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President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in the White House on Monday.

Trump’s comments prompt dismay, calls for clarification in Kabul

BY PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Afghan government has called for clarification of remarks made by President Donald Trump that he could end the war in Afghanistan in a matter of days by wiping the country “off the face of the earth,” although he would not do so.

Trump’s comments in the Oval Office, ahead of a meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan, came amid growing concerns that the Kabul government is being sidelined in discussions of the country’s future.

“Given the multifaceted relationship between Afghanistan and the United States, the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan calls for clarification on the U.S. president’s statements,” President Ashraf Ghani’s office said in a statement Tuesday.

“We are very concerned about the current situation,” Ghani said. “We understand the U.S. president’s decision to pull out of Afghanistan, but we believe it is necessary for the U.S. commitment to remain for the sake of Afghanistan’s security and peace.”

One option is to consider a withdrawal of U.S. forces instead of a defeat, said presidential spokesman Zafar Hashimi.

Months of preliminary peace negotiations between American and Taliban officials aimed at ending the war have excluded the government, though the U.S. says Kabul’s eventual participation is mandatory.

U.S. Special Representative for Afghan Reconciliation Zalmay Khalilzad arrived in Kabul on Tuesday for talks with the Afghan government to map out next steps in the peace process, the State Department said. Khalilzad will also meet in Afghanistan with civil society representatives, including women’s rights groups, before traveling to

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S. Korea fires warning shots in Russian plane incident

BY KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean fighter jets fired some 360 warning shots after a Russian military aircraft violated airspace twice Tuesday off the peninsula’s east coast in an unprecedented breach, defense officials said.

Russia’s Defense Ministry said it had carried out a joint air patrol with China in the Asia-Pacific region for the first time. But it denied that any border violations took place.

The encounters occurred after three Russian and two Chinese warplanes entered South Korea’s air defense identification zone, which is a buffer zone that’s not defined by international law or treaty, the officials said.

A Russian early warning and control plane then advanced and briefly flew over the easternmost islets of Dokdo, which South Korea considered a violation of its territorial airspace.

Seoul mobilized fighter jets, including F-15s and F-16s, which fired warning shots and machine-gun rounds that were fired toward an area more than

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N. Korea’s Kim tours new sub amid nuclear tensions

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N. Korea’s Kim inspects new sub amid tensions

By Kim Gamel
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspected a new submarine and its weapons systems, state-run media reported Tuesday, the latest apparent effort to raise pressure on the United States amid efforts to resume nuclear talks.

He expressed “great satisfaction” after reviewing the operational and tactical and combat weapons systems of the new submarine, the Korean Central News Agency reported, adding that its operational deployment is “near at hand.”

“The operational capacity of a submarine is an important component in [the] national defense of our country bound on its east and west by sea,” Kim was quoted as saying. He also “stressed the need to steadily and reliably increase the national defense capability by directing big efforts to the development of the naval weapons and equipment” such as submarines, KCNA said.

The report came about a week after North Korea warned it may restart its nuclear weapons testing program if the U.S. conducts joint military exercises with South Korea as expected next month. KCNA didn’t provide specifics about the submarine’s weapons systems or a date for the inspection.

The U.S. has largely dismissed the saber-rattling by North Korea as the administration presses to break the deadlock that stalled negotiations aimed at persuading Kim to give up his nuclear weapons.

President Donald Trump met with Kim on June 30 in a surprise summit in the truce village of Panmunjom on the heavily fortified border that divides the peninsula. He said the two leaders agreed to resume talks, but no date has been set.

Talks stalled after Trump and Kim ended a late February summit in Vietnam without agreement due to differences over their respective demands for complete denuclearization and incremental sanctions relief.

South Korea’s Foreign Ministry summoned Russia’s acting ambassador, while the military summoned Russia’s defense attaché to file a formal complaint with them. Russia’s Defense Ministry said it had joined China in conducting “the first joint air patrol by long-range aircraft in the Asia-Pacific region,” according to the Tass news agency.

The ministry insisted that the flights were part of a military cooperation plan and not directed against third countries. It also dismissed reports of warning shots against the bombers, claiming “this would have triggered an immediate response.” However, the statement didn’t refer to an A-50 reconnaissance plane, which is what the South Koreans said entered their territory.

President Moon Jae-in’s national security adviser, Chung Eui-yong, warned Moscow that South Korea takes the intrusion very seriously and “will take much stronger measures” if it happens again.

Foreign planes have intruded into the air defense identification zone, known as KADIZ, but Seoul said it was the first time Chinese and Russian military planes conducted what appeared to be a joint operation.

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Warning: Russia claims patrols with China not directed against third countries

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half a mile ahead of the Russian plane.

The Russian plane left the airspace after three minutes but returned about 15 minutes later, according to a timeline provided by officials from the Joint Chief of Staffs and the Ministry of National Defense.

The Russian aircraft finally left the air space and flew out of the air defense identification zone after South Korean fighter jets responded again.

“This is the first time military planes from a foreign country violated our territorial sky,” officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity according to department policy.

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Turkey hints at review of base access if US levies sanctions

By John Vandiver
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — If Washington slaps sanctions on Turkey over its acquisition of a Russian air defense system, U.S. use of two strategically vital bases could be at risk, the country's foreign minister suggested.

"We are currently running the process, whether it’s Incirlik, Kurecik or other issues," Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said Monday. "If America has very negative steps toward us, if there are sanctions or further steps, we will have answers to America." Cavusoglu, who was speaking to Turkish TV news channel TGRT Haber, didn’t elaborate on what that channel TGRT Haber, didn’t elaborate on what that process entailed. He dismissed concerns that the country’s foreign minister implied that U.S. access to bases such as Incirlik might be limited if Washington imposes sanctions on Turkey over its acquisition of a Russian air defense system.

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The new Marine commandant's pledge to significantly expand parental leave has buoyed advocates for military families, who say they hope that policies allowing for more caregiving time will spread beyond the Marine Corps.

Commandant’s parental leave pledge praised

By Nancy Montgomery
Stars and Stripes

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Esper confirmed as Pentagon chief

Norquist tapped as deputy DOD secretary

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WASHINGTON — The Senate on Tuesday confirmed Mark Esper as defense secretary, ending seven months of turmoil about who would secure the top job at the Pentagon and lead the U.S. military.

Esper was confirmed in a 90-8 vote by the Senate. Sens. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and Patrice Mink, D-Mont., were the only senators to vote no. The confirmation was confirmed by the Senate on Tuesday. Norquist will return full time to his position as the Pentagon’s comptroller and chief financial officer, which he has held since 2011 while awaiting Senate confirmation for his nomination to the deputy defense secretary.

Norquist’s confirmation hearing is scheduled for Wednesday morning before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

His confirmation could be a quick process as the Senate nears its monthlong August recess in two weeks.

“The deputy secretary of defense is the number two civilian at the Pentagon, so it’s incredibly important to reach a formal nomination and confirm the nominee quickly,” Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said in a statement Thursday about Norquist’s hearing. “But while there is a sense of urgency, the committee must thoroughly consider nominations that we receive.”

Norquist has been working in federal financial management for about three decades, according to his Pentagon biography. He was also the first Senate-confirmed chief financial officer for the Department of Homeland Security.

As the Pentagon’s comptroller, Norquist was responsible for overseeing the department’s first full audit since it was required by Congress in the early 1990s.

At the time it was released in November 2018, Norquist said he believed it was the largest financial audit ever undertaken, with $2.7 trillion in assets and $2.6 trillion in liabilities.

Norquist received Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Public Policy from the University of Michigan.

He also received a Master of Arts in National Security Studies from Georgetown University in Washington.

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**Fees for base housing firm withheld**

**BY COREY DICKSTEIN**  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has suspended incentive fee payments to a company that runs its on-base housing at 21 installations amid allegations that Balfour Beatty Communities, LLC employees falsified maintenance work orders to deliver to the service.

John Henderson, the assistant secretary of the Army, said in a statement that he has ordered the fees — about $4.3 million — withheld until Balfour Beatty conducts an independent review of the maintenance that it has completed at Air Force installations and the work orders documenting those actions. He gave the company 90 days to complete that assessment.

The Air Force initially suspended the incentive fees last month to Balfour Beatty at three installations after an Air Force employee told Balfour Beatty that the company was not performing the maintenance work.

The service initially delayed a full investigation into the allegations, citing the uncertainty over whether or not Balfour Beatty had falsified work orders.

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Nowruz had suspended an employee at Mountain Home who might have improperly filed maintenance work orders amid an investigation. The spokesperson said the company is also probing allegations of wrongdoing at Tinker.

“We are cooperating fully with the U.S. Air Force and relevant authorities on these matters,” the company said in a statement. “The allegations made do not reflect the culture or the work ethic of over 1,200 employees across Balfour Beatty Communities who are dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of conduct and service at all the military facilities for which we are proud to be responsible.”

