. 11 — Rookies of the Year announced.

Nov. 12 — Managers of the Year announced.

Nov. 14 — Cy Young Awards announced.

Nov. 14 — Most Valuable Player awards announced.

Nov. 19-21 — Owners' meetings, Arlington, Texas.



FRANK FRANKLIN/IAF

**Astros pitcher Zack Greinke kept his cool after a 25-pitch first inning on Thursday, settling in to retire nine in a row before DJ LeMahieu's one-out single in the fifth inning of Game 4 of the ALCS in New York.**

in ke said softly in the Houston clubhouse after allowing one run in 4 1/3 innings.

also changed "Donald! Donald!" — which is Greinke's given first name — while he was in the bullpen and on the mound.

"I don't know if low-class is the right word, but they are hectic," Reddick said. "I think winning three straight at their home park is going to make a bigger statement than that."

Greinke walked four — three in the first inning for the first time since April 2007 — and quickly fell behind 1-0. But the 35-year-old right-hander pitched out of an early bases-loaded jam and then settled in. He retired nine in a row before DJ LeMahieu's one-out single in the fifth.

"He really has a very slow heartbeat," Reddick said. "He always seems like he has a calm frame of mind out there."

Before the game, Astros manager AJ Hinch said he would remove his team from the field if fans again threw objects at Houston players.

Reddick said fans tossed water bottles, baseballs and other objects at him during Game 3 at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday. "I will pull the team off the field if we get in that situation again

where bottles are being thrown and balls are being thrown and it becomes unruly," Hinch said prior to Game 4. "There's other ways to support your home team, and this place does as good a job as anybody to trying to police that while also trying to create an environment that's all pro-Yankees. It would be a very ugly scene for baseball, a very ugly scene for the Yankees, if one of our guys was hit by something from the upper deck... nobody wants that."

A warning message was shown on a large center-field video board before the game: "Please be advised that it is illegal to throw any substance or object in the stadium. Violators face ejection and a permanent ban from Yankee Stadium, as well as criminal and civil penalties."

An audio recording from Yankees manager Aaron Boone imploring fans to "please don't throw objects onto the field" was played after the second inning.

Reddick described the fans in the outfield Thursday as "pretty laid-back, actually." "I didn't get anything thrown at me tonight, so that was nice," he said with a smile.

## SPORTS



## Yankees on the brink

Astros one win away from second World Series in three seasons » **Page 31**



NFL

# Scary sight

## Chiefs find mojo, lose MVP QB Mahomes in win over Broncos

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
Associated Press

**T**he Kansas City Chiefs rediscovered their mojo but lost their maestro.

The Chiefs rallied around their fallen superstar and snapped a two-game skid with a 30-6 thrashing of the Denver Broncos on Thursday

night after reigning MVP Patrick Mahomes dislocated his right knee in a pileup near the goal line in the first half.

"I've never seen anything like that on the field before," Denver defensive end Shelby Harris said. "His knee was literally all the way to the side, his kneecap was. I wish him the best. We definitely need him in the league, he's definitely a big

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**Top:** Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes leaves the game after getting injured against the Broncos.  
**Right:** Linebacker Reggie Ragland celebrates one of Kansas City's nine sacks on Thursday in Denver.

PHOTOS BY DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

**Cowboys' underperforming defense looking for answers » Page 27**