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U.S. soldiers stand near their residence area last week that was hit by Iranian missiles at al Asad Air Base in Anbar, Iraq. The Iranian attack came in retaliation for the U.S. drone strike that killed top Iranian commander Gen. Qassem Soleimani.

DOD makes \$35 trillion in accounting adjustments

By TONY CAPACCIO
Bloomberg

The Pentagon made \$35 trillion in accounting adjustments last year alone — a total that's larger than the entire U.S. economy and underscores the Defense Department's continuing difficulty in balancing its books.

The latest estimate is up from \$30.7 trillion in 2018 and \$29 trillion in 2017, the first year adjustments were tracked in a concerted way, according to Pentagon figures and a lawmaker who's pursued the accounting morass.

The figure dwarfs the \$738 billion of defense-related funding in the latest U.S. budget, a spending plan that includes the most expensive weapons systems in the world including the F-35 jet as well as new aircraft carriers, destroyers and submarines.

"Within that \$30 trillion is a lot of double, triple and quadruple counting of the same money as it got moved between accounts," said Todd Harrison, a Pentagon budget expert with the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The Defense Department acknowledged that it failed its first-ever audit in 2018 and then again last year, when it reviewed \$2.7 trillion in assets and \$2.6 trillion in liabilities. While auditors found no evidence of fraud in the review of finances that Congress required, they flagged a laundry list of problems, including accounting adjustments.

Although it gets scant public attention compared with airstrikes, troop deployments, sexual assault statistics or major weapons programs, the reliability of the Pentagon's financial statement is an indication of how effectively the military manages its resources considering that it receives over half of discretionary domestic spending.

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Trump minimizes severity of injuries as more troops leave Iraq for treatment

By STEVE BEYNON and COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday downplayed the injuries sustained by U.S. troops during the Iranian missile strikes on two military bases in Iraq as he was pressed by reporters about earlier claims no service members were hurt in the attacks.

"I heard they had headaches and a couple of other things. I can report it is not very serious," Trump said at a news conference in Davos, Switzerland, arguing that potential traumatic brain injuries are less severe than

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President Donald Trump

amputations.

On Friday, U.S. Central Command officials said 11 U.S. troops were suffering from head injuries from Iran's missile barrage on

the two Iraqi bases where American service members are deployed. The CENTCOM announcement was more than a week after the attack on Jan. 8. On Tuesday, CENTCOM officials acknowledged an additional number of troops had been transported from Iraq to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany for further medical treatment and evaluations related to the missile strikes. It was unclear Wednesday how many more service members were injured, and CENTCOM officials declined to answer questions about their conditions.

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Delta workers to get bonus worth 2 months' pay

By Jena McGregor

The Washington Post

Delta Air Lines' banner year — propelled by lower fuel prices, higher travel demand and no sidelined Boeing 737 Max planes in its fleet — led the carrier to beat earnings estimates and notch its 10th consecutive profitable year.

But those results won't just pay off for shareholders: The carrier said that employees are set to receive \$1.6 billion in cash payouts, its largest employee profit-shar-

ing pool on record and one that handily tops what many other companies offer their employees.

This year's pool translates into a 16.6% cash payout for eligible employees — or about two months' pay — which will be paid out on Valentine's Day. The payout represents the sixth year in a row that the airline has paid more than \$1 billion in profit-sharing.

Unlike individual incentive plans, profit-sharing plans are typically based on corporate profits rather than individual

performance and payable to all employees in major work groups.

Last year, United Airlines paid out \$334 million in profit-sharing, Southwest Airlines paid out \$544 million and American Airlines paid out \$175 million.

Delta spokeswoman Savannah Huddleston said the carrier's profit-sharing payout is available to all full-time, part-time or "ready reserve" employees other than officers and directors, who have a different compensation plan.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Jan. 23)	\$1.1378
Dollar buys (Jan. 23)	60.8789
British pound (Jan. 23)	\$1.35
Japanese yen (Jan. 23)	107.00
South Korean won (Jan. 23)	1,136.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.3127
Canada (Dollar)	1.3057
China (Yuan)	6.9058
Denmark (Krone)	6.7488
Egypt (Pound)	15.7679
Euro	\$1.1073/9031
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7725
Hungary (Forint)	302.54
Israel (Shekel)	3.4614
Japan (Yen)	109.89
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3037
Norway (Krone)	5.9975
Philippines (Peso)	51.00
Poland (Zloty)	3.82
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7512
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3480
South Korea (Won)	1,164.73

Switzerland (Franc)	0.9699
Thailand (Baht)	30.39
Turkey (New Lira)	4.8257

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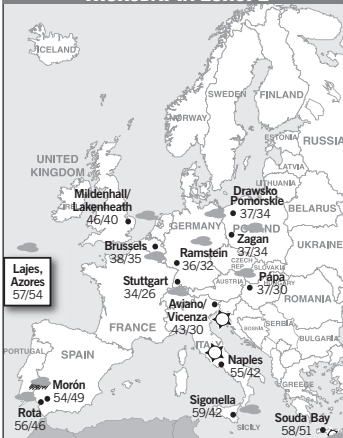
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3-month bill	1.53
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MILITARY

Large exercise in Europe kicks off at US motor pools

Soldiers begin loading tanks, military gear for transport to Continent for Defender-Europe

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany—The largest exercise in Europe for U.S. forces in 25 years will kick off Thursday at motor pools in the U.S., where soldiers will begin loading tanks and other gear for transport to the Continent, the Army said.

About 20,000 pieces of military equipment must be deployed from the U.S. for Defender-Europe 20, which will involve large-scale combat drills and test the military's ability to rapidly move large numbers of forces across the Atlantic Ocean.

Units from Fort Hood, Fort Bliss and Fort Stewart will load vehicles, heavy equipment and supplies for rail transport and on-road shipping, the Army said in a statement Tuesday. Defender-Europe will include about 20,000 U.S.-based soldiers, 9,000 European-based U.S. troops, and 8,000

troops from 17 allied nations, the Army said.

Once in Europe, personnel will take part in drills focused on defending NATO territory, such as the so-called Svalbaki Gap, a 40-mile stretch of border between Lithuania and Poland.

The Svalbaki Gap abuts the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad to the west, where thousands of Russian troops, heavy artillery and anti-aircraft missiles are based. East of the strategic border area lies Belarus, a former Soviet republic that remains closely allied with Moscow, although ties have become strained of late between Russian President Vladimir Putin and longtime Belarusian leader Alexander Lukashenko.

During Defender-Europe, which runs through July, quick response forces from the 82nd Airborne Division will rehearse how to fight their way into a country by parachuting into the Republic of



KELVIN RINGOLD/U.S. Army

Sgt. Maj. Erick M. Detrich, 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, hands in his duffel bag inventory sheet as he loads his bag into a connex at Fort Hood, Texas, on Jan. 13. The loading of tanks and other gear for transport to Europe marks the beginning of Defender-Europe 20, the largest exercise on the Continent for U.S. forces in 25 years.

Georgia, a NATO partner country that fought a brief war with Russia in 2008.

But before fights on mock battlefields begin this spring, the Army's logistical know-how will be tested on a scale not seen in Europe since the Cold War, when the Army routinely moved thousands of troops back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean for major exercises.

"It will be a dead sprint to move heavy equipment; deploy personnel; convoy wheeled vehicles; and get everyone enough food, water, and ammunition across several

European countries," Lt. Gen. Duane Gamble, the Army's deputy chief of staff for logistics, said in a statement.

U.S. Army Europe has been building up for an exercise like Defender for five years, conducting numerous troop rotations to the Continent as a way of reinforcing the U.S. military presence, which has dwindled in the post-Cold War era.

Army logisticians are working to make sure convoys meet European road standards and have proper authorizations from na-

tional authorities in the final run-up to Defender. Military convoys have faced difficulties in recent years with European laws, which can differ from country to country, and diplomatic clearances required to move heavy vehicles across borders.

"When soldiers arrive in Europe, there will be no great logistics infrastructure that will greet them," Gamble said. "Units must be able to do their job, at every echelon."

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USAF captain who was found dead was to be dismissed

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

An Air Force officer found dead of an apparent suicide after fleeing a court-martial was to be dismissed from the service, Air Force officials said.

Capt. Kevin Larson was convicted by a jury at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada on charges of drug use, possession and distribution, as well as assault, conduct unbecoming an officer and making a false official statement, officials said.

Larson, a drone pilot at Creech Air Force

Base, Nev., left court Friday prior to being sentenced and fled to California, where the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office joined the Air Force in its search for the fugitive officer after an arrest warrant was issued.

Larson was sentenced to dismissal from the Air Force, Creech spokeswoman 1st Lt. Scarlett Trujillo said in a statement.

A charge sheet for Larson's case was not immediately available, she said.

Larson, 33, eluded capture Saturday after an attempted traffic stop in California. A day later, his body was found about 30 yards from his vehicle, which Air Force

special agents had located on a secluded fire road in Redwood, Calif., the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

A single shot was heard as a drone surveyed the area where the vehicle was parked, the sheriff's office said.

"I extend my deepest sympathies to Kevin's friends and family as they come to terms with this loss," Col. Stephen Jones, commander of the 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing, said in a statement Tuesday.

"His death was an unexpected tragedy. No matter what his situation or actions, he

was a member of our Air Force family," Jones said.

A native of Spokane, Wash., Larson was assigned to the 867th Attack Squadron, a unit of the 432nd Wing/432nd Air Expeditionary Wing.

He began flying the MQ-1 Predator in 2013 and later became qualified on the MQ-9 Reaper in 2015, Trujillo said.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Detachment 206, is investigating Larson's death, officials said.

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Pentagon gives conditional OK to resume Saudi training in US

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon gave the Navy and other military services conditional approval to resume training of Saudi Arabian nationals in the U.S.

Delivery delay in South Korea

Because of the Lunar new year holiday, Friday's edition of Stars and Stripes will be delivered on Saturday in South Korea.

Operational training, such as flying and other non-classroom work, for the approximately 850 Saudis at multiple U.S. bases was suspended on Dec. 10. That was four days after one Saudi trainee shot and killed three U.S. Navy service members at Naval Air Station Pensacola in Florida.

Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist said in a memo dated Jan. 17 and released Tuesday that non-classroom training can resume once the military services have met certain conditions, including implementing a prohibition on the possession — on or off U.S. military property — of

privately owned firearms and ammunition by international military students and their families.

The military services must also ensure that all international military students are under continuous monitoring for potentially disqualifying behavior. The continuous monitoring, which was ordered last week by Defense Secretary Mark Esper, is intended to allow U.S. officials to pick up on signs of radicalization or other problematic behavior that might not have been apparent when the student entered the training program.

The military services must also

take steps to transition most international military students to credentials that limit physical access to those Defense Department facilities for which they have a bona fide requirement to access.

Norquist set no firm date for resumption of the training. It is up to the military services to meet the conditions first, and then notify the Pentagon agency that is responsible for overseeing international training programs.

Last week, the Justice Department announced that 21 Saudi military students were sent home after a review of all Saudi trainees. The 21, including an undisclosed

number at Pensacola, had jihadist or anti-American sentiments on social media pages or had "contact with child pornography," including in internet chat rooms, officials said. None is accused of having had advance knowledge of the Dec. 6 shooting or helped the gunman carry it out.

The shooting at Pensacola in which Saudi Air Force officer Mohammed Alshamrani killed three U.S. sailors and injured eight other people focused public attention on the presence of foreign students in American military training programs and exposed shortcomings in the screening of cadets.

MIDEAST

NATO chief seeks beefed-up training role in Iraq

By LORNE COOK
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg says the alliance must beef up its military training operation in Iraq to ensure that its members are not drawn back into combat there against Islamic State extremists.

Stoltenberg has held talks in recent days with senior Iraqi officials and King Abdullah of neighboring Jordan amid cautious optimism that NATO might



Stoltenberg

be permitted to resume its training activities in Iraq in the near future.

“We need to go heavy in and train,” Stoltenberg told members of the European Parliament in Brussels on Tuesday. “Build everything from the ministry of defense, institutions,

command and control to train forces. NATO can do that. We already do it, but we can scale up.”

NATO agreed in 2018 to launch a training mission in Iraq involving around 500 troops with the aim of building up the country's armed forces so that they could better combat extremist groups like ISIS.

But the operation was put on hold after a U.S. missile strike at Baghdad airport killed Iran's top general earlier this month and the Iraqi government demanded that foreign troops leave its ter-

ritory. As tensions mounted, President Donald Trump insisted that NATO should do more in the region.

There is little appetite among European allies and Canada to deploy troops, however, even though the United States is by far the biggest and most influential of the 29 NATO member countries.

While acknowledging that he opposed the Iraq War as a Norwegian lawmaker in 2003, Stoltenberg said on Tuesday that he thought “the West left a bit too early” and that ISIS took advan-

tage of the security vacuum by seizing vast swathes of territory in northern Iraq and Syria.

“I strongly believe that if we don't act now, we may be forced back in combat,” he told the parliamentarians. “We must prevent that from happening again, and therefore we need to build some local [security] capacity so they prevent ISIS from coming back.”

“If we don't do that, we will have a big problem for certain, and then we may end up 2-3 years down the road back in a big combat operation.”

Iran acknowledges Russian-made missiles targeted Ukraine jet

By JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran acknowledged on Tuesday that its armed forces fired two Russian anti-aircraft missiles at a Ukrainian jetliner that crashed after taking off from Tehran's main airport earlier this month, killing all 176 people on board.

The new preliminary report by Iran's Civil Aviation Organization did stop short of blaming the TOR-M1 for the crash of the Boe-

ing 737-800, flown by Ukraine International Airways.

For days after the Jan. 8 shoot-down, Iran denied that it fired missiles at the plane, initially blaming a technical malfunction and engine fire for the crash.

After the U.S. and Canada blamed missile fire for the crash, Iran's armed forces said that anti-aircraft fire from their paramilitary Revolutionary Guard had downed the flight.

The new report identified the missiles fired at the aircraft as

having come from a TOR-M1. In 2017, Iran received 29 TOR-M1 units from Russia under a contract worth an estimated \$700 million.

The report, however, said that “the impact of these missiles on the accident and the analysis of this action is under investigation.”

Surveillance footage obtained earlier by The Associated Press showed that two missiles were fired at the plane. The two minutes of footage purportedly shows

one missile streaking across the sky and exploding near the plane. Ten seconds later, another missile is fired. About 20 seconds after the first explosion, another strikes near the plane. A ball of flames then falls from the sky out of frame.

The Tor short-range air defense system, code-named the SA-15 by NATO, was designed during Soviet times to shoot down aircraft and precision-guided weapons. It is mounted on a tracked vehicle and carries a radar and a pack of

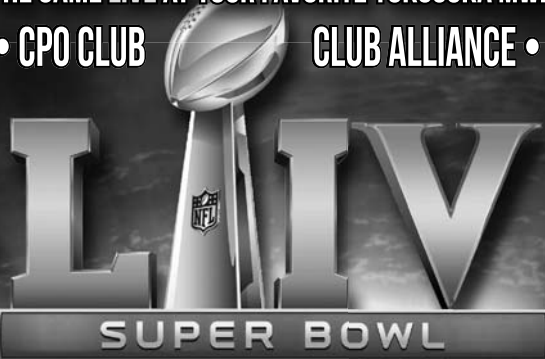
eight missiles. Tor has a range of up to 7.5 miles and can hit aerial targets at altitudes of up to about 19,700 feet.

Iranian officials have offered contradictory remarks on whether they will send the flight data and cockpit voice recorders abroad to be analyzed. The preliminary report by the Civil Aviation Organization said Iranian officials had asked French and American authorities to send “up-to-date equipment” to pull the data in Iran.

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Coast Guard officer accused of terror plot asks for leniency

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Federal prosecutors are recommending a 25-year prison sentence for a Coast Guard lieutenant accused of stockpiling guns and targeting Supreme Court justices, prominent Democrats and TV journalists for attacks inspired by racist killers.

But defense attorneys are seeking leniency for Christopher Hasson, disputing the government's claim that he is a domestic terrorist. Hasson's lawyers are urging a federal judge in Maryland to spare him a prison term and sentence him to jail time served since his arrest and three years of supervised release.

"Chris is eager to put this chapter behind him and try to rebuild his life," his lawyers wrote last week in court filing ahead of his sentencing hearing.

Hasson, 50, has pleaded guilty to gun and drug charges and is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 31. Ahead of the hearing, the prosecutors and defense lawyers explained their sentencing recommendations in separate memos filed last week.

Prosecutors say Hasson is a white nationalist intent on carrying out mass killings, but they filed no terrorism-related charges against him after his February 2019 arrest.

Hasson's lawyers provided the court with a report prepared by Stephen Hart, an expert in violence risk assessment. Hart examined the evidence cited by prosecutors and rejected their theory that Hasson intended to carry out an attack.

Investigators found 15 guns, including seven rifles, and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition at Hasson's basement apartment in Silver Spring, Md. He researched how to make homemade bombs, studied sniper training and used his government computer to search for information about Nazis and Adolf Hitler, prosecutors said.

In a 2017 letter he sent to himself as a draft and apparently wrote to a neo-Nazi leader, Hasson identified himself as a white nationalist for over 30 years and "advocated for 'focused violence' in order to establish a white homeland," according to prosecutors.

Hasson pleaded guilty in October to possessing unregistered and unserialized silencers, being a drug addict in possession of firearms and illegal possession of tramadol, an opioid painkiller.

Hasson, a married father of two grown children, faces a maximum of 31 years in prison.

Hasson's lawyers say he missed the camaraderie of military service after leaving the Marine Corps in 1994 and started hanging out with "people in the punk rock world," many of whom identified as white supremacists. But his lawyers say Hasson cut ties with most of those people and joined the Army National Guard in Virginia less than six months after he left the Marine Corps.

Hasson worked at Coast Guard headquarters on a program to acquire advanced new cutters for the agency. He has remained on active duty pending the outcome of the criminal case.

Alaska researcher studies effects of depleted uranium

Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — A southeast Alaska native interested in the public health effects of radiation says she has found a connection between the Marshall Islands and southern Iraq through radioactivity.

Skagway native Shelby Surdyk presented information Thursday on the public health effects of depleted uranium rounds in Iraq after doctors reported seeing congenital birth defects in kids born in the region, Juneau Empire reported.

"Although the data suggest that there is a connection between uranium and adverse health outcomes in Iraq, the data is uncertain," Surdyk said. "We didn't find the condemning evidence that I'd hoped for, mostly because of the high risk of bias."

Surdyk became interested in radioactivity from a high school teacher who studied the same thing in the Marshall Islands and later went on to study at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, she said.

Children in Iraq were displaying the same birth defects as children born in the Marshall Islands, which was used as a nuclear test site in the 1940s and 1950s by the U.S. government, she found.

"I felt like I was participating in the production of knowledge, but I wasn't affecting change. I wanted to do something

positive, make some change," Surdyk said.