Balfour Beatty oversees about 15,500 homes at Air Force installations. The company is responsible for another 18,900 homes on Army posts and 6,600 Navy homes.

Officials with those services declined to comment specifically on the allegations raised at Air Force installations but they said Tuesday that reviews would be conducted on maintenance logs. The Pentagon in recent months has said it has addressed major problems on tens of thousands of privatized, on-base homes after issues including mold, pest infestations, shoddy workmanship and unresponsive maintenance officials surfaced last year at installations around the world. Top service leaders have worked to forge better relationships with the landlord companies and to establish new guidelines meant to hold those companies accountable when they do not provide adequate living conditions.

Lawmakers, meanwhile, have heard extensively from military leadership, on-base housing companies and tenants about the issues and plans to address them.

The military for most of its history ran its own on-base housing. But in 1996, the Pentagon and Congress agreed to move its housing into the hands of private companies to own, maintain and respond to complaints. The result of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, was meant to address squalid living conditions in military housing.

The policy is supposed to be overseen by the Defense Department internal report.

Some lawmakers in Congress in recent months have called for the military to take back ownership of on-post housing in hopes that commanders would better care for their troops and families.
Iran's navy chief: All US ships in Gulf recorded

**BY ADAM TAYLOR**

The Washington Post

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A fleet of drones has allowed Iran to watch every U.S. ship in the Persian Gulf region and develop an archive of their daily movements, Iran’s top naval commander said in an interview published Tuesday.

The comments come days after President Donald Trump said that a U.S. warship destroyed an Iranian drone. The Islamic Republic’s head of the Revolutionary Guard said on its website. Iran has recently bragged about the technological advances in its drone program and promoted videos with dozens of drones running staged bombing runs.

Iran has been monitoring U.S. forces in the region training Afghan forces and conducting counterterrorism missions since the war continues into its 18th year.

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Monday’s meeting between Trump and Khan, who was visiting the White House for the first time, suggested a thawing of relations.

“Trump should be telling Khan of this, many Afghans, including myself, have been hurt by Trump’s words,” Bashrat said.

**Philipp Walter Wellman/Stars and Stripes**

Kabul resident Shigalatullah Kakar criticized President Donald Trump on Tuesday for saying he could end the war in Afghanistan by wiping the country off the face of the earth.

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Qatar to resume talks with the Taliban aimed at ending the United States’ longest war.

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The Pentagon has revealed a few details about a secret Army mission that has Black Hawk helicopters flying missions over the Washington area backed by active-duty and reserve soldiers.

The mysterious classified operation was disclosed when the Army asked Congress for approval to shift funds to provide an extra $1.55 million for aircraft maintenance, air crews and travel in support of an “emerging classified flight mission.”

It’s part of a $2.5 billion request to reprogram funds in the current fiscal year’s budget to programs considered high priorities.

“Without additional funding, the Army will not be able to perform this classified mission,” the Defense Department said.

“Soldiers from assault helicopter company and aviation main-
Day care operator charged in baby’s death

**By Wyatt Olson**
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — A Hawaii woman operating an unlicensed day care in a neighborhood complex where the Army has been charged with manslaughter in the anti-thistimine poisoning death of a 7-month-old, according to court documents filed Monday.

Dixie Denise Villa, 40, was arrested after turning herself in at Honolulu Police Department headquarters after the report of death of Abigail Lobisch, who died Feb. 24 while staying overnight at the day care at Aliamanu Reserve in Hau-

her bail was set at $1 million, according to documents filed in Hawaii First Circuit District Court.

The report found Abigail’s death was caused by a lethal amount of diphenhydramine in her blood stream — roughly double the dose that has proven fatal in other infant deaths.

Diphenhydramine is an over-the-counter antihistimine used to relieve symptoms of allergies and colds. The drug, which also goes by the brand name Benadryl, also induces sleep.

Children younger than age 6 are advised to not use diphenhydramine unless directed by a doctor.

Toxicology testing found the level of diphenhydramine in the girl’s blood stream at 12.5 milligrams per milliliter, court documents said. The level of diphenhydramine found in infants who have died from diphenhydramine is 4.6 milligrams per milliliter.

The child’s mother, Anna Lobisch, told investigators that she had been using Villa’s day care services for about four months.

On Feb. 4 after a Super Bowl party at her home, Villa brought the four children back to Villa’s home at Aliamanu. Navy Police Department detectives discovered Villa had been using diphenhydramine on the children, rubbing the drug on their skin in the following day. Villa told detectives that the four children slept in one bed and that Abigail was “sleeping face down on her chest and the other three children were lying next to her,” court documents said.

About 8:30 the next morning, Villa said she saw Abigail lying face down and that her skin looked “splotchy.” She was cold to the touch.

Villa told detectives the only thing she had given Abigail for the sunburn was the lotion.

Anna Lobisch, who still lives in Hawaii, declined to comment on the arrest and was not available for comment.

Villa’s husband, Aaron Villa, an active-duty Navy sailor, filed for divorce soon after the arrest and was granted a temporary restraining order by Hawaii family court and is seeking sole legal and physical custody of the couple’s two children.

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Both moved out of Aliamanu. Villa has been charged with first-degree murder and two counts of attempted rape.

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tery and other charges.

She was also arrested for failing to register as a violent sex offender in 1999.

The Army has yet to answer that question.

U.S. Army Hawaii has completed an investigation into Villa’s unlicensed day care, as well as the prevalence of unauthorized day cares and what the Army is doing to deal with such providers. It is not issuing any findings from that investiga-

tion, according to an Army Garrison Hawai-

day care operator charged in baby’s death

**By Caitlin Doornbos and Christian Lopez**
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A Navy police officer was sentenced to 39 years in prison after his conviction Friday of child sex crime.

Perry told jurors he was very intoxica-

ted that night and his memory was hazy. He had more than 16 drinks before interacting with the children, according to his testimony.

He told jurors he woke up to small hands on his genitals. His pants were already undone, he testified, and it was dark and dif-

ficult to see.

Mario Pyron told Stars and Stripes her husband remembered that the hands were “sticky,” which she explained why the 8-year-old was found. She testified July 17 that her husband told her she thought something nefarious happened to him that night, she testified.

“He told me he remembered hearing, ‘My daddy’s not gonna be your friend anymore.’” Mario Pyron told Stars and Stripes.

Pyron told jurors he didn’t ini-

tially reveal this memory to investi-

gators because it didn’t fit with the NCIS version of events that he was led to believe.

Jurors on Friday convicted Pyron on all charges. The judge, Capt. Stephen Reyes, sentenced him immediately to 39 years in prison, dishonorable discharge and reduction in rank to E1.

Pyron is appealing the verdict, Maria Pyron said. “This isn’t over yet,” Maria Pyron said. “My husband is not capable of something like this, and if he was, I wouldn’t be standing here right now.”

Maria Pyron said she is moving her family back to the United States while her husband goes to prison. She will stand by him, she said.

The victims’ mother told Stars and Stripes the incident has changed her family permanently.

“T is a bittersweet victory; our lives, as well as the lives of others have been forever marred by the actions of this sailor,” she said.

“We remained strong, yet hopeful.”

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Trump, Congress reach debt, budget agreement

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and congressional leaders announced Monday a critical debt and budget agreement that’s an against-the-tide win for administration pragmatists seeking to avoid political and economic turmoil over the possibility of a government shutdown or first-ever federal default.

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Franken regrets resigning from Senate

By Jonathan Lemire  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — He won’t watch. Well, maybe just a little bit.

But Trump on Monday feigned indifference to Robert Mueller’s upcoming congressional testimony, an eye-brow-raising claim for a media-obsessed president who has been concerned for months about the potential impact of the former special counsel’s appearance.

Much of Washington will stop in its tracks Wednesday as Mueller testifies on Capitol Hill for at least five hours, a nationally televised event that for many Americans will be their first detailed exposure to the former special counsel’s findings on Russia’s interference in the 2016 election. It will be a closing event before Trump heads to West Virginia for a political event that for many Americans will be their first detailed exposure to the former special counsel’s findings on Russia’s interference in the 2016 election.

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Former Democratic U.S. Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota told The New York Times in a story published Monday that he “absolutely” regrets resigning from the Senate after several women accused him of unwanted kissing or touching.

In the same article, seven current or former senators say they regret calling for Franken’s resignation in December 2017. Franken resigned his seat after conservative talk radio host Leeann Tweeden and seven other women accused him of sexual harassment.

The article, Franken’s first interview since leaving the Senate, calls into question some of the assertions against Franken and raises questions about senators, staff members and close friends who described him as physically clumsy but not predatory. Franken said at the time that the allegations were false, and he repeats that in The New Yorker article. A former comedian who made his name on “Saturday Night Live,” Franken resigned amid a national wave of sexual harassment allegations against men in powerful positions as the #MeToo movement was gaining momentum.

