Pentagon will deploy 5,200 troops to border

**By Corey Dickstein and Claudia Grisales**

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will deploy 5,200 active-duty troops to the U.S.-Mexico border to help curb illegal immigration, officials said Monday following President Donald Trump's repeated warning that migrants in southern Mexico making their way toward the U.S. pose a national security threat.

That deployment of mostly Army engineering, aviation, medical and military police soldiers could grow even larger, officials said Tuesday.

By Monday evening, some 800 active-duty troops had arrived in Texas to “harden the southern border,” said Air Force Gen. Terrence O’Shaughnessy, the chief of U.S. Northern Command. The new crop of troops will arrive in the border region by Saturday, joining roughly 2,100 National Guard forces already operating — primarily in logistics and background support missions — on the southern border in support of U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents.

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Scratching the surface

Study reveals Navy installations carry most risk of sexual assault, but not why

**By Caitlin Doorbos**

A recent Rand Corp. report requested by the Department of Defense offered a glimpse at where sexual assault was happening in the military, but experts say it failed to answer one of the most important questions: Why?

Of the four military branches studied, the Navy had the installations with the greatest risks of sexual assault. It was the only service to have installations with more than a 15 percent risk of sexual assault on women, with Naval Support Activity Charleston in South Carolina topping the list with 17.1 percent of female servicemembers reporting they’d experienced a sexual assault in fiscal year 2014.

“Our model estimates that more than one in six women assigned to duty at that installation were sexually assaulted in FY 2014,” the report, published last month, said.

On average, men in the Navy were more likely to be sexually assaulted than those in other military branches. The Navy had the highest average sexual assault risk for men — 1.5 percent — on installations studied servicewide, according to the report.

The Marine Corps had the highest average risk for women — about 8 percent overall — while the Navy came in second with about 7 percent risk.

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China gears up to build airfield in Antarctica

By Seth Robson
Stars and Stripes

China has announced plans to build an airfield in Antarctica amid warnings that the communist nation is laying groundwork for a claim on the frozen continent’s vast natural resources.

China’s state-run Xinhua News Agency noted the effort to establish the airfield in a Monday report about an upcoming flight by the nation’s first fixed-wing polar aircraft — the Xueying 601, or Snow Eagle.

The facility will be near Zhongshan Station, according to the agency. It’s one of several outposts China operates from in the Antarctic territory, which covers 42 percent of the continent.

The airfield should be complete in a couple of years and will be used for scientific expeditions and tourist groups, according to information from China’s Ministry of Science and Technology reported by Australia’s News Corp on Monday.

There’s no indication that the airfield will have a military purpose. However, Anne Marie Brady, an expert on Antarctica and China at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand has reported on Chinese military activities there and the challenges involved in extracting them, she wrote.

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In an August report on “China’s Antarctic operating capacity and future ambitions,” she wrote.

Brady said China is steadily expanding its Antarctic operations,“This will greatly enhance China’s capacity to conduct undeclared military activities in Antarctica, is building up a case for a territorial claim and is engaging in minerals exploration there.”

The polar regions are new strategic territories where China would draw the resources to become a global power, she added.

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China will play by the rules of the Antarctic Treaty, which governs activities on the ice, for the next 20 to 30 years, giving it plenty of time to prepare its capacity to assess what minerals exist there and the challenges involved in extracting them, she wrote.

“Australia’s relationship with China in Antarctica is cooperative but allows for monitoring of Chinese activities on the ice, she said in a phone interview Tuesday.

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“A New York Air National Guard LC-130 cargo plane taxis on skis in Antarctica.

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U.S. military personnel deploy to McMurdo Station on Ross Island to support the National Science Foundation’s research during Antarctica’s summer.

New York Air National Guard LC-130 cargo planes operate out of nearby Pegasus Field and can land on skis at the South Pole and other places on the continent.

A permanent airfield would give China influence on Antarctic aviation, Glosserman said. However, he added, China will need to comply with Antarctic Treaty procedures to build it.

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — Soldiers in South Korea can now get broken-down tanks and trucks ready for battle quicker thanks to a new experimental 3D-printing facility.

Known as the Rapid Fabrication via Additive Manufacturing on the Battlefield, or RFAB, the facility and its five 3D printers can produce everything from Humvee ignition switches to M4 rifle buttstocks by layering material into the shape of the desired object.

This is the fourth deployment of the $250,000 facility, which arrived at Camp Humphreys in August. Unlike in the other deployments that lasted only a month, Chief Warrant Officer Dewey Adams said his team of six soldiers will operate the RFAB here for a full year.

The Army chose the 2nd Sustainment Brigade for its first yearlong test because of the near-deployment nature of South Korea, Adams said.

“We’re trying to validate the use of additive manufacturing in the future of the [Army],” he told Stars and Stripes on Monday inside the small shipping container-like facility.

A quick glance inside the facility, just behind the new 2nd Infantry Division headquarters, showed shelves packed with green plastic creations.

Some of the smallest and least impressive parts have been the most valuable, Adams said.

For example, a missing or broken fire suppression cap that could immobilize a massive Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle may cost only $2.51, but it has a shipping time of 126 days from the United States.

Adams said his team can build the part on site in less than two hours and put the truck back on its way.

They’ve also gone beyond just spare parts to making about 75 training mines and mortars, a capability Adams said “dumbfounded” the local explosive ordnance disposal unit that’s used to long waits for training materials.

The program has restraints. The parts produced are meant as temporary replacements until the originals arrive. The unit also can’t produce parts requiring metal since its machines can build only plastic and some carbon-enhanced products.

Adams said the team can’t produce parts that would cause catastrophic harm to people if they were to break, like a rifle’s firing pin or helicopter part.

But the quick turnaround time from design to printing, which ranges from two hours to a few days, and the ability to deploy the facility anywhere and start producing parts within the hour makes RFAB a boon on the battlefield, he said.

“We want the asset as close to the front line as we can,” he said.

The unit has produced about 65 different parts and about 300 pieces of equipment in three months, Adams said, adding the creations have a success rate of about 65 percent.

Even failures are a win because they provide insight into the limitations of the current technology that can be used at the Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center in Rock Island, Ill.

Successful products are also sent to ARDEC, and their blueprints are saved to a militarywide data cloud that can be accessed by any branch, Adams said.

He acknowledged that the Marines and Navy are slightly ahead in adopting the new technology.

Billy Binikos, an ARDEC representative who works with Adams, said the Army could adopt RFAB facilities for regular use in 2025.

Adams, who has spent 15 years in the Army building parts, said the future is bright for the new 3D field capabilities.

“The only limitation is our imagination,” he said.

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Report: Combat units have more instances of sexual assault

FROM FRONT PAGE

Across all services, men and women in the Air Force had the lowest risk of sexual assault, according to the study.

Rand’s authors wrote in the report that they did not definitively identify what it is about these duties that leads to their association with the highest risk of sexual assault.

In an official statement to Stars and Stripes, the Navy said the report’s “information will be vital to us in determining where and how to target training, prevention and response resources.”

“...we have further engaged with Rand to help us take a closer look at the conclusions of this report by conducting follow-on projects to provide more actionable information about where sexual assault risk is highest and lowest in the Navy,” the statement said.

But information about where sexual assaults are happening is not enough. The Navy said it will work to understand what social numbers are higher in certain regions.

“We take sexual assault seriously and specifically want to understand the ‘why’ presence of sexual assault,” the official Navy statement said. “Identifying protective and risk factors is essential to mitigating the risk of sexual assault for our sailors.”

Patterns emerge

Some patterns in the report data could point to better understanding of the causes. Authors said the correlation between ships and sexual assault was “the clearest pattern of high risk we recognize.” All but one of the Navy’s 15 installations with the highest risk of sexual assault for men were ships or clusters of ships; for female sailors, 13 of the 15 were ships, “including eight of the Navy’s aircraft carriers,” according to the report.

“Ships dominate the highest-risk installations,” the report said. “Our model estimates that more than 10 percent of all women experienced a sexual assault at each of the highest-risk installations.” The Rand report said 15 percent of all women were assaulted at two of them.

Because it is not just one or two ships that top the Navy’s lists of sexual assault risk, “there may be something about assignment to ships that elevates risk for women and men” compared with other commands, the Rand report said.

But more detailed information on the installations — including the location of the commands to see an increase sexual assault,” Christensen said.

Data from the Rand study suggesting a strong correlation between reports of sexual harassment and reports of sexual assault may shed some insight, he said. “These observations suggest that some of the same installation characteristics associated with risk of sexual assault for women are also associated with risk for men,” the Rand report said.

It also said consistencies among some locations and types of commands could suggest characteristics that factor into the likelihood of sexual assault. For example, service members assigned to commands with typically smaller officer-to-enlisted ratios and higher-ranking personnel — such as medical centers and those working in the Washington area — were less likely to experience sexual assault, according to the report.

“Much of this association can be explained by the individual characteristics of the personnel assigned to these locations,” the report said.

But without more detailed information on the installations — such as particular units, occupations, locations, missions, activities or other characteristics — “the report’s authors could not definitively pinpoint reasons for the patterns.”

Increased reporting

The Navy told Stars and Stripes in an official statement that there might be evidence to show the increasing number of reports could mean victims are more comfortable reporting their assaults. In the Navy, sexual assault reports increased from 1,285 in 2014 to 5,585 in 2017, according to the service.

“In the 2016 Office of People Analytics Workplace Climates Survey, the number of sailors experiencing unwanted sexual contact dropped from 7,400 in fiscal 2014 to 2,900 in fiscal 2017,” Navy Secretary Adm. Brett J. Giroir said in an official statement.

The Navy said the study “indicates that the occurrence of sexual assault has decreased significantly” despite the increase in reports.

“We have been taking steps to make stronger statements against sexual assault and the leadership still hasn’t gotten it,” he said. “When they testify to Congress, they will know how to say. But not on the boats … they don’t act as they testify.”

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Do you have people away and in a dangerous situation; I could see how people in that situation are less concerned about sexual assault risk, Christensen said understanding the reason behind higher sexual assaults in combat environments could lead to solutions — but that would take further study.

In continuing work with the Navy, the study’s authors are retooling their approach to examining risk on Navy ships to more closely identify factors associated with sexual assault. For example, rather than clustering ships by ZIP code as they did in the September study, “the ships might be clustered by ship class, port report, strike group, mission type or port call.”

Sexual assault reports have climbed almost every year since the study was conducted in 2014 — and more than doubled in the past decade, according to annual Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office reports.

In fiscal year 2017, there were 6,769 reports, up from 2,846 in fiscal 2007.

While the numbers are growing, Christensen said they can become lost compared with the 1.4 million people serving in the U.S. military. That’s why he said the unique nature of this study breaking down risk by installation was “eye-opening.”

“We hear the numbers … it kind of gets lost in that 1.4 million,” he said. “But then, when you see an installation like Fort Hood (Texas) had almost 900 men and women experience a sexual assault, that’s a real problem.”

Just after the unprecedented sexual assault cases were referred to courts-martial for prosecution in fiscal 2017, according to the Navy’s annual report. That’s down from 71 percent in fiscal 2013.
By Simon Denyer
The Washington Post

TOKYO — The newly elected governor of the Japanese island of Okinawa said Tuesday that his administration would not be opposed to a new U.S. military base, even if needed, the official said.

"We are preparing for the continuous and widespread arrival of the service persons intended to enter the United States in the next several weeks," McAleenan told reporters Monday. "We are doing this in line with and in adher- ence to the Comité des Mecs," he said. "Like the National Guard, the National Guard of U.S. citizens who have been supporting CBP efforts at the border since April, the deploying troops are not expected to interact with migrants. Their mission will be largely to support and enable CBP agents to conduct law enforcement duties.

"The Okinawa pre-governor, also known as the Okinawa pre-governor, who is the governor of the island, said Abe had told him that Okinawa’s stance on the bases had not changed, as killing a non-binding referendum on the issue.

Tamaki expressed his “strong indigna- tion” at that decision, which he described as “completely wrong” and ignoring public opinion in Okinawa.

He said he is not asking for all U.S. military personnel to leave Okinawa, just for the island "to take a fair share of the burden for national defense.”

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By Kim Gamel  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Tours to the Korean truce village of Panmunjom have been suspended while authorities await guidance on new arrangements to comply with a far-reaching military agreement.