Enriched uranium is used in nuclear reactors or nuclear weapons and uranium that is not enriched is called depleted uranium. Both types of uranium are radioactive, meaning it emits energy harmful to humans.

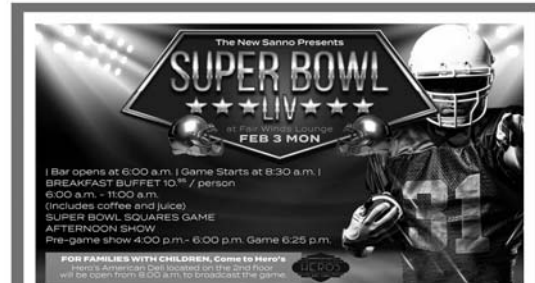
Depleted uranium has been used to make anti-tank munitions and tank armor, Surdyk said.

"It's one of the densest materials known to man," she said. "For all those reasons, including its abundance and low price, the U.S. began experimenting with it."

Uranium can become aerosolized and aerosolized uranium can also leach into water, Surdyk said.

Since completing her master's studies, Surdyk returned to Alaska and is currently organizing an April conference for the Alaska Youth Congress for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, which will host students from nuclear-affected countries, including the Marshall Islands.

"I don't think that I can walk away from nuclear activism," Surdyk said. "Even though it can feel remote to be here in Alaska, I think Alaskans can still have a powerful voice on the national and international stage and it's important that young people know that."



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MILITARY

Use of ecstasy for PTSD therapy to expand

By NIKKI WENTLING
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Iraq War veteran Jonathan Lubecky was deployed to Balad Air Base in 2006, where mortar attacks became part of daily life.

During one enemy strike, Lubecky was knocked unconscious, suffering a traumatic brain injury. His overall combat experience resulted in post-traumatic stress disorder.

After leaving the Army in 2009, he tried many treatments, including exposure therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy and several types of antidepressants — but nothing lessened his symptoms of PTSD. The pain became so overwhelming, Lubecky attempted suicide five times in eight years. He said when he wasn't attempting to kill himself, he was thinking about it.

In 2014, Lubecky tried something new. He volunteered for a clinical trial of MDMA, the illegal psychedelic drug commonly known as molly or ecstasy. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2017 designated MDMA as a "breakthrough therapy" to treat PTSD and last week said it would allow more people to access the treatment.

"I already had five suicide attempts. I put a gun to my head twice and pulled the trigger," Lubecky said. "I figured I was going to die anyway, that I might as well

try ecstasy. And then it worked."

Lubecky, a retired sergeant, took a dose of ecstasy, and then was guided through eight hours of intensive psychotherapy. He repeated the process two more times. The drug, which enhances feelings of empathy and euphoria while blocking the brain's ability to process fear, "broke down the barriers" that previously prevented Lubecky from opening up to therapists, he said.

During those 24 hours of therapy, he talked about all of his traumas: his combat experience, divorce and multiple suicide attempts, among other things.

After the first session, Lubecky said he had fewer suicidal thoughts. He eventually went one full day without thinking of killing himself, then two. Five years after he completed the clinical trial, Lubecky no longer meets the qualifications for a PTSD diagnosis.

"The MDMA puts the mind, body and spirit in a place it needs to be in order to heal," he said. "It's like doing therapy while being hugged by everyone who loves you in a bathtub full of puppies licking your face. That's the best way I've been able to describe it."

The study is sponsored by the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, or MAPS, a nonprofit that formed in 1986 to fund research of the drug after MDMA was made illegal.

The group announced Friday that MDMA-assisted psychotherapy will soon be available to more people. The FDA granted expanded access for the treatment, meaning patients outside of the clinical trials will be able to receive it.

Also known as "compassionate use," expanded access allows people facing a serious or life-threatening condition to undergo experimental therapies that could help them. In this case, the treatment will be made available to an additional 50 people at 10 sites across the country. The sites will be announced in the next few months.

MAPS has already received 120 applications for people seeking the treatment in their area.

At the same time, MAPS stands up the expanded access program. It's continuing with Phase 3 of the clinical trials at 15 sites in the United States, Canada and Israel. The trials are expected to be completed in 2021, and the FDA could approve the treatment in 2022.

The study has so far shown positive results. A Phase 2 trial near Charleston, S.C., of which Lubecky was part, resulted in 68% of participants no longer showing PTSD symptoms after their second session. Of the 26 participants in that study, 22 were veterans.

The veteran population experiences PTSD at a higher rate than the rest of the population. The VA estimates between 11%

and 20% of veterans who served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have PTSD, compared with about 7% to 8% of the general U.S. population.

No longer experiencing PTSD symptoms, Lubecky dedicates his time to advocating for the treatment, getting more veterans involved and changing the way society talks about mental illness.

He works for MAPS as a veterans and government affairs liaison and often speaks about his experience with the MDMA-assisted psychotherapy. Instead of a lifelong illness, he wants people to think of PTSD as a mental injury that can be healed.

"We've all been told this is a chronic, lifelong mental illness, that our symptoms can be addressed but we can't make it go away," Lubecky said. "MAPS and this MDMA therapy have shown that we can heal it."

If he hadn't participated in the trial, Lubecky believes he would have died by suicide.

"I'd be in Arlington cemetery," he said. "The biggest impact on this has been my stepson. It's the reason he has a father instead of a folded flag."

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Al Udeid arrival

A C-130J Super Hercules with the 1st Expeditionary Rescue Group sits on the flight line at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, on Jan. 16. The C-130J Super Hercules is capable of operating from rough, dirt strips and can be outfitted to provide airlift support, aeromedical missions, weather reconnaissance and more.

S. Korean military to discharge trans soldier

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — In a precedent-setting case, South Korea's military decided Wednesday to discharge a transgender soldier who underwent sex reassignment surgery while on leave.

The staff sergeant, who identified herself as a tank driver named Byun Hui-soo, pleaded with the military to reverse the decision and allow her to serve as a female soldier.

"I want to show that I can protect that nation as an excellent soldier regardless of my gender identity," she said, appearing in uniform at a press conference after the decision was announced in Seoul. "Please give me that chance."

The case was widely seen as a test for policies toward LGBT troops in South Korea, a socially conservative country that requires most able-bodied men to serve nearly two years in the military.

Byun, who is in her 20s and voluntarily enlisted in the army as a man in 2017, said serving in the military had been her childhood dream.

The staff sergeant said she decided to have sex reassignment surgery in Thailand in November after suffering an extended period of depression due to gender dysphoria.

"I am well aware that the military isn't ready yet to accept transgender soldiers, but the military is making progress toward respecting human rights," she was quoted as saying by the Yonhap News Agency.

"If the military properly assigns me based upon my unique experiences, however, it could create posi-



Byun

tive effects for the military as a whole," she said.

An army committee issued the discharge ruling after a meeting on Wednesday, noting that it made the decision in accordance with due process and results of a medical examination, according to a statement.

"The reason is an inability to serve under existing laws," the army said, promising to continue to make efforts to protect the human rights of service members and to prevent discrimination.

It didn't elaborate, but South Korea media reported that the military's medical team had declared the officer to be "handicapped" because of the lack of male genitalia.

The Ministry of National Defense said last week this was the first time a transgender case was being brought before a committee.

The case was reminiscent of a similar debate in the United States, where President Donald Trump's administration has banned most transgender recruits from joining the military, while allowing those already serving to remain.

South Korea's military laws don't explicitly ban LGBT troops from serving, but they do provide for punishment of up to two years in prison for sexual intercourse between men or "any other indecent" act.

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Ex-CIA contractor defends post-9/11 interrogations

Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — An architect of the CIA interrogation and detention program developed after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks defended the agency and its practices on Tuesday as those techniques become the focus of an effort to dismiss key evidence against five men charged in the terrorist plot.

James Mitchell spent the first day of what is expected to be at least a week of questioning by defense teams at the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, providing details about the CIA's interrogation program as well as what he said was the "context" necessary to understand it.

The CIA was the "tip of the spear" in the months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and was urgently trying to gather vital intelligence using techniques that had been authorized by the U.S. government, the retired Air Force psychologist told the court.

"We were trying to save American lives," Mitchell said.

Mitchell is facing questions now because lawyers for the five men accused of planning and providing logistical support for the Sept. 11 attacks are seeking to prevent the government from using statements the defendants gave to the FBI as evidence against them in a war crimes trial scheduled to start next January at the U.S. base in Cuba.

The testimony in Guantanamo is an important milestone in the Sept. 11 war crimes proceedings, which have been bogged down in the pretrial phase since the May 2012 arraignment.

The five defendants, who include the self-proclaimed mastermind of the Sept. 11 hijacking plot, were subjected to waterboarding and other methods now widely regarded as torture. Mitchell, who helped develop the program with another private contractor and others, insisted the CIA feared "another catastrophic attack," possibly involving nuclear weapons, and was trying to stop it.

"My sole focus was stopping the next attack," he said.

Mitchell agreed to come to Guantanamo to testify without a subpoena to give his version of events, which he also detailed in a book, called "Enhanced Interrogation," that he co-wrote with a CIA spokesman.

"I'm happy to talk about my role in the program and what the program did," he told the court.

At times, however, he appeared to bristle at the



ALEX BRANDON/AP

James Mitchell, an architect of the CIA interrogation and detention program developed after the 9/11 attacks, defended the agency and its practices in testimony at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, above, Tuesday, as those techniques become the focus of an effort to dismiss key evidence against men charged in the terrorist plot.

questioning. When defense lawyer James Connell thanked him for coming to court, he replied, "I did it for the victims and families, not for you."

Mitchell and another psychologist, Bruce Jessen, were contracted by the CIA to develop the interrogation program, which also included intense sleep deprivation, confinement in a small box, prolonged shackling in "stress positions," and being doused with cold water.

Defense lawyers for the five men charged in the attacks have called the contractors, who observed and took part in interrogations at clandestine CIA sites, as witnesses in an effort to disqualify statements the defendants made to the FBI after they were transferred to Guantanamo in September 2006.

The defendants include Khalid Shaikh Mohamed, an al-Qaida operative who has portrayed himself as the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks. All five face the death penalty if convicted of charges that include terrorism and nearly 3,000 counts of murder for their alleged roles planning and providing logistical support to the hijacking plot.

Injuries: Analyst takes exception to Trump's portrayal of TBI

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"I don't consider them very serious injuries relative to other injuries that I've seen," Trump said, comparing them to troops losing limbs in combat. "No, I do not consider them bad injuries."

The newly evacuated troops were transported from Iraq "out of an abundance of caution" and would be treated on an "outpatient basis," CENTCOM said in a statement. Most of the troops whom Pentagon officials said last week had been removed from Iraq were sent to Landstuhl, though three of them were sent to Kuwait.

Trump originally claimed the day after the attack that no Americans were harmed in the Iranian missile strikes, which came in retaliation for a U.S. drone strike in Iraq that killed Qassem Soleimani, Iran's top military general. No American deaths or injuries

in the attack was cited by Trump as a primary reason not to escalate hostilities with Iran by retaliating with another U.S. military strike.

On Friday, Pentagon officials said Defense Secretary Mark Esper had only learned of the head injuries a day earlier. They said troops who were evacuated left Iraq under their own power on regularly scheduled flights. The facilities where they were located within Iraq did not have advanced medical screening tools — such as MRI machines — to evaluate their injuries, the officials said.

According to the Defense Department, a head injury suffered in combat entitles a service member to a Purple Heart, an award to recognize wounds inflicted by an enemy combatant. It remained unclear Wednesday if any service members on the bases attacked by Iran would receive the Purple

Heart or other combat awards. Pentagon and other defense officials declined to discuss any potential awards.

Head injuries constitute the most common injury among post-9/11 veterans with more than 408,000 traumatic brain injuries reported worldwide between 2000 and early 2019, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. They can be caused by roadside bombs, rocket-propelled grenades, training incidents and falls. TBI could cause a number of conditions from headaches, irritability and sleep disorders to memory problems, slower thinking and depression, according to the VA. Symptoms could lead to long-term mental and physical health problems that impair a veteran's employment and family relationships, and their reintegration into civilian life.

The Rand Corp., a California-based think tank that provides

Accounting: DOD says it has fewer unsupported adjustments

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The military services make adjustments, some automatic and some manual, on a monthly and quarterly basis, and those actions are consolidated by the Pentagon's primary finance and accounting service and submitted to the Treasury.

There were 546,433 adjustments in fiscal 2017 and 562,568 in 2018, according to figures provided by Rep. Jackie Speier, who asked the Government Accountability Office to investigate. The watchdog agency will release a report on the subject Wednesday after reviewing more than 200,000 fourth-quarter 2018 adjustments totaling \$15 trillion.

The "combined errors, short-hand and sloppy record-keeping by DOD accounts do add up to a number nearly 1.5 times the size of the U.S. economy," said Speier, a California Democrat. The report shows the Pentagon "employs accounting adjustments like a contractor paints over mold. Their priority is making the situation look manageable, not solving the underlying problem," she said.

Mark Easton, the Defense Department's deputy chief financial officer, wrote the GAO that in response to its audit the department "is actively developing strategies" to reduce accounting adjustments.

Pentagon spokesman Christopher Sherwood said that "annually, DOD has hundreds of billions of dollars of financial activity, and accounting adjustments are sometimes used to record activity in our financial reporting systems due to a lack of system capabilities or interfaces."

Many of these older systems "were designed without consideration for current financial accounting standards," Sherwood said. What's most important to

an auditor is whether the adjustments "are properly supported" because "properly supported adjustments ensure financial statement values are accurate. We have made significant progress in reducing the number and dollar value of unsupported adjustments by over 30% and 70%, respectively," he said.

As an example of how the dollar figures multiply, Sherwood said recognizing \$800 million due a contractor in previously unrecorded payments "requires multiple accounting adjustments that net to \$0 but could total over \$5 billion" in movement between accounts.

The GAO estimated based on a sample that at least 96% of 181,947 automatic adjustments made in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018 "didn't have adequate supporting documentation."

"In layman's terms, this means that the DOD made adjustments to accounting records without having documentation to support the need or amount for the adjustment," said Dwyana Allen, spokeswoman for the Pentagon's inspector general. "The size and scope of unsupported adjustments is deeply concerning because it tells a story of poor internal controls and lack of financial data integrity."

While the Defense Department couldn't "adequately support all accounting adjustments, that does not mean they were inaccurate or erroneous," said Allen. But "because the DOD could not provide support, the auditors could not draw conclusions regarding the adjustments."

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NATION

Dems urge removal as Trump trial starts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate began hearing opening arguments Wednesday in President Donald Trump's impeachment trial with proceedings now on a fast track. First up, Democratic House managers making their case that Trump abused his presidential power and should be removed from office.

After late-night deliberations over the rules almost ensured no new witnesses will be heard, the trial picked up speed. There were few signs of Republican resistance to quickly assessing, and voting, on charges related to Trump's dealings with Ukraine.

Senators rejected all attempts to bring in new witnesses — including top Trump aides — and are likely to do so again next week, shutting out any chance of new testimony.

Chief Justice John Roberts gavled open the session as senators settled in for several long days of proceedings.

Trump, who was in Davos, Switzerland, attending a global economic forum, suggested he would be open to his advisers testifying, then quickly backtracked, saying there were "national security" concerns that would stand in the way.

"I'll leave that to the Senate," Trump said on the question of witnesses.

The trial marks just the third time the Senate has weighed whether an American president should be removed from office. Democrats argue Trump abused his office by asking Ukraine to investigate political rivals while withholding crucial military aid, and also obstructed Congress by refusing to turn over documents or allow officials to testify in the House probe. Republicans have defended Trump's actions and cast the process as a politically motivated effort to weaken the president in the midst of his reelection campaign.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and leader of the prosecution team, launched into opening arguments referring to Alexander Hamilton and the country's other Founding Fathers who wrote impeachment into the Constitution.

"We are here today in this hallowed chamber, undertaking this solemn action for only the third time in history because Donald J. Trump, the 45th president of the United States, has acted precisely as Hamilton and his contemporaries feared," Schiff said.

The House prosecutors will have 24 hours over the next three days to present their case. The president's lawyers will follow with another 24 hours over three days to mount a defense. They are expected to take only Sunday off.

After that, there will be 16 hours for senators, who must sit quietly at their desks, no speeches or cellphones, to ask written questions, and another four hours for deliberations.



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House Democratic impeachment managers — from left, House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, Rep. Zoe Lofgren, Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler and Rep. Hakeem Jeffries — approach the microphones to speak to the media Wednesday.



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Sen. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, center, arrives at the Capitol on Wednesday for President Donald Trump's impeachment trial.

By the end of next week there is expected to be one last vote on whether or not they want to hear from more witnesses, and it appears increasingly likely that will be the end.

The trial opened Tuesday and wrangling over the rules stretched late into the night, with Republicans shooting down one-by-one Democratic efforts to get Trump aides including former national security adviser John Bolton, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and acting chief of staff

Mick Mulvaney, to testify as witnesses.

The trial began with a setback for Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell, who backed off his plans to limit each side's arguments to two days. But the GOP remained united in battling back Democratic requests for witnesses and ultimately approved a rules package that pushes off a final decision on whether or not to seek additional testimony until later in the trial.

Senate Democratic Leader

Chuck Schumer bemoaned the limitations, saying the impeachment trial "begins with a cloud hanging over it, a cloud of unfairness."

Republicans were eager for a swift trial. Yet Trump's legal team passed on an opportunity to file a motion to dismiss the case Wednesday, an acknowledgment that there were not enough Republican votes to support it.

Procedural wrangling and political posturing dominated the trial's opening.

"It's not our job to make it easy for you," Schiff told the Senate. "Our job is to make it hard to deprive the American people of a fair trial."

White House counsel Pat Cipollone, the president's lead lawyer, called the trial "a farce." He scoffed that the House charges against Trump were "ridiculous."

The White House legal team did not dispute Trump's actions, when he called Ukraine and asked for a "favor," which was to investigate Biden as he withheld military aid the ally desperately needed as it faced off with hostile Russia on its border. But the lawyers insisted the president did nothing wrong.

"Absolutely no case," Cipollone said.

In Davos, Trump repeated his attacks on Democratic House managers serving as prosecutors in the trial, saying that he'd like to "sit right in the front row and stare at their corrupt faces" on the Senate floor during the trial but that his attorneys might have a problem with it.

And he said he wants to deliver the State of the Union as scheduled Feb. 4 even if the trial is ongoing, calling the address "very important to what I am doing" in setting his administration's agenda.

The impeachment trial is set against the backdrop of the 2020 election. All four senators who are Democratic presidential candidates were off the campaign trail, seated as jurors.

NATION



RICHARD SHOTWELL, INVISION/AF

Hillary Clinton participates in the Hulu "Hillary" panel during the Winter 2020 Television Critics Association Press Tour, on Friday in Pasadena, Calif. In an about-face, Clinton said Tuesday she would endorse Bernie Sanders if he wins the Democratic nomination.