Both Franken and Tweeden had called for an independent investigation at the time, but none was conducted before fellow Democrats forced Franken to resign three weeks after Tweeden made her claims.

Asked by The New Yorker whether he regretted stepping down, Franken said: “Oh, yeah. Absolutely.

“I can’t go anywhere without people reminding me of this, usually with some version of ‘You shouldn’t have resigned,’” he told the magazine.

Franken was impeached in 2017 that Franken told her during a USO tour to entertain soldiers in 2006 that he had written a comedy skit with her in mind that required her to kiss him. She said Franken forcibly kissed her and stuck his tongue in her mouth during a rehearsed sequence of the sketch before they performed it in Afghanistan. The New Yorker cited two witnesses, Keri Turner and Taylor Portman, who had played the same role as Tweeden on earlier tours with Franken. Both told the magazine that they had performed the same role as Tweeden on earlier tours with Franken and that there was nothing inappropriate about his behavior.
Deportation authority expanding across US

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Trump administration announced Monday that it will vastly extend the authority of immigration officers to deport migrants without allowing them to appear before judges, its second major policy shift on immigration in eight days.

Starting Tuesday, fast-track deportations will apply to anyone apprehended in the U.S. illegally for less than two years. Previously, those deportations were largely limited to people arrested almost immediately after crossing the Mexican border.

Kevin McAleenan, the acting Homeland Security secretary, portrayed the nationwide expansion of “expedited removal” authority as another Trump administration effort to address an “ongoing crisis on the southern border” by freeing up beds in detention facilities and reducing a backlog of more than 900,000 cases in immigration courts.

U.S. authorities do not have space to rule on the vast majority of people arrested on the Mexican border, leading to the release of hundreds of thousands with notices to appear in court. McAleenan said in the policy directive published Tuesday in the Federal Register. He said Homeland Security officials with the new deportation power will deport migrants in the country illegally more quickly than the Justice Department’s immigration courts, where cases can take years to resolve.

The agency “expects the full use of expedited removal statutory authority will strengthen national security, di-...
### Warrants issued for Puerto Rican officials’ phones

**By Danica Coto**  
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A Puerto Rican judge has issued search warrants for the cell-phones of government officials tied to an online chat that has sparked a political crisis in the U.S. territory that is escalating, officials said Tuesday.

Kelvin Carrasco, a spokesman for the island's Department of Justice, said the warrants were approved overnight and were issued to those who have not yet turned over their phones. He did not name the officials and declined further comment because the investigation is ongoing.

The warrants were issued following massive, ongoing protests demanding the ouster of Gov. Ricardo Rossello, who participated in an offensive, obscenity-laden online chat between him and his advisers whose leak triggered the crisis. The group also insulted women and mocked constituents, including victims of Hurricane Maria.

The protests have escalated to a point where many wonder how Rossello will be able to govern the U.S. territory in the coming days and possibly weeks.

Rossello said he would not resign, noting that he already announced he would not seek reelection in 2020 and that he has stepped down as president of his party.

That way, I can focus on the job at hand,” he said, referring in part to fighting corruption and overseeing recovery efforts following Hurricane Maria. The Category 4 storm that hit Sept. 20, 2017, caused more than $100 billion in damage, threw Puerto Rico into a yearlong blackout and left thousands dead, most of them succumbing during the sweltering aftermath.

The island also has seen a recent string of arrests of officials on federal corruption charges, including former Education Secretary Julia Keleher. Michelle De La Cruz, a spokeswoman for Rossello, said he was not available for further comment.

Asked who was advising Rossello on staying in office, Rossello's secretary of public affairs, Anthony Maceira, said the governor was speaking with his family, and “that carries a great weight.” Rossello's father was governor from 1993 to 2001.

Some Puerto Ricans have accepted that Rossello will not resign and say they will pressure legislators to impeach him.

“They have that power in their hands,” said Normarie Matos, 43, a financial manager from San Juan. “People are no longer afraid.”

The leaked chat has intensified long-simmering anger on the island over ongoing corruption and mismanagement by the island’s two main political parties that many blame for a 13-year recession and a severe debt crisis that has led to austerity measures, including pension cuts.

The protests are the largest on the territory since Puerto Ricans rallied to put an end to U.S. Navy training on the island of Vieques more than 15 years ago, and more are expected this week.

### Protests spread as activists fight telescope in Hawaii

**By Audrey McAvoy**  
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Demonstrations against a giant telescope planned for Hawai'i’s tallest peak have spread to New York, Las Vegas and Honolulu's tourist mecca of Waikiki as Native Hawaiians push to protect what they say is a sacred place.

In Nevada, a few hundred Native Hawaiians and former Hawaiians gathered under the famous “Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas” sign to show their solidarity with protesters back home.

Elsewhere, video on Twitter showed a dozen protestors chanting and holding signs and flags in New York’s Union Square.

Protesters have been blocking a road to the summit of Mauna Kea, a site they consider to be sacred, since last week to prevent construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope.

State officials said the crowd stood at 1,500 on Monday after swelling to 2,000 over the weekend.

Hawaii Lt. Gov. Josh Green said there will have to be a compromise in order for the telescope project to go forward but he doesn’t know if that’s possible.

Even though the Hawaii Supreme Court has ruled the telescope’s construction permit was valid, the question at hand is not a legal one, he said.

“This is a cultural question and the question about an entire culture’s sense of self. I don’t care what the rulings were. It boils down to how the Hawaiian community perceives itself and what vision it has for the future,” Green said in a telephone interview after visiting the protest site. He said he spoke with Native Hawaiian elders for four hours.

The lieutenant governor said it’s time for a “grand reconciliation” with Hawai'i’s “host culture.”

He said that means the state taking a strong position on U.S. recognition for Native Hawaiians, moving more aggressively to provide house lots through the state Department of Hawaiian Homelands and not “shying away from” the U.S.-backed overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893.

He said he would urge Gov. David Ige to deescalate the situation and withdraw the Hawaii National Guard. Ige has sent guard units to the mountain to transport personnel and supplies and enforce some road closures.

Protests also spread to the tourism sector, the state’s biggest employer. Several businesses joined a one-day “tourism boycott” organized by activists.

Old Lahaina Luau on Maui called off its nightly luau, leading to cancellations for 450 people. Because the show is sold out through the middle of next month, it wasn’t able to accommodate most guests on another night and issued refunds.

The company acted because it believed most of its employees would likely have decided to join the boycott regardless.

“So we decided, you know what, it would really show our support to our employees and at the same time reflect our support to Hawaiian culture for us to have everyone be able to take off that day,” said Kawika Freitas, director of public and cultural relations at Old Lahaina Luau.

Skyline Hawaii suspended zipline rides on the Big Island, Kauai and Maui. It canceled bicycle and van tours to the summit of Haleakala, Maui’s tallest peak, and to the small town of Hana.

The decision affected several hundred customers.

“We did have a few people that were a little bit upset, but 90 percent of the people were very understanding,” said Jennifer Puha, who works in reservations.

Both Skyline Hawaii and Old Lahaina Luau were to resume normal operations Tuesday.

Over the weekend, hundreds marched on sidewalks past tourists and hotels in Waikiki.

Scientists want to build the telescope atop Mauna Kea because it is one of the best sites in the world for viewing the skies. The observatory would join 13 other telescopes already at the summit, though several are due to be decommissioned in a concession to telescope opponents.

Ige has ordered the closure of the road as a way to clear a path for construction equipment. But protesters have blocked the road, creating a standoff.
Wilson Menashi palmed a squid in his left hand and extended his arm into an aquarium tank, watching as a giant Pacific octopus stretched out arms to greet him like a friend.

Freya latched some of her 2,240 suction cups onto Menashi’s arm, using her powers of taste and smell to gather information about Menashi, 84, known as the octopus whisperer — and the seafood treats he was bearing.

“She’s just contacting me and she’s saying, ‘You come to me,’” Menashi said of Freya, 3, a predator weighing 35 to 40 pounds. Her arms span 14 feet and pack enough strength to kill sharks and other enemies.

But this afternoon’s gentle interaction left no doubt that Menashi has a special way with the cephalopod, whose body includes a large, sac-like head and eight powerful arms.

More than 25 years ago, Menashi retired after a career as a chemical engineer and began volunteering at the New England Aquarium in Boston. He’s spent 7,800 hours — the equivalent of about four years working full time — hanging out with octopuses, the aquarium said.

“I’ve been able to interact with them from the beginning. I do not know why. I cannot explain it, but I can connect with them,” Menashi said, standing in front of the Olympic Coast Sanctuary exhibit that is home to Freya and Professor Ludwig Von Drake, a younger male giant Pacific octopus living in a separate tank.