Agencies notified tourists last week and offered refunds for those who had prepaid for a visit to the tightly controlled Joint Security Area, the heart of the heavily fortified border that sits about 35 miles north of Seoul.

The tours to the JSA — the only point along the 155-mile-long border where North and South Korean troops face each other — are popular with foreign tourists eager for a glimpse of the communist state.

The U.S.-led United Nations Command, which administers the southern side of the jointly controlled area, confirmed the tours have been postponed. The command’s military armistice commission was “looking into dates when they can resume,” it said.

“There will be no crossings until the State Department has created and coordinated guidance for the crossings,” a UNC official said in an email Tuesday, stressing that guidance will come from the State Department.

Visitors have long been allowed into only certain parts of the area — including the blue conference building where the armistice that ended the 1950-1953 Korean War was signed — as part of tightly controlled tour groups led by authorized agencies.

But the inter-Korean military agreement reached last month called for the JSA to be disarmed and for civilians to be allowed in the area with “freedom of movement” from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The two Koreas, backed by the UNC, announced last week that they had completed the withdrawal of firearms and military posts from the area as part of the agreement, which is aimed at reducing tensions amid diplomatic efforts to persuade the North to give up its nuclear weapons.

The UNC — which is led by Gen. Vincent Brooks, who also commands U.S. Forces Korea — announced Monday that the work done to date had been verified.

It also said a third meeting planned for Tuesday between UNC and North and South Korean officials to discuss further implementation of the military agreement had been postponed.

“The trilateral talk will be re-scheduled and is being coordinated by the three parties, according to a press release.”

The website NK News quoted travel industry sources as saying that North Korean authorities expect tourists visiting the JSA on its side to be able to freely cross the Demilitarization Line as early as Thursday. It said the news was reportedly relayed by the Korean International Tour Co.

In addition to the UNC statement, South Korea’s Defense Ministry said discussions are ongoing and no definite date has been fixed for the JSA border crossings to begin.

“The issue related to the free traffic or sightseeing is a matter in need of review and consultation,” ministry spokesman Lee Jin-wo said reporters Monday.

It’s also not clear how the changes may affect Americans who face a travel ban imposed after the death last year of Otto Warmbier, a University of Virginia student who fell into a coma while detained in the North.

Currently, Americans can step into the North while in the building where the armistice was signed, a popular feature of the tours. But the military agreement suggests tourists would be allowed deeper into the North Korean side of the area.

Representatives of several South Korean tourist agencies said the JSA tours have not been allowed since Oct. 25, when the UNC informed them to be on standby as the area was temporarily closed.

One employee reached on the phone declined to be interviewed, saying he was too busy processing refunds for visitors who had prepaid for upcoming JSA tours, which have required advance notice to provide time for approval from the U.N. security battalion.

The JSA tours are usually combined with visits to other sites, such as an observation tower and an old North Korean infiltration tunnel near the Demilitarized Zone, a 2.5-mile-wide no-man’s-land that bisects the peninsula largely along the 38th Parallel. Those tours have not been affected.

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Khalid thrills military fans

By Carlos M. Vazquez II  
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Kadena Air Base, Okinawa — Fans of singer-songwriter Khalid lined up for hours to see the quadruple platinum-selling artist’s recent performance at Kadena Air Base’s Schilling Community Center.

Khalid — who was born at Fort Stewart, Ga., and whose mother was once a member of the U.S. Army Europe Band and Chorus — performed favorites such as “Location,” “Love Lies,” “Eastside” and “OTW.”

“Ever since he came out with the song ‘Location,’ I’ve been a fan,” Petty Officer 2nd Class Erlande Alcius said while waiting for Friday’s concert. “It came out in 2016, and from there, I had to get all of his albums.”

The Kadena Force Support Squadron-sponsored show was opened by singer-songwriter Maggie Lindemann, 20, a Dallas native known for the songs “Human” and “Pretty Girl.”

Khalid told Air Forces Network Okinawa it meant a lot to him to be able to give back to the military via the free performance. “I wish I could have wanted to do something like this,” he said. “The fact that I get to be so close to so many people who are going through the same thing I went through is amazing and inspiring.”

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Above: Former U.S. military dependent Khalid performs at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, on Friday. Above right: Maggie Lindemann opens for Khalid.
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insurgent group's founder and hard-line leader,
for a peace pact.
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ights, the Constitution and the
courts protected me." The man,
who has not been
amed in court filings, was re-
seled in a third country Sunday,
the ACLU said. The man had been
imprisoned since being turned
over to American forces in Sep-
tember 2017 after he was captured
by a rebel Syrian Democratic Forc-
es checkpoint and he declared his
U.S. citizenship.

U.S. officials have said they
acked admissible evidence to
criminally charge the man, who
wore a Saudi Arabian and is a
dual citizen, but detained him as
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on ethnic lines.

Efforts to find a peaceful end to Afghanistan's
protracted war have accelerated since Washington
appointed Afghan-American Zalmay Khalilzad as
envoy to find a peaceful end to America's longest
war, which has cost the U.S. more than $900 billion.
Mohammed Ismail Qasimyar, a member of a gov-
ernment peace council, warned Washington against
egotiating peace terms with the Taliban, saying
Khalilzad's only job is to set the stage for direct
talks between the Afghan government and the Tal-
iban, something the insurgents have so far refused,
calling the government a U.S. puppet.

Lakenheath airmen return after
6-month deployment fighting ISIS

BY WILLIAM HOWARD
Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — The last 494th Fighter
Squadron airmen to deploy on a six-month mission to fight Islam-
ic State have returned to Laken-
heath, Air Force officials said.
The mission included more than
450 airmen, who began returning in early October to the sights
and sounds of family members gath-
ered at the flight line welcoming
them home. The remaining con-
tingent of airmen returned last
week, service officials said.
The squadron, "associated
maintenance and other support
elements were engaged in the
fight against ISIS," Col. William
Marshall, 48th Fighter Wing com-
mander, told Stars and Stripes.
"In essence, flushing out the last
remaining safeholds of ISIS and
ishing eradicating them from
the battlefield."
The squadron flew 2,000 F-
15E Strike Eagle sorties in about
11,000 flight hours and dropped
more than 500 precision-guid-
ed munitions in support of U.S.
Central Command operations
in southwest Asia.

Marshall said hard work and
long hours from the aircraft main-
tainers kept the missions moving.
"When we show up to the jet,
we take a quick walk around and
hop in with implicit trust that the
maintainers have given us a safe
and effective airplane to fly," said
Marshall, who has more than 650
hours of combat experience in the
F-15E. "They were flying sorties
24 hours a day, seven days a week
for anywhere from three to nine
hours." The 48th Fighter Wing employs
two combat-ready squadrons
of F-15E Strike Eagle and F-15C
Eagle fighter aircraft for United
States Air Forces in Europe–Air
Forces Africa.

Family members await an F-15E Strike Eagle pilot.

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Taliban: 5 freed from Gitmo now in Qatar

BY SPENCER S. HSU
The Washington Post

An American citizen held by the U.S. military without charges for
more than a year as a suspected
member of Islamic State in Syria
has been freed from custody, ac-
cording to the American Civil Lib-
erties Union, which represented him.
The man, who has not been
called the government a U.S. puppet.
Hafetz said that after federal
courts forced the government to
defend its "extreme and inaccu-
rate claim of detention authority,
the government opted instead to
release him as a free man.

The man's release was report-
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man Ahmad Alsheikh and that
he has been released in Bahrain,
where his wife and daughter are
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Report details allegations against general

BY BRIAN FERGUSON  
Stars and Stripes

An Air Force brigadier general harassed subordinates, didn’t report suicide attempts and misused government equipment on multiple occasions, according to an inspector general report released this week.


Tibbets was not allowed to pin on a second star, received a letter of admonishment and was scheduled to retire after Oct. 19, following the end of his leave, Air Force officials told Stars and Stripes in September.

The report substantiated an allegation that Tibbets was derelict in the performance of his duties when he did not report suicide attempts through the official Commander’s Critical Information Requirements report, or CCIR, and when on two occasions he questioned the medical diagnosis of a suicide attempt.

Tibbets also questioned his medical team not to report suicide attempts through their channels, according to the report.

The report detailed other substantiated allegations, including that the airman had accidentally overdosed himself three times.

“My office didn’t release a missile test report” to Air Force Global Strike Command, Tibbets stated in a February 2017 email. “Based on this Airmann’s pattern of behavior, this is a ‘cry for help’ (wanting attention).”

While medical personnel did report the suicide attempt through their own channels, Tibbets did not. In June 2017, the airman died by suicide.

By challenging the diagnoses, “Tibbets was negligent in that he exhibited a lack of due care which a reasonably prudent person would have exercised under the same or similar circumstances,” the report stated.

Conduct unbecoming

In a substantiated allegation of conduct unbecoming an officer, Tibbets was quoted as saying, in reference to an enlisted female, “Isn’t she such a beautiful young lady?” and “If only she didn’t sleep with married men.”

That came after Tibbets repeatedly asked the airman why she had lost a rank stripe during her time at Whiteman.

“I decided to tell him mostly because I didn’t want him to keep asking and I would say that was really it,” the airman told investigators. “I knew that he could find out why anyway ... so I’d rather have him hear it from me and be open and honest about it, but I really just wanted him to stop asking me.”

The airman had been demoted from airman first class after receiving nonjudicial punishment for having an unprofessional relationship with a married man. Tibbets took an interest in her and the report stated that she had greatly admired Tibbets.

The airman’s command stated that because of Tibbets’ comments and actions, the airman’s work suffered, her morale deteriorated and the public affairs office’s mission suffered.

“It hurt her morale. Hurt her perception of other leaders,” one of her supervisors stated during an IG interview.

“It made her, I think, uncomfortable moving forward ... so we had to adjust schedules to try and keep her away, from you know covering events that he was going to be at. It’s just something I certainly would never have said.”

Tibbets told investigators that he did not recall making the comments.

Other substantiated allegations included making inappropriate comments about women to subordinates while at a Kansas City Chiefs football game after he said a woman had “a large rack.”

It was also alleged he improperly accepted almost $1,500 worth in autographs and photos during Stealth Con, a base-sponsored event. Celebrities at the convention included actor Casper Van Dien from “Starship Troopers,” Érinie Hudson from “Ghostbusters” and David Yost from “Mighty Morphin Power Rangers.”

Tibbets also allegedly misused government equipment on at least 27 separate occasions when he received rides from his residence to and from Kansas City International Airport, two hours away from Whiteman.

The rides violated Air Force regulations and Tibbets’ own transportation policy letter on the use of government vehicles.

“First of all, I get a lot of letters,” Tibbets said in his IG interview. “I’ve been doing it for six months already, so it never dawned on me that this was an issue with that or anything else, it was just a policy letter that I signed.”

Tibbets said if he had been made aware of the problem, he would have had a conversation with his staff on how to proceed.

Tibbets last served as commander for Air Force Global Strike Command and deputy commander of Air Forces Strategic-Air, U.S. Strategic Command, at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

Tibbets declined comment when contacted by email in early October.

Tibbets’ grandfather was Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., who dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945 as the pilot of the Enola Gay.

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US, NATO flex military might in Europe exercise

BY SCOTT WYLAND  
Stars and Stripes

TRONDHEIM, Norway — NATO on Tuesday showcased how its land, sea and air forces would respond to an adversary that invades an alliance member — a thinly veiled reference to Russia.

The military demonstration at a wind-blown waterfront site near Trondheim was part of the massive, two-week Trident Juncture exercise and displayed the allies’ combined firepower to NATO dignitaries, foreign observers and the international media.

Military officials have stated that the exercise is not targeting any one country. But the fictitious scenario involves repelling a “near-peer” threat in Europe. NATO has been reassuring its allies in Eastern Europe against potential threats posed by Russia, whose military has grown more assertive since it annexed Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula in 2014.

Last week, Moscow informed NATO that it plans to conduct a missile test in the North Atlantic, in the vicinity of where much of Trident Juncture is taking place. That announcement comes following Russia’s largest war games since the 1980s, together with China and Mongolia, as part of the Vostok-18 drills in eastern Siberia and the Far East in September.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters Tuesday that the missile test is no call for alarm and he expects Russia to conduct itself safely and professionally. It’s important to coexist peacefully with Russia, he said.