In reversal, Clinton says if Sanders is pick, she'll back him

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an abrupt about-face, Hillary Clinton said Tuesday night that she would endorse her 2016 rival Bernie Sanders if he wins the Democratic nomination to face President Donald Trump in November.

The former secretary of state had earlier refused to say whether she would endorse Sanders in an interview with The Hollywood Reporter published Tuesday, instead telling the outlet: "I'm not going to go there yet." She had also offered a broad condemnation of the progressive candidate's style of politics.

"I thought everyone wanted my authentic, unvarnished views!" Clinton tweeted Tuesday night. "But, to be serious, the number one priority for our country and world is retiring Trump, and, as I always have, I will do whatever I can to support our nominee."

Her initial comments ripped open the scars of the brutal 2016 primary battle between Sanders and Clinton just as Democrats are poised to begin voting on their next nominee. Sanders' loyalists believed the Democratic establishment had rigged the primary in favor of Clinton, who won the nomination but ended up losing the general election to Trump.

For her part, Clinton wrote in her memoir "What Happened" after her 2016 defeat that she felt some of Sanders' criticism of her had helped propel Trump to victory, and she begrudged Sanders for not backing her campaign quickly enough after she sewed up the nomination. In the Hollywood Reporter interview, she accused Sanders of fostering a toxic culture in his campaign.

"We're still in a very vigorous primary season. I will say, however, that it's not only him, it's the culture around him. It's his leadership team," Clinton had said. Then, referring to a cadre of aggressive, online Sanders backers, she continued: "It's his prominent supporters. It's his online Bernie Bros and their relentless attacks on lots of his competitors, particularly the women."

She added in the interview: "I really hope people are paying attention to that because it should be worrisome that he has permitted this culture — not only permitted, (he) seems to really be very much supporting it."

Sanders, like other senators who are running for president, was in Washington on Tuesday to participate in President Donald Trump's impeachment trial. He refused to comment on Clinton's critical comments, saying only in a statement, "Together, we are going to go forward and defeat the most dangerous president in American history."

Even before Clinton's evening tweet, her aides had sought to minimize any fallout from her comments. Nick Merrill, Clinton's spokesman, tweeted that "we all need to work our heart out for the nominee, whoever that is, and @HillaryClinton, as usual, won't be any exception."

Still, the tension between Clinton and Sanders is evident. In the interview, Clinton was asked about comments she makes in an upcoming documentary in which she says Sanders has been in Congress for years but "nobody likes him, nobody wants to work with him, he got nothing done."

Asked if that assessment still holds, she said "yes."

In industrial Iowa, Dems running against Trump

Associated Press

MOUNT PLEASANT, Iowa — Since their surprise loss to Donald Trump in 2016, Democrats have struggled with how to regain territory that long supported the party before suddenly flipping to Republicans. Their answer could lie with voters like Martie Boyd.

The 71-year-old retired insurance worker is a lifelong Republican who supported Trump for president in 2016 but says she won't do it again. Even better for Democrats, she lives in Danville, a tiny town in Des Moines County, one of 31 Iowa counties that backed Barack Obama in 2012 before switching to Trump.

"I wish I hadn't wasted my vote," Boyd said Tuesday after watching Pete Buttigieg speak at Iowa Wesleyan University. "Not this time. I'm definitely caucusing for a Democrat and voting for one in the fall."

As Buttigieg campaigned throughout this swath of southeast Iowa, voters like Boyd were at the front of his mind. He and his fellow Democratic candidates are hoping to lure them not just to win the upcoming Iowa caucuses but to prove to voters in the states that follow that they have the unique ability to win in places that shifted from the Dem-

ocrat Obama to the Republican Trump.

"I'm not only meeting fellow Democrats who have been working hard for that day here, but independents who can't wait for that day and an awful lot of what I like to call future former Republicans who are more than welcome to join us," Buttigieg said.

Iowa is home to more counties that pivoted from Obama to Trump than any other state. And over the past month alone, White House hopefuls have made more than a dozen stops in these counties to prove they're serious about defeating Trump.

"The No. 1 issue on caucusgoers' minds is who is the best candidate to take on Trump, and campaigning in these counties that switched from Obama to Trump is a good way to show that you're that candidate," said Jeff Link, who advised Obama's successful 2008 Iowa campaign.

The vast majority of these counties are in eastern Iowa and follow a pattern concentrated throughout the upper Midwest, including southeast Minnesota, southwest Wisconsin and northwest Illinois. These regions cover either once-thriving industrial river counties or those whose economies fed and depended on them.

In Iowa, they hug the Mississippi River beginning north of Dubuque County and wind southward to include once-robust industrial river hubs where the big equipment manufacturing that fueled the economy has dwindled with the population. The ensuing anxiety has been a major driver of the partisan shift, according to Norm Stenzenbach, a veteran Iowa strategist who is advising Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar's campaign in the state.

But part of the problem, Stenzenbach said, was that the party took many of these ancestral Democratic areas for granted. "As Democrats, we haven't done a great job at communicating our message to these voters in a way that shows that we understand what they're going through," he said.

Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders have also swung through these counties in recent weeks, making the similar case that they're the most electable candidate in a general election.

"When you look at this election, for some people who may not agree with everything we've said, it's a patriotism check for them, it's a decency check, it's a values check," Klobuchar said.



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., left, said that, if elected president, she would seek the resignations of President Donald Trump's political appointees and void contracts that "arose as the result of corruption."

Warren wants task force to probe Trump administration

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Elizabeth Warren says she'll create a federal task force to investigate corruption during the Trump administration if she's elected president.

The Massachusetts senator on Tuesday released a plan that her campaign says will "restore integrity and competence" to government after President Donald Trump. She said that an independent task force would operate within the Justice Department

and hold the previous administration's officials "accountable for illegal activity."

Warren also plans to ask for the resignations of all Trump political appointees and void any federal contracts that "arose as the result of corruption."

Warren's campaign also notes, however, the task force's authority would be limited and that Justice Department personnel would have independent prosecuting authority, meaning the White House wouldn't direct its work.

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Lizzie Chimiugak, right, the first American counted in the 2020 Census, lives in Toksook Bay, Alaska.

At 90, Alaska Native woman is first counted in US Census

Associated Press

TKOSOOK BAY, Alaska — Lizzie Chimiugak has lived for 90 years in the windswept western wilds of Alaska, born to a nomadic family who lived in mud homes and followed where the good hunting and fishing led.

Her home now is an outpost on the Bering Sea, Toksook Bay, and on Tuesday she became the first person counted in the U.S. Census, taken every 10 years to apportion representation in Congress and federal money.

"Elders that were before me, if they didn't die too early, I wouldn't have been the first person counted," Lizzie Chimiugak said, speaking Yup'ik language of Yugtun. "Right now, they're considering me as an elder, and they're asking me questions I'm trying my best to give answers to."

The decennial U.S. census has started in rural Alaska, out of tradition and necessity, ever since the U.S. purchased the territory from Russia in 1867. The ground is still frozen, which allows easier access before the spring melt makes many areas inaccessible to travel and residents scatter

to subsistence hunting and fishing grounds. The mail service is spotty in rural Alaska and the internet connectivity unreliable, which makes door-to-door surveying important.

The rest of the nation, including more urban areas of Alaska, begin the census in mid-March. On Tuesday, Steven Dillingham, director of the census bureau, conducted the first interview after riding on the back of a snowmobile from the airport to Chimiugak's home.

"The 2020 Census has begun," he told reporters after conducting the first interview with Chimiugak. Dillingham was hours late getting to Toksook Bay because weather delayed his flight. Conditions didn't improve, and he spent about an hour in the community before being rushed back to the airport.

After the count, a celebration took place at Nelson Island School and included the Nelson Island High School Dancers, an Alaska Native drum and dance group.

Robert Pitka, tribal administrator for Nunakuyuk Traditional Council, hopes the takeaway message for the rest of the nation is of Yup'ik pride.

"We are Yup'ik people and that the world will see that we are very strong in our culture and our traditions and that our Yup'ik language is very strong," he said.

For Chimiugak, she has concerns about climate change and what it might do to future generations of subsistence hunters and fishers in the community, and what it will do to the fish and animals.

Chimiugak and her husband, George, who died about 30 years ago, settled in Toksook Bay in 1964.

She did janitorial work and babysat. She taught children manners and responsibility and continued the oral tradition of telling them stories with a storyknife.

Chimiugak used a knife in the mud to illustrate her stories to schoolchildren. She drew figures for people or homes. At the end of the story, she'd use the knife to wipe away the pictures and start the next story with a clean slate.

"She's a great teacher, you know, giving us reminders of how we're supposed to be, ... and taking care of our family and respecting our parents," said her granddaughter, Alice Tulik.

Officials: Group wanted rally to start civil war

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A hidden camera captured members of a white supremacist group expressing hope that violence at a gun rights rally in Virginia this week could start a civil war, federal prosecutors said in a court filing Tuesday.

Former Canadian Armed Forces reservist Patrick Jordan Mathews, 27, also videotaped himself advocating for killing people, poisoning water supplies and derailing trains, a prosecutor wrote in urging a judge in Maryland to keep Mathews and two other members of The Base detained in federal custody.

But Mathews didn't know investigators were watching and listening when he and two other group members talked about attending the Richmond rally in the days leading up to Monday's event, which drew thousands of people and ended peacefully.

Last month, a closed-circuit television camera and microphone installed by investigators in a Delaware home captured Mathews talking about the Virginia rally as a "boundless" opportunity.

"And the thing is you've got tons of guys who ... should be radicalized enough to know that all you gotta do is start making things go wrong and if Virginia can spiral out to (explosive) full blown civil war," he said.

Mathews and fellow group member Brian Mark Lemley Jr., 33, of Elkton, Md., discussed the planning of violence at the Richmond rally, according to prosecutors.

"I need to claim my first victim," Lemley said, according to Tuesday's detention memo.

"We could essentially like be literally hunting people," Mathews said, according to prosecutors.

Lemley talked about ambushing a police officer, saying, "If there's like a PoPo cruiser parked on the street and he doesn't have backup, I can execute him at a whim and just take his stuff," according to prosecutors.

FBI agents arrested Mathews, Lemley and William Garfield Bilbrough IV, 19, of Denton, Md., last Thursday as part of a broader investigation of The Base. Authorities in Georgia and Wisconsin also arrested four men linked to the group.

Mathews and Lemley are charged with transporting a firearm and ammunition with intent to commit a felony. Bilbrough is charged with "transporting and harboring aliens."

Mathews, who was a combat engineer in the Canadian Army Reserve, illegally crossed the U.S. border near Minnesota in August after news reports identifying him as a member of The Base.

Investigators believe Bilbrough and Lemley, who was a "cavalry scout" in the U.S. Army, drove from Maryland to Michigan to pick up Mathews.

On Jan. 5, Mathews and Lemley returned to the Delaware home from a gun range in Maryland and began packing items that investigators believe they planned to use during and after the Virginia rally, court documents said.

Lemley said he thought they'd have enough food "til the war is over," according to the filing.

The Anti-Defamation League said members of The Base and other white supremacist groups have frequently posted online messages advocating for "accelerationism," a fringe philosophy in which far-right extremists "have assigned to their desire to hasten the collapse of society as we know it."

Supreme Court case looms large for rivals in abortion debate

By DAVID CRARY

Associated Press

Anti-abortion activists gather this week in Washington for their annual March for Life, eager to cheer on a continuing wave of federal and state abortion restrictions.

Many activists on both sides of the debate are already looking ahead to March 4, however, when the U.S. Supreme Court hears its first major abortion case since the addition of two justices appointed by President Donald Trump.

The case is likely to reveal whether the court is more conservative since the arrival of

Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh — is now willing to weaken the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that established a nationwide right to abortion.

At issue is a Louisiana law requiring doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. The law is similar to one in Texas that the Supreme Court struck down in 2016. Abortion opponents hope the reconfigured court will allow it to take effect.

The Trump administration has sided with Louisiana in the case, arguing in a recent Justice Department brief that the contested law should be accepted.

"We're really looking forward to the oral arguments to see how the court weighs in," said Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life.

Nancy Northup, CEO of the Center for Reproductive Rights, said it was "alarming" that the administration — along with more than 200 Republican members of Congress — now supports a restriction that was struck down by the high court as an undue burden on women seeking abortion.

"What was true about this undue burden in 2016 remains true today," she said. "All that has changed is the election of a president who ran on a promise to re-

verse Roe v. Wade."

The March for Life is scheduled for Friday, two days after the 47th anniversary of the Roe decision. Its theme this year is "Life Empowers: Pro-Life Is Pro-Woman" — an effort to link the march to the women's suffrage movement ahead of 100th anniversary celebrations later this year for the 19th Amendment that gave American women the right to vote.

While most prominent politicians who oppose abortion are Republican, one of the scheduled March for Life speakers is Louisiana State Sen. Katrina Jackson, an anti-abortion Democrat who

authored the bill regarding hospital admitting privileges.

"It's gotten harder and harder to have people from both sides of the aisle speak at the March for Life," Mancini said. Jackson "has been stalwart in Louisiana, and it's important to hear from her."

Reproductive rights, including abortion access, were among the issues highlighted last weekend at women's marches in Washington and other cities. Conversely, anti-abortion activists have already staged their local Marches for Life in several cities, including Raleigh, North Carolina and Phoenix.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police: Dad strangles coyote to defend family

NH EXETER — A coyote attacked a pair of dogs, bit a woman and skirmished with a vehicle before being killed by a father defending his family on a walk, police said.

The same coyote is likely connected to three attacks that happened relatively close together and throughout the course of an hour, Kensington Police Chief Scott Cain said Monday.

Police say they believe the coyote attacked a vehicle on a roadway in Hampton Falls, bit a 62-year-old woman and her dogs on a porch in Kensington and then attacked a family walking on a trail in Exeter.

"The coyote came out of the woods and grabbed a child by the jacket. The dad went into protection mode and strangled the coyote," Cain said.

76 vehicles broken into at parking garage

GA ATLANTA — Seventy-six cars were broken into at an apartment complex parking garage, according to Atlanta police.

Residents at The Edge apartments came out to the garage to find broken glass from smashed windows, news outlets reported. Some said security gates at the garage hadn't been working in recent days.

The apartment complex just came under new management, news outlets reported. The Connor Group said in a statement that it has plans to improve security at the complex.

Cops: Waze app directs drivers into wilderness

NJ JACKSON — An ad in the Waze navigation app is misdirecting motorists headed to Atlantic City's Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa into the wilderness of New Jersey's Pinelands, police said.

Jackson Township police posted on Facebook that officers in recent weeks have had to help motorists who followed the directions into the Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area, where they became stuck on unpaved roads.

According to police, the problem stems from an orange ad label.

"The address on the ad lists 1 Borgata Way in Atlantic City, NJ, which is correct, the location pinned with the ad is actually in the middle of the Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area, near Lake Success."

Waze was working to fix the problem, police said.

Lawmaker: Don't rename 'Chicken Dinner Road'

ID BOISE — A lawmaker said Monday that Chicken Dinner Road in southwestern Idaho is a historic name and is opposed to an animal protection group's request to rename it.

Republican Rep. Scott Syme introduced a concurrent resolution urging fellow lawmakers to sup-



CHRISTOPHER MILLETTE, ERIE (Pa.) TIMES-NEWS/AP

Ice wine harvest

Mike Roth, 66, drops frozen Vidal blanc grapes into bins Monday at Mazza Vineyards in North East Township, Erie County, Pa. Roth joined about 30 others hand-picking the grapes that will be made into ice wine.

port the existing name.

The advocacy group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals in July asked Caldwell officials to change the name to what it said is the kinder and simpler Chicken Road.

Syme said the original name stems from a 1930s resident famous for her chicken dinners who helped persuade then-Democratic Gov. C. Ben Ross to improve the road in Canyon County.

OnStar system brings police pursuit to end

VT LONDONDERRY — A vehicle's OnStar system was used to end a police pursuit by disabling the stolen vehicle, forcing the operator to flee on foot before being arrested, police said.

The episode unfolded in Londonderry where Jason Moul, 38, of Athens, allegedly broke into a home and stole some clothes — and a car parked in the driveway, state police said. State police called on Brattleboro police to assist but the man sped away.

The stolen car was equipped with OnStar, a security system used to shut down the vehicle, leaving the driver stranded.

Handcuffed suspect drives away in cruiser

MD HYATTSVILLE — A man being arrested for domestic assault managed to slip his handcuffs to the front of his body, hop into the driver's

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The approximate number of beehives stolen from an orchard in northern California. The beehives are used to pollinate almond orchards. Beekeeper Mike Potts estimated that the theft of the 92 hives, about a third of his operation, would cost him about \$44,000 in revenue.

"It's hard enough keeping the bees alive without someone stealing them. It's frustrating," Potts told KCRA-TV.

seat of a Maryland police officer's cruiser and drive away, Prince George's County police said.

The suspect, Abdul Hakim, 43, drove a few miles in the cruiser, struck several cars and eventually crashed in a park before trying to escape on foot, the police department said in a statement.

He had initially been arrested around 7:15 that morning after officers responded to an assault call and found a woman with bruises on her face, police said. He was being transported to the Department of Corrections in Upper Marlboro from the Hyattsville location when he complained his handcuffs were too tight and had them adjusted.

Bill would raise age to get out of jury duty to 75

SC COLUMBIA — A state senator wants to raise the age someone can get out of jury duty in South Carolina from 65 to 75.

Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey is sponsoring the bill because people are living longer and healthier lives.

"Jurors who are a little bit older

but have a lot of life experience are very good jurors. Sixty-five seems too young for an automatic exemption, and I think we need those people to serve a little while longer," Massey told The Post and Courier of Charleston.

Massey filed the bill in December before the 2020 session began this month. It has not received a hearing yet.

Among states that allow residents to get out of jury duty based solely on age, South Carolina's current exemption age of 65 is the lowest in the country, tied with Mississippi.

Home of women's rights advocate to be restored

NY BATTENVILLE — New York state is planning to do restoration work on the early childhood home of women's rights advocate Susan B. Anthony.

The house that Anthony's father built in 1833 in the Washington County hamlet of Battenville is water-damaged and in rough shape. The state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation bought the foreclosed

property in 2006 but has done little to preserve it.

The Albany Times-Union reports the agency is now planning to invest \$700,000 this year on the Greek Revival style house where Anthony lived from age 6 to 19 when her father managed a nearby cotton mill.

The official Susan B. Anthony Museum and House is in Rochester, where she lived for 40 years while she was a national figure in the women's rights and suffrage movement.

State fair to add metal detectors at gates

MN BLOOMINGTON — The Minnesota State Fair's governing board decided to add metal detectors at all 11 of its gates beginning this year.

General manager Jerry Hammer said the process will be similar to what people experience at other big venues, such as the Xcel Energy Center and US Bank Stadium. Hammer also pointed out that several state fairs have already been using metal detectors for years, including Wisconsin and Texas.

No incidents involving weapons have been reported inside the fairgrounds recently, according to Minnesota Public Radio News. But three people were shot outside the main gate during an altercation shortly after the fair's closure for the year in September.