Menashi’s eyes twinkled with mischief as he acknowledged that encounters with octopuses have left a mark on him. “I will come back home sometimes with hiccups all over my arm and my neck,” he said.

Two decades of working with the largest members of the octopus species has not dulled his sense of wonder at the animals’ adaptability and mysteries.

“What I find totally surprising is how they could tell different people and react differently,” Menashi said. “I’ve also made them a few toys, made up some boxes and ... I put different latches so they could get in and figure out how to get the food that I put in the boxes. However, I’ve had some that said, ‘It’s too much time to figure out how you do the latch,’ So they just crushed the box.

Menashi said spending time with octopuses and other animals gives his life a whole new purpose in retirement.

“Just being here has been, to me, a lifesaver,” he said. “Gave me something to do. Gave me different interests and showed me the world is a wonderful place to be.”

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**Associated Press**

BOSTON — Mythology and superstition have portrayed octopuses as alien beings or evil creatures dwelling in the terrifying dark depths of oceans. Little wonder, considering they are a bit unusual.

The giant Pacific octopus has three hearts, nine brains and blue blood, making reality stranger than fiction.

Here are things to know about the giant Pacific octopus, which is naturally found in the waters of the U.S. West coast, the Aleutian Islands and Japan:

- **Nine brains.** A central brain controls the nervous system. In addition, there is a small brain in each of their eight arms — a cluster of nerve cells that biologists say controls movement. That allows the arms to work independently of each other yet together toward the same goal.

- **Three hearts.** That makes sense, considering their bodies are all muscle except for two small plates anchoring their heads, together with a beak used to grasp and bite prey. Two hearts pump blood to the gills, and a larger heart circulates blood to the rest of the body.

- **Blue blood.** The blood of the giant Pacific octopus has a copper-rich protein called hemocyanin that improves its ability to transport oxygen in cold ocean environments.

- **Camouflage.** They’re able to change their color and texture to camouflage themselves in the blink of an eye, thanks to a complex system of specialized pigment sacs called chromatophores, nerves and muscles.

- **Toxic ink.** Octopuses have glands that produce a toxic ink which is stored in large sacs. When the animal is alarmed, it squirts the ink in a powerful jet in one direction that simultaneously propels the animal in the opposite direction, effectively clouding the water to confuse a potential threat while fleeing to safety.

- **Lots of suckers.** Adult female giant Pacific octopuses have about 280 suckers in each of their eight arms. Males have fewer suction cups because the tip of their third right arm functions as a reproductive organ.

- **Ultimate sacrifice.** Giant Pacific octopus mothers sacrifice their lives after laying their eggs in deep-water dens. They live with their eggs for up to seven months without eating, ensuring that streams of oxygen- and nutrient-rich water flow over them. Mothers usually die after their broods hatch.

**SOURCES:** New England Aquarium, Monterey Bay Aquarium
New Biden plan would alter 1994 crime bill

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT AND ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Joe Biden plans to propose a criminal justice agenda that would reverse key provisions of the 1994 crime bill that he helped write as a senator and that his rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination have blamed for the mass incarceration of racial minorities since then.

Most notably, the former vice president is endorsing an end to the disparity that placed stricter sentences on offenses involving crack versus powder cocaine as well as an end to the federal death penalty, which the 1994 crime bill authorized as a potential punishment for an increasing number of crimes.

The criminal justice policy, which Biden plans to outline Tuesday during an appearance in New Orleans, comes as he works to reinforce his support among black voters.

The timing is important, especially after rival California Sen. Kamala Harris impugned Biden's civil rights record during last month's Democratic presidential debates. It also comes as Biden prepares for next week’s presidential debates when he will face Harris and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, both of whom have sharply criticized his role in the Clinton-era crime law.

Biden campaign chairman Cedric Richmond called the plan “the most forward-leaning criminal justice policy proposed.”

Richmond, a Louisiana representative and former public defender, praised it for building on Virginio Democratic Rep. Bobby Scott’s SAFE Justice Act, which would reserve prison space for violent offenders and offer a wider array of nonprison sentencing alternatives. Scott’s bipartisan bill is co-sponsored by other members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

By building on Scott’s bill, Biden, who represented Delaware in the U.S. Senate for decades, is moving significantly to the left but not quite as far as endorsing the type of sweeping overhaul championed by Booker.

Booker unveiled a proposal this year that would go beyond the criminal justice measure that President Donald Trump signed into law last year by slashing mandatory minimum sentences.

Biden’s shift on the death penalty also puts him in line with every other Democratic presidential candidate except for Montana Gov. Steve Bullock. It’s a stark change of Biden’s previous approach to the issue.

The plan also includes spending $1 billion annually on changes in the juvenile justice system and identifies as a goal that all former inmates have access to housing when they leave prison.

Biden also plans to seek a renewed ban on assault weapons, an element of the 1994 crime bill he continues to promote, and a ban on high-capacity ammunition magazines.

Marine vet to seek Va. seat in Congress

BY JENNA PORTNOY
The Washington Post

A second Republican is running for his party’s nomination to challenge Rep. Jennifer Wexton, D-Va., in 2020.

Rob Jones, a Marine veteran and double amputee, announced his campaign for the 10th District on Monday, the nine-year anniversary of the day a bomb exploded beneath him in Afghanistan.

Wexton, a former state senator and prosecutor from Loudoun County, defeated Republican Barbara Comstock by 12 points in 2018, turning the district blue for the first time in nearly 40 years.

Voters won’t choose a GOP nominee until spring 2020, but Jones already has support from the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Jones made his sensing calls on Monday from NRCC headquarters in the District of Columbia, and said the group has helped him with media training and other preparations.

NRCC spokeswoman Camille Gallo said Jones’ group made calls with potential candidates but does not endorse in primaries. Jeff Dove, a former Army vet who won successfully against Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., in a neighboring district last year, is also challenging Wexton.

Jones grew up in Lovettsville, in the 10th District, graduated from Loudoun Valley High School and joined the Marine Reserves during his junior year at Virginia Tech. On deployment in 2010, he suffered serious injuries clearing IEDs, resulting in the amputation of his legs.

He met Rep. Brian Mast, R-Fla., also a double amputee, while they were recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and Mast’s team is helping run Jones’ campaign.

While relearning to walk, bike, row and run, Jones competed in the Paralympic Games, biked across the country, ran daily marathons for a month and raised money for veterans’ charities.

He and his wife, Pam, moved to Middleburg, in the 10th District, in 2014.


“Right now in Congress they have a tendency to demonize and dehumanize anyone who doesn’t agree with them,” he said.

Rather than vote for Donald Trump, who lost the 10th District by double digits in 2016, Jones said he wrote in the name of retired Marine Gen. Jim Mattis.

Sanders livestream delivers message directly

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Bernie Sanders wanted to preview a speech about his signature health care plan, “Medicare for All,” he did not opt for a traditional interview.

Instead, he made an appearance on “The 99,” his Democratic presidential campaign’s in-house livestream show, a controlled, on-message pro-Sanders program that streams on a variety of services including Twitch, a platform primarily used by gamblers.

The makeshift studio for the show is a room within a long wooden table, with an exposed desk where Sanders campaign signs. Sanders sat down for an interview — with his campaign manager, Faiz Shakir.

“We’re doing this livestream, we are talking to you directly,” Shakir said. “One of the reasons is while we appreciate our friends in the elite media, they don’t often cover the issues that truly matter to working Americans.”

The livestream represents just one spoke in a communications network that his campaign, frustrated by the coverage he gets in traditional media, has built to extend beyond the traditional Left.

Since Sanders announced his second bid for the presidency in February, the campaign has started not just a twice-weekly livestreaming show, but also a sleekly produced podcast, “Hear the Bern,” hosted by national press secretary Brihanna Joy Gray. On the first episode of the show, Gray described it as a “behind the scenes look at how campaigns work, how political movements grow and what motivates the man who has reinvigorated big, transformative ideas into politics.”

Candidates have long sought outlets to appeal directly to supporters without a media filter, and

Biden’s plan would seek to create a $20 billion grant program to encourage states to restructure their justice systems. It would also expand the Justice Department’s anti-trafficking efforts.

Biden has said he would expand the Justice Department’s role in rooting out institutional misconduct by police departments and prosecutors and would establish an independent task force to study prosecutorial discretion in an attempt to head off racial and ethnic discrimination.

The plan also includes spending $1 billion annually on changes in the juvenile justice system and identifies as a goal that all former inmates have access to housing when they leave prison.

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‘Red Summer’

Spasm of violence left scores of black Americans dead in 1919

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press

America in the summer of 1919 ran red with blood from racial violence, and yet today, 100 years later, not many people know it even happened.