“We don’t want a new Cold War,” Stoltenberg said. “We don’t want a new arms race.”

Trident Juncture is a defensive exercise aimed at preparing and testing allies’ teamwork in the face of a crisis, he added.

Tuesday’s well-orchestrated drills offered observers a glimpse of NATO’s largest war games since the end of the Cold War.

Seven frigates, 32 fighter jets, 14 helicopters, several armored vehicles and about 3,000 personnel took part in Tuesday’s mock defense of the Norwegian coast.

Fighter jets roared overhead, and a phalanx of frigates kept vigil in a fjord while Marines made a simulated amphibious assault on a rural coastline.

“We train to send a clear message to our own nations and to anyone who might want to challenge us,” Stoltenberg said. “NATO is ready and NATO is able to protect all our allies against any threat.”

All 29 NATO countries, along with partners Sweden and Finland, are taking part in the exercise. The U.S. is the largest participant, with more than 14,000 servicemen from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

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Trident Juncture

Above: A simulated amphibious assault was part of a mock defense of a Norwegian coastal area on Tuesday during Trident Juncture. Left: Marines secure the area after making an amphibious landing as part of a NATO demonstration of how its land, sea and air forces would defend a Norwegian coastal region. The drill was one of many being conducted during NATO’s largest war games since the Cold War.

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Stars and Stripes
Funerals begin as Trump heads to Pittsburgh

By Maryclaire Dale and Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh’s Jewish community began burying its dead Tuesday in the wake of the deadly anti-Semitic attack in American history.

The casket of Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz, a family doctor known for his caring and kindness, was taken to the Jewish Community Center in Pittsburgh’s Squirrel Hill neighborhood for the first of 11 funerals.

Funerals were also set Tuesday for Cecil and David Rosenthal, two intellectually disabled brothers in their 50s, and Daniel Stein, a man seen as part of the core of his congregation.

Other victims’ funerals have been scheduled through Friday in a week of mourning, anguish and questions about the rampage at Tree of Life synagogue that authorities say was carried out Saturday by a gunman who raged against Jews.

President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump planned to visit Pittsburgh on Tuesday to “express the support of the American people and to grieve with the Pittsburgh community,” the White House said.

The plan elicited mixed feelings in Pittsburgh.

Tree of Life Rabbi Jeffrey Myers told CNN that the president is “certainly welcome,” while Democratic Mayor Bill Peduto asked Trump not to come while the city was burying its dead.

Some other people, including shooting survivor Barry Werber, weren’t keen on a visit from a president who has embraced the politically fraught term “nationalist.” Some have accused the president of helping to create the corrosive political atmosphere that may have led to the violence.

The man arrested in the massacre, Robert Gregory Bowers, 46, appeared briefly Monday in federal court, where he was ordered held without bail for a preliminary hearing on the charges.

The planned funerals come over the weekend, a couple days after a chaotic weekend.

“Nowitz with helping him survive,” Michael Kerr, who credits Rabinowitz as one of its “kindest physicians.”

Rabinowitz was a go-to doctor for HIV patients in the epidemic’s early and desperate days, a physician who “always hugged us as we left his office,” according to Michael Kerr, who credits Rabinowitz with helping him survive.

“Thank you,” Kerr wrote on Facebook, “for having always been there during the most terrifying and frightening time of my life … You are one of my heroes.”

Stein, 71, was a visible member of Pittsburgh’s Jewish community, where he was the men’s club president at Tree of Life. He was among a trio of members who made up the “religious heart” of New Light Congregation, one of three congregations that worship at the synagogue, co-President Stephen Cohen said.

Powerful humanity of Jewish hospital staff

By Eli Rosenblin
The Washington Post

The man accused in the brutal killings of 11 people in a synagogue in Pittsburgh was taken to the hospital after he was shot during the rampage for the injuries he suffered in a gunfight with the police.

In the emergency room when he arrived, he was shotting, “I want to kill all the Jews,” according to the hospital’s president.

If he only knew then about the depth of the humanity with keeping him alive: At least three of the doctors and nurses who cared for him at the Allegheny General Hospital were Jewish, according to President Jeffrey K. Cohen.

“We’re here to take care of sick people,” Cohen, a member of the Tree of Life congregation where the massacre happened, said in a television interview. “We’re not here to judge you. We’re not here to tell you if you have insurance? Or do you not have insurance? We’re here to take care of people that need our help.”

Cohen’s simple and unapologetic description of how Bowers came to be treated fairly and impartially by the very people he had supposedly hated has traveled quickly around the world.

Perhaps it is a stark reminder that there is something more powerful than caring only for one’s own. Perhaps it was Cohen’s radical demonstration of humanity in an era increasingly marked by masked partisanship and tribalism. Either way, the story has resonated.

Cohen has been interviewed by CNN, Britain’s Channel 4 News, ABC and others.

Leading by example

“I thought it was important to at least talk to him and meet him,” Cohen told ABC. “You can’t on one hand say we should talk to each other and then I don’t talk to him. So you lead by example, and I’m the leader of the hospital.

The exact nature of Bowers’ injuries are not immediately clear, though he appeared in court in a wheelchair Monday. Cohen, citing patient privacy laws, declined to give specifics about Bowers’ condition and treatment.

But Cohen told reporters that he spoke to the doctors who treated Bowers when he arrived at the hospital were Jewish; the attending emergency room doctor and a nurse, whose father is a rabbi.

“I will tell you that I’m very proud of them,” he said of his staff. “They did a great job.

They answered the bell.”

He described talking to the nurse after the man treated Bowers. The two were in tears, Cohen said.

“He was pretty broken,” Cohen told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. “I told him how proud I was. He went home and hugged his parents.”

Cohen is personally connected to the shooting beyond his role at the hospital. He lives so close to Tree of Life synagogue that he heard the gunshots as the massacre unfolded. He knew nine of the people who were killed, he told the Tribune-Review.

Still, that didn’t stop him from going to check in on Bowers, who was bleeding. When he arrived, he was in pain. The man said he was fine.

Unfortunately paralleled

“He asked me who I was, I said ‘I’m Dr. Cohen, the president of the hospital,’” Cohen said. “And I turned around and left. And the FBI agent that was guarding him said, ‘I don’t know that I could have done that.’

Bowers, who is charged with 29 counts of federal crimes for violence and firearms-related offenses, may face the death penalty if he is convicted.

The massacre has drawn some unfortunate parallels to the church shootings in Charleston, South Carolina in 2015. That man, Dylann Roof, was motivated by a deep racial animus — something Bowers appears to share with him.

Cohen’s calm was reminiscent of the actions of the churchgoers after Roof’s massacre, with some telling Roof during a tense hearing held just days after the killing that they forgave him.

Cohen said he was inspired by the grace that congregation had showed.

“I think that at some point the anger will die down, the process will unfold and we might be able to get to the point where we could do what they did,” he told Pittsburgh’s Action News. “I hope they could teach us.”

Cohen said he saw Bowers as the product and not the originator of larger problems: “All the chaos that’s going on.”

“It wasn’t Bowers who didn’t appear to be a member of the Mensa society,” he told CNN. “He listens to the noise, he doesn’t have the courage to tell the people telling him his people were being slaughtered. He thought in his mind, we’re going to rise up and do something. He’s completely confused.”
For churches, it’s security vs. outreach

BY ADAM BEAM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Before he was accused of shooting and killing two black people in a Kentucky grocery store last week, Gregory Bush knocked on the door of a pre-dawn Sunday church. On Saturday, a man killed 11 people in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, adding to a predominantly black church.

The violence has prompted church leaders to grapple with finding a balance between securing their congregations and making outreach programs they say are the core of their faith.

“It was just the mindset where I grew up; you didn’t do certain things around the house of worship, and even among the people of God. All that is changed today.”

In March, the Kentucky Baptist Convention — one of the state’s largest denominations — held a statewide church security conference for the first time. More than 1,000 people attended, said Paul Chitwood, the convention’s executive director. He said many people come to church because “they are hurting and they are confused.”

The church wants to receive those people. And just because somebody looks different or acts a little different, well, we want them in our churches,” he said. “But sometimes there is an individual who wants to do harm.

We want for our churches to be prepared to respond to that and protect the congregants.”

Nelson said his church, which is not affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has police officers in their services. He said they would likely “tighten up” security. In the meantime, he said he is praying for the victims and for the men charged with the crimes.

“Every soul is precious to God,” he said. “And it should be to us.”

Conflict over bullying escalates to shooting of NC high school student

THE CHARLOTTE (N.C.) OBSERVER

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A conflict related to bullying escalated to a fatal shooting at Butler High School in Matthews on Monday, leaving one student dead and another charged with his killing, authorities said.

Authorities have identified the victim and suspect. Victim Bobby McKeithen, 16, was a sophomore at the school campus, Matthews police Capt. Stason Tyrrell said.

The suspect is a ninth-grader at Butler, Tyrrell said. Jatwone Craig Cuffie, 16, has been charged with first-degree murder, according to Tyrrell.

McKeithen was taken to Carolinas Medical Center, where he died, police said.

The shooting appeared to be an isolated incident caused by conflict between two students, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Superintendent Clayton Wilcox said.

Wilcox said the shooting was related to “bullying.” Asked who was bullying whom, Tyrrell refused to answer.

The shooting occurred in a hallway early Monday, and there were many “young people who witnessed this tragedy,” Wilcox said.

The shooting occurred about 7:15 a.m., when classes started. A Butler teacher inside the school contacted law enforcement within 10 minutes of the shooting, saying she was with a student who said he was the shooter.

Officials were able to get her and make the arrest soon after, he said.

Wilcox said school officials were not sure how the suspect was able to get a gun into the school, but they noted that all bags brought onto campus are “actively” searched.

“We’ve worked really hard on security issues for the last six or seven months,” Wilcox said. “We are going to review all our procedures, we are going to review our security plans and perhaps will do things that are a little more aggressive.”

Law enforcement officials gather outside a U.S. postal facility after reports that a suspicious package was found in Atlanta on Monday.

BY CURT ANDERSON

MIAMI — Law enforcement officials aren’t sure whether they’ve discovered the last of the pipe bombs mailed to prominent Democrats and other opponents of President Donald Trump. They’ve said the packages were staggered, and more could be somewhere in the U.S. mail system.

More than a dozen officials told The Associated Press that the man suspected of sending the bombs kept a list, and they are confused.

The disclosure of the list came as Cesar Sayoc, 56, made his initial court appearance in Miami federal court Monday and before reporters were called to his post office in Atlanta about a suspicious mailing to CNN that was similar to the pipe bomb packages recovered last week.

The official said authorities had recovered soldering equipment, a printer and stamps similar to those used on the package bombs after arresting Sayoc last week in Florida. Authorities believe he was putting explosives together in his van.

The official also said authorities had been scrutinizing Sayoc’s social media posts. The official wasn’t authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

The FBI said via its Twitter account that the recovered package in Atlanta was “similar in appearance” to the bubble-wrapped manila envelopes authorities say were sent by Sayoc to intended targets from Delaware to California, including former President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former Vice President Joe Biden.

CNN President Jeff Zucker said all mail to CNN has been screened offsite since last week, when a series of package bombs began appearing around the country. Among them were two apparent mail bombs sent to CNN.


She represents the South Florida district where the former male stripper, pizza driver and strip-club DJ lived in an old van covered with bumper stickers praising Trump, disparaging Democrats and CNN and showing rifle cross-hairs over liberals including Clinton, commentator Van Jones and filmmaker Michael Moore.

Sayoc was arrested Friday outside a South Florida auto parts store after investigators said they identified him through fingerprint and DNA evidence. He faces more than 50 years in prison if convicted on all charges. None of the bombs exploded, and no one was injured.

At Monday’s hearing, federal prosecutors said they will seek to keep Sayoc jailed until trial as a flight risk and a danger to the community. A judge set another hearing for Friday on whether to grant bail to Sayoc and to discuss when he will be sent from Miami to New York, where five federal charges were filed.

Shackled at the wrists and ankles in a tan jail jumpsuit, Sayoc appeared around the country.

“Right now, we know very, very, very little,” Aaronson said. “We do not know all the evidence the government has. You have to keep in mind he has not been found guilty of anything.”