From wire reports

NATION

DC accuses Trump inaugural committee of misusing funds

By COLLEEN LONG
AND MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The District of Columbia is suing President Donald Trump's inaugural committee and two companies that control the Trump International Hotel in the nation's capital, accusing them of throwing parties for the Trump family with non-profit funds, and overpaying for event space at the hotel.

The city's attorney general, Karl Racine, announced the lawsuit Wednesday. According to his office, the inaugural committee abused non-profit funds, and coordinated with the Trump family to "grossly overpay for event space" in the hotel.

The committee has maintained that its finances were independently audited, and that all money was spent in accordance with the law.

The suit alleges that the committee knew it was overpaying, but didn't consider less expensive alternatives.

The committee raised an unprecedented \$107 million to host events celebrating Trump's inauguration in January 2017. But the committee's spending has drawn mounting scrutiny.

"District law requires non-profits to use their funds for their stated public purpose, not to benefit private individuals or companies," Racine said. "In this case, we are seeking to recover the non-profit funds that were improperly funneled directly to the Trump family business."

Prosecutors found that Rick Gates, a former Trump campaign aide who flipped on the president during the special counsel's Rus-

'In this case, we are seeking to recover the nonprofit funds that were improperly funneled directly to the Trump family business.'

Karl Racine
District of Columbia attorney general

sia investigation, personally managed discussions with the hotel about using the space, including ballrooms and meeting rooms. One of the event's planners raised concerns about pricing with Trump, Gates and Ivanka Trump, according to the lawsuit. Ivanka Trump is the president's daughter and a senior White House adviser.

Those concerns included a written warning that the price proposal was at least twice the market rate. But Gates went through with it anyway, at a cost of \$1.03 million, the suit says.

Gates pleaded guilty to charges tied to his lucrative political consulting work in Ukraine and was sentenced last month to 45 days in prison, a punishment that a judge said reflected the extensive cooperation Gates had provided to the Justice Department.

A lawyer who represented Gates for the criminal proceedings didn't immediately return a message seeking comment. The White House didn't immediately return a message nor did the Trump Organization.

The suit contends that the hotel used its January practice and refused to discount the space, and double-booked its largest ballroom with a different organization that was still affiliated with the inauguration, the Presidential Inaugural Prayer Breakfast.

Both organizations were non-profits, but the breakfast paid \$5,000 for the ballroom. The committee, however, paid \$175,000, the suit claims.

Prosecutors say the committee also used non-profit funds to throw a private party on Jan. 17, 2017, the night of the inauguration, for Trump's family — a \$300,000 affair. The reception was for three of Trump's children — Donald, Jr., Ivanka, and Eric.

"There will be an after party at the OPO (Trump Hotel) following the inaugural balls on Friday. DJT is not expected to attend but was more for you, Don and Eric," Gates wrote in an email to Ivanka Trump, according to the suit. DJT was a reference to Donald J. Trump.

Event staff within the inaugural committee recognized this would not be a proper use of committee funds and had tried to cancel this event, according to the suit, but Gates and the Trump family went ahead anyway.

Racine had been sending subpoenas for months related to the investigation. The inaugural committee was also being investigated by New York and state authorities in New Jersey, who are looking into, among other things, whether foreigners illegally contributed to the inaugural events.



KRISTOPHER RADER, THE BRATTLEBORO (Vt.) REFORMER/AP

Democratic presidential candidate U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, was in Keene, N.H., on Tuesday. Gabbard filed a defamation lawsuit against Hillary Clinton on Wednesday.

Gabbard sues Clinton over Russia comments

By KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Democratic presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard filed a defamation lawsuit against Hillary Clinton on Wednesday over an interview in which Clinton appeared to call Gabbard "the favorite of the Russians."

Gabbard, a Hawaii congresswoman, said in her lawsuit filed in federal court in Manhattan that Clinton's comments in a podcast last year in which she suggested that Gabbard was being groomed by Russia to be a third-party candidate were based on either her own imagination or "extremely dubious conspiracy theories" that any reasonable person would know to be "inherently and objectively unreliable."

During the Oct. 15 Democratic presidential debate, Gabbard criticized a TV commentator she said had called her "an asset of

Russia."

Without naming Gabbard, Clinton appeared to agree with the characterization during a podcast appearance days later on "Campaign HQ with David Plouffe." Plouffe was campaign manager for President Barack Obama in 2008 and served as a senior adviser to the president.

"She's the favorite of the Russians," Clinton told Plouffe, referring to a person she had earlier identified as a woman "who's currently in the Democratic primary. ... They have a bunch of sites and bots and other ways of supporting her so far."

The lawsuit charges that Clinton "reserves a special hatred and animosity for Tulsi" because Gabbard endorsed Sen. Bernie Sanders over Clinton in the 2016 Democratic primary campaign and never endorsed Clinton.

Asked to comment on the lawsuit, Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill said, "That's ridiculous."

Neighbor wanted Hawaii suspect evicted years ago

By CALEB JONES
AND JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER
Associated Press

HONOLULU — A next-door neighbor of a man accused of fatally shooting two Hawaii police officers, killing his landlord and stabbing a woman said he was assaulted by the suspect years ago and wanted him evicted from their upscale neighborhood near Waikiki Beach.

Warren Daniel, who lived next to suspect Jaroslav "Jerry" Hanel and had a restraining order against him, said that Hanel grabbed his shirt during a 2014 argument about plants and pushed him into a tree, according to court documents.

Hanel was arrested on an assault charge at the time but later acquitted.

Hanel, a handyman who lived rent free in the home in exchange for his work, is believed to have set the residence and neighborhood ablaze after the killings.

Police believe he was in the home when it burned and said the remains of two people were found on Tuesday. A medical examiner was working to identify the remains

but Hanel and his landlord were the only two people unaccounted for.

The landlord, Lois Cain, recently sought to evict Hanel, and his attorney suggested that she may have confronted him before Sunday's violence.

Before the killings, Hanel had a series of run-ins with police, and other neighbors had taken out restraining orders against him.

"It was pretty clear he was out of control," said attorney David Hayakawa, who represented Daniel and two other neighbors in their restraining orders.

Neighbors complained that Hanel hid in bushes, chased cars down the street, confronted guests and workers who came to their homes, recorded people with a camera on his hat and sent smoke from a barbecue grill wafting into their windows, Hayakawa said.

It's not clear where Hanel obtained the firearm allegedly used to shoot the police. He didn't have a permit to own guns.

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported that a close friend of Cain's said that Cain had kept a storage locker filled with her late

husband's firearms under her bed. Janice Morrow said she didn't know whether the guns were still under Cain's bed when Morrow visited her friend and tried to support Cain in her efforts to evict Hanel.

On Sunday morning, two neighbors said they heard piercing screams from the home and saw Hanel stabbing and beating another tenant of the residence with a three-pronged garden hoe, the Star-Advertiser reported.

Elken Farmer Freeman and her husband, Russell Freeman, went next door and asked Hanel to stop. He threw the tool down but punched the woman until another neighbor, Jennifer Tema, intervened and the injured woman got away, the Freemans said.

The tenant told her neighbors that Cain was inside Hanel's apartment and in danger, said Tema, who went to the apartment and said she "heard him beating, bludgeoning someone."

Arriving police were met with a barrage of gunfire. The two officers were killed before the house was set on fire and the flames spread to several surrounding homes.

ACLU urges Gov. Lee to not sign anti-LGBT adoption bill

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A civil rights group is raising questions about the legality of a proposal that would assure continued taxpayer funding of faith-based foster care and adoption agencies even if they exclude LGBT families and others based on religious beliefs.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee on Tuesday sent a letter to Gov. Bill Lee urging him not to sign the legislation currently awaiting his signature.

Lee, a Republican, promised to sign the bill because he believed protecting the religious liberty "is very important." The Republican has often cited his Christian faith throughout his political career.

Supporters argue such measures are needed to protect against lawsuits hostile to the group's religious beliefs. Critics counter that the proposals attack LGBT rights and limit the number of qualified families seeking to adopt or foster needy children.

In Michigan, the ACLU's lawsuit resulted in settlements requiring the state to no longer turn away LGBT couples or individuals because of religious objections. In South Carolina, the lawsuit is still ongoing.

The Associated Press

WORLD

First known case of new virus from China in US

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The U.S. reported its first case of a new and potentially deadly virus circulating in China on Tuesday.

A Washington state resident who returned last week from the outbreak's epicenter was hospitalized near Seattle.

The man was in good condition and wasn't considered a threat to the medical staff or the public, health officials said.

U.S. officials stressed that they believe the virus' risk to the American public remains low.

"This is not a moment of high anxiety," Gov. Jay Inslee said.

There were no symptoms when he returned last Wednesday, but he started feeling ill on Thursday and went to a doctor on Sunday, officials said. Lab testing on Monday confirmed that he had the virus.

"The gentleman right now is very healthy," Dr. Nancy Messonnier of the CDC said on Tuesday.



KIN CHEUNG/AP

Passengers wear masks to prevent an outbreak of a new coronavirus in the high speed train station in Hong Kong on Wednesday.

Cases of new respiratory illness rise in China

By KEN MORITSUGU

Associated Press

BEIJING — Chinese health authorities urged people in the city of Wuhan to avoid crowds and public gatherings after warning that a new viral illness that has infected more than 400 people and killed at least nine could spread further.

The appeal came as the World Health Organization convened a group of independent experts

to advise whether the outbreak should be declared a global emergency. Some experts said they believe the threshold had already been reached.

The number of new cases has risen sharply in China, the center of the outbreak. There were 440 confirmed cases as of midnight on Tuesday in 13 jurisdictions, said Li Bin, deputy director of the National Health Commission. Nine people have died, all

in Hubei province, since the outbreak emerged in its provincial capital of Wuhan late last month.

"There has already been human-to-human transmission and infection of medical workers," Li said at a news conference with health experts. "Evidence has shown that the disease has been transmitted through the respiratory tract, and there is the possibility of viral mutation."

The illness comes from a newly

identified type of coronavirus, a family of viruses that can cause the common cold as well as more serious illnesses.

WHO's Asia office tweeted this week that "there may now be sustained human-to-human transmission," which raises the possibility that the epidemic is spreading more easily and may no longer require an animal source to spark infections, as officials initially reported.

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Keys announces new album and 2020 world tour

By GEORGE VARGA

The San Diego Union-Tribune

Alicia Keys is wasting no time promoting her upcoming seventh studio album, "Alicia," which will be released March 20. On Tuesday morning, the 15-time Grammy Award-winner announced her "Alicia — The World Tour" 2020 concert trek, which opens June 5 in Dublin.

The announcement comes just five days before Keys is set to host Sunday's 62nd annual Grammy Awards telecast on CBS for the second consecutive year.

The North American leg of her tour opens July 28 in Florida at Daily's Place in Jacksonville. It concludes Sept. 22 at Hard Rock Live Arena in Miami.

Keys gave a one-song preview of her upcoming album with the Jan. 9 release of the video for her new single, "Underdog," which she co-wrote with Ed Sheeran.

"Some people may think of the word 'underdog' as a negative word, but I see it as a powerful

word representing people who may be underestimated and yet still rise to the challenge and exceed expectations," Keys said in a statement.

"I love this song so much because it's about real life and real people and our experiences. We've all been in a place in our lives where we've had to defy the odds. It's never easy. One of my favorite lyrics in the song is: They say I would never make it, but I was built to break the mold. I don't think there's a person on the planet that hasn't felt that way."

Keys will follow her Grammy hosting duties with a performance on the CBS TV special "Let's Go Crazy — The Grammy Salute to Prince" two days later.

The other artists booked to appear on the special, which will not be televised live and is set to air later in the year, range from Foo Fighters, John Legend and Juanes to Beck, Gary Clark Jr. and members of the late Prince's former band, The Revolution.



Alicia Keys

Fifteen-time Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, producer and global superstar Alicia Keys will return as host of the Grammy Awards on Sunday.

Osbourne, wife detail Parkinson's treatment

By CHRISTIE D'ZURILLA

Los Angeles Times

Rocker Ozzy Osbourne has Parkinson's disease, a diagnosis he revealed Monday with wife Sharon Osbourne on "Good Morning America."

The revelation explains many of the symptoms he's been struggling with since a fall a year ago forced him to postpone his entire 2019 touring schedule.

Sharon Osbourne said her husband has "Parkin 2," which could mean Stage 2 Parkinson's, an early form of the disease. Ozzy called his present situation "mild."

"It's like you have a good day, and a good day, and then you have a really bad day," she said.

Parkinson's is a degenerative, incurable neurological condition that affects movement and includes tremors. Non-movement symptoms include depression, constipation, loss of smell and cognitive impairment, according to the Parkinson's Foundation. It tends to progress slowly in most people, and symptoms vary.

Ozzy said he's on a very low dose of Parkinson's medication. He's also antsy to get back on the road to perform, which his wife called "the air that he breathes."

"In April, we're going to a professor in Switzerland and he deals with getting your immune system at its peak," added Sharon, who said they had gotten all the answers they could domestically. "So we're going to go wherever we can go to seek answers."

The diagnosis came in February, and the family kept it quiet until now. Osbourne fell a year ago after getting up during the night to use the bathroom. "I came down really, really hard," he told Rolling Stone last August, months into his recovery. "I went slam — on my face."

He spent months recovering from neck surgery, experiencing (among other things) severe limitations in his ability to exercise and blood clots in his legs.

"I'm wobbling all over the place. And since they cut through the nerves, my right arm feels permanently cold," he said at the time. He said later in the interview, "It's scary stuff ... From 40 (years old) to 70 was OK and suddenly you get to 70 and everything caved in on me."

His 2020 tour, which was rescheduled from last year, is slated to begin in Atlanta at the end of May.

Pamela Anderson weds producer

Pamela Anderson married movie producer Jon Peters on Monday in a private ceremony in Malibu, Calif., a representative for Anderson said Tuesday.

It's the fifth marriage for both the 52-year-old model-actress and the 74-year-old film producer, who recently reunited after first dating more than 30 years ago.

Anderson's husbands have included rocker Tommy Lee and rapper Kid Rock. Peters' former wives include actress Lesley Ann Warren, and he was once in a long and high-profile relationship with Barbra Streisand.

Peters was a producer on Streisand's 1976 version of "A Star Is Born" and the 2018 remake, along with dozens of other films including 1989's "Batman" and 1999's "Wild Wild West."

Anderson starred on television's "Baywatch" and in several films, and has made frequent appearances in Playboy.

Monty Python star Jones dies at 77

Terry Jones, a member of the Monty Python comedy troupe, has died at 77. He had been suffering from dementia.

Jones' agent says he died Tuesday evening at his home in London. In a statement, his family said he died "after a long, extremely brave but always good humored battle with a rare form of dementia, FTD."

With Eric Idle, John Cleese, Michael Palin, Graham Chapman and Terry Gilliam, Jones formed Monty Python's Flying Circus, whose anarchic humor helped revolutionize British comedy. Jones appeared in the troupe's TV series and films including "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" and "The Life of Brian."

In 2016 he was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia.

Jones' wife, Anna Soderstrom, and children Bill, Sally and Siri, said "we have all lost a kind, funny, warm, creative and truly loving man whose

uncompromising individuality, relentless intellect and extraordinary humor has given pleasure to countless millions across six decades."

Will Smith goes undercover in Lyft

Four Florida passengers were in for a shock when actor Will Smith answered their Lyft call and gave them a ride around town.

The actor was in Miami promoting his new movie, "Bad Boys for Life," over the weekend. He picked up four riders in a 2020 Porsche Taycan, occasionally getting into the attitude of his movie character, detective Mike Lowry, and encouraging passengers to do their best Bad Boys imitation as his partner in crime.

Before dropping them off, the actor told each passenger they would receive free rides from the ride-sharing company for the next year.

'Great Gatsby' up for grabs in 2021

For decades, Jay Gatsby, Daisy Buchanan and other characters from "The Great Gatsby" have been as real to millions of readers as people in their own lives, exemplars and victims of the American pursuit of wealth and status.

Starting next January, F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic Jazz Age tale will truly belong to everyone.

The novel's copyright is set to expire at the end of 2020, meaning that anyone will be allowed to publish the book, adapt it to a movie, make it into an opera or stage a Broadway musical. No longer will you need to permission to write a sequel, a prequel, a Jay Gatsby detective novel or a Gatsby narrative populated with Zombies.

"Gatsby" has endured in a changing industry and a changing world. It was published in 1925 by Scribner and remains a Scribner book, although now part of Simon & Schuster. When Fitzgerald died in 1940, fewer than 25,000 copies of the book had sold. Now, worldwide sales are nearing 30 million and more than 500,000 copies sell each year in the U.S. alone, according to Scribner.

From wire services

Frazz

THE ARTICLE CITED PEOPLE LIKE SARAH THOMAS. SHE SWAM ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL FOUR TIMES WITHOUT STOPPING.

OR JASMIN PARIS. SHE WON A SUPER-HILLY, 268-MILE CROSS COUNTRY RACE BY 15 HOURS. SERIOUS SUFFERFESTS, BOTH.

MY DAD TRIED TO MAKE A JOKE ABOUT FEATS OF ENDURANCE AND RELATIVE INTELLIGENCE, BUT ...

BUT? ANY LINE ABOUT BANGING YOUR HEAD AGAINST ANYTHING ISN'T SO RELATIVELY INTELLIGENT WHEN PEOPLE ARE STILL PLAYING FOOTBALL.

Dilbert

I DONATED TO A FEW POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS, AND COINCIDENTALLY A LAW CHANGED THAT I WANTED CHANGED.

NOW IT'S LEGAL FOR US TO SELL DRONES THAT ARE ARMED WITH MACHINE GUNS.

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HERE'S THE EXCITING PART: WE WOULD PAY YOU VERY GENEROUSLY IN STOCK OPTIONS FROM MY HUSBAND'S LEMONADE STAND STARTUP.

Carpe Diem

DON'T TELL ME, LET ME GUESS... YOU WANT TO TALK TO THE BOSS ABOUT THOSE ARMS?

Beetle Bailey

THIS FOOD IS AWFUL!

SPLAT!

I WONDERED WHY HE HAD A SPATULA IN HIS HAND

Bizarro

Look, we have 3 boxes of cookies left, and my partner missed her nap. You do NOT want her melting down in your front yard.