It flowed in small towns like Elaine, Ark., in medium-size places such as Annapolis, Md., and Syracuse, N.Y., and in big cities like Washington and Chicago.

Hundreds of black men, women and children were clubbed, shot, lynched or beaten to death by white mobs. Thousands saw their homes and businesses burned to the ground and were driven out, many never to return.

It was branded “Red Summer” because of the bloodshed and amounted to some of the worst white-on-black violence in U.S. history.

Beyond the lives and family fortunes lost, it had far-reaching repercussions, contributing to generations of black distrust of white authority. But it also galvanized blacks to defend themselves and their neighborhoods with fists and guns; reinvigorated civil rights organizations like the NAACP and led to a new era of activism; gave rise to courageous reporting by black journalists; and influenced the generation of leaders who would take up the fight for racial equality decades later.

“We tell ourselves,” said David Carter Woods, the historian and one of the few researchers believe that in a span of 10 months, more than 250 blacks were killed in at least 25 riots across the U.S. by white mobs that never faced punishment.

Historian John Hope Franklin called it “the greatest period of interracial strife the nation has ever witnessed.”

The bloodshed was the product of a collision of social forces. Black men were returning from World War I expecting the same treatment they had fought and bled for in Europe, and blacks were moving north to escape the brutal Jim Crow laws of the South.

Whites saw blacks as competitors for jobs, homes and political power.

“Ethnic cleansing was the goal of the white rioters,” said William Tuttle, a retired professor of American studies at the University of Kansas and author of “Race Riot: Chicago in the Red Summer of 1919.” “They wanted to kill as many black people as possible and to terrorize the rest until they were willing to leave and live someplace else.”

The violence started in July 1919. Some count the era of Red Summer as beginning with the deaths of more than a dozen blacks in East St. Louis, Ill., in 1917 and extending through the Rosewood Massacre of 1923, when a black town in Florida was destroyed.

All told, at least 1,122 Americans were killed in racial violence over those six years, by Tuttle’s count.

In the nation’s capital, white mobs — many made up of members of the military — rampaged over the weekend of July 19-22, beating any black they could find after false rumors spread of a white woman being assaulted by black men.

“In front of the Riggs Bank the rioters beat a Negro with clubs and stones wrapped in handkerchiefs; the bleeding figure lay in the street for over twenty minutes before being taken to the hospital,” Lloyd M. Abhernethy wrote in the Maryland Historical Magazine in 1963.

“Sensing the failure of the police, the mob ended up even more contemptuous of authority — two Negroes were attacked and beaten directly in front of the White House.”

Carter G. Woodson, the historian who founded Black History Month in 1926, said the violence was in full swing.

“They had caught a Negro and deliberately held him as one would a beef for slaughter, and when they had conveniently adjusted him for lynching, they shot him,” Woodson wrote. “I heard him groaning in his struggle as I hurried away as fast as I could without running, expecting every moment to be lynched myself.”

In Elaine, Ark., poor black sharecroppers who had dared to join a union were attacked, and at least 200 blacks were killed.

Ida B. Wells, a pioneering black journalist and one of the few reporters to interview victims, noted a woman named Lula Black was dragged from her farm by a white mob after saying she would join the union.

“They knocked her down, beat her over the head with their pistols, kicked her all over the body, almost killed her, then took her to jail,” Wells wrote in her report “The Arkansas Race Riot.”

“The same mob went to Frank Hall’s house and killed Frances Hall, a crazy old woman housekeeper, tied her clothes over her head, threw her body in the public road where it lay thus exposed till the soldiers came Thursday evening and took it up.”

Black journalists like Wells played an important role in getting the story out.

Many newspapers like the Chicago Defender were instrumental in providing an alternate voice that represented why African Americans deserved to be here, deserved equal rights and were, in some cases, justified in fighting,” said Kevin Strait, a curator at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Red Summer also marked a new era of black resistance to white injustice, with blacks standing up in unprecedented numbers to killing some of their tormentors. Returning black soldiers from World War I led the charge, using skills they refined in Europe.

“The Germans weren’t the enemy, the enemy was right here at home,” said Harry Haywood in his autobiography, “A Black Communist in the Freedom Struggle: The Life of Harry Haywood.”

In Washington, Carrie Johnson, 17, became a hero for shooting at white invaders in her neighborhood. She fatally shot a white policeman who broke into her second-story bedroom.

She claimed self-defense, and her manslaughter conviction was overturned.

The NAACP gained about 100,000 members that year, said McWhirter, author of “Red Summer: The Summer of 1919 and the Awakening of Black America.” Soon, blacks were “going to Congress, they’re pressing congressmen and senators to pass anti-lynching legislation. At the same time, they’re fighting back in the courts; they’re filing lawsuits when people are being mistreated or railroaded.”

“The lessons of Red Summer would reverberate after World War II,” he wrote.

“You have a similar situation where African Americans had done their part to make the world safe for democracy, and black veterans came home, and many of them were alive or had heard the stories of what happened in 1919,” Krugler said. “And they said, ‘Never again.'”

A crowd gathers at a house that has been vandalized and looted during the race riots in Chicago. Some of the crowd is posing inside broken windows.

Civilians and armed National Guardsmen stand in front of the Ogden Cafe during race riots in Chicago. Red Summer, as the summer of 1919 came to be known, saw widespread white-on-black violence.
Boris Johnson will be new UK prime minister

BY WILLIAM BOOTH AND KARL LAZAR
The Washington Post

LONDON — Boris Johnson handily won the race to lead the Conservative Party on Tuesday, and will be prime minister within a day.

The bombastic, Latin- quoting, Oxford classicist with the mop of intentionally mussed yellow hair, who made his name as an over-the-top journalist in Brussels and then London mayor and galvanized the successful Brexit campaign in 2016, will walk through the black enamelled door of 10 Downing St. on Wednesday, fulfilling what his biographers describe as his relentless “blond ambition” to follow his hero, Winston Churchill, into the top spot.

In a leadership contest involving only dues-paying members of the Conservative Party, the former foreign secretary Johnson faced the current foreign secretary, Jeremy Hunt. Johnson captured 92,153 votes to Hunt’s 46,656 — a dominant victory that shows Tories want a leader who promises, above all, to deliver Brexit.

On Wednesday, outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May will deliver her last remarks at a question and answer session in the House of Commons and then will travel to Buckingham Palace to resign. Johnson will follow her to the palace, where Queen Elizabeth II will ask him to form a new government. Johnson will be 14th prime minister during the queen’s long reign.

Johnson, 55, will take up residence at Downing Street and within hours begin announcing his new Cabinet. His girlfriend, Carrie Symonds, 31, a former Conservative Party communications official, has been named as his partner. He’s revealed his new Cabinet to the press in a tweet: “My new team. More to come.”

Johnson, who is married with four children, has an avowed interest in history, and it will be interesting to see how his spendthrift, far-right politics and sudden elevation from leading the Opposition to the top job will face an overflowing in- tray of daunting problems that need urgent attention, including a showdown in the Persian Gulf with a belligerent Iran, Brexit, assembling a top leadership team, the survival of his Conservative Party, ministerial resignations, rebels in Parliament and a raft of domestic issues ranging from housing to health care.

And President Donald Trump. The postwar “special relationship” has had a rocky month, as Trump and Johnson have traded top billing on Twitter against the British ambassador to Washington, referring to data from Google Trends.

Jeremy Hunt, left, congratulates Boris Johnson, right, after Johnson prevailed in their contest to become the U.K.’s new Conservative Party leader and prime minister in London on Tuesday.

Venezuela goes dark in latest massive blackout

BY FABRIZIO SANCHEZ AND JOSHUA GOODMAN
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — The lights went out across much of Venezuela, reviving fears of the blackouts that plunged the country into chaos a few months ago as the government once again accused opponents of sabotaging the nation’s hydroelectric power system.

The power in the capital went out after 4 p.m. Monday and immediately backed up traffic as stoplights and the subway stopped working during rush hour. As night fell in Caracas many were wondering how long they would be left in the dark.

“This is horrible, a disaster,” Reina Blaiz, 48, a car wash worker, said as she joined a crush of people who flooded into the streets of the capital trying to make it home before nightfall.

Almost three hours into the blackout authorities broke their silence and blamed an “electromagnetic attack” on a series of dams in southern Venezuela — the same culprit to which it attributed an almost weeklong outage in March that left millions of Venezuelans without water or the ability to communicate with loved ones.

“They who’ve systematically attacked the noble people of Venezuela in all kinds of ways will once again be confronted with the mettle and courage that we, the children of our liberator Simon Bolivar, have demonstrated in the face of difficulties,” Communications Minister Jorge Rodriguez said in a statement on state TV.

Rodriguez said authorities were working to restore electricity as quickly as possible. He said security forces had been deployed and contingency plans activated to guarantee basic medical services and keep streets safe.