The FBI said it believes the package intended for CNN head- quarters in Atlanta that was dis- covered Monday is similar to those that Sayoc is accused of sending. Law enforcement officials have said they believe the packages were staggered and more could be discovered.

The New York Times said in a staff memo that it was notified by the FBI on Monday that one of its editors was on a list of potential targets of the mail-bomb suspect.

Later that day, an envelope addressed to the editor raised concerns, but New York police de- nied that it was a false alarm. The editor was not identified.
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Election integrity relies on security-challenged firms

By Frank Bajar
Associated Press

The ultimate gatekeepers of U.S. election integrity may well be its weakest security link.

A trio of privately held companies sells and services more than 90 percent of U.S. elections systems. But the companies have long stressed convenience for its customers over product security, security experts and elections officials said.

That complicates efforts to detect a repeat of Russia’s 2016 election meddling or other intrusions by sophisticated hackers.

The three companies — ES&S, of Omaha, Neb.; Dominion Voting Systems, of Denver; and Hart InterCivic, of Austin, Texas — face little public accountability and operate under a shroud of financial and operational secrecy despite their pivotal role underpinning American democracy.

They face scant federal oversight and repel efforts to question their products. But the companies have long resisted exposing their products’ corporate finances and have stonewalled the disclosure of榫卯 of registered voters to researchers who look for software flaws, he said.

In July, ES&S told The Associated Press that it allows independent, open-ended testing of its corporate systems as well as its products. But the company would not say how many cybersecurity experts have been able to provide documentation of the testing or its results.

Dominion’s vice president of government affairs, Kay Stimson, said her company has also had independent third parties probe its systems but would not name them or share details.

Hart InterCivic, the No. 3 vendor, said it has done the same using the Canadian cybersecurity firm Bulletproof but would not discuss the results.

ES&S fired its first chief information security officer in April. None of the big three would say how many cybersecurity experts they employ. Dominion’s Stimson said “employee confidentiality and security protections outweigh any potential disclosure.”

This year’s primary elections, ES&S technology stumbled on cyber fronts.

In Los Angeles County, more than 118,000 names were left off provisional ballots. A subsequent outside audit blamed sloppy system integration by an ES&S subsidiary during a database merge.

No such audit was done in Kansas’ most populous county after a different sort of error in newly installed ES&S systems delayed the vote count by 13 hours as data uploading from thumb drives crawled.

University of Iowa computer scientist Douglas Jones said both incidents reveal mediocre programming and insufficient pre-election testing. And voting equipment vendors have never seemed security-conscious “in any phase of their design,” he said.

California, New York and Colorado are among states that tend to keep a close eye on the vendors. States with cozier relationships have in the past let them use remote-access software to do maintenance on election systems, a widely discredited security faux pas.

And ES&S continues to sell vote-tabulation systems equipped with cellular modems, a feature experts say hackers could potentially exploit, entering election management modules and tampering with vote counts.

A few states ban such wireless connections. Maryland recently got rid of them, and Alabama forced ES&S in January to remove them from machines.

Said John Bennett, the Alabama secretary of state’s deputy chief of staff who worked on the issue, “It seemed like there was a lot more emphasis about how cool the machines could be than there was actual evidence that they were secure.”

Carter urges Kemp to resign as Ga. secretary of state

By Felicia Sonmez
The Washington Post

Georgia Democrat gubernatorial nominee Stacey Abrams’ campaign is calling attention to a letter in which former President Jimmy Carter urged Republican opponent, Brian Kemp, to resign as Georgia’s secretary of state, arguing that “public confidence is threatened” by Kemp’s dual role as candidate and overseer of the state’s elections.

Carter, who still lives in his hometown with his wife, Rosalynn, sent the letter to Kemp last week. Kemp’s role as candidate and secretary of state “runs counter to the most fundamental principle of democratic elections — that the electoral process be managed by an independent and impartial election authority,” Carter said in the letter.

“In order to foster voter confidence in the upcoming election, which will be especially important if the race ends up very close, I urge you to step aside and hand over to a neutral authority the responsibility of overseeing the governor’s election,” Carter said.

Kemp and Abrams are locked in a competitive battle that has been marked by tensions over race and voting rights.

Last year, Georgia passed an “exact match” voter registration law that critics argue is aimed at keeping minority voters off the polls. According to The Associated Press, 53,000 voter registration applications — most of them belonging to black voters — are on hold due to discrepancies between the information on the forms and residents’ information on file. Separately, elections officials have also come under criticism for the rejection of hundreds of absentee ballots.

Abrams, who would become the nation’s first black female governor, has called Kemp an “architect of voter suppression for the last decade” and argued that he has “tried to steal the right to vote from 53,000 Georgians.”

Kemp has maintained that anyone whose registration has been put on hold can vote on Election Day so long as they bring the proper ID.

In a statement, Kemp spokesman Ryan Mahoney said that it was “sad” to see Abrams “using the former president to do her dirty work” and accused the Democrat of “trying to distract voters with another publicity stunt.”
IBM joins cloud market with Red Hat deal

By Ed Hammond, Kiel Porter, Alex Barinka and Gerrit De Vynck

IBM’s $33 billion purchase of Red Hat — the world’s second-largest technology deal — is aimed at catapulting the company into the ranks of the top cloud software competitors.

The cash deal, IBM’s biggest by far, boosts the 107-year-old computer services giant’s credentials overnight in the fast-growing and lucrative cloud market — and gives it much-needed potential for real revenue growth.

The company once synonymous with mainframe computing has been slow to adopt cloud-related technologies and has had to play catch-up to market leaders Amazon.com and Microsoft in offering computing and other software and services over the internet.

Shares of IBM slumped in pre-market U.S. trading.

“The acquisition of Red Hat is a game-changer,” Ginni Rometty, chairman and chief executive officer of International Business Machines, said in a statement Sunday. “It changes everything about the cloud market.”

IBM has seen revenue decline by almost a quarter since Rometty took the CEO role in 2012. While some of that has been from divestitures, most is from declining sales in existing hardware, software and services offerings as the company has struggled to compete with younger technology companies.

She has been trying to steer IBM toward more modern businesses such as the cloud, artificial intelligence and security software with inconsistent results.

IBM shares declined about 5 percent in early U.S. trading Monday. The stock has dropped 19 percent this year, giving it a market value of $114 billion.

In its third-quarter earnings report, IBM disappointed investors who were seeking more progress in those areas after six years of declining sales that had only recently started to show gains. Still, the improvements had been coming largely from IBM’s legacy mainframe business rather than its so-called strategic imperatives.

Cloud revenue grew 10 percent in the period to $4.5 billion, but that was slower than the 20 percent expansion in the second quarter.

The Red Hat deal could signal to investors that IBM wasn’t as well-positioned in cloud as it had been claiming, said Jim Suva, an analyst at Citigroup Research.

“We expect investor skepticism around the deal given IBM’s messaging that it is well underway in its transformation,” he said.

Investors have grown impatient as the stock has dropped 31 percent over the last five years. Warren Buffett virtually gave up on IBM last year. His conglomerate, Berkshire Hathaway, cut its stake in the company by 94 percent while increasing its investment in Apple.

The Red Hat deal represents an admission by Rometty that in-house growth wasn’t going to be enough to keep IBM from falling permanently behind in a market that is growing in importance and size.

“Acquiring Red Hat makes IBM a credible player in cloud now,” Bloomberg Intelligence analyst Anurag Rana said. “This gives them an asset that looks forward and not backwards.”

Musk: Tweet that cost $20M was ‘worth it’

By Taylor Telford

The Washington Post

Elon Musk, Tesla’s chief executive and author of one of the world’s most expensive weed jokes, has said a tweet that got him sued by the Securities and Exchange Commission and cost him $20 million was “worth it.”

Musk, 47, had been trumpeting how was the ‘like’ ratio on that one?”

Musk tweeted “‘Worth it”

Less than an hour later, Musk informed his 22 million followers “because he had recently learned

“a lawsuit Sept. 27, almost two months after he tweeted about having secured funding to take Tesla private at $420 a share. The lawsuit accused Musk of lying to investors and sought to ban him from serving as chief executive of any public company.

Later, Musk clarified that the tweet had been a joke. He said he’d chosen the number $420 “because he had recently learned about the number’s significance in marijuana culture and thought his girlfriend ‘would find it funny, which admittedly is not a great reason to pick a price,’ according to the SEC complaint.

The lawsuit rattled Tesla’s investors, and the company’s stock fell 14 percent in the days that followed. Musk agreed to settle the suit two days after it was filed, stepping down as chairman of Tesla’s board and paying a fine of $20 million. Tesla was also fined $20 million, and the money will be doled out among “harmed investors,” according to the SEC.

“tesla must also appoint an independent chairman by Nov. 13 and keep tighter reins on Musk’s public commentary, according to the settlement agreement. Musk must now have the company sign off on any written statements, including on Twitter, that could be deemed material.”

Revenue at Red Hat, which sells software and services based on the open-source Linux operating system, is expected to top $3 billion for the first time this year as the company’s Red Hat Enterprise Linux product attracts business from large customers.

Armonk, N.Y.-based IBM will continue to grow its dividend and neither company will cut jobs after the deal, Rometty said.

“This is an acquisition for revenue growth; this is not for cost synergies,” she said.

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Seasonal shape-shifting

Why Halloween pop-ups suddenly possess so many dead retail spaces

BY TAYLOR TELFORD
The Washington Post

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The cavernous remains of this H.H. Gregg are, in festive fashion, loosely disguised as a Spirit Halloween store. Its inside is lined with haunted houses and rusty water towers (both made of flimsy cardboard) and robots with leering pumpkin heads. The walls of costumes almost distract from scene of the store's past life, boasting: "Big screens, big selection, big value."

Beneath the faded outlines of the space's former name, posters advertise that Spirit Halloween is now open and now hiring. But in less than two weeks, it will all be gone.

This year, Americans will drop about $9 billion in celebration of Halloween and carve up pumpkins, a chance to flaunt your self or disappear into someone else. The holiday's horror and camp are fun precisely because they are temporary — and so are the stores that sell it to us.

Since the mid-2000s, Halloween spending has ballooned, with big jumps in money spent on adult and pet costumes. Ana Serafin Smith, director of media relations for the National Retail Federation, has done an annual survey on Halloween spending habits since 2003, said the way we celebrate the day has shifted with the rise of social media. Suddenly, trick-or-treating was just a fraction of the festivities as a glut of adult-oriented events, from bar crawls to costume parades, flooded the scene.

In all categories — costumes (human and pet), decorations, candy — millennials outspend every other age bracket. Halloween, owned by Spencer Gifts, is operating more than 1,325 locations in the country each fall. Spirit Halloween stores have had better luck than ever, with all those well-loved big-box stores that closed." They’ll take the tough elbow space no one else wants because they know they’re a destination," Leonard said. "Even when the stores get tore up pretty bad," Leonard said. "Even when we’re going through and cleaning up a dozen times a day."

Leonard can attest to the Halloween fervor among adults; half of the store’s costume inventory is for adults. 2018 has also seen a boom in gaming-related costumes, like Kingdom Hearts, Halo and Fortnite, many of which have already sold out.

Spookiness reigns
Seasonal shape-shifting isn’t just for the pop-ups, though. Year-round party and costume stores undergo their own transformations to stay competitive with the big chains and value stores like Target and Walmart.

The corridors of the Crystal City mall are a veritable retail cemetery, with dozens of vacant storefronts and boarded windows. But throughout the barren hallways, skeletons in formal wear point toward Total Fright. For most of the year, the party and costume store goes by a different name: Total Party. But for now, spookiness reigns.

“Adult female bunny,” the owner, Lorenzo Caltagirone, repeats into the phone, as casually as though he’s discussing the weather. “Yeah, we have that.”

Caltagirone, 45, got his start with a seasonal costume store in Washington before he started Total Party in 2009. Although the store carries costume supplies year-round, he quickly learned that he’d have to make a change to draw customers in.

“People don’t want to go to a party store for Halloween stuff,” Caltagirone said. “They want to see the word Halloween in the name, or something Halloween-related, or else they don’t think you’re legit.”

Caltagirone does half of his annual business during the month of October, and like the pop-up chains, he makes the bulk of that money in the final two weeks before Halloween. He knows he has to make it count.