GOOD SCOUT, BAD SCOUT

Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 15 "Well, I never!"
- 17 Swab the deck
- 18 Building managers
- 19 Helps a hood
- 21 Battery size
- 22 Fund
- 24 Wolf's cry
- 27 Method
- 28 Dull sound of impact
- 31 Bonfire residue
- 32 Mineral suffix
- 33 I love (Lat.)
- 34 Potatoes partner
- 36 In shape
- 37 Ollie's pal
- 38 Tom Sawyer creator
- 40 "I see"
- 41 Beer mug
- 43 Lionel toys
- 47 Sushi fish
- 48 "Have you heard?"
- 51 Hosp. workers
- 52 Pound of verse
- 53 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 54 Citric beverage

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- 2 Diamond
- 3 Bloke
- 4 Bonelike
- 5 "— chici!"
- 6 Not 'neath
- 7 Dallas cager, for short
- 8 The staff of life
- 9 A little
- 10 Owl call
- 11 "Clumsy me!"
- 16 Gun lobby org.
- 20 Automaton, for short
- 22 Dine at home
- 23 Russian refusal
- 24 Deli choice
- 25 Sugary suffix
- 26 "Is there more to the story?"
- 27 Laptop connection
- 29 Ms. Thurman
- 30 Mafia boss
- 35 Prefix with night or light
- 37 Shoulder garments
- 39 Well-behaved kid
- 40 Hosp. areas
- 41 Antitoxins
- 42 Look after
- 43 Despot
- 44 Denny's rival
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- 49 Submachine gun
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Today's Cryptquip Clue: D equals L

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OPINION

Impeachment has been shown to bring clarity

By DAVID IGNATIUS
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Since Watergate, presidents and their aides have warned that impeachment is destabilizing to foreign policy. But history suggests otherwise. Presidential scandals create uncertainty abroad, but the impeachment process itself seems to bring clarity and resolution.

Keep this lesson in mind as the Senate begins its trial of Donald Trump. The president's advocates will argue (as he himself has already) that impeachment and trial are harmful to America's image abroad and derail normal foreign policy. But the evidence doesn't support that dire view.

Foreign adversaries, to be sure, are opportunists. They take advantage of divisions and discord in America. As former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger wrote, "A great power is given no quarter because it has trouble at home." But the constitutional mechanism of impeachment is accepted abroad as part of America's constitutional architecture of stability, even in divided times.

The impeachment bookshelf is a good reality check as you watch the Senate trial and wonder about its impact on foreign policy. A good start are the memoirs written by the two modern presidents who were threatened by impeachment, Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton, and by their secretaries of state. They convey the trauma of investigation, but also the benefit of formal closure — through resignation in Nixon's case and acquittal in Clinton's.

Nixon wrote a note of condolence in his diary on New Year's Day 1974, as the Watergate scandal was deepening: "Fight because resignation could lead to a collapse

of our foreign policy initiatives." But as he recounted in his 1978 memoir, "RN," the momentum of foreign policy continued, thanks in part to Kissinger, who operated almost as a prime minister for overseas policy. Before resigning in August 1974, Nixon and Kissinger could celebrate an Israel-Egyptian disengagement agreement in Sinai that was a prelude to an eventual peace deal, and a summit with the Soviet Union that laid groundwork for another arms control agreement.

Kissinger, Nixon wrote, "had the effrontery to show the nation and the world that the United States under my leadership was still able to command respect in the world and achieve significant results despite the drag of Watergate."

In his memoir "Years of Upheaval," Kissinger agonized about the "tornado of suspicion," "weakening authority" and his fear of "stagnation in our foreign policy." But the fundamental trends affecting the Middle East, Soviet Union and China were already set. He described how his "theatrical" diplomacy showed that "America could survive its anguish and still build a better world."

Among Nixon's last reveries, shortly before his resignation on Aug. 8, 1974, was imagining what leaders would be thinking in Moscow, Beijing and other capitals he had visited. But by then, it was probably mostly relief that the Watergate roller coaster was ending.

Clinton, too, feared the disruptive foreign policy effects of the impeachment process through 1998 and into 1999. Though we remember 1998 as a relatively calm time, the year in which the Oslo terrorist attacks on U.S. embassies in Africa, and a U.S. retaliatory attack, bombing of suspected chemical and biological weapons sites in Iraq,

intensive Israeli-Palestinian diplomacy, wars in Africa, a North Korean missile test and the aftermath of an Asian financial crisis.

Clinton complained in "My Life" that a cynical media treated his military actions as "a real-life version of 'Wag the Dog,' a movie in which a fictional president starts a made-for-TV war to distract public attention from his personal problems." (Trump has faced the same half-baked criticism.) Clinton was popular abroad, and he writes that "having the support of world leaders... helped to keep my spirits up."

Madeline Albright, Clinton's secretary of state during the Monica Lewinsky scandal and subsequent impeachment, remembers that, like Kissinger, she was determined "to steer a steady course" in foreign policy. It helped, she wrote in "Madam Secretary," that "my colleagues from around the world couldn't understand why anyone would care what the president might or might not have done."

A consistent theme, through the Nixon and Clinton dramas, and now with Trump, is the presidents' conviction that they didn't commit any punishable offenses and that the process is a partisan political sham.

Nixon wrote: "I never for a moment believed that any of the charges against me were legally impeachable." Clinton declared in his memoir that his impeachment was "a politically motivated action by a majority party in Congress that couldn't restrain itself!"

And so it goes. Impeachment is an inherent political process for resolving allegations of abuse of power as the Founders intended. But past evidence suggests that it helps break the fever, rather than making it worse.

Kangaroos in crisis need global consumers' help

By KATHLEEN PARKER
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Australia's wildfires have singed the souls of bystanders in an on-going tragedy, the dimensions of which haven't been fully realized. From the millions — perhaps a billion — animals destroyed to the unfathomable suffering of survivors, it is too much for the human psyche to absorb.

Most have seen the heartbreaking images on social media and elsewhere of Australia's iconic wildlife — kangaroos, koalas and wallabies — burned, starving or dead. One image of a tiny wallaby grasping the ankle of a man who saved it haunts me, as do the orphaned joeys snuggled in handmade pouches sewn by volunteers around the world.

People moved by the tragedy have contributed millions of dollars in donations, while others have air-dropped food and water to help sustain wildlife. Even these efforts seem merely symbolic against the enormity of the devastation. What more can any mortal do to alleviate such suffering and loss? The laws of supply and demand may point the way.

For starters, Australia could stop its slaughter of kangaroos, at least until the population stabilizes. This is, needless to say, a provocative suggestion. Hunters and the Australian government together kill over a million kangaroos every year — 1.5 million in 2017 — and process their parts for export to Europe (the largest consumer), the U.S. and, if lobbyists get their way, China.

Further complicating even a sensible discussion about curtailing what is viewed

by many as sustainable culling is the popularized view that kangaroos are pests, competing with sheep and cattle for grazing lands. There's also the small matter of national identity. What Australia does with its own resources is no one else's business, some might reasonably argue.

However, what is everyone's business is how we, consumers contribute to these massive culls. Many readers probably would be surprised to learn that some soccer cleats and other athletic footwear, including models made by Adidas and Nike, are made from kangaroo leather.

Why are shoes made of kangaroo leather more offensive to some than are shoes made of cowhide? It may be that kangaroos are simply cuter, hopping around like happy children while carrying babies in their pockets. We Disney acolytes have trouble killing and eating certain animals. Seeing images of kangaroos hugging people resonates on a profound human level.

One other repellent byproduct of kangaroo harvest is the largest terrestrial slaughter in the world. To animal rights activists, concerns focus on the animal's sustainability and whether the kills are humane.

Australia stands by its National Code of Practice, which requires that all kangaroos be killed with a single shot to the head by trained hunters, and that mothers carrying joeys should be avoided. If a joey emerges from its slain mother's pouch, guidelines "recommend" that the baby also be killed quickly by clubbing or decapitation "to prevent the inhumane death of young that cannot survive on their own."

Animal activists argue, however, that such regulations are properly monitored when hunters are 2,000 miles away

in the bush and that there are otherwise too few enforcers to keep up. The award-winning 2017 documentary film "Kangaroo: A Love Hate Story" illustrates their point in such graphic detail, even the most-dedicated exotic meat consumer would have cause to pause.

Such conflicts won't likely be resolved without external pressures, which is why letters have gone out to the CEOs of both Adidas and Nike urging them to halt the use of kangaroo products for cleats. (The author of the letters is Wayne Paccelle, the former CEO of the Humane Society of the United States, who left the organization after several female employees accused him of sexual misconduct. He continues his life's work through several entities he has founded, including the Center for a Humane Economy.)

If Nike and Adidas take a stand against kangaroo products, the hope is that others will follow. Both companies are sensitive to sustainability and humane practices, having already switched over to manmade materials for some of their products, but synthetic cleats could break new ground in these critical, environmentally unstable times.

The very last thing Nike and Adidas should do, Paccelle wrote in his letters, is to provide financial incentives for people to chase down and kill kangaroos in their native habitats. And, the very least thing individuals can do is starve the market by declining to eat kangaroo meat and refusing to buy anything labeled "K-leather." Such small gestures may seem mostly symbolic, but millions of such gestures would mean reduced demand — and, ultimately, a more humane world.

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College basketball

Tuesday's men's scores

EAST
Buffalo 90, W. Michigan 79
Dominican (NY) 91, Post (Conn.) 65
Illinois 73, Purdue 60
Villanova 66, Butler 61

SOUTH
Clemson 71, Wake Forest 68
Duke 89, Miami 59
Kentucky 88, Georgia 79
LSU 84, Florida 82
Washington 73, Mississippi 48
Wichita 56, South Florida 43

MIDWEST
Akron 81, Miami (Ohio) 60
Bowling Green 62, E. Michigan 59
Illinois 73, Purdue 60
Iowa 59, Oklahoma State 82
Kansas 61, Kansas St. 60
Marquette 82, St. John's 68
Maryland 77, Northwestern 66
Miami 79, Kent 69
Texas A&M 66, Missouri 64
UConn 73, Michigan 67
Wisconsin 82, Nebraska 68

SOUTHWEST
TCU 65, Texas Tech 54

FAR WEST
New Mexico 86, San Jose St. 59
San Diego 82, Wyoming 55
Utah 72, Air Force 27

AP Men's Top 25 schedule

Thursday's games
No. 11 Michigan State at Indiana
No. 12 Oregon vs. Southern Cal
No. 23 Colorado vs. Washington State
No. 25 Houston vs. UConn

Friday's games
No. 13 Butler vs. Marquette
Saturday's games
No. 1 Baylor at Florida
No. 2 Gonzaga vs. Pacific
No. 3 Virginia vs. Tennessee
No. 5 Florida State vs. Notre Dame
No. 6 Kansas vs. Colorado
No. 7 Dayton at Richmond
No. 8 Louisville at Providence
No. 14 West Virginia vs. Missouri
No. 15 Kentucky at No. 18 Texas Tech
No. 16 Auburn vs. Iowa
No. 20 Memphis vs. SMU
No. 21 Illinois at Michigan
No. 22 Arizona at Arizona State
No. 23 Colorado vs. Washington
No. 24 Rutgers vs. Nebraska

Sunday's games
No. 4 San Diego State at UNLV
No. 11 Michigan State at Minnesota
No. 12 Oregon vs. UCLA
No. 17 Maryland at Indiana
No. 25 Houston vs. South Florida

Tuesday's women's scores

EAST
Mount St. Mary's 58, Farmingdale 36

SOUTH
Campbell 61, Charleston Southern 56
Garner-Webb 65, UNC Asheville 59
Indiana 60, Presbyterian 56
Purdue 57, SMU 52
Radford 57, SC-Upstate 41
Winthrop 74, Longwood 66

SOUTHWEST
Texas 58, East Carolina 56

AP Women's Top 25 schedule

Thursday's games
No. 3 UConn vs. No. 22 Tennessee at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn.
No. 5 Louisville vs. No. 19 Virginia
No. 8 N.C. State at Pittsburgh
No. 13 Mississippi State at Vanderbilt
No. 15 Gonzaga vs. Pepperdine
No. 14 Florida State at Wake Forest
No. 23 Texas A&M at Alabama
No. 17 Indiana at Penn State
No. 21 Georgia at Ohio State
No. 20 Maryland at Illinois
No. 14 Kansas vs. Georgia
No. 22 Northwestern at Michigan State

Friday's games
No. 4 Oregon vs. No. 10 Oregon State
No. 6 Stanford vs. Colorado
No. 7 UCLA vs. Washington
No. 11 DePaul vs. Villanova
No. 23 Texas A&M vs. No. 18 Arizona
No. 24 South Dakota vs. Purdue Fort Wayne

Saturday's games
No. 2 Baylor vs. Texas Tech
No. 10 Connecticut at No. 22 Tennessee
No. 13 Gonzaga vs. Loyola Marymount
No. 13 Mississippi State at Vanderbilt
No. 15 Gonzaga vs. Pepperdine
No. 14 Florida State at Wake Forest
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College football

Bowl schedule

Friday, Dec. 20
Frisco (Texas) Bowl
Kent State 51, Utah State 31
Bahamas Bowl
Nassau
Buffalo 31, Charlotte 9
Saturday, Dec. 21
Celebration Bowl
At Atlanta
NC A&T 64, Alcorn State 44
New Mexico Bowl
Albuquerque
San Diego State 43, Central Michigan 11
Cure Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Liberty 23, Georgia Southern 16
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
FAU 52, SMU 29
Camellia Bowl
Montgomery, Ala.
Arkansas State 34, FIU 26
New Orleans
Appalachian State 31, UAB 17
Las Vegas Bowl
Washington St. 30, Boise State 7
Monday, Dec. 23
Gasparrilla Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
UCF 48, Marshall 25
Tuesday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
Honolulu
Hawaii 38, BYU 34
Thursday, Dec. 26
Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
Louisiana Tech 14, Miami 9
Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
Pittsburgh 34, Eastern Michigan 30
Friday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
North Carolina 55, Scott 13
Pineapple Bowl
New York
Michigan State 27, Wake Forest 21
Houston
Texas A&M 24, Oklahoma State 21
Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Iowa 49, Southern Cal 44
Cheez-It Bowl
Phoenix
Air Force 31, Washington State 21
Saturday, Dec. 28
Camping World Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Notre Dame 33, Iowa State 9
Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington, Texas
Penn State 53, Miami 20
Peach Bowl
Atlanta
CFP Semifinal: LSU 63, Oklahoma 28
Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
CFP Semifinal: Clemson 29, Ohio State 23
Monday, Dec. 29
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl
Dallas
Western Kentucky 23, Western Michigan 20

Pro football

NFL playoffs

Wild-card playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
Houston 20, Buffalo 13, OT
Tennessee 20, New England 13
Divisional playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
Seattle 26, New Orleans 20, OT
Minnesota 27, Philadelphia 20
Tennessee 26, Baltimore 12
Kansas City 51, Houston 31
Green Bay 26, Seattle 16
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
Kansas City 53, Tennessee 24
San Francisco 37, Green Bay 20
Pro Bowl
Saturday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Kansas City vs. San Francisco

NFL calendar

Feb. 24-March 1 — NFL scouting camps, Indianapolis.
Feb. 25 — First day for clubs to designate franchise or transition players.
March 10 — Deadline for clubs to designate franchise or transition players before 4 p.m. EDT.
March 18 — Free agency, trading periods begin, 4 p.m. EDT.
April 23-24 — Annual league meeting, Palm Beach, Fla.
April 17 — Deadline for restricted free agents to sign offers.
April 23-25 — NFL Draft, Las Vegas.

Jan. 23
1959 — In the NBA All-star game in Detroit, St. Louis' Bob Pettit and Elgin Baylor of Minneapolis tied for the game's winners of the MVP award as their West team wins 124-108.
1975 — Ralph Kiner is elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his 15th and final year of eligibility.

AP spotlight

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Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Louisville 38, Mississippi State 28
Redbox
Santa Clara, Calif.
California 35, Illinois 20
Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Florida 26, Virginia Tech 10
Sun Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
Kentucky 37, Virginia Tech 30
Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Navy 20, Kansas State 17
Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
Texas 38, Utah 10
Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
Wyoming 38, Georgia State 17
Wednesday, Jan. 1
Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Alabama 35, Michigan 16
Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
Minnesota 31, Auburn 24
Rose Bowl
Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon 28, Wisconsin 27
Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Georgia 26, Baylor 14
Thursday, Jan. 2
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
Cincinnati 38, Boston College 16
Saturday, Jan. 3
Jacksonville, Fla.
Famous Idaho State Bowl
Boise
Ohio 30, Nevada 21
Sunday, Jan. 4
Armed Forces Bowl
Fort Worth, Texas
Tulane 30, Southern Miss 13
Monday, Jan. 5
LendingTree Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Louisiana-Lafayette 27, Miami (Ohio) 17
Monday, Jan. 13
College Football Championship
New Orleans
LSU 42, Clemson 25
Saturday, Jan. 18
West Shrine Classic
St. Louis, Mo.
East 31, West 27
NFL Pro League Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
National 30, Local 24
Sunday, Jan. 19
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
West 30, South 27
Monday, Jan. 20
Hula Bowl
Honolulu
East vs. West

Golf

World rankings

Through Jan. 19
1. Brooks Koepka U.S. 5.98
2. Rory McIlroy U.S. 5.69
3. Jon Rahm ESP 8.02
4. Justin Thomas U.S. 7.70
5. Dustin Johnson U.S. 6.80
6. Rickie Fowler U.S. 6.79
7. Patrick Cantlay U.S. 6.19
8. Justin Rose ENG 6.05
9. Xander Schaerf U.S. 5.97
10. Tommy Fleetwood U.S. 5.76
11. Webb Simpson U.S. 5.69
12. Patrick Reed U.S. 4.84
13. Adam Scott AUS 4.83
14. Francesco Molinari ITA 4.68
15. Gary Woodland U.S. 4.49
16. Louis Oosthuizen U.S. 4.49
17. Bryson DeChambeau U.S. 4.36
18. Tiger Woods U.S. 4.36
19. Shane Lowel IRL 4.33
20. Matt Kuchar U.S. 4.23
21. Daniel Berger U.S. 4.14
22. Bernd Wiesberger AUT 4.11
23. Hideki Matsuyama JPN 4.08
24. Matthew Fitzpatrick U.S. 3.96
25. Louis Oosthuizen U.S. 3.96
26. Henrik Stenson SWE 3.35
27. Kevin Na AUS 3.17
28. Tyrrell Hatton U.S. 3.17
29. Lee Westwood U.S. 3.12
30. Abraham Ancer MEX 3.11

PGA Tour statistics

Through Jan. 19
First-Run Season Points
1. Justin Thomas, 1,162, 2. Brendon Stoney, 1,100
Lanto Griffin, 887, 5. Cameron Smith, 740, 6. Rory McIlroy, 713, 7. Sungjae Im, 703, 8. Jonny Lee, 697, 9. Kevin Na, 675, 10. Cameron Champ, 673.
Scoring Average
1. Rory McIlroy, 67.534, 2. Webb Simpson, 67.619, 3. Xander Schaerf, 68.409, 4. Hideki Matsuyama, 69.016, 5. Alex Noren, 69.00, 6. Justin Thomas, 69.328, 7. Louis Oosthuizen, 69.409, 8. Scottie Scheffler, 69.419, 9. Bryson DeChambeau, 69.440, 10. Sungjae Im, 69.550.
Driving Distance
1. Bubba Watson, 323.3, 2. Cameron Champ, 323.3, 3. Kurt Kitayama, 322.0, 4. Grayson Murray, 321.3, 5. Tom Lewis, 317.2, 6. Ryan Breitholtz, 316.5, 7. Achay Bhattacharya, 316.8, 8. Jason Kokrak, 314.9, 9. Danny Lee, 314.8, 10. Byoung Hun An, 314.5.

Deals

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Traded RHP Travis Lakins to the Chicago Cubs for a player to be named or cash assigned. **FILLY BOBBY** — Ponner outrighted to Pawtucket. **CHICAGO WHITE SOX** — Agreed to terms with RHP Drew Pomeroy. **BUFFALO BILLS** — Signed RHP Chad Burgo, Brady Lall, Alex McRae and Bryan Mitchell; LHPs Ross Detwiler, Caleb Fara, Jacob Lindgren, Adalberto Mejia and Matt Tomashaw; INF's Chesler Cuthbert, Andrew Romo and Mike Cudd; OF's Jacob Jacoby and Nicky Delmonico for minor-league contracts.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Named Tony Ammerich minor league field coordinator. Mike Cameron minor league special assistant; Rob Marcello pitching coach of Tacoma (PCL); Dave Berg manager, Alon Leichman pitching coach and Joe Thurston hitting coach of Arkansas (TL); Sean McGrath pitching coach and Shawn O'Malley hitting coach of Modesto (CAL); Eric Farris manager, Nathan Bannister pitching coach and Rob Benjamin hitting coach of Everett (NWFL); Jose Umleria hitting coach of the AZL Mariners; Brett Schneider hitting coach and Guady Jalera coach of the DSL Mariners.
TEXAS RANGERS — Named Brendan Slocum special assistant/player development and pitching coach of the ACL Rangers (PCL), Greg Hibbard minor league roving pitching instructor and Kevin Torres coach of the DSL Rangers.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with OF Marco Estrada on a one-year contract.
SAF FRANCISCO GIANTS — Claimed RHP Luis Madero off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels. Deshaun Watson, Jake Jewell for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Tomlin and CF Rob Brantly to minor league contracts.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Traded FS Travon Alexander to the Los Angeles Lakers for a player to be named or cash assigned. **ATLANTA THUNDER** — Traded SF Kevin Durant to the Oklahoma City Thunder for a player to be named or cash assigned. **MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES** — Signed WR Bralen Anderson and DE Stacy Keck to re-sign with the team.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed WR Bralen Anderson and DE Stacy Keck to re-sign with the team.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed LB Josh Smith to a re-signing contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed F Colton Sissons to Milwaukee (AHL) for conditionals.
MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
ATLANTA UNITED — Traded M Julian Gressel to D.C. United for targeted allocation money. Signed F Adam Lind to the Phoenix Rising for an undisclosed transfer fee. Sent F Lagos Luna to Phoenix on loan for the duration of the 2020 USL season.
CINCINNATI — Loaned G Ben Lundt to Louisville City (USL Championship).
DALLAS SOL — Traded D Brian Brown to Minnesota for a 2021 third-round pick. Signed F Franco Jara to a contract. **LA GALAXY** — Signed F Javier Hernandez (Liga MX-Mexico).
LA GALAXY — Signed F Javier Hernandez.

NEW YORK RED BULLS

— Agreed to terms with W signed on loan from Toronto (Premier League-England) to the New York Red Bulls.
TORONTO — Signed D Rocco Romeo.
VANCOUVER WHITECAPS — Acquired M Leonard (w/option for F. Tschalich) with the use of Target Allocation Money.

TENNIS

ITF — Suspended former Farah provisionally, pending determination of the charge against him at a full hearing, for a violation of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme.
COLLEGE
EVANSVILLE — Fired Walter McCarty men's basketball coach. Named interim coach.

FORDHAM

— Promoted assistant coach to head coach.
GULFORD — Named Sharon Beverly, Ph.D., interim director of athletics.
HAWAII — Named Todd Graham as interim coach.
INDIO STATE — Named Kerry Coombs defensive coordinator.
NORTH CAROLINA — Named Joe Moorhead offensive coordinator.
PURDUE — Named Marty Blag special teams coordinator and defensive assistant.
UTAH — Named Garrett Riley co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Promoted offensive line coach AJ Rocco to co-offensive coordinator.
VANDERBILT — Named Keneshi Udey linebackers coach.

Briefly

Jags hire Gruden as OC

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars have hired former Washington coach Jay Gruden as their offensive coordinator.

Gruden signed his contract Wednesday and replaces John DeFilippo, who was fired earlier this month after just one season. DeFilippo has since been hired as Chicago's quarterbacks coach.

The Redskins fired Gruden in early October following an 0-5 start. Gruden was 35-49-1 in five seasons and was the only coach to reach the playoffs once. He previously served as Cincinnati's offensive coordinator (2011-13) and guided quarterback Andy Dalton to his best season before leaving for Washington.

Jaguars head coach Doug Marrone wanted an experienced play-caller to pair with second-year quarterback Gardner Minshew and one of the league's youngest offenses.

Evansville's McCarty fired amid allegations

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Walter McCarty has been fired as Evansville's men's basketball coach after an investigation revealed additional allegations of off-court misconduct, the university announced Tuesday.

Former Butler coach Todd Lickliter was hired last Tuesday to replace McCarty, the university announced. Lickliter will take over immediately. The Purple Aces were to play Drake Wednesday night and Lickliter is expected to be on the sideline.

McCarty was placed on administrative leave on Dec. 26 so university officials could investigate allegations of sexual misconduct and violations of the school's Title IX policy.

In a statement announcing the decision, the school said it had received new reports of misconduct with members of the "campus community" during McCarty's tenure of less than two seasons. It also noted that McCarty had previously participated in a training program about unacceptable behavior.

Nuggets center Plumlee sidelined by foot injury

DENVER — The Denver Nuggets will be without backup center Plumlee indefinitely after he suffered a right foot injury.

The Nuggets announced Wednesday that Plumlee will be re-evaluated in two to four weeks. Plumlee injured a bone in his foot during a game in Minnesota against the Timberwolves on Monday. He rolled his right ankle in the second quarter, but returned in the third.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

A chair-raising event: Jayhawks, Wildcats brawl

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Third-ranked Kansas and Kansas State ended their bitter showdown Tuesday night with a wild melee in the disabled seating behind the Wildcats' basket that included punches, shoving and at least one player threatening to swing a stool.

The Jayhawks were dribbling out the time on their 81-60 victory when Silvio De Sousa was stripped by DaJuan Gordon near mid-court. Gordon tried to go for a layup and De Sousa recovered to block his shot and send the freshman sprawling, then stood over the freshman and barked at him — triggering both benches to empty into what amounted to a rugby scrum.

At one point, De Sousa picked up a stool and held it over his head before Kansas assistant Jerance Howard grabbed it from him from behind. The Jayhawks' Marcus Garrett and David McCormick were also in the thick of the scrum along with the Wildcats' James Love and David Sloan, who was the first player to come to Gordon's defense.

It took both coaching staffs, the officials and Allen Fieldhouse security to separate the teams.

"Without knowing exactly everything that went down, it was obvious to me that we played a role in what transpired and there will be penalties for that," said Jayhawks coach Bill Self, who was already shaking hands with

Kansas State counterpart Bruce Weber when the chaos erupted. "I need to see the film to comment or have any definitive thoughts on exactly why or how it got started, because to be honest with you I don't have any idea about that."

Five players from each team were summoned back from the locker rooms by officials and one-tenth of a second was put on the clock. Kansas State shot technical free throws to booing from a few thousand fans, and the one make necessitated a change to the final box score.

"It should have been avoided," Weber said. "It's my guys, it's my fault. They came here wanting to have a game, compete, and we didn't compete the way we needed to, and probably a little frustration, especially the young guys."

De Sousa is likely to receive the stiffest punishment from the incident. His name also surfaced in the FBI probe into college basketball in October 2018, and that in part led to an NCAA investigation of Kansas. The school received a notice of allegations last September that outlined major violations in men's basketball, levied a head coach responsibility charge against Self and alleged a lack of institutional control. Those violations are being appealed.

De Sousa was suspended last season for his role in the case, and he was supposed to sit out this season as well. But the school successfully appealed the decision, allowing the junior forward to return to the court.



DENIS POROV/AP

San Diego State forward Aguek Arop, right, drives past Wyoming guard Jake Hendricks during the Aztecs' 72-55 win Tuesday in San Diego. It was the team's 20th consecutive victory.

Roundup

No. 4 Aztecs win, improve to 20-0

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — With transfers Malachi Flynn and Yanni Wetzell once again leading the way, No. 4 San Diego State improved to 20-0 to match Kawhi Leonard's 2010-11 team for the best start in school history.

Like that team, though, this squad wants a whole lot more.

Flynn scored 18 points and Wetzell dominated inside with 14 points for the Aztecs, who opened with a suffocating defense to beat Wyoming 72-55 Tuesday night.

San Diego State (20-0, 9-0 Mountain West) remained the nation's only unbeaten team. It equaled the 20-0 start by the 2010-11 team, which reached the Sweet 16 for the first time in school history before finishing 34-3.

No. 8 Duke 89, Miami 59: Freshman Matthew Hurt scored 15 of his 22 points in a dominating first half to help the host Blue Devils beat the Hurricanes.

The Jones added 16 points for Duke (16-3, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), which entered the game coming off its first back-to-back losses since February 2018.

Rodney Miller had 13 points and 13 rebounds for Miami (10-8, 2-6), which missed 25 of its first 31 shots as this game got away quickly.

No. 9 Villanova 76, No. 13 Butler 61: Saddiq Bey hit four three-pointers and scored 14 points and Jermaine Samuels had 20 points to lead the host Wildcats past the Bulldogs.

Villanova (15-3, 5-1 Big East) methodically pulled away in the second half in a game in which neither team shot particularly well.

No. 15 Kentucky 89, Georgia 79: Ashton Hagans scored 14 of his 23 points in the second half and the host Wildcats used a 14-4 run to pull away from the Bulldogs.

Kentucky (14-4, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) had to work to put away Georgia (11-7, 1-4), which trailed 41-35 at halftime.

No. 17 Maryland 77, Northwestern 66: Jalen Smith scored a career-high 25 points and the Terrapins rallied to beat the host Wildcats.

Maryland (15-4, 5-3 Big Ten) trailed by as much as 15 in the first half and was down 10 in the second when it went on a 15-2 run.

TCU 65, No. 18 Texas Tech 54: Desmond Bane scored 27 points, Kevin Samuel had 11 points and 11 rebounds and the Horned Frogs returned home after a miserable week to upset the Red Raiders.

TCU (13-5, 4-2 Big 12) pushed ahead to stay with a 13-2 run to start the second half.

No. 21 Illinois 79, Purdue 62: Kofi Cockburn finished with 22 points and 15 rebounds, Trent Prazier added 21 points and the visiting Illini pulled away in the second half to beat the Boilermakers.

Utah State 72, Air Force 47: Justin Bean scored 16 points with 13 rebounds and Sam Merrill scored 15 as the host Aggies defeated the Falcons.

Utah State (15-6, 4-4 Mountain West Conference) raced to a 7-0 lead, extended the margin to 17-7 before the Falcons (9-11, 3-5) closed within three (20-17) with a 10-3 run.



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

A fight between players spills into the crowd in the closing moments of Kansas' 81-60 defeat of Kansas State on Tuesday in Lawrence, Kan. Coaches, officials and security were needed to end the fight.

NHL

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Boston	51	29	10	12	70	169 135
Tampa Bay	48	29	15	4	62	175 137
Florida	49	28	16	5	61	183 163
Toronto	49	25	17	7	57	176 165
Buffalo	49	23	20	7	51	145 152
Montreal	50	22	21	7	51	155 157
Ottawa	48	17	23	8	42	130 163
Detroit	50	12	34	4	28	107 195

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Washington	49	31	11	5	73	177 144
Pittsburgh	50	31	14	5	67	168 136
N.Y. Islanders	49	29	15	5	63	143 132
Carolina	50	29	18	3	61	159 132
Columbus	50	26	16	8	60	134 127
Philadelphia	50	27	17	6	60	158 150
N.Y. Rangers	48	23	21	4	50	158 159
New Jersey	48	17	24	7	41	126 173

Western Conference

Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
St. Louis	49	30	11	8	68	158 134
Colorado	49	28	15	5	62	179 142
Dallas	48	27	17	4	58	125 120
Winnipeg	50	25	21	4	54	149 156
Chicago	51	24	23	5	54	155 161
Nashville	47	22	18	7	51	156 154
Minnesota	49	22	21	6	50	152 164

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Vancouver	49	27	18	4	58	162 149
Edmonton	49	26	18	5	57	155 153
Calgary	49	26	19	4	57	153 147
Arizona	51	26	20	5	57	146 138
Vegas	52	25	20	7	57	161 159
San Jose	50	24	21	5	46	130 167
Anaheim	48	19	24	5	43	122 150
Los Angeles	50	18	27	5	41	125 158

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Monday's games

Colorado 6, Detroit 3
Florida 5, Minnesota 4
Tuesday's games
Boston 3, Vegas 2
Carolina 4, Winnipeg 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 3
Florida 4, Chicago 3

Wednesday's games

Winnipeg at Columbus
Detroit at Minnesota
Thursday's games
No games scheduled
Friday's games
No games scheduled

Krejci, Bruins outduel Knights

By DOUG ALDEN
Associated Press

BOSTON — Down a goal entering the third period with a long layoff ahead, the Boston Bruins rallied their way to a win before the All-Star break.

Jake DeBrusk tied it early in the third period and David Krejci got the go-ahead goal with 7:42 remaining, and the Bruins held on for a 3-2 victory over the Vegas Golden Knights on Tuesday night.

"We can enjoy the break a little bit more now," said Krejci, who had a goal and an assist in his return after missing two games with an upper-body injury.

Krejci also assisted on Jeremy Lauzon's first goal of the season. Jaroslav Halak stopped 27 shots and picked up an assist as Boston entered the All-Star break with a win following a 1-2-1 stretch.

With a bye week following this weekend's All-Star festivities, the Bruins don't have another game until Jan. 31.

Boston can relax — at least a little — during the extended break with a record of 29-10-12, alone in first place in the Atlantic Division.

"We know how we want to play. We know if we play good or bad,"



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Bruins center David Krejci beats Vegas Golden Knights defenseman Nick Holden (22) for a goal during the third period of Tuesday's game in Boston. Krejci finished with a goal and an assist.

Krejci said. "At the end of the day, we've got 70 points. We're sitting on top of the division now, so obviously we're happy where we're

at but we know that the (playoff) stretch is going to be the most important."

Mark Stone scored 1:24 into

the game for Vegas and Nicolas Hague added his first career goal. Nate Schmidt had two assists for the Golden Knights.

Roundup

Williams scores twice, leads Hurricanes past Jets

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Justin Williams couldn't have scripted a better return to the NHL.

Williams scored two goals in his second game since signing to return for his 19th season, helping the Carolina Hurricanes win 4-1 over the Winnipeg Jets on Tuesday night.

In his first game of the season two days earlier, Williams scored the winning goal in a shootout to lift the Hurricanes to a victory over the New York Islanders. Williams had taken an extended offseason and signed with the club Jan. 8.

"I'm feeling comfortable," the 38-year-old Williams said. "I'm feeling better than I did last game. And I hope to feel better the next game than I feel tonight."

Teuvo Teravainen had a goal and two assists, and Martin Necas also scored for Carolina, which reached the All-Star break with two straight wins after a three-game skid. Petr Mrazek stopped 16 shots for the team.

Patrick Laine scored for the Jets, who have lost three in a row and five of six. Connor Hellebuyck made 25 saves for Winnipeg.

Williams helped the Hurricanes break a streak of 18 consecutive scoreless power plays when he deflected Teravainen's pass past Hellebuyck 5:30 into the game to increase Carolina's lead to 2-0.

In the third period, Williams hustled to the net for a cross-ice feed from Andrei Svechnikov and the final goal of the game. Williams said he was simply the beneficiary of great passes and fortunate to have his stick on the ice for both.

But Williams coach Rod Brind'Amour



KARL B. DEBLAKEN/AP

The Carolina Hurricanes' Justin Williams receives congratulations from the bench after scoring a goal during the third period of Tuesday's game against the Winnipeg Jets in Raleigh, N.C. Williams scores two goals in the Hurricanes' 4-1 victory.

said Williams' intellect and positioning played a role in his success.

The Jets controlled play for much of the second period, but Mrazek held strong. One of his best stops came when he was hit in the torso by a shot from Jack Roslovic, who broke in alone while Carolina was in the midst of a line change.

Panthers 4, Blackhawks 3: Florida got Joel Quenneville a win in his return to Chicago, using a hat trick by Frank Vatranov for its sixth consecutive victory.

The 61-year-old Quenneville coached

the Blackhawks to three Stanley Cup championships and nine playoff appearances in 10-plus years before he was fired when the team got off to a lull after last season. He was hired by the Panthers in April, and the former NHL defenseman was showered with love in his first game back at the United Center.

Evgenii Dadonov also scored for Florida for the fourth consecutive game. Mike Hoffman had two assists, and Sergei Bobrovsky made 32 saves.

Patrick Kane, Kirby Dach and Drake

Caggiula scored for Chicago (24-21-6), which had won a season-high five straight. Robin Lehner made 22 stops.

Islanders 4, Rangers 2: Josh Bailey had a goal and two assists, Thomas Greiss stopped 40 shots, and the visiting Islanders held on to beat the rival Rangers.

Anders Lee, Anthony Beauvillier and Brock Nelson also scored, and Mathew Barzal had two assists to help the Islanders head into the All-Star break with their second win in eight games (2-4-2). The Islanders got their first win against the Rangers in the teams' third meeting in nine days.

Greiss improved to 5-0-1 in eight career games against the Rangers.

Pavel Buchnevich and Chris Kreider scored power-play goals 1:47 apart late in the third period for the short-handed Rangers. Alexander Georgiev, who came in 4-1-0 in five games against the Islanders, finished with 14 saves.

Flyers 3, Penguins 0: Brian Elliott made 19 saves, Jakub Voracek and James van Riemsdyk scored, and host Philadelphia beat Pittsburgh.

It was Elliott's first shutout of the season and 39th of his career.

Justin Braun added an empty-netter for the Flyers, playing their eighth game in 15 days. They enter a nine-day break having won five of seven.

The Penguins, one of three teams with at least 30 wins entering Tuesday, were playing their seventh game in 12 days. Pittsburgh had won two in a row and six of seven. It is the second time it has been shut out this season.

Both teams head into the All-Star break followed by a bye week. They'll resume action against each other Jan. 31 in Pittsburgh.

NBA/SKIING

Leonard, Clippers defeat Mavs for 4th straight win

By Dave Jackson
Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks brought back one big man but lost another Tuesday night and in the end, they couldn't rein in the reigning Finals MVP.

Kawhi Leonard scored 36 points, Landry Shamet hit two clutch three-pointers late and the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Dallas Mavericks 110-107 Tuesday night for their fourth straight win.

Dallas ended a four-game winning streak, and more importantly, lost a key piece in center Dwight Powell just as they welcomed back Kristaps Porzingis.

Powell went down to a non-contact, right Achilles tendon injury in the first quarter, and though he will have an MRI on Wednesday, the team is fearing a worst-case scenario.

"Guys like him define the culture we want to coach," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "It doesn't get much stronger than this, if it ends up being what we fear it might."

Luka Dončić had 36 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists for Dallas. He scored 24 points in the second half to help rally the Mavericks after they trailed by double digits from late in the second quarter through most of the third.

Shamet helped the Clippers seize the game late in the fourth quarter. His three from the left wing to give Los Angeles a 100-98 lead with 2:48 to play. Montrezl Harrell added two free throws, then Shamet sank another three from straight-on to put the Clippers up by seven. He finished with 18 points.

"We just kind of found a way to win," Shamet said. "We'd love to keep that lead the whole game, but that's not how it's going to be. It's a long season. We got to find different ways how to win like we did tonight."

Leonard added 11 in the fourth quarter, including his only three of the game with 1:15 left, which put the Clippers up 108-100.

But Dallas rallied, as Dončić hit a three and Maxi Kleber a dunk. After a Clippers turnover, Tim Hardaway Jr.'s potential tying three spun around and out. JaMychal Green missed two free throws for LA, but then Dončić missed two — the second intentionally — and Leonard sealed it with two free throws.

Powell's injury

Powell went down when he started to drive toward the basket but his right leg gave out. He fell to the ground and immediately slapped the floor in pain. He was

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	29	14	.674	
Boston	28	14	.667	½
Philadelphia	29	16	.644	1
Brooklyn	18	24	.429	10½
New York	12	32	.273	17½
Southeast Division				
Miami	30	13	.698	
Orlando	21	23	.477	9½
Washington	14	28	.333	15½
Charlotte	15	30	.333	16
Atlanta	10	34	.227	20½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	29	6	.827	10½
Indiana	28	16	.636	10½
Detroit	16	28	.364	22½
Chicago	16	29	.356	23
Cleveland	12	32	.273	26½
Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	27	16	.628	
Houston	26	16	.619	½
Memphis	20	23	.465	7
San Antonio	19	23	.452	7½
New Orleans	17	27	.386	10½
Northwest Division				
Denver	30	13	.698	
Utah	30	13	.698	
Oklahoma City	25	19	.568	5½
Portland	19	26	.422	11
Minnesota	15	28	.349	15
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	34	9	.791	
Clippers	28	15	.652	7½
Phoenix	18	25	.419	16
Sacramento	15	28	.349	19
Golden State	10	35	.222	25
Monday's games				
Washington 106, Detroit 107				
Toronto 122, Atlanta 117				
Philadelphia 117, Brooklyn 111				
Milwaukee 111, Chicago 96				
New Orleans 126, Memphis 116				
New York 106, Cleveland 85				
Oklahoma City 112, Houston 107				
Orlando 106, Charlotte 85				
Miami 118, Sacramento 113, OT				
Boston 107, Minnesota 100				
Utah 118, Indiana 88				
San Antonio 120, Phoenix 118				
Portland 129, Golden State 124, OT				
Tuesday's games				
L.A. Clippers 110, Dallas 107				
Oklahoma City at Orlando				
Philadelphia at Toronto				
Sacramento at Detroit				
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta				
Lakers at New York				
Memphis at Boston				
Washington at Miami				
Denver at Houston				
Minnesota at Chicago				
Indiana at Phoenix				
Sacramento at New Orleans				
Utah at Golden State				
Wednesday's games				
Washington at Cleveland				
L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn				
Dallas at Atlanta				
Friday's games				
Milwaukee at Charlotte				
Utah at Golden State				
Memphis at Detroit				
Toronto at New York				
Atlanta at Oklahoma City				
Denver at New Orleans				
Sacramento at Minnesota				
L.A. Clippers at Miami				
Sacramento at Chicago				
Phoenix at San Antonio				
Indiana at Golden State				

helped to the locker room putting no weight on his right leg.

Powell's teammate J.J. Barea — who tore his right Achilles tendon last season — was distraught as Powell was taken off the court.

Powell was averaging nearly 10 points a game in 39 games prior to the injury. With Porzingis out, Powell averaged 13 points in 10 games on 71% shooting.

With Powell out, former Clipper Boban Marjanovic had 12 points and seven rebounds.



The United States' Mikaela Shiffrin has a narrow lead in the overall World Cup points and is seeking her fourth consecutive overall title.

Shiffrin fights fatigue in quest for a fourth consecutive overall title

Associated Press

Mikaela Shiffrin has yet to win a race in 2020 and actually recently recorded a rare "did not finish" in an event.

The two-time Olympic gold medalist knows what some might be thinking: What is going on?

Her response: Nothing that a little rest wouldn't fix. Only, there's no time.

The American ski racer's quest for a fourth straight overall World Cup title seems tighter than usual at the midseason point. Shiffrin currently leads rival Petra Vihova of Slovakia by 249 points, which is sizable but could be eclipsed in as little as a three-race span.

On Saturday, she claimed her fourth third place of the season in a giant slalom at Sestriere, Italy, finishing 0.01 behind Vihova and co-winner Federica Brignone of Italy.

"I've also been on the good side of the hundredth's many times," Shiffrin said. "It happens sometimes like that, too."

On Sunday, in the debut of parallel giant slalom on the women's World Cup circuit, she and Vihova were eliminated in the second round in a race won by France's Clara Diaz.

Shiffrin finds it amusing that something may be considered "off" with her skiing. She's been on the podium in 11 of her 16 races this season — and four times as the winner.

"People are like, 'Oh, no, what's wrong?'" Shiffrin said last week. "I'm like, 'Is this what you consider an off year for me?' It's kind of hilarious, actually. It's really funny to think that this would be what most people would consider a bad season or poor results. I've been on most podiums and won multiple races. It's sort of like, 'OK, I'll take that.'"

Shiffrin was dominating in 2018-19 when she won 17 races and beat Vihova by 849 points for the overall title.

"People said everything looked so easy," said Shiffrin, who's the rare all-discipline racer. "It's not easy."

Stored seasons prove difficult to duplicate. "To me, it looks like Petra's gaining more and more confidence with her skiing," said Shiffrin, who with 64 career World Cup wins trails only Marcel Hirscher (67), Lindsey Vonn (82) and Swedish great Ingemar Stenmark (86). "She's always been an incredible and very disciplined skier. But she's really finding the perfect rhythm with that skiing style."

Vihova has won the last two slalom races — Shiffrin's signature event — with Shiffrin taking second in Zagreb, Croatia, and then third in Flachau, Austria, on Jan. 14.

Sandwiched in between, Shiffrin turned in a "did



Shiffrin has reached the podium in 11 of her 16 races this season.

not finish," when she slid out on her left hip during a sharp turn in her first run of an Alpine combined.

"When I go through something like these last couple of races, that makes it a little bit more obvious just how difficult it is to be on top and stay on top," Shiffrin said. "Even last season, I was telling everybody, 'I don't expect this. This is unbelievable.' I'm constantly going back to work every single race, because I don't expect this."

She and her team try to maintain a low profile in training, but there's only so much privacy on the slopes. One of her concerns is someone showing up with no athlete training on the hill that day simply to film. And while she didn't mention any names, some came away with the impression she was directing it toward Vihova's team.

"I have so much respect for all my competitors. I have so much respect for the work they put into their own skiing to get to the top level," said Shiffrin, who turns 25 on March 13. "I do sometimes wish that we could find a little bit of privacy in our training environment. But that's not how skiing works."

"It's just wishful thinking."

The women's World Cup tour rolls on to Bansko, Bulgaria, this weekend for a downhill and super G. The next technical events are scheduled for Maribor, Slovenia, in mid-February.

She's weighing the rewards of rest against racing. "If I could get an actual day of rest that doesn't include driving six hours or having a strength session on top of in-season maintenance ... Just like a little bit of a reset, then the motivation comes back really quickly," Shiffrin said. "I feel like I'm going to be able to raise my level of skiing again. It's just going to take a little bit of time. It won't even take that much."

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Scoreboard

Wednesday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: AUD\$1,000,000
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor
(Seeds in parentheses):
Men's Singles
Second Round
 Stefanos Tsitsipas (6), Greece, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, walk-over.
 Sam Querrey, United States, def. Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
 Shishito Nishikawa, Japan, def. Daniel Evans (30), Britain, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
 Guido Pella (22), Argentina, def. Gregoire Barrere, France, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.
 Diego Schwartzman (14), Argentina, def. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, Spain, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.
 Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Tatsumi Yano, Japan, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.
 Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, def. Janko Sinner, Italy, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
 Tommy Paul, United States, def. Grigor Dimitrov (10), Bulgaria, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 7-3 (7), 7-6 (3).
 Marin Cilic, Croatia, def. Benoit Paire (21), France, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 (3).
 Milos Raonic (32), Canada, def. Cristian Garin, Chile, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
 Tennyson Sandgren, United States, def. Matteo Berrettini (16), Italy, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.
 Lajovic (24), Serbia, def. Marc Polmans, Australia, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.
 John Millman, Australia, def. Hubert Hurkacz (1), Poland, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.
 Roberto Bautista-Aguirre (9), Spain, def. Michael Mmoh, United States, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.
 Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Filip Krunic, Serbia, 6-1, 6-4, 6-1.
 Fabio Fognini (12), Italy, def. Jordan Thomas (18), Great Britain, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (3).
Women's Singles
First Round
 Anett Kontaveit (28), Estonia, def. Astra Sharma, Australia, 6-0, 6-2.
 Iga Swiatek, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 6-3, 6-2.
 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (30), Russia, def. Nina Stojanovic, Serbia, 6-1, 7-5.
 Taylor Townsend, United States, def. Jessica Pegula, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
 Heather Watson, Britain, def. Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.
 Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, def. Veronika Kudermetova, Russia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.
 Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Aryna Sabalenka (11), Belarus, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6).
 Elise Mertens (10), Belgium, def. Danica Kovinic, Montenegro, 6-2, 6-0.
Second Round
 Sofia Kenin (14), United States, def. Ann Li, United States, 6-1, 6-3.
 Naomi Osaka (3), Japan, def. Zheng Shuang, China, 6-2, 6-4.
 Zhang Shuai, China, def. Caty McNally, United States, 6-2, 6-4.
 Petra Kvitová (7), Czech Republic, def. Paula Badosa, Spain, 7-5, 7-5.
 Julia Georges, Germany, def. Petra Maric (13), Croatia, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
 Ekaterina Alexandrova (25), Russia, def. Barbora Krejickova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
 Alison Riske (18), United States, def. Zhi Lin, China, 6-4, 6-2.
 Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, def. Polona Herczeg, Slovenia, 6-1, 6-4.
 Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.
 Elena Rybakina (2), Denmark, def. Dayana Yastremska (25), Ukraine, 7-5, 7-6 (3).
 Elena Rybakina (2), Kazakhstan, def. Greet Minnen, Belgium, 6-3, 6-4.
 Cori Gauff, United States, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
 Wang Xinyu (27), China, def. Fiona Ferro, France, 6-1, 6-2.
 Stefania Vignati, Greece, def. Nao Hibino, Japan, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
 Serena Williams (8), United States, def. Tamara Zidansek, Slovenia, 6-2, 6-3.

Madison Keys (10), United States, def. Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-2.
Men's Doubles
First Round
 Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos (6), Argentina, def. Philipp Oswald, Austria, and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, 6-4, 6-4.
 Franko Skugor, Croatia, and Igor Krijackic (16), United States, def. Justin Sledge, Slovakia, and Roman Jebavy, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-3.
 Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen, Belgium, def. Feliciano Lopez and Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
 Mikhail Kukushin, def. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, and Kevin Krawietz and Andreas Mies (3), Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (7).
 Jonny O Mara, Britain, and Marcelo Arevalo-Gonzalez, El Salvador, def. Juan Ignacio Londero, Argentina, and Hugo Dellien, Bolivia, 6-3, 6-2.
 Florin Tecau, Romania, and Jean-Julien Rojer (9), Netherlands, def. Alsam-Hag Qureshi, Pakistan, and Dominic Ingolf, Britain, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.
 Henri Kontinen, Finland, and Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Andreas Seppi and Lorenzo Sonego, Italy, 6-4, 6-1.
 Andis Molteni, Argentina, and Hugo Nys, Monaco, def. Matthew Ebden and Alex Bolt, Australia, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.
 Leonardo Mayer and Federico Delbonis, Argentina, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, and Jiri Vesely and Filip Polasek (4), Slovakia, def. Blake Ellis and Alexei Popyrin, Australia, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
 Artem Sitak, New Zealand, and Divij Sharan, India, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, and Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 6-4, 7-5.
 Nicola Pietrangeli, Croatia, and Wesley Koolhof (5), Netherlands, def. Marco Cecchinato, Italy, and Laslo Djere, Serbia, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
 Luke Saville and Max Purcell, Australia, def. Andrei Vasilevski, Belarus, and Andrey Rublev, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
 Chris Guccione and Matt Reid, Australia, def. Marc Lopez and Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
 Michael Venus, New Zealand, and John Peers (7), Australia, def. Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, and Tim Puetz, Germany, 7-5, 6-3.
Women's Doubles
First Round
 Latisha Chan and Hao-Ching Chan (7), Taiwan, def. Okana Kalashnikova, Georgia, and Miyu Kato, Japan, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
 Maddison Inglis and Kaylah McPhee, Australia, def. Lyudmyla Kichenok, Ukraine, and Zhaoxuan Yang (14), China, 6-4, 6-1.
 Jennifer Brady and Caroline Dolehide, United States, def. Xu Yifan, China, and Nicole Melichar (5), United States, 6-3, 6-2.
 Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, and Bernarda Pera, United States, def. Vania King and Christina McHale, United States, 1-6, 3-7, 7-6 (1).
 Lauren Davis, United States, and Viktoriya Golubic, Switzerland, def. Leticie Cabeza, Spain, and Katerina Mladenovic (5), 1-6, 6-1.
 Alicja Rosolska, Poland, and Danielle Collins, United States, def. Magda Linette, Poland, and Katerina Kozlova, Ukraine, 5-7, 7-5, 6-0.
 Aleksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, and Viktoria Kuznetsov, U.S., Slovakia, def. Alexandra Bovic and Amber Marshall, Australia, 6-3, 6-2.
 Anna Rodionova and Jaimee Farrow, Australia, def. Sharon Fichman, Canada, and Cornelia Lister, Sweden, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
 Asim Muhammad and Sabrina Santamaria, United States, def. Storm Sanders and Priscilla Hon, Australia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.
 Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, def. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, and Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-2.

Gauff sets up showdown with Osaka; Serena wins

By HOWARD FENDRICH
 Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Plenty was going badly for Coco Gauff in the second round of the Australian Open.

The double-faults kept coming Wednesday, nine in all. The deficits, too: First, she dropped the opening set against 74th-ranked Sorana Cirstea. Then, after forcing a third, Gauff fell behind by a break, ceding 14 of 16 points with a series of mistakes. Later, after getting even at 3-all, Gauff was a mere two points from a loss.

None of that mattered. As she keeps showing, over and over, Gauff is not a typical 15-year-old. Not a typical tennis player, either. And by getting past Cirstea 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 in a little more than two hours, thanks to a more aggressive approach in the late going, she now has set up yet another Grand Slam showdown against Naomi Osaka.



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

Coco Gauff reacts after winning a point against Sorana Cirstea during their match at the Australian Open on Wednesday. Gauff rallied from losing the first set to set up a third-round match with Naomi Osaka.

and set but Yastremska held in a game after she'd taken a medical timeout to treat her left leg.

Wozniacki eventually clinched it two games away with a service break, and wiped tears from her eyes.

Defending men's champion Novak Djokovic required all of 95 minutes to breeze past Japanese wild-card entry Tatsuma Ito 6-1, 6-4, 6-2, while Roger Federer had a similarly easy time, beating 41st-ranked Filip Krunic of Serbia 6-1, 6-4, 6-1.

While Federer had the usual Grand Slam day off between matches, Krunic's first-round contest was postponed by showers and so he didn't have the proper rest after a five-set win Tuesday.

"I do feel a little bit sorry," said Federer, who now meets Australia's John Millman, who surprised in the fourth round of the 2018 U.S. Open.

Gauff was not at her very best on a windy afternoon against Cirstea but managed to figure her way out of trouble repeatedly. Gauff demonstrated plenty of grit, yes, and also enthusiasm, pumping herself up by shaking a fist and yelling, "Come on!" after most of her successful points down the stretch.

All the while, Gauff was supported by a Melbourne Arena crowd that chanted, "Let's go, Coco! Let's go!"

Her father, Corey, was animated in the stands, too, except when he was squinting his eyes shut at critical moments.

There were several of those for his precocious daughter, who was ranked only 313th last year when she became the youngest player in history to qualify for Wimbledon, then wound up beating Williams there en route to the fourth round.

It is a measure of her cameo-soon stardom that Gauff was playing at Melbourne Park's third-largest stadium Wednesday, even though this was a match between a pair of players ranked outside the top 60 and with one career Grand Slam quarterfinal between them, more than a decade ago (Cirstea made it that far at the 2009 French Open).

Indeed, every Grand Slam singles match — "every" being a relative term, of course, because this was No. 9 — of the 67th-ranked Gauff's nascent career has been placed on a show court.

This was the first main draw match at a major for Gauff in which she held a better ranking than her opponent.

Didn't seem that way at the outset: Gauff dropped the first set. After forcing things to a third, she trailed 3-0. After making it 3-3, Gauff needed to get through one more gut check: Twice, she was two points from departing.

But the American teenager broke in the next-to-last game, then held to win.

Osaka worked through some frustrations Wednesday by grabbing her racket with both hands and chucking it to the ground, tossing away a tennis ball and kicking the racket along the court, to boot.

Then she plopped herself down on her sideline seat and draped a towel over her head. Soon, she was gathering herself and defeating Zheng 6-2, 6-4.

"I mean, my racket just magically flew out of my hand. I couldn't control it," Osaka said with a mischievous smile. "I think that's how I dealt with my frustration. It was a bit childish. I just want to play one match without using my racket, or kicking it. That's all I want."

Caroline Wozniacki celebrates after defeating Dayana Yastremska in the second round of the Australian Open on Wednesday.