Reports on social media said that 19 of 24 Venezuelan states were also affected. Nethlocks, a group monitoring internet activity, said network data showed most of Venezuela was knocked offline with national connectivity at just 6% after the latest cuts. Normally nonstop state TV, a key way for the government to keep people informed, was also off the air for a while, adding to frustrations.

President Nicolas Maduro blamed the March outage on a U.S.-sponsored attack against the nation’s biggest hydroelectric dam.

More recently, as power service in the politically turbulent capital has improved amid widespread rationing in the interior, officials have even taken to downplaying the outages as similar to a nationwide blackout in Argentina and even one that knocked off the power for several thousand residents of Manhattan for a few hours amid the summer heat.

Maduro’s opponents said the outage laid bare years of underinvestment in the nation’s grid by corrupt officials who mismanaged an oil bonanza in the nation sitting atop the world’s largest crude reserves.

Weather is hottest topic in Britain

BY JENNIFER HASSAN
The Washington Post

LONDON — Boris Johnson may be about to become Britain’s new prime minister but in the last day, more Brits have been interested in the weather.

With temperatures expected to hit 102 Fahrenheit later this week, it’s not just the political landscape that is heating up in Britain.

In the last 24 hours, Brits have been Googling “London weather” more than the search terms “new prime minister,” “Boris Johnson” and “Jeremy Hunt,” Johnson’s Conservative Party rival, according to data from Google Trends.

While waiting for the next Conservative Party leader to be announced, journalists and comment-ators baked in the heat outside Westminster on Tuesday as temperatures climbed toward 91.4 Fahrenheit.

On social media, the top trend in Britain on Tuesday was #heatwave, with more than 15,000 tweets. The second trend was #BorisDay, with about half that number of tweets.

“The News: Boris Johnson becoming PM; Britain heading for hottest day in its history. Or to put it another way: we are literally entering hell,” tweeted journalist Sathnam Sanghera.

“We are expecting to break temperature records this week. Although not everywhere will see the headline numbers the heat will be widespread, peaking on Thursday,” Britain’s weather service tweeted Tuesday.

Meteorologists also say there is a “30 percent chance” that Thursday’s heat could surpass Britain’s all-time temperature record of 101.3 F, which was recorded in August 2003.

It’s not just London that is set to hit a record temperature. Paris’ all-time highest temperature of 104.7 degrees F will fall on Thursday, according to Meteo France.

Scorching temperatures are also expected across Spain, Portugal and Scandinavia.

Unlike in the United States, air conditioning is not widely available in the United Kingdom, meaning that many across Britain are preparing for hot and sticky commutes to work and, of course, sleepless nights.

Most houses in Britain do not have air conditioning, and London’s subway network does not have air conditioning on all lines. In the past, temperatures have hit as high as 104 F on the subway — much to the horror of sweltering commuters.
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### Wild turkey dies after flying into home

**UT** — Police in northern Utah were surprised to learn the suspect in a reported burglary was a wild turkey.

Dave Ventrano, with Lone Peak police, said they received a call from a resident in Alpine who heard a window break in the house next door. The family that lives there was out of town.

Officers searched the house and found a dead turkey lying in a pile of broken glass underneath a window.

Ventrano said the turkey died after flying through the window.

### Watermelons to replace piglets in fair event

**CA** — Watermelons will replace piglets in an annual event celebrating agriculture at a California fair.

The Press Democrat reported that the Sonoma County Fair eliminated the pig scramble from Farmers Day due to rising public concern and protests over animal welfare.

In the long-running event at the fair in Santa Rosa, youngsters chased and tried to capture piglets weighing 40 to 60 pounds.

Officials said this year’s event Aug. 4 will instead include elementary school children carrying watermelons slicked with vegetable oil around an obstacle course in a timed race.

### Couple holds contest for ‘Hamilton’ tickets

**RI** — A retired Rhode Island couple who spent their professional lives in the entertainment industry wants to send two high school students to a performance of the award-winning musical “Hamilton.”

Lou Viola and Celeste Ferendo, of Tiverton, asked students to write a one-page essay on “Seeing Hamilton in Providence this Summer is Important to Me Because…”

Viola told the Newport Daily News he sees the contest as a way of “paying it forward,” because he was inspired by theater professionals when in high school.

Ferendo, still works with students and says many can’t afford “Hamilton” tickets.

### Police: Pregnant woman found huffing in street

**LA** — A pregnant Louisiana woman was accused of huffing an electronic dusting product on a roadway.

The Monroe News Star reported that 24-year-old Markiexa Monroe was arrested after a police report from the Ouachita Parish Sheriff’s Office said she found Blair lying partially in a roadway and partially in a ditch. A cold can of electronic dusting agent was near her, apparently recently used.

Blair also was being charged with failure to appear on charges of domestic abuse-battery and theft.

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**NY** — New York's St. Lawrence River was named the best bass fishery in the nation.

It's a first for the river, which borders Canada in northern New York and was ranked in the top 10 twice in the last four years by Bassmaster Magazine.

### The CENSUS

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### Pogopalooza

Flynn Nyman, of Clifton, Ore., performs during Pogopalooza, The World Championships of Pogo in Wilkinsburg, Pa., on Saturday.

### More schools join pilot project for snow days

**FL** — Authorities arrested a man they say was arguing with his girlfriend when a spear she was holding snapped and went through her chest.

The Sun Sentinel reported Adam Reecehand Crespo grabbed Silvia Galva, 32, by the ankles and pulled her off the bed in their South Florida condominium.

An arrest report said Galva grabbed a spear at the foot of the bed as Crespo, 43, continued dragging her. Crespo said he heard a snapping sound. He saw that the spear had penetrated her chest and pulled it out, “hoping it was not too bad.”

A friend called 911 while Crespo put pressure on the wound. Crespo is charged with murder.

### Music festival halted over concerns for birds

**OR** — The organizers of a beachfront music festival in Newport, R.I., over the weekend. The top bid on Ella White’s cane was $50,000, plus the surcharge added by the auction house, Guernsey’s.
Show of strength

US, Pacific allies demonstrate their growing amphibious capabilities during Talisman Sabre

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

BOWEN, Australia — U.S. Marines and troops from three allied nations demonstrated new amphibious capabilities as they stormed a beach this week in the Australian state of Queensland.

The Marines have been renowned for their ability to get from ship to shore under fire since World War II, but Monday’s training — part of this month’s massive, biennial Talisman Sabre exercise — made clear that their mates have plenty of firepower to bring to the party.

Hulking new landing helicopter docks, the HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide — the Royal Australian Navy’s largest-ever warships — prowled offshore ahead of the landing, alongside the U.S. Navy’s amphibious transport dock USS Green Bay and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force’s tank landing ship JS Kunisaki.

The largest vessel involved in the operation, the amphibious-assault ship USS Wasp, was too far offshore to be visible from the beach.

When the mock attack launched, it was spearheaded by a company from Japan’s newly formed Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, a force modeled on the U.S. Marines and charged with defending offshore islands.

The Japanese rolled onto Kings Beach, a crescent of golden sand near the town of Bowen, in amphibious assault vehicles that looked a lot like the Marines’ rides.

Then came a company from 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment in two more waves of amphibious vehicles and several Australian landing craft.

The Marines quickly set up defensive positions in the sand dunes and prepared to press inland to secure objectives such as a park and an airfield.

One of the Australian soldiers on the beach, Capt. Chris Moroney, 32, of Brisbane, was wearing a U.S. flag patch on his helmet.

“I always love working with the Marine Corps,” said the joint fires observer, who has fond memories of working alongside Marines at Al-Taqaddum Air Base during a deployment to Iraq.

During the beach assault, Moroney, along with U.S. Marine forward observers, helped coordinate air support from Marine UH-1Y Venom and AH-1 Cobra helicopters, which circled menacingly overhead.

“As any of the observers can call in these aircraft and get effects and support from them,” he said.

The deputy director of the exercise, U.S. Army Col. Jeffrey Gottlieb, 54, of Haddonfield, N.J., watched events unfold from the beach. He noted that the largest American warship involved in Talisman Sabre, the USS Ronald Reagan, wasn’t part of the amphibious exercise.

“The carrier was farther south fighting a different mock battle to subdue the opposing force’s air and naval assets. That part of Talisman Sabre has involved a massive display of air power, including dogfights with as many as 50 aircraft, he said.

The amphibious exercise director, Australian army Col. Kenny Stuart, said the ability of the allies to work together on such a complex mission is a major milestone in Australia’s effort to stand up its amphibious force.

“We’re developing capabilities to ensure that we can work together in a high-end war fighting level,” he said.