“If you have one bad Halloween, you might be able to recover,” he said. “But two bad Haloween could put you out of business.”

In the fall, Caltagirone triples his staff and hires security guards to do crowd control. He blames Halloween music and keeps his store tidy and his shelves stocked. The big chains might have better name recognition, but Caltagirone prizes customer service and an immersive Halloween experience, complete with an “enter at your own risk” spooky zone in the back of the shop (the motion- and clap-activated creatures have been known to startle children into sobs).

Total Fright wins a lot of its Halloween clientele from young city dwellers who would rather not trek out to the suburbs, where most of the pop-up chains are. It also benefits from people’s last-minute shopping tendencies and the flaws of online shopping, like poor-fitting costumes and unreliable delivery.

It’s not even time for the after noon rush, but the store is flooded with customers who have come for wigs and weapons, gallons of fake blood and just about every variety of spandex and silicone. A woman in a baseball cap asks an employee for a Catwoman costume, adding “only because I have to.”

“Do I need to change my eyes to be a cute devil?” a girl asks her friend as she considers an array of contact lenses, ranging from milky eyed gold to pupil-eclipsing black.

Soon, it will get full enough that people will line up outside beneath the pumpkin-shaped countdown clock, a glaring reminder that the “Witching Hour” is almost upon us.
Trump urged to ensure no cover-up in Khashoggi case

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — The Turkish fiancee of slain journalist Jamal Khashoggi has called on President Donald Trump and other leaders to ensure that his death in Istanbul is not covered up, while Saudi Arabia’s top prosecutor on Tuesday visited the Saudi consulate where the writer was killed.

Speaking at a memorial in London on Monday, Hatice Cengiz expressed disappointment in the “leadership of many countries.” Singling out Trump, she urged him to “help reveal the truth and ensure justice be served.”

“He should not pave the way for a cover-up of my fiance’s murder. Let’s not let money taint our conscience and compromise our values,” she said.

Cengiz also told the memorial that she wishes she had entered the consulate instead of Khashoggi. She said in reference to an alleged Saudi hit squad sent to kill the Washington Post columnist, “If only I knew that would be the last time I would see my Jamal, his smile, hear his laughter, I would have stood in front of that murderous team myself.”

Saudi Arabia’s top prosecutor, Saud al-Mojeb, arrived at Istanbul’s main airport Monday as part of an agreement be-


Migrant caravan demands help from Mexico

By Christopher Sherman and Santiago Billy

Associated Press

NILTEPEC, Mexico — The migrant caravan slowly advancing through southern Mexico is demanding the Mexican government help its 4,000 participants reach Mexico City even as a smaller group of Central Americans entered the country, presumably with the intention of joining it.

Worn down from long months of walking and frustrated by the inadequate care for Central American migrants, some of the caravan’s stragglers have been dropping out and returning home or applying for protected status in Mexico. Conscious of that frustration, its representatives demanded “safe and dignified” transportation to the capital Monday after the group arrived in the Oaxaca state town of Niltepec.

The Mexican government has shown no inclination to assist, however, with the exception of its migrant protection agency giving

RELATIVES HELP ID LION AIR CRASH VICTIMS

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Relatives numbed by grief provided samples for DNA tests to help identify victims of the Lion Air plane crash that killed 189 people in Indonesia as accounts emerged Tuesday of problems on the jet’s previous flight, including rapid descents that terrified passengers.

Hundreds of rescue personnel searched the sea where the plane crashed northeast of Jakarta, sending 26 body bags to identify dozens of body parts for identification.

The disaster has reignited concerns about safety in Indonesia’s fast-growing aviation industry, which was recently removed from European Union and U.S. blacklists. Two passengers on the plane’s previous flight from Bali to Jakarta on Sunday described issues that caused annoyance and alarm.

Alon Soetanto told TVOne the plane dropped suddenly several times in the first few minutes of its flight. “About three to eight minutes after it took off, I felt like the plane was losing power and unable to rise. That happened several times during the flight,” he said. “We felt like on a roller coaster. Some passengers began to panic and vomit.”

His account is consistent with data from flight-tracking sites that show erratic speed, altitude and direction in the minutes after the jet took off. A similar pattern is also seen in data pinged from Monday’s fatal flight.

Safety experts cautioned, however, that the data must be checked for accuracy before the ruling from the International Court of Justice, could have larger implications for similar lawsuits that are pending in South Korea and will likely trigger a diplomatic row between the Asian allies.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Tokyo will respond “resolutely” to the ruling, which he described as “impossible in light of international law.” He said the ruling violated a 1965 treaty between Seoul and Tokyo that was accompanied by Japanese payments to restore diplomatic ties.

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono said Japan could potentially take the case to the International Court of Justice. South Korean President Moon Jae-in had no immediate reaction to the ruling.

South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman Noh Kyu-duk said Tokyo and Seoul “should gather their senses” to prevent the ruling from negatively affecting their relations.

The court said Japan’s Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corp. should provide compensation of $87,680 to each of the four plaintiffs, who were forced to work at Japanese steel mills from 1941 to 1943. Among them, only Lee Chun-sik, 94, has survived the legal battle, which extended nearly 14 years.
South Sudan rebel leader Machar to return

BY SAM MEDNICK
Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — South Sudan armed opposition leader Riek Machar is coming home under the country’s latest peace deal, more than two years after he fled on foot to exile, a spokesman said Tuesday.

Lam Paul Gabriel told The Associated Press that Machar is returning to take part in a nationwide peace celebration on Wednesday, leading a small delegation but not bringing his own security despite concerns for his safety.

“If this peace has to be implemented we need to trust each other,” the spokesman said. “Machar is returning to let everyone know he is ready for peace, he added.

Under the deal signed last month, Machar will be President Salva Kiir’s deputy once again. That arrangement has twice collapsed in deadly fighting, once when the civil war broke out in December 2013 and again in July 2016 when an earlier peace agreement collapsed and Machar fled into neighboring Congo.

Concerns are high that this latest fragile agreement will fall apart as well, with the United States among those openly wondering whether the two men whose rivalry has led to so much bloodshed can finally end the conflict.

South Sudan’s five-year civil war has killed almost 400,000 people with violence and disease, according to a recent estimate. Millions have been displaced, and parts of the country have been plunged into famine.

So far the new peace deal has been criticized for its slow implementation, with missed deadlines and continued cease-fire violations.

Machar wrote to Kiir last week saying he would attend Wednesday’s celebrations only if certain conditions were met, including the release of all political prisoners, the lifting of the state of emergency, free movement inside the country for all opposition groups and a guarantee for his safety.

While there has been no indication by South Sudan’s government that the concerns have been met, Kiir in an interview with Kenya’s Citizen TV last week said Machar’s safety would be secured by the government.

Palestinians call for end to security ties with Israel

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The Palestine Liberation Organization’s mini-parliament has called for ending security coordination with Israel on setting up a Palestinian state. Abbas, who controls the council, has not implemented such decisions in the past.

Security cooperation, largely aimed at Abbas’ rival, the Islamic militant Hamas group, is unpopular among Palestinians but has survived repeated crises and years of deadlock in talks with Israel on setting up a Palestinian state. Abbas’ self-rule government in parts of the West Bank would likely collapse if he cuts ties with Israel.

The central council cited what it says are ongoing Israeli violations of past agreements for its decision.

Its decision reflects the Palestinians’ frustration with a lack of movement in peace efforts as well as anger with President Donald Trump, who they accuse of being unfairly biased toward Israel.

The European Union on Tuesday called on the Palestinians not to carry out the council’s recommendations.

Accident damages Russia’s aircraft carrier

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia’s only aircraft carrier was damaged in a dock accident Tuesday that left one person missing and four injured, officials said.

A floating dock sank early morning in Murmansk, dropping a crane on the deck of the Admiral Kuznetsov carrier, the United Shipbuilding Corp. said.

The corporation’s chief, Alexei Rakhmanov, said the 70-ton crane left a hole of 215 square feet but didn’t damage any of the ship’s vital systems.

The accident happened as the ship was leaving the dock following repairs. Rakhmanov said it may have been caused by a sharp power surge that led to pumps’ failure. Four workers were injured and one is still missing, Murmansk governor Marina Kovtun said on state-owned Rossiya 24 television channel Tuesday.

Rakhmanov said that accident wouldn’t lead to a significant extension of the carrier’s refurbishment. Following the repairs, the carrier is to be fitted with modern control systems and new weapons.

Rakhmanov acknowledged the loss of the huge, 80,000-ton dock would disrupt the planned modernization of other Russian navy ships. The dock is the only structure of that capacity that Russia has, and it wasn’t immediately clear whether it could be lifted.

The Russian aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov, shown in the Barents Sea in 2004, has been damaged in a dock accident.

At least 10 killed as violent storms strike Italy

Associated Press

MILAN — At least 10 people have been killed over two days in Italy as heavy rains and high winds buffet much of the country.

The news agency ANSA said Tuesday that the deaths included a woman who was buried by mud when a landslide struck her home and a firefighter who was struck by a tree while responding to the emergency, both in the northern region of Trentino-Alto Adige.

A man died while wind-surfing in Emilia-Romagna when he was slammed against rocks.

The other fatalities occurred in Naples, Liguria and Lazio.

High winds created an exceptional tide in Venice on Monday, covering three-quarters of the city for the first time in a decade. Water levels were forecast Tuesday at 43.3 inches, flooding 12 percent of the famed lagoon city.

The central government also warned residents to expect floods in the Apennines, a mountain range that runs through the center of Italy.

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WILMINGTON — A bar in Delaware’s largest city will no longer participate in a Halloween pub crawl after police reported a night of fighting, gunshots and an arrest nearby.

The News Journal of Wilmington reported Kelley’s Logan House announced Sunday it won’t remain part of the Wilmington Halloween Loop. The business posted a Facebook message saying the event “brings to our establishment a clientele we do not welcome.”

Officers arrived at Trolley Square — where most of the pubs are located — about 1 a.m. Sunday. The newspaper reported police arrested a man, 25, who was carrying a loaded gun.

Police: Man wearing PJs stole truck, eluded

DARTMOUTH — Massachusetts police said they are seeking a pajama-wearing man who stole a truck and ran from police.

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Officers and a K-9 unit searched the area but could not find the suspect. Police said they later learned someone broke into a Dartmouth home and stole the keys to the truck.

Theft.

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THE CENSUS

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Police said the driver sped up when an officer attempted to stop him near the Cross Lake/Sinclair town line on Saturday. Police later caught up with the car near Madison Lake, where the driver and a passenger fled. Officers, aided by aircraft and police dogs, surrounded the area. The driver, identified as Wayne Neely, 37, of Fort Fairfield, Maine, was charged with eluding, two counts of driving to endanger, speeding and other charges. Both he and a passenger were charged with illegal possession of methamphetamine and were jailed.

Catching air on the Atlantic

A kiteboarder catches some air during a day on the Atlantic Ocean off Crandon Park in Key Biscayne, Fla., on Sunday.

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Police said the driver sped up when an officer attempted to stop him near the Cross Lake/Sinclair town line on Saturday. Police later caught up with the car near Madison Lake, where the driver and a passenger fled. Officers, aided by aircraft and police dogs, surrounded the area. The driver, identified as Wayne Neely, 37, of Fort Fairfield, Maine, was charged with eluding, two counts of driving to endanger, speeding and other charges. Both he and a passenger were charged with illegal possession of methamphetamine and were jailed.

Catching air on the Atlantic

A kiteboarder catches some air during a day on the Atlantic Ocean off Crandon Park in Key Biscayne, Fla., on Sunday.
Janelle Monae still remembers the first album she spent her hard-earned money on: “The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill.”

“I just connected with Lauryn on many levels. The fact that she was a young black woman in America — she looked like a lot of the women in my family. ... I wanted to be like her. That’s why I wanted her to bring her religious background, her singing and acting background together (and) her hip-hop background,” Monae recalled of the album.

This year and was the first hip-hop project to win the Grammy for album of the year.

“From the fact that I was all of her(self) on her project, I felt inspired to me, and I felt like I could be all of me and I didn’t have to pick one part of me,”

Monae might be music’s closest heir to Hill. She’s an artist who’s known for thought-provoking lyrical content — in rapping and singing — and her riveting roles in “Moonlight” and “Hidden Figures” established that music isn’t the only art she’s Screening a movie, the first votes are cast without discussion. A senior rater then announces the results and a discussion ensues during which the members eventually agree on a rating.

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The MPAA has long kept its rating methods a tightly guarded secret as it continues to wield enormous power over the types of explicit content that can be shown in U.S. cinemas.

Now the MPAA is drawing back the curtain on its rating system, at least partially. In a new report published Monday, the Washington-based trade organization representing Hollywood’s major studios is releasing data on all films rated since the system was created in 1968. The MPAA’s Classification and Rating Administration has rated 29,971 movies, the majority of which have received an R rating, which requires children under 17 to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

R-rated movies account for nearly 58 percent of all titles rated by the MPAA, followed by PG at 18 percent. The dreaded NC-17 accounted for less than 2 percent of titles, though they have garnered the most attention in recent years.

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Currently, there are nine full-time and part-time raters, according to the report. During their time as raters, they reside in the Los Angeles area and watch movies together during the rating process. After screening a movie, the first votes are cast without discussion. A senior rater then announces the results and a discussion ensues during which the members eventually agree on a rating.

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Actor Matthew McConaughey poses with first responders Oct. 28 in Houston after providing catered lunches. McConaughey said he wanted to celebrate National First Responder’s Day by thanking those who risked their lives during Hurricane Harvey.

McConaughey visits first responders in Texas

Firefighters, police officers and 911 operators in Houston got a surprise from a local favorite as Oscar winner Matthew McConaughey delivered a catered lunch to give thanks on National First Responders Day.

The actor wheeled in a roasted turkey Sunday to the shock of those at a fire department. Later, he did the same for police officers and 911 operators at other facilities.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the Austin native said he was inspired to do something in his home state, particularly for Houston. The city dealt with the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey last year.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner was also on hand. He praised McConaughey for “never forgetting his roots.”

McConaughey made the trip as part of a promotion for Wild Turkey. He is a creative director and spokesman for the company.

Other news

· It’s a baby girl for Hillary Duff. The 31-year-old actress and singer and her boyfriend, Matthew Koma, announced Monday on Instagram that Banks Violet Bair was born on Oct. 25. Duff has a son from her previous marriage to former hockey player Mike Comrie.

· Candi Staton, 78, says she’s been diagnosed with breast cancer. The Grammy-nominated soul and gospel singer said she received the news over the summer. She writes in a statement, “I decided to keep it to myself and do some soul searching. I went through all of the emotions: denial, poor me and anger.” Staton began 12 weeks of chemotherapy on Tuesday.

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PITTSBURGH from a distance, the Tree of Life Synagogue now looks like another American crime scene. Police tape rounds a barrier of empty buses parked in front of the temple, and patrol cars guard the perimeter with flashing lights. The front is the yellow barrier, the closest spot to the horror of what happened here Saturday. People have left hundreds of bouquets of flowers, cards and posters with a repeated message: We come in grief and solidarity; we speak for a community that will resist the hatred that killed these victims.

I happened to be in Pittsburgh on other business, so I had a chance to pay my respects at this defiled holy place in Squirrel Hill on a rainy Sunday night. I used to live a few miles from here, when I started my career in a just-filled office building. Pittsburgh is one of those places that never entirely leaves you, even when you go away.

Here are the words I read on a hand-lettered poster, drawn on white cardboard with raindrops: “My tears flow for the Tree of Life. The pain of death echoes in my heartaches for the city I love. I mourn for my city whose heaven of love and possibility is being extinguished by the hate of a few.”

Neither among the letters are different versions of this same message: “Hatex has no home here.” “This heinous act does not represent Jewish faith, it is addressed to the word “love” written around the orange skin. A flag of Israel has been draped with a rosary and the words: “We Christians love the Jews.”

This city and its neighborhoods display a solidarity that comes from another time. Squirrel Hill has been described as America’s gentriest neighborhood, where the way of life is full of grace, pride, joy and sense of pride, at once inward-looking but outwardly confident, in the African-American Hill District, or the partly Italian American neighborhood of Mount Washington, where I lived, or the neighborhoods where Catholic parishes were understood to be Irish or Polish, or Jewish, or Irish — but always part of the Pittsburgh family.

In Pittsburgh, the Shadrman, the brilliant editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, whose writings helped make this America’s city the past few days, told me once that when he told a story of a cold autumn day in his报道, the sympathy notes sent to the Post-Gazette by readers and published online stretched to 57 screens.

One of the ways to understand the sense of community that animated the Tree of Life is to read the synagogue’s website. It hadn’t been updated in over a year. It was like a time capsule from the world just before Robert Bowers, the accused murderer who proclaimed that he wanted “to kill Jews,” opened fire with his AR-15. The temple described itself online this way: “Where a 3,000-year-old tradition meets a 5,000-year-old people.”

A “Family Program” had been scheduled for Sunday in nearby Frick Park. Members of the congregation were asked to contribute $18 each to sponsor participants in a 3.6-mile run-walk. The money would be shared between the Humane Animal Rescue Shelter and Clinic, and Jewish Family Service of Pittsburgh.

On the Tree of Life website, a message from Rabbi Jeffrey Myers had been posted on July 19 and was still there Tuesday night. The title was “We deserve better.”

Here’s what Myers wrote four months ago, when Bowers’ anti-Semitism was butchering his ownraphics. It reads almost like a premonition about our national inability to stop the next horror before it happens.

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Calgary holds off Toronto

Associated Press

TORONTO — Boosed out of their own building after a loss last week, the Flames recommitted to their defensive structure and the move paid off against the Leafs.

Senor Monahan and Elias Lindholm scored in a 3-1 victory over the Maple Leafs on Monday night, snipping a three-game losing streak.

“We put together 60 good minutes,” said Lindholm, who leads the league in points with 10. “We played well defensively, and we played well on the power play.”

Lindholm and Monahan each added an assist. Mike Peca added an empty-net goal to seal the Flames to a 3-1 victory over the Maple Leafs on Monday night, snapping a three-game losing streak.

“Our last two games have been the way we want to play,” Calgary captain Mark Giordano said. “When you play well defensively, you have a good chance.”

Monahan snapped a scoreless tie at 4:39 into the third on a power play, netting his fifth goal of the season team.

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Power-play opportunities — Calgary 1 of 2 on Monday; Toronto 0 of 2 on Monday.

Shots on Goal — Calgary 12-12-10—34. Toronto 4-11-9—24.

Scoring leaders

By W.G. Ramirez

Knights off to ragged start in second season

By W.G. Ramirez

LAS VEGAS — A season after their surprising run to the Stanley Cup Final, the Vegas Golden Knights are finally starting to look like an expansion team.

The Knights were in sixth place in the Pacific Division on Monday after a slow start to a season that finally saw them make progress after a five-game home stretch capped by Sunday night’s 4-3 overtime win over the Ottawa Senators.

“There’s been a lot of positives from an injury,” Vegas coach Gerard Gallant said. “And it doesn’t feel like that because we started off slow. We got better as the game went on and we played well.”

Perhaps it’s because last season the Golden Knights were 8-3 through their first 11 games and just three points out of the division lead. They had outsourced the opposition 41-31 as they got their inauspicious opening game out of the way.

“Everybody has injuries, you have to come out to play our game and do the best you can when you’re not at your top form,” said Gallant. “It’s just a matter of getting better.”

After going 1-for-5 on Sunday, they’re now 4-for-37 (10.8 percent) on the power play, ranking 29th in the NHL. They have scored four in their last five games, however.

Vegas headed to Nashville on Tuesday and goes to St. Louis on Thursday, before returning home to host Carolina on Saturday.

“We want to win, we want to play better, and we want to make sure things are going,” Gallant said.

NHL
**Bucks wallop Raptors in battle of unbeateners**

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo, no problem for the Milwaukee Bucks.

With the way they’re shooting from the three-point line, the Bucks look like they can beat just about anybody in the NBA.

Ersan Ilyasova scored a season-high 19 points and the Bucks cruised without the injured Antetokounmpo to beat the Toronto Raptors 124-109 on Monday night in a showdown of the NBA’s last undefeated teams.

Milwaukee improved to 7-0 in a marquee matchup that lost some luster with Antetokounmpo in concussion protocol and Raptors star Kawhi Leonard sitting out to rest.

The Bucks’ start to the season matches the 1971-72 club for best in franchise history. Milwaukee made up for Antetokounmpo’s absence with another strong showing from the perimeter, with Malcolm Brogdon and Eric Bledsoe leading in 17 points each.

“Of course we have more confidence when (Antetokounmpo) is on the floor,” Brogdon said. “But we have a lot of confidence even when he’s not on the floor due to the system and due to the confidence that (coach Mike Budenholzer) gives us.”

Serge Ibaka scored 30 points for Toronto, which had its franchise-best 6-0 start snapped. Paseal Siakam added 22.

Kings 123, Heat 113: Willie Cauley-Stein scored 26 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Buddy Hield added 23 points and visiting Sacramento ran past Miami.

De’Aaron Fox scored 20 points and Nemanja Bjelica added 19 for the Kings, who outscored Miami 77-55 in the middle two quarters and won on the Heat’s home floor for the second consecutive season.

Knicks 115, Nets 96: Tim Hardaway Jr. had 25 points and eight assists, and host New York rolled to its second win of the season by beating Brooklyn.

Frank Ntilikina added 16 points and Enes Kanter had 15 points and 15 rebounds off the bench for the Knicks, who had dropped five straight since beating Atlanta in their season opener.

Trail Blazers 103, Pacers 93: Zach Collins matched his career high with 17 points and C.J. McCollum also had 17 to lead visiting Portland past Indiana.

The Blazers have won three straight in the series and eight of the last nine against the Pacers.

76ers 113, Hawks 92: Ben Simmons had 21 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists and host Philadelphia flashed a little last year’s playoff form in a win over Atlanta.

The oft-maligned Markelle Fultz had season-highs with seven baskets (on 16 attempts) and 16 points in 23 minutes. Joel Embiid added 10 points.

Spurs 113, Mavericks 108 (OT): DeMar DeRozan had 34 points and nine assists and host San Antonio withstood a 31-point outburst by Dallas rookie Luka Doncic for the overtime victory.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 20 points as San Antonio won its second overtime game.

Nuggets 116, Pelicans 111: Gary Harris scored 25 points and came up with a big steal late to help host Denver hold off short-handed New Orleans after nearly squandering an 18-point lead.

Jamal Murray chipped in 23 points and Nikola Jokic had 12 points and 10 assists for his fifth double-double in six games.

The Bucks’ Kris Middleton, right, tries to drive past the Toronto Raptors’ Delon Wright during the second half of Monday’s game in Milwaukee. The Bucks won 124-109 to remain unbeaten.

**Cavaliers’ coaching situation uncertain**

**By Tom Withers**

Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — After an emotional day and restless night, Larry Drew went back to work.

He organized practice, met with stunned players still reeling from Tyronn Lue’s firing and put the Cleveland Cavaliers through drills as they prepared for Tuesday’s game.

But after walking off the floor, Drew, the team’s top assistant coach under Lue for the past two years, wanted to make something clear.

“I’m not the interim coach,” he said emphatically. “I’m the voice right now.”

So much for Cleveland’s transition game.

Drew added a surprising wrinkle to Lue’s dismissal on Monday by saying he’s not ready to commit to the Cavaliers in the long term until he gets a new contract.

Drew said his agent, Andy Miller, has been in talks with the team about restructuring his deal. Drew is under contract through this season.

“I’m sure you guys are aware that there are some talks that are going on,” Drew told reporters. “I don’t know if any type of agreement or settlement will be made. I am prepared either way. I’ll continue to do my job, but right now there’s not been any type of agreement.”

Drew said he plans to coach the team Tuesday night against Atlanta, but after that, nothing is definitive.

He was asked if “acting” coach was a more fitting title.

“I guess that would be more accurate, more consistent,” he said.

General manager Koby Altman fired Lue, who in 2016 became the only coach to win a pro sports championship in Cleveland since 1964, on Sunday because he felt the team was underachieving.

The Cavaliers are 0-6 in their first season since three-time champ LeBron James left them for the second time as a free agent.

They had hoped to remain competitive while developing young players like Collin Sexton. But the plan wasn’t working with Lue, forcing Altman to make a difficult decision.

“The challenge of this year was we had a mix of veterans and young guys and that’s a complex situation to deal with,” Altman said. “It didn’t come together the way we envisioned and we just didn’t think coach Lue was the right fit for this group. We wanted to go in a different direction, a different coach and a different voice.”

Enter Drew, who went 8-1 while filling in last season when Lue was dealing with health issues.

Drew understands what the Cavs are up against and he was prepared to take it on.

“It’s not a very complicated situation,” he said. “It’s obvious this team is going in a different direction with the group that we do have and with the decisions that have been made with the organization. I would like to be part of it long term, to be perfectly honest. I’ve been through the rebuilding process as a player and as a coach and I feel I know what it takes. Certainly when you talk about rebuilding, it’s not an easy thing to do. It’s usually something that takes a little time.

“If it’s going to take some time, I’d like to be part of that. I made the organization pretty aware of that, that this is something that’s not going to happen overnight. In order to be a part of that, I feel that it’s going to have to be something done with a little bit more security.”

Drew went 143-169 in four seasons as an NBA coach. He was fired after going 15-67 with Milwaukee in 2013-14.
Thompson breaks three-point record, Warriors beat Bulls

By Andrew Seligman

 Associated Press

CHICAGO — Klay Thompson popped off a screen from Stephen Curry, caught the pass from Kevin Durant and dribbled to his left before launching the record three-pointer.

The ball swished through the net. He raised both arms, pumped his fist and got mobbed.

Thompson broke Curry’s NBA record with 16 three-pointers on Saturday, finishing with 52 points to lead the Golden State Warriors to a 124-92 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

Thompson set the mark when he nailed a three with just under nine minutes remaining in the third quarter. He celebrated with teammates as they headed to the sideline.

“Throughout the game, we were looking for him,” Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. “That’s why we play basketball. It’s a collective effort. And that’s the way the game is played. Actually, Draymond Green had the pass to him. We made those shots without me.”

The four-time All-Star guard hit 13 threes and scored 36 as Golden State built a 92-50 halftime lead. It was the second-highest scoring game ever by an NBA player. Phoenix had 107 in the first half of a 173-143 victory over Denver in 1990.

The Warriors also set an NBA record for three-pointers in a half with 23. Thompson had 19 of those, including 13 in the second half.

“This is what it’s like,” coach Steve Kerr said. “I can’t stop yelling how lucky I am and how I feel every night watching these guys, how unemployment-free they are.”

Curry scored 26. Kevin Durant had 14 points and eight assists. And Chicago product Alfonzo McKinnie also had 26 from the bench.

“It’s the best feeling in basketball when you touch the ball and feel like it’s going in every time,” Thompson said.

Chicago probably would have been overmatched even at full strength. But with Lauri Markkanen, Kris Dunn, Bobby Portis and Denzel Valentine all out with injuries — and the Bulls having lost 15 of their last 16 games — it was a cakewalk for the Warriors in a hurry because of Thompson.

“He was due for a game like this,” LaVine et al. “He saw one go in, and his eyes got as big as the basketball. It’s tough after that, because they’re looking for his shot a lot off the dribble and you can’t touch him anyway. It’s tough.”

Thompson nailed his first three-pointers and made six while scoring 22 in the first quarter.

By the time the half wound towards a 52-point lead, the Bulls were determined to see him set the mark. And it seemed teammates were doing all they could to assist on the record shot.

Durant was glad it was him.

“The most important thing was I passed it to him on his 14th,” he said. “And I also passed it to Steph on his 13th. They wouldn’t have made it. We’d be killed.

Actually, Draymond Green had the assist on Curry’s record 13th and 36 th points, making 14 of 24 from beyond the arc. And he did it in just 26 minutes. It was the second-highest scoring quarter any of the top seven in the league.

Thompson hadn’t scored more than 19 this season and made just five of 36 three-pointers in the Warriors’ first seven games. But he broke out in a huge way, making 14 of 24 from beyond the arc. And he did it in just 26 minutes. It was the second-highest scoring quarter any of the top seven in the league.

On Monday night was he suffered a cut above his right eye that needed two stitches in the third quarter. He returned a few minutes later sporting a yellow headband.

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**Tip-ins**

Wizards: G Shaun Livingston missed his second consecutive game because of a sprained right foot. He also missed two in a row last week because of a bruised left knee. ... McKinnie hit four of six three-pointers in his second NBA game in his hometown. As a rookie with Toronto last season, McKinnie had only one field goal in five minutes in a game at Chicago.

Bulls: Former Bulls C Joakim Noah got a standing ovation on Wednesday night. He was on the Chicago board late in the first half. He was waived by the New York Knicks this summer for $7.8 million remaining on his contract Oct. 13.
What rule changes await in offseason?

By Ronald Blum  
Associated Press  

NEW YORK — The World Series was baseball 2018 in a microcosm.

Half the 44 runs scored by the champion Boston Red Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers came across the plate on home runs. That’s the second-highest percentage in baseball history, according to Elias Sports Bureau, behind only last year’s 57.4 percent.

There were 109 strikeouts and 76 hits, a 1.43 ratio that was the second-highest behind 1.48 in 2012. That followed the first regular season in major league history with more strikeouts than hits and with the lowest overall batting average since 1972 — the year before the start of the designated hitter.

Discussion of possible rule changes to increase action will dominate the offseason, along with speculation about a free agent market that includes Bryce Harper, Manny Machado and Josh Donaldson, and possibly David Price and Clayton Kershaw if they opt out of their contracts.

“What we try to do is pay attention over the course of the season,” baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said last week, “think about what we’ve learned during the postseason and see whether we may need to make some change in response to what we’re seeing.”

Analytics have transformed the sport, from offense-suffocating shifts to shortening starting pitchers’ time on the mound and constantly rotating relievers from the major leagues to the minors in order to have an array of fresh bullpen arms each game.

“I don’t spend a lot of time worrying about whether analytics are a good thing or a bad thing, and the reason for that is they are a real thing,” Manfred said.

“We have them. They’re going to continue to use them. There’s nothing you can do to stop people from thinking about the game, however the heck it is they want to think about the game.”

Discussion will start next week, when general managers meet in Carlsbad, Calif. Owners gather Nov. 14-15 in Atlanta, and the major offseason get-together will be the winter meetings at Las Vegas Dec. 10-13.

Manfred and players’ association head Tony Clark already have been talking — and appeared together at a World Series news conference last weekend, which would have been unimaginable a year ago given the tension between management and players.

Both sides are concerned about a 4 percent attendance dip that left the major league average below 30,000 for the first time since 2003. Six ballparks set record lows and 17 of 30 experienced drops, partly because of historically bad weather that caused 54 postponements, the most since 1989.

Management wanted to introduce a pitch clock at the major league level in an effort to speed the pace of games but players refused to agree, and Major League Baseball backed off a threat to impose one over the union’s objections. Instead, a more modest change restricted the amount of mound visits by players and coaches without pitching changes.

The average time of a nine-inning game dropped to 3 hours, 44 seconds during the regular season from 3:05:11 for last season, and mound visits without pitching changes fell to 4.01 from 7.41.

That was swift compared with October. Nine-inning games averaged 3:30 in the World Series, up from 3:16 last year, and 3:35 throughout the postseason, an increase from 3:29.

And that was with a drop on mound conferences, which fell to an average of 6.6 in the post season from 11.2 and to 6.4 in the World Series from 19.0.

Talk on rule changes will be conducted as the union watches free-agent negotiations unfold.

Last offseason had an unusually slow market that led to player anger. Among the 166 players who exercised the right to become free agents after the World Series, only half of the 140 agreements reached were finalized after the start of spring training workouts on Feb. 14.

Late deals did make a difference: Boston agreed Feb. 19 to a $110 million, five-year contract with J.D. Martinez, who led the major leagues with 130 RBIs and homered Sunday night as the Red Sox won Game 5 to finish their fourth World Series title in 15 seasons.

The first 145 free agents hit the market Monday, and about 30 more may follow this week depending on option decisions. Bidding figures to be more vigorous this offseason because of higher quality among the free agents.

But analytics have directed many teams to more reticent about lengthy deals with older players, which could lead to renewed tension.

Clemson ‘a lot better’ heading down stretch

By Pete Iacobelli  
Associated Press  

CLEMSON, S.C. — No. 2 Clemson, behind freshman quarterback Trevor Lawrence, is playing some of its best football heading into the final month of the regular season.

And the Tigers don’t expect to slow down.

Clemson (9-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) has steamrolled its past three opponents 163-20, including a 59-10 pummeling of Florida State this past Saturday.

The Tigers are more than five-touchdown favorites to rip through struggling Louisville (2-6, 0-5), which has lost its ACC games by an average margin of 20 points.

Center Gage Cervenka believes Clemson is ready to show even more.

“We’re not satisfied with how we’ve played yet,” he said Monday. “That’s what’s driving us.”

That, and another splashy postseason. Clemson is the lone undefeated team left in the ACC and only Boston College, at 3-1 in the league, stands in the way of the Tigers claiming a fourth straight spot in the league’s championship game.

Clemson leads to No. 24 Boston College on Nov. 10 in the game likely to settle the ACC Atlantic.

Then comes the initial College Football Playoff rankings on Tuesday night where the Tigers will be among the top four teams in seeking their fourth consecutive chance to play for a national title.

Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said he and his players are aware of the rankings. They just won’t put much stock in them yet.

“It just doesn’t matter as (you’ve) heard me say a million times unless they’re going to cancel the rest of the season,” Swinney said. “We just have so much work to do.”

Even if things look effortless the past few weeks.

Since the drama-filled, 27-23 come-from-behind win over Syracuse on Sept. 29, the Tigers have made quick work of the opposition.

They led Wake Forest 28-0 by halftime, were up over then 16th-ranked North Carolina State 31-0 early in the third quarter and led 45-0 at Florida State.

Clemson’s Christina Wilkins, center, celebrates his touchdown Saturday against Florida State.

State before the Seminoles scored late in the third quarter.

Clemson leads the ACC in points per game at 44.1 and in fewest points allowed at 13.0.

Lawrence’s increased experience has certainly helped. The 6-foot-6 freshman supplanted starter Kelly Bryant after four games — Bryant became the fourth Clemson QB to transfer since Lawrence’s arrival on campus in January — and has steadily grown into his role.

“We’ve definitely gotten a lot better since then, everybody meshing together,” Lawrence said.
Kendricks out 8 games for insider trading

**Briefly**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL has suspended Seattle Seahawks linebacker Mychal Kendricks for eight games for his role in an insider trading scheme.

The suspension announced Tuesday for a player who won a Super Bowl with Philadelphia last season includes time served.

Kendricks pleaded guilty in September to one count of securities fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit securities fraud. He faces up to 25 years in prison when sentenced in December.

Kendricks was suspended indefinitely by Commissioner Roger Goodell on Oct. 2. He is eligible to rejoin Seattle for Week 12 at the end of November. But he can't play again until Week 16, when the Seahawks host the Vikings for a Monday night game Dec. 10.

Cleveland had signed the 28-year-old Kendricks in the offseaon, then released him in August after he was charged. Seattle signed him in early September and he played in three games, with 12 total tackles and a sack in the last two games for Seattle before his suspension.

**Cavs’ Love could miss significant time**

CLEVELAND — Cavaliers All-Star Kevin Love could miss significant time with a foot injury that has bothered him since the preseason.

Love will sit out his third straight game on Tuesday as the injury-plagued Cavs host Atlanta and look to end a six-game losing streak to start the season. On Sunday, the team fired coach Tyronn Lue. The Cavs are still working through contracts negotiations with assistant Larry Drew, who wants more security before he takes over.

Love has had more testing in recent days and doctors are reviewing results to plan his recovery.

General manager Koby Altman isn’t sure how long the Cavs might be without their best player.

“We’re still working through the diagnosis of what the best thing to do is,” he said. “To be honest with you, we’re unsure what we’re going to do in terms of a timeline. Our doctors in-house have looked at this. We’re actually going to consult with outside doctors as well to put together the best plan for him.

“It could be a number of games that he misses moving forward or it could be sort of a long-term thing to try and manage it. But to be honest we’re going to figure that out in the next couple days. This could be a number of games he could miss.”

The injury to Love only makes things tougher on the Cavs, navigating through their first season since LeBron James left for the second time.

The five-time All-Star signed a four-year, $120 million contract extension this summer.

**Biles leads US to gold at world championships**

DOHA, Qatar — The juggernaut led by Simone Biles keeps right on rolling, kidney stone or no kidney stone.

The U.S. women’s gymnastics team cruised to a gold medal at the world gymnastics championships on Tuesday, extending a run of dominance that only seems to be picking up momentum.

The Americans posted a team score of 171.629 in winning their fourth straight world title, well clear of silver medalist Russia and bronze medalist China. The 8.768 margin of victory is the largest at a major international competition since the U.S.’s streak began in 2011.

Biles is dealing with a kidney stone diagnosed last week and is attempting to fight through the pain. She touched the beam after losing her balance following a front flip and landed out of bounds following her first tumbling pass on floor but it hardly mattered.

Russia slipped past China for silver, to give the event the same look to this. We’re not putting much stock in terms of the result. We’re looking at the way they did things and how they did things as well to put together the best plan for him.

**Diamondbacks pick up Goldschmidt’s option**

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks have picked up the $14.5 million option on Paul Goldschmidt’s contract for the 2019 season.

The club option was attached to the five-year, $32 million deal Goldschmidt signed in 2014, a deal considered one of the most team-friendly in baseball considering Goldschmidt’s production through those years.

The 31-year-old slugger, considered the face of the franchise, is a .297 career hitter with 209 home runs and 710 RBIs. He also is one of the game’s best defensive first basemen.

In other MLB news:

**USC fires OL coach; Helton to call plays**

LOS ANGELES — Southern California coach Clay Helton fired offensive line coach Neil Callaway and took over play-calling duties for the struggling Trojans on Monday.

With the season slipping away from the defending Pac-12 champions, Helton announced a shake-up of his coaching staff two days after USC dropped to 4-4 with its second straight defeat, a 38-35 home loss to Arizona State.

Helton took away the play-calling responsibilities from offensive coordinator Tee Martin, who remains on staff.

The Trojans’ talent-laden offense is mired in a 11th place in the Pac-12 with just 364 yards per game, and Helton has put the responsibility for its success directly on himself.

**F1 driver Ericsson moving to IndyCar**

INDIANAPOLIS — Sauber Formula One driver Marcus Ericsson will move to IndyCar in 2019 with Schmidt Peterson Motorsports. The Swede plans to take a seat for injured driver Robert Wickens.

Ericsson announced Tuesday that Wickens will pilot the No. 7 Honda. The Swedish driver is expanding his racing career into North America and won’t join Schmidt Peterson until after the F1 season finale in Abu Dhabi.

Ericsson will remain a reserve driver for Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 Team after his move to IndyCar.

Wickens is paralyzed from the chest down from injuries suffered in an August crash at Pocono Raceway.

**Second: Vikings encouraged despite stumbling vs Saints**

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mistake by Thielen a whopping 14 points.

“It’s more frustrating because I think we were going route-wise and scheme-wise and all that,” Thielen said on Monday.

“I think when it’s maybe a lack of concentration or just being too relaxed or what have you, that’s the frustrating part. Because you know how many times that you’ve done it a different way and the right way, and the one time you slip up it costs you maybe the game.”

The other half of Minnesota’s dominant receiver duo, Stefon Diggs, was responsible for the other devastating turnover. Diggs stopped his drug route short before an under-pressure Kirk Cousins dumped the ball off to the spot where he expected Diggs to be had he kept running. The interception was returned for a score to give the Saints a 27-13 advantage.

Thielen and Diggs were outspoken after the game about their acceptance of blame, but Zimmer wasn’t having it, and he said as much to the team.

“Like I told them in the meeting today, the receivers need to stop saying that stuff because one person doesn’t lose a game. One person doesn’t win a game. We win around here as a team. We lose around here as a team,” Zimmer said.

“Guys make mistakes, miscommunication, whatever you want to call it happens. I will never put any one of those things on one player, ever.”

Though the loss clearly hurt the Vikings in the conference and division standings, there were reasons for them to feel better about where they’re headed at the halfway mark. Thielen and Diggs don’t have a pattern of such gaffes, for one. They also played without six injured starters, and young subs such as right tackle Brian O’Neill, linebacker Eric Wilson and cornerback Holton Hill fared well in extended action.

“I’m encouraged after this ballgame. I’m encouraged after the last four weeks,” Zimmer said. “If I was ticked off, I’d let them know. Trust me.”

Minnesota Vikings tight end Kyle Rudolph catches a pass in front of Saints linebacker Marti Te'o, right, on Sunday. The Vikings face a challenging five-week stretch that includes traveling to Chicago, New England and Seattle, as well as hosting games against Green Bay and Detroit.
GREEN BAY, Wis. — Ty Montgomery fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Los Angeles Rams running back Ty Montgomery with the ball 2:05 left in the game when Montgomery fumbled, denying the Packers a chance to drive for a winning field goal.

“I made a split-second decision,” Montgomery said. “I know that’s going to be the goal line, so I’m not going to take a knee on the goal line, at the half-yard line and take a chance at putting the game in the refs’ hands,” Montgomery said Monday.

“Unfortunately, I ended up fumbling the football. I don’t think we’d be having this conversation if I didn’t fumble the football because we know how good our 2-minute offense is,” he added. “But I’ve never been a guy to completely disobey what I’m being told.”

McCarthy said Monday that the call to take the touchback was relayed to the return unit in the huddle before the kickoff.

“To be at 2:05, that’s exactly what we’re looking for with the ability to stop the clock twice,” McCarthy said. “He made a mistake.”

“I gave no indication that the Packers are planning to cut Montgomery, who also said he’s unsure of his role on the team with fellow running backs Aaron Jones and Jamaal Williams getting more snaps.

“I don’t fully understand what my role is right now, what I’m supposed to be doing, how I’m supposed to help this team,” Montgomery said.

He acknowledged that he’d been directed to take the touchback, back, saying of special teams coordinator Ron Zook, “He said the same thing he always says: ‘Call the return, if it’s in the end zone, keep it in the end zone.’”

The roughly 10-minute Q&A session with Montgomery then segued into a discussion of an NFL.com story in which one anonymous player said Montgomery “threw a fit” when he was taken out of the game on offense on the previous series and that Montgomery “ran it out anyway” because he was upset.

Montgomery denied Monday that he threw a “tantrum” and said that he was “very disappointed” that the player criticized him anonymously. Montgomery said that he would like “that one player to come and speak to me.”

“It’s very frustrating that the perception in the media now is no one has my back. I’m insubordinate, I’m a cancer, whatever is out there,” Montgomery said, adding that he has gotten threats online.

“There’s a lot of stuff that’s not true that’s causing me to have to deal with false accusations about my character, perception about my character. I’ve never been one to throw teammates under the bus.”

“You guys know if you guys ever ask me questions about teammates, I always deflect it. I don’t like switching quarterbacks forever. ... Jameis will start against the Panthers (5-2).”

With help from a talented group of receivers including Desean Jackson, Chris Godwin and Adam Humphries, as well as tight ends O.J. Howard and Cameron Brate, Fitzpatrick became the first player in NFL history to throw for more than 400 yards in three consecutive games while helping the Bucs go 2-1 while Winston was suspended.

Fitzpatrick led three fourth-quarter scoring drives to erase an 18-point deficit at Cincinnati, but left Andy Dalton a little more than a minute to lead the Bengals down the field for a game-winning field goal as time expired.

“I don’t like switching quarterbacks. That’s not in my makeup,” Koetter said, noting the way Fitzpatrick performed Sunday.

Winston, who entered the NFL as the No. 1 overall pick in the 2015 draft, has 11 turnovers — 10 interceptions and one fumble in 3½ games since returning from a suspension for violating the league’s personal conduct policy.

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The 14th-year pro also started Week 4’s 48-10 loss at Chicago, but played poorly and was replaced by Winston with the Bucs trailing by 35 points at the half.

“Fitz is a leader, he’s our 2-minute offense, and he always has been,” Koetter said.

“We’re going to start Fitz at quarterback this week. That’s where we want to be, that’s why we gave ourselves the best chance,” Koetter said, adding Monday’s decision to turn to the quarterback this week. That’s what we’re looking for with the 2-minute offense.

The roughly 10-minute Q&A session with Montgomery then segued into a discussion of an NFL.com story in which one anonymous player said Montgomery “threw a fit” when he was taken out of the game on offense on the previous series and that Montgomery “ran it out anyway” because he was upset.

Montgomery denied Monday that he threw a “tantrum” and said that he was “very disappointed” that the player criticized him anonymously. Montgomery said that he would like “that one player to come and speak to me.”

“It’s very frustrating that the perception in the media now is no one has my back. I’m insubordinate, I’m a cancer, whatever is out there,” Montgomery said, adding that he has gotten threats online.

“There’s a lot of stuff that’s not true that’s causing me to have to deal with false accusations about my character, perception about my character. I’ve never been one to throw teammates under the bus.”

“You guys know if you guys ever ask me questions about teammates, I always deflect it. I don’t like switching quarterbacks forever. ... Jameis will start against the Panthers (5-2).”

With help from a talented group of receivers including Desean Jackson, Chris Godwin and Adam Humphries, as well as tight ends O.J. Howard and Cameron Brate, Fitzpatrick became the first player in NFL history to throw for more than 400 yards in three consecutive games while helping the Bucs go 2-1 while Winston was suspended.

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McCoy’s woes continue in Pats’ win

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ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Ever since he topped the 10,000 career yards rushing mark last season, LeSean McCoy set a “12K but objective.”

Bills running back McCoy had just 13 yards on 12 carries in continuing what’s been a season-long struggle for the 10th-year veteran on a 1-yard run and defensive end Keionta Davis during the first half Monday in Orchard Park.

The interception was the turning point. McCoy, who has missed one game this season, and two in their past five. Buffalo also hasn’t scored a touchdown in the first half since rookie quarterback Josh Allen scored on a 14-yard run in a 13-12 win against Tennessee on Oct. 7.

Kicker Stephen Hauschka accounted for all of Buffalo’s points by hitting 51- and 47-yard field goals.

Anderson hurt: The Bills might be down yet another quarterback after Anderson was escorted off the field after being sacked with 1:25 left. Coach Sean McDermott couldn’t provide any details on Anderson’s injury because the player was still being evaluated.

The 35-year-old went 22-for-39 for 290 yards passing with an interception and a lost fumble in making his second start in place of rookie Josh Allen, who is listed week to week with a sprained right elbow. Buffalo’s only other quarterback is Nathan Peterman, who lost the starting job after faltering in the first half of a 47-3 season-opening loss at Baltimore.

By the numbers: Brady improved to 29-3 against the Bills, extending his NFL record of most wins by a quarterback against one opponent. ... The Patriots have won at least six of their first eight for the sixth straight year. ... The Bills are off to their worst start since losing their first six in 2010. ... The Bills have lost seven straight games on Monday night since a 23-18 win at Miami in 1999.

McCoy, who has missed one game with a groin injury, has just 257 yards rushing through eight games. That’s 20 yards more than he had in his first two games with Philadelphia in 2013, when McCoy scored with an NFL-leading 1,607 yards rushing.

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MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings hit their stride last year well before midseason, using an eight-game winning streak to build a 13-3 record for the second seed in the NFC.

This year, the second half of the season is going to be much more difficult.

The challenge starts with the schedule. The next five games include trips to Chicago, New England and Seattle, with two division-leading foes and one of the toughest venues to play in. Detroit and Green Bay are the home opponents during that stretch, bringing two dangerous quarterbacks to U.S. Bank Stadium.

The Vikings are also 4-3-1, just behind the Bears in the NFC North and slightly ahead of the Packers, so they’ve squandered their margin for error.

“I’m not disappointed,” coach Mike Zimmer said. “It is what it is. We have eight more games to go, and that will determine what we end up doing.”

After losing 30-20 to New Orleans on Sunday night, the Vikings were mostly upset about the way they let the game slip away. They were in control late in the second quarter with a 13-10 lead, when Adam Thielen plunged forward for extra yardage and lost the ball at the 14-yard line. The Saints turned that fumble into a touchdown, making the potential cost of that rare

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