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Career statistics

Derek Jeter									
Regular season									
Year, Team	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	AVG	OPS	SB	CS
1995, NY	48	8	12	0	7	.250			
1996, NY	562	104	183	10	78	.314			
1997, NY	564	100	170	10	70	.291			
1998, NY	626	127	203	19	84	.324			
1999, NY	627	119	219	24	102	.349			
2000, NY	593	119	201	15	73	.339			
2001, NY	614	110	191	21	74	.311			
2002, NY	644	124	191	18	75	.297			
2003, NY	482	87	156	10	52	.324			
2004, NY	443	88	123	23	78	.292			
2005, NY	654	122	202	19	70	.309			
2006, NY	636	124	214	14	97	.343			
2007, NY	639	107	206	12	73	.322			
2008, NY	596	88	179	11	69	.300			
2009, NY	546	84	162	6	61	.267			
2010, NY	663	111	179	10	67	.270			
2011, NY	546	84	162	6	61	.267			
2012, NY	683	99	216	15	58	.316			
2013, NY	583	112	171	12	7	.189			
2014, NY	581	47	149	4	0	.256			
Totals	11195	1925	3465	260	1311	.310			

Division Series									
Year, Opp.	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	AVG	OPS	SB	CS
1996, Tex	17	3	5	0	1	.412			
1997, Cle	21	6	7	2	2	.333			
1998, Bos	9	1	1	0	0	.111			
1999, Tex	11	3	5	0	0	.455			
2000, Oak	19	1	4	0	2	.211			
2001, Oak	18	8	8	0	1	.444			
2002, Ana	16	6	8	2	3	.500			
2003, Min	14	6	1	1	1	.429			
2004, Min	19	3	6	1	4	.316			
21,05, LA	21	5	7	2	2	.333			
2006, Det	16	4	8	1	1	.500			
2007, Cle	17	0	3	0	1	.176			
10,09, Min	10	4	1	1	2	.400			
2010, Min	14	0	4	0	1	.286			
2011, Tex	24	6	0	0	2	.250			
2012, Bal	22	4	8	0	2	.364			
Totals	268	49	92	10	28	.343			

League Championship Series									
Year, Opp.	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	AVG	OPS	SB	CS
1996, Bal	24	10	1	1	1	.417			
1998, Cle	25	3	5	0	2	.200			
2000, Bos	20	1	1	1	1	.350			
2000, Sea	22	6	7	2	5	.318			
2001, Bos	20	5	7	2	1	.350			
2003, Bos	30	3	7	1	2	.233			
2004, Bos	30	5	6	0	5	.200			
2009, LA	27	7	7	2	3	.259			
2010, Tex	5	2	6	0	1	.231			
2012, Det	13	6	3	2	0	.230			
Totals	226	32	58	7	24	.257			

World Series									
Year, Opp.	AB	R	H	RBI	HR	AVG	OPS	SB	CS
1996, Atl	20	5	5	0	1	.250			
1998, SD	17	9	3	0	1	.353			
1999, Atl	17	4	6	0	1	.353			
2000, NYM	22	6	9	2	2	.409			
2001, Ari	27	3	4	1	1	.148			
2002, NYM	27	9	9	0	0	.333			
2009, Phi	27	5	11	0	1	.407			
Totals	156	32	50	3	9	.321			

Larry Walker									
Regular season									
Year, Team	AB	R	H	RBI	SB	AVG	OPS	CS	
1989, Mon	47	4	8	3	4	1.170			
1990, Mon	419	59	101	19	51	.211			
1991, Mon	487	59	116	16	14	.290			
1992, Mon	465	159	213	53	13	.341			
1993, Mon	480	139	222	66	29	.265			
1994, Mon	395	76	127	19	86	.152			
1995, Cal	484	95	138	10	101	.286			
1996, Cal	272	58	75	18	58	.188			
1997, Cal	568	143	208	49	130	.336			
1998, Cal	454	113	165	23	67	.313			
1999, Cal	438	108	167	37	115	.173			
2000, Cal	614	64	97	9	51	.309			
2001, Cal	497	107	174	38	123	.143			
2002, Cal	477	95	163	26	104	.6			
2003, Cal	454	86	129	19	79	.284			
2004, Cal-Su	528	51	77	17	47	.298			
2005, Chi	315	66	91	15	22	.289			
Totals	6907	1555	2160	383	1312	.313			

Division Series									
Year, Opp.	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	OPS	SB	CS	
1990, LA	14	5	3	2	.357				
2004, LA	15	6	5	2	.333				
2005, SD	9	0	0	0	.000				
Totals	38	10	8	2	.611				

League Championship Series									
Year, Opp.	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	OPS	SB	CS	
2004, Hou	29	6	7	2	.241				
2005, Hou	19	5	7	1	.368				
Totals	48	10	14	3	.608				

World Series									
Year, Opp.	AB	R	H	RBI	AVG	OPS	SB	CS	
2004, Bos	2	2	5	2	.357				
Totals	14	2	5	2	.357				



Larry Walker put up his biggest performance in the thin air of Cooperstown before being dealt to St. Louis.

Honor: Jeter more defined by moments

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ballots made public before the announcement. The BBWAA will release additional ballots on Feb. 4 of writers who chose a public listing.

"I don't like to jinx anything," Jeter said. "No one assumes they're going to go to the Hall of Fame."

Walker appeared on 304 ballots, six above the 75% needed, up from 54.6% last year. He was making his 10th and final appearance on the BBWAA ballot and tweeted earlier in the day "I believe I'm going to come up a little short today."

Pitcher Curt Schilling was third with 278 votes (70%) in his eighth ballot appearance, an increase from 60.9% but still 20 votes shy. The steroids-tainted pair of Roger Clemens (61%) and Barry Bonds (60.7%) both showed slight increases. Bonds rose from 59.1% last year and Clemens from 59.5%.

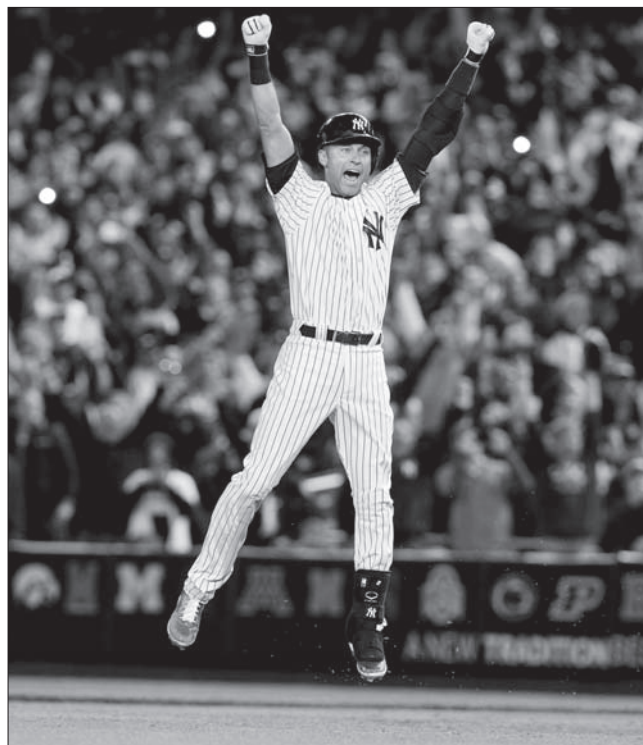
Jeter and Walker will be inducted on July 26 at the Hall in Cooperstown along with catcher Ted Simmons and former players' association head Marvin Miller, who were voted in last month by the Hall's Modern Era Committee.

A five-time World Series champion, Jeter became a face of baseball as he starred in the nation's largest media market from 1995-2014. He was the AL Rookie of the Year in 1996 as the Yankees won the World Series for the first time since 1978, then led New York to three straight titles from 1998-2000, the only team to accomplish the feat since the 1972-74 Oakland Athletics. A reborn Yankees added their 27th title in 2009.

Jeter defined himself by moments more than numbers: his unexpected backhand flip from left territory to throw out Oakland's Jeremy Giambi in the 2001 AL Division Series; his Mr. November home run in the 10th inning to win Game 4 of the 2001 World Series; his face-first leap into the stands after catching a 12th-inning popout by Boston's Trot Nixon in 2004; a home run into the left-field bleachers for his 3,000th hit as part of a career-best 5-for-5 game in 2011; a ninth-inning walkoff single in his final home game in 2014; a single in his last at-bat three days later that lifted his career average to .310.

Drafted sixth overall in 1992 after he was spotted by Yankees scout Dick Groulx as a high school junior a year earlier, Jeter was bypassed by Houston (Phil Nevin), Cleveland (Paul Shuey), (Montreal (B.J. Wallace), Baltimore (Jeffrey Hammonds) and Cincinnati (Chad Mottola). He debuted for the Yankees on May 29, 1995, and was installed at shortstop the following spring training by new manager Joe Torre.

Jeter became a 14-time All-Star and five-time Gold Glove winner despite defensive metrics that were maligned. He was appointed captain by owner George Steinbrenner in June 2003, filling



The New York Yankees' Derek Jeter leaps after hitting the game-winning single against the Baltimore Orioles during the ninth inning on Sept. 25, 2014 in New York.

Voting

397 votes cast, 298 needed less than 5 percent: x-Paul Konerko 10 (2.5), x-Jason Giambi 6 (1.5), x-Alfonso Soriano 6 (1.5), x-Eric Chavez 2 (0.5), x-Cliff Lee 2 (0.5), x-Adam Dunn 1, Brad Penny 0 (0.3), x-Raul Ibanez 1 (0.3), x-Li Putz 1 (0.3), x-Josh Beckett 0, x-Heath Bell 0, x-Chone Figgins 0, x-Rafael Furcal 0, x-Carlos Pena, x-Brian Roberts 0, x-Joe Valverde 0
x-first year on ballot

ing a position that had been open since Don Mattingly's retirement after the 1995 season. He finished with 3,465 hits, 260 homers, 358 stolen bases and 1,311 RBIs, earning \$266 million from the Yankees.

He was the ninth player elected to the Hall after playing exclusively for the Yankees, joining

Lou Gehrig (1939), Bill Dickey (1954), Joe DiMaggio (1955), Eliahu Combs (1970), Whitford Ford and Mickey Mantle (1974), Phil Rizzuto (1994) and Rivera.

Jeter used some of his savings to join the group purchasing the Miami Marlins in September 2017, becoming CEO. Jettisoning veterans and going with low-priced youth in a way the Yankees never did, Jeter endured a pair of last-place finishes and the lowest home attendance in the major leagues.

Walker hit .313 with .383 homers, 1,311 RBIs and 230 stolen bases for Montreal (1989-94), Colorado (1995-2004) and St. Louis (2004-05), a five-time All-Star and seven-time Gold Glove winner. He led the major leagues in batting average in 1998, 1999 and 2001.

Evaluating his offensive performance gave some baseball writers difficulty because he spent 9½ seasons hitting at home in the thin air of Denver's Coors Field. Walker batted .351 with a 1.172 OPS and 154 home runs in 597 games at Coors and .282 with

229 homers and an .873 OPS in 1,391 games elsewhere, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

He received just 20.3% in his first ballot appearance in 2011 and dropped to less than 10.2% in 2014. He rose to 21.9% in 2017 before jumping to 34.1% in 2018.

Walker became the second Canadian-born player elected to the Hall after Ferguson Jenkins in 1991.

"Being Canadian, you're born into this world with a stick in your hand and skates on your feet," Walker said. "So that's how I was as a kid. You played hockey and that's all that really mattered. When hockey didn't quite go the way I wanted, baseball more or less found me."

Ballot holdovers could benefit next year, when the most prominent players eligible for the first time are Torii Hunter and Mark Buehrle. The 2022 ballot will include David Ortiz and Alex Rodriguez, who served a season-long suspension in 2014 for violations of the drug program and baseball's collective bargaining agreement.

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St. Louis Cardinals left fielder Marcell Ozuna, right, singles against the Atlanta Braves in the fourth inning during Game 2 of the 2019 National League Division Series in Atlanta. Ozuna and the Braves reached an \$18 million, one-year free-agent deal Tuesday.

Braves reach \$18M deal with Ozuna

BY CHARLES ODUM
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves found their new cleanup hitter when they reached an agreement with free agent outfielder Marcell Ozuna on an \$18 million, one-year deal Tuesday.

Ozuna joins the team he helped beat in the playoffs last October. He hit .429 with two home runs for the St. Louis Cardinals in their five-game win over the Braves in the NL Division Series.

“We just focused on the player we thought was the best fit here,” Braves general manager Alex Anthopoulos said. “We were looking for a middle-of-the-order bat.”

The 29-year-old Ozuna hit .241 with 29 home runs and 89 RBIs last season. His low batting average was something of an oddity because he ranked among the major league leaders in the highest percentage of hard-hit balls, according to Statcast.

Ozuna will be the probable choice to fill the fourth spot in the Braves lineup that was left vacant when third baseman Josh Donaldson signed a \$92 million, four-year deal with Minnesota.

“The projection is he will bat cleanup for us, but

our focus was just on getting good players,” Anthopoulos said.

The addition of Ozuna creates a logjam in the Atlanta outfield. Ronald Acuna Jr., Ender Inciarte and Nick Markakis were expected to be the starters. Markakis could have been targeted to share the left field job with Adam Duvall.

Anthopoulos said Acuna and Ozuna are “projected as everyday players.” He said the full field with Inciarte, Markakis and Duvall “will be worked out over the course of the spring.”

Anthopoulos said he believes Ozuna can return to the form he showed while with Miami in 2017, when he hit .312 with 37 homers and 124 RBIs — all career highs.

“We liked our outfield but we really feel strongly about Ozuna’s bat and we think there’s a lot more upside than what he showed last year,” Anthopoulos said. “We just thought it would be a really good fit for us and the deal made sense for both sides.”

The Ozuna signing also means Johan Camargo and Austin Riley will compete for the starting job at third base unless the Braves make another move.

Ozuna is a two-time All-Star who spent his first five seasons with the Marlins.

Japan’s sign-stealing scandal came first

BY STEPHEN WADE
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Associated Press

TOKYO — If anyone thought that using technology to steal catchers’ signs had only blossomed Major League Baseball and the Houston Astros — or it’s something new — think again.

Japan went through a similar scandal just over 20 years ago. The Japanese reverse baseball as much as Americans and have straddled the same thin line between gamesmanship and cheating.

In a widely covered scandal in 1998, a camera in the Fukuoka Dome was discovered to be focused on the catcher. Officials of the Daiiei Hawks — now the SoftBank Hawks — reportedly monitored the signs and relayed them by walkie-talkie to fans in the stands, who then used signals

to batters to indicate the coming pitch.

There was no trash-can banging, as the Astros did. Instead, a fan would hold up a megaphone in front of their body to indicate, say, a fastball. Holding it to the right meant curve. On the left was, say, a change up.

A Japanese baseball investigation found no wrongdoing by the Hawks, who were managed then by all-time home run leader Sadaharu Oh. He was not directly implicated.

A rule that came into effect at about that time made it illegal to steal signs electronically.

“The committee came up with a response that they couldn’t be sure either way,” Marty Kuehnert, an American who is the only foreigner to ever be a general manager of a Japanese professional baseball team, said. “Most believe they were cheating. There

were no penalties and nothing was proven — or they said nothing was proven.”

Kuehnert has worked in sports in Japan for over 40 years. He was named the Rakuten Eagles GM when the expansion team started play in 2005. He was dismissed during the first season when the team struggled similar “to the 1962 Mets” and lost 11 straight. He’s now an official with the Sendai 89ers basketball team in northern Japan.

The Astros’ scandal isn’t receiving much attention in Japan, although it has partially exonerated Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish. Darvish started two games — including the deciding game 7 — against the Astros in the 2017 World Series. He didn’t get through the second inning in either start and gave up eight earned runs.

Schilling’s the one to watch in next Hall vote

BY NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

DETROIT — Derek Jeter’s election to the Hall of Fame marked the seventh straight year with at least one first-ballot honoree.

That streak is probably over in 2021.

Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter and Mark Buehrle are among the newcomers expected on the next ballot, and although those three accomplished plenty as major leaguers, they seem unlikely to sail straight into the Hall the way Jeter and Mariano Rivera did in the past couple of votes. Instead, the focus will turn to a number of holdovers, at least one of whom is inching closer to induction.

Curt Schilling was selected on 70% of the ballots this year. Candidates need to reach 75% to be elected by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America. Other players whose positions improved significantly this time included Omar Vizquel (42.8% to 52.6%), Scott Rolen (72.2% to 35.3%), Billy Wagner (16.7% to 31.7%), Gary Sheffield (13.6% to 30.5%) and Todd Helton (16.5% to 29.2%).

Rivera was elected unanimously in 2019, when he was inducted along with Roy Halladay, Edgar Martinez and Mike Mussina. Jeter and Larry Walker are going into the Hall this year. Jeter fell one vote shy of unanimity.

Don’t expect that kind of consensus a year from now. Without much competition for ballot slots from the next group of newcomers, the holdovers could progress further, but only Schilling seems close enough to have a good chance of induction in 2021. If fewer than two people are elected by the BBWAA, it will be the first time that’s happened since nobody reached the 75% mark in 2013.

Things to watch in the next Hall of Fame vote:

Plenty of time

Walker made the Hall this year, his first time on the ballot, completing a remarkable rise after he received only 10.2% of the vote in 2014. That gives at least some hope for someone like Andrew Jones, who just received 19.4% in his third year.

In relief

There’s still broad disagreement over how to evaluate relievers. Trevor Hoffman got in on his third try and Rivera his first, but Wagner didn’t reach the same status as those two. Perhaps he can build some momentum after taking a step forward this year.



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

Former Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling was elected on 70 percent of the Hall of Fame ballots this year, just shy of the 75 percent needed.

In the spotlight

Schilling figures to be the center of attention. He excelled in that spot as a pitcher — his post-season exploits with the Red Sox, Diamondbacks and Phillies have been well documented — but his Hall of Fame candidacy may become even more contentious the closer he gets.

Schilling is no stranger to controversy. In 2016, he was fired as an analyst by ESPN for his Facebook comments about transgender people.

He has two more chances to be elected before his time on the ballot would run out.

Bonds and Clemens

There wasn’t much movement this year for Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens, the two most prominent players whose candidacies have been held back by allegations of performance-enhancing drug use.

They were both just under 60% last year. This time, Clemens received 61% and Bonds 60.7%.

Bonds and Clemens have two more chances on the ballot, and if they’re going to have any real surge, it doesn’t seem likely until their final year.

Sammy Sosa also has two years left, but at 14% he’s much further back.

Colorado effect?

Helton moved up in his second year on the ballot, although he faces questions about how playing in Colorado helped his offensive production. The induction of Walker, who also spent time with the Rockies, may help Helton.

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Derek Jeter, who played his entire 20-year career with the Yankees, came within one vote of being the second player unanimously elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Former teammate Mariano Rivera remains the only unanimous selection.

KATHY KMONICEK / AP

New additions

Jeter, Walker earn highest honor

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

Derek Jeter came within one vote of being a unanimous pick for the Hall of Fame while Larry Walker also earned baseball's highest honor on Tuesday.

The longtime New York Yankees captain appeared on 396 of 397 ballots cast by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, falling

just shy of the standard set when longtime Yankees teammate Mariano Rivera became the first unanimous selection last year. Jeter's 99.7% moved above Ken Griffey Jr. (99.3%) for the second-highest.

"I was speechless when I got the call," Jeter said. "Quite frankly, I was pretty nervous, and when I got it I really didn't know what to say."

It was not immediately known which voter didn't choose Jeter, who was listed on all 219

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Larry Walker got into the Hall of Fame by appearing on 304 ballots, just six above the 75 percent needed. It was his 10th and final year on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot.

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