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Clockwise from top: U.S. Marines charge onto Kings Beach near the Australian town of Bowen during a Talisman Sabre drill Monday. Australian army Capt. Chris Moroney, of Brisbane, Australia, wears a U.S. flag patch on his helmet during the drill. Marines secure Kings Beach during the exercise. U.S. Marines run along Kings Beach.

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Stars and Stripes
Australian town welcomes US Marines with open arms

By Seth Robson
Stars and Stripes

BOWEN, Australia — Locals and vacationers in this small Australian town were eager to get to know U.S. Marines patrolling their streets this week as part of the biennial Talisman Sabre exercise.

The Marines made an amphibious landing at nearby Kings Beach on Monday alongside troops from Japan, Britain and Australia.

Dozens of locals perched on rocks along the coast watching the action, including Noel Yasso, 81, a former Australian army reservist who came to see his grandson, Joel Yasso, 27, an able seaman in the Royal Australian Navy.

The younger Yasso was aboard a landing craft carrying U.S. Marines and a bulldozer from Australia’s landing helicopter dock ship, the HMAS Adelaide, to the beach.

After the landing, the Marines moved into town to capture objectives such as an aerodrome and a recreation area.

Gun-toting Americans in camouflage aren’t an everyday sight in Bowen although their presence was advertised by a large flashing sign on the road into town.

When a group of Marines parked their amphibious assault vehicles in a park near the center of town, they drew a crowd of interested Australians.

Peter and Lynne Crew, on vacation from their home in Coffs Harbor, New South Wales, struck up a conversation with a group of young Marines.

“It’s all pretty impressive,” Peter Crew said as he checked out a 60mm mortar that the Marines had set up in the park.

Lance Cpl. Weston Harris, 22, of Esterville, Iowa, a member of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., chatted with the couple.

“It’s my first trip to Australia. I’ve had a good time so far,” he told them.

Marine Cpl. Jordan Greenlaw stood nearby holding a rugby ball.

“They gave it to us,” he said.

“They saw us throwing coconuts around and threw us the ball.”

Greenlaw said he’s watched rugby back in the States but never played it. Locals can watch the Bowen Seagulls play for $4, according to a sign at the team’s home ground.

Bowen retiree Barry Burton, who was also talking to the Marines, said their presence reassured him that Australia would be safe from threats such as Chinese communist influence and Islamic State terrorism in the Pacific.

“As far as I’m concerned, [the Marines] are always welcome,” he said.

Nearby, Marine Staff Sgt. Nathan Hanson, 30, of Asheville, N.C., showed off his M-4 rifle to a former Australian soldier, Shane Moir, of Lake Eildon, Victoria. Moir said it made him nostalgic for his days in uniform.

Another resident, Bob Freeman, 80, who retired to Bowen from London, flew the Stars and Stripes from a flagpole on his front porch to welcome the Marines.

The old timer recalled shouting out “Any gum, chum?” to passing American soldiers and getting thrown sweets when he was a child during World War II.

“If it wasn’t for the Americans, England wouldn’t be there,” he said. “It would be under Nazi rule. Australia wouldn’t be here. It would be under the Japanese.”

Bowen, home to about 10,000 people, is part of the Whitsunday Region, which has an economy built on horticulture, sugar cane, coal mining and tourism.

PBY Catalina flying boats, charged with searching for enemy ships and submarines, were based at Bowen during World War II. The town’s modern-day airfield includes a display featuring the aircraft and a large model of the USS Lexington, which was sunk to the northeast during the Battle of the Coral Sea in May 1942.

Whitsunday Mayor Andrew Wilcox said he’d been looking forward to Talisman Sabre coming to Bowen.

“We had a smaller [Australian Defence Force] exercise last year,” he said. “The troops … are really well-received by the community.”

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Marvel adds diversity onscreen and off

Marvel’s push for more women and people of color in its cinematic universe is extending to behind the camera for its next slate of films.

Of the five films Marvel Studios announced at Comic-Con on July 20, only one is set to be directed by a white man.

In addition to a slew of women and people of color at the helm of upcoming Marvel films, the weekend’s announcements promised more diversity onscreen, including the female-led “Black Widow” and “Thor: Love and Thunder.” Also in the works are “WandaVision,” “Black Widow,” and “Thor: Love and Thunder,” including the female-led “Black Widow” and its first LGBTQ character — Tessa Thompson’s Valkyrie.

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Lil Nas X ties record
‘Old Town Road’ tops Billboard chart for 16 weeks

BY MESFIN FEKADU
Associated Press

Lil Nas X has taken his horse to the old town road and ridden it to the top of the Billboard charts for 16 weeks, tying a record set by Mariah Carey and Luis Fonsi.

“Old Town Road” logs its 16th week at No. 1 on Billboard’s Hot 100 chart this week, marking the success of Carey and Boyz II Men’s “One Sweet Day” achieved in 1995-1996. Fonsi, Daday Yankee and Justin Bieber’s “Despacito” accomplished the feat in 2017.

No song has spent more than 16 weeks at No. 1 on the all-genre Hot 100 chart in the 61-year history of the Billboard charts.

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“Old Town Road” initially stirred up a bit of controversy in March when Billboard removed it from its country charts, deeming it not country enough (it peaked at No. 19 on the country charts). Even the drama didn’t hurt the song; it only propelled it.

“This song has been a uniter, not a divider,” Cyrus said in a statement Monday. “I’m giving this one more chance for allowing me the gift to be part of such a special song. It’s a

‘Bless This Mess’ star Pam Grier finds peace

BY JOHN CARUCCI
Associated Press

Pam Grier’s role as the owner of a hardware store in rural Nebraska in the ABC sitcom “Bless This Mess” isn’t a complete departure for the film legend: She lives in rural Colorado and has spent much of her life on ranches to find serenity from Hollywood life.

I commuted to work really for 50 years because I couldn’t have that lifestyle that I wanted of horses and ruralness. It would always be the city, hotels, room service,” said Grier in a recent interview.

“My grandfather was the first feminist in my life, from Wyominging, who taught all of us girls how to hunt, fish and shoot, so I could bring that to this show, every element and it just kind of fit,” Grier said. “He had this glow, this peace, and this unbelievable calm about him during the day after working sun up, sundown, doing some labor. And he just was so spiritual and enjoyed life and he would always say, you know, if you wake up breathing, you’re going to have a good day. And so that’s been my mantra since I was a little girl.”

She credits that mantra for helping her thrive in a life filled with plenty of highs and lows. Grier made her name as the queen of blaxploitation films in the 1970s with roles in classics like “Coffy” and “Foxy Brown,” but struggled in Hollywood after the genre fell out of fashion. She also had tumultuous romances with the likes of Richard Pryor and Freddie Prinze.

The second season of “Bless This Mess” launches in September.

Grier also was the victim of two sexual assaults — one when she was just 6 years old. She opened up about her personal struggles in her 2010 book “A Girl Like Me: Living in Three Acts,” and while promoting the book, learned a lot about the wide range of people who have been victims of sexual assault, including men: “I was surprised at the book signings how many men came up and just let me know that they feel better by me talking.”

Grier said she’s gratified that many of her fellow actresses are talking about their experiences with abuse in Hollywood in the era of #MeToo and Time’s Up. She marvels at the impact the movement has had in a relatively short period of time.

“I always say it’s about time. It takes confidence. It takes other people around you to set an example that you won’t inflame or flame out,” you’ll be OK and it’s tough to talk about it, she said. “A lot of people haven’t healed yet.”

Grier has also successfully battled cancer. While she’s still a glamour queen and sex symbol, her experience with the disease has made her eschew at least one of society’s beauty norms.

“I’m so proud of my hair growing back on my legs after cancer that I don’t shave. I don’t shave my legs. I enjoy looking at, you know, two and half inches of hair on my legs,” she said. “I’m very grateful to have a healthy balance. Oh, and I don’t feel any different than I did when I was 21!”

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A US-Russian deal could stabilize Syria, weaken Iran

By RAM YAVNE
Bloomberg Opinion

T he Syrian war was largely over by the end of 2016, but the country remains a bleeding hot spot that can threaten Israeli and American interests more than 40 percent of the world's worst fighting. The US has no interest in Syria's decline, and even small risks of further instability, give hope to war-weary Syrians and meet big-power strategic objectives: America's not-so-Russian deal. That's not as far-fetched as it sounds.

By the end of 2018 when the worst of the fighting ended, Syria had suffered more than 500,000 deaths and $400 billion in damage. Half of the population had been forced to flee their homes, leaving 5.5 million civilians with nowhere to go. Syria and the rest of the world were displaced internally and externally.

And yet the risk factors that remain are hard to overstated. No civilian and economic rehabilitation has begun in the ruined state, weapons are still available, anger at an opponent that was once a friend are still in play, and a divided country is still in the world.

A return to fighting is hardly a remote possibility. Even if some measure of stability is achieved in a Syrian peace regime, the advance of Iranian military capabilities in Syria — and in Lebanon — threatens Israeli and American interests and could lead to more confrontations against its Sunni rivals. The possibility of a Sunni extremist entity in eastern Syria threatens stability in Iraq and Jordan.

Those risks would be heightened if the US decides to withdraw its forces from Syria. Despite the sometimes toxic relations between the US and Russia, the door is not closed for a deal that satisfies both nations.

The strategic interests of both players. The US will require a TOE (total operating entity) for now and delay the United Nations-mandated political transition process in Syria. The signatories would agree to fund Syria's reconstruction and not pull out Russian military personnel until a transition is in place.

In return, they would insist on the withdrawal of all militant military activity from Syria and cut off the supply of illegal arms to the country. They would also agree on the preservation of the autonomous rights of the anti-Assad Syrian Democratic Forces as well as the Kurdish and Turkish communities in northeast Syria as a bulwark against any resurgence by Islamic State.

In practical terms, Russia would have to invest military and political resources to ensure the Iranian military withdrawal and monitor the border for combatants and supplies. In addition, Russia must meet its recognition for its major role in Syria, something Putin is likely to value.

For the United States, the main benefits would be more at the political level. First, an agreement along these lines would support regional stabilization while addressing threats to important U.S. allies in the Middle East and especially Israel. Second, the agreement would be a component in the compromises required to end President Trump's campaign. It isn't just fear he feeds, but its more useful sibling, anger. Fear shuts you down, sends you into hiding; anger spurs you up, spurs you to fight. The president now exalts “the Squad” — four young Democratic congresswomen as a “tough nut to crack” to run into taxpayers wary of moonbeams.

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OPINION

Best Dem candidate will harness warfare, fear

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L ike much of the Bible and all great drama, presidential races are a contest between hope and fear. Both parties’ candidates and their supporters have pulled these levers as it suited their needs. John F. Kennedy warned of “an atomic bomb in the hands of a madman.” Donald Trump declared the “greatest threat to America’s safety is terror — myself.” Facebook must be broken up and Big Oil made to pay.

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The moonshot anniversary reminded Americans what national ambition tasted like; but a Georgetown University study last year found that people have more confidence in Amazon and Google than Congress or the White House. Fixing health care is hard. Fixing the climate or making cities smarter and energy cleaner are worthy goals, but Democrats unspooling all the possibilities and hoping to run into taxpayers wary of moonbeams.

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South Korean protesters with an image of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stage a rally Tuesday in Seoul. Colonial-era Korean laborers have formally requested that a South Korean court approve the sale of local assets of their former Japanese employer.

Colonial-era Korean laborers seek Mitsubishi compensation

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Colonial-era Korean forced laborers launched a legal step Tuesday to get court approval for the sale of local assets of their former Japanese employer, Mitsubishi, to pay compensation to some aging Korean plaintiffs who were forced to work for them when the Korean Peninsula was under Tokyo’s 1910-45 colonial rule. The Japanese firms have refused to abide by the rulings, siding with their government’s position that all compensation issues were settled when Japan and South Korea established diplomatic ties in 1965.

On Tuesday, lawyers for ex-laborers for Mitsubishi formally requested a district court in South Korea to authorize the sales of some of the firm’s assets in South Korea to support the former workers.

“South Korea and Japan are currently engaged in escalating trade and political disputes over Japan’s decision to tighten the approval process for the export of some high-tech materials. South Korea believes the trade restriction was retaliation to its court rulings on forced laborers. Japan has denied that, saying its steps were taken out of national security concerns.

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola upped its revenue expectations for the year as new lines of healthier drinks and coffees win over fans. Chairman and CEO James Quincey said product innovation is helping the company gain global market share. New and reformulated products — like Coca-Cola Plus Coffee and lower-calorie Simply Juices — now account for 25% of the company’s revenue, Quincey said, up from 15% two years ago.

The world’s largest drink company sees plenty of room for growth. Quincey said 80% of the world’s population lives in developing markets like Africa, India and China, where commercial beverages make up just one-quarter of drinking consumption. In developed markets, commercial beverages account for three-quarters of consumption.

“Now we’re seeing good growth this quarter and have been seeing it for a while.”

Coke posted second quarter earnings of $2.61 billion, or 61 cents. Earnings, adjusted for one-time gains and costs, came to 63 cents per share, which is a penny better than expected, according to analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue was $10 billion, also beating expectations.

Shares of Coca-Cola Co. rose 3% to $52.92 in early trading Tuesday after the Atlanta company projected organic revenue growth of 5% for the year. That’s equal to its growth in 2018 and better than the 4% organic revenue growth the company initially forecast in January.

Coke said it still expects full year earnings growth between 1% and negative 1%.

Coke said its first energy drink, Coca-Cola Energy, launched in Europe during the quarter and saw some sales success. The company plans to expand sales of the new product to 20 markets by the end of this year. Quincey said the company hasn’t yet said when the drink will come to the U.S.

Coke’s acquisition of British coffee shop chain Costa Coffee — which was completed earlier this year — is also paying off. New drinks like Coca-Cola Plus Coffee and chilled, low-sugar Costa Coffee beverages saw growth in the April-June period.

Sales of Coke’s namesake soft drinks rose 3% in the quarter, thanks to double-digit growth of Coca-Cola Zero Sugar and new products like Coca-Cola Orange Vanilla.

Coke recorded some softness in older products like Dasani bottled water and Minute Maid juices. But in those cases, higher sales of premium products like Smartwater and Simply juices made up for some of the shortfall.

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**Eugene Sheffer Crossword**

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4. Tree home (12)
8. Rams fans? (10)
12. Mauna — (12)
13. Notion (6)
14. Calendar span (12)
15. Yale grad (7)
16. Misleading recommendations (14)
18. Pink hue (7)
20. Sushi choice (7)
21. Arizona city (7)
24. Man of morals? (12)
28. Massachusetts (7)
32. Melody (7)
33. Flamenco cheer (7)
34. Handled (7)
36. Kingston Trio hit (7)
37. Peregrinate (7)
39. Pub perch (7)
41. Allen or Frome (7)
43. Seized vehicle (7)
44. Soak (up) (7)
46. Mars explorer (7)
50. Barnes & Noble, for one (7)
55. Actress Mendes (7)
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58. Pest (7)
59. Incite (7)
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25. Wrestling style (7)
26. Aware of (7)

61. "CSI" evidence (7)
27. Bell sound (7)
28. Drill (7)
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38. Like Zorro or Batman (7)
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49. Sitar music (7)
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52 — roll (winnings) (7)
53. Discoverer's call (7)
54. Squabble (7)

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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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- **La Galaxy** at **Porto** (PCL)
- **Pittsburgh Riverhounds** at **Empire**

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- **Pittsburgh Riverhounds** at **Empire**

**7 PM MT**

- **New York Red Bulls** at **Atlanta United** (PCL)
- **Kansas City (PCL)** at **Colorado**
- **Los Angeles County (PCL)** at **Sacramento**

**First Round**

- **Irina Baranovskaya**, Russia, 6-2, 7-6 (4) — **Anastasia Matveeva**, Russia, 6-0, 6-2
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- **Tseng**, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 — **Eletab France**, 7-5, 6-1

**Second Round**

- **Paire**, France, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 — **Tseng**, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-3
- **Tseng**, Taiwan, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 — **Lina Machado**, Brazil, 6-2, 6-2
- **Tseng**, Taiwan, 7-5, 6-0, 6-3 — **Marta Kostyuk**, Russia, 7-6, 6-3
- **Tseng**, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 — **Marta Kostyuk**, Russia, 7-6, 6-3

**Third Round**

- **Tseng**, Taiwan, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 — **Marta Kostyuk**, Russia, 7-6, 6-3
- **Tseng**, Taiwan, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 — **Marta Kostyuk**, Russia, 7-6, 6-3

**Fourth Round**

- **Tseng**, Taiwan, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 — **Marta Kostyuk**, Russia, 7-6, 6-3
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- **Tseng**, Taiwan, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 — **Marta Kostyuk**, Russia, 7-6, 6-3
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**Semifinals**

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- **Tseng**, Taiwan, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 — **Marta Kostyuk**, Russia, 7-6, 6-3

**Final**

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China’s Sun wins by DQ, gets shunned on podium

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

GWANGJU, South Korea — Sun Yang was in the middle of controversy at the world swimming championships again. Only this time, it wasn’t his doing. The Chinese star still got shunned on the medals podium again.

Sun won the 200-meter freestyle on Tuesday night after Danas Rapsys of Lithuania finished first and got disqualified for a false start.

Sun touched second, but got elevated after Rapsys had already celebrated in the pool.

Sun appeared surprised, clapping his hands to his face, but quickly sat on the lane rope and raised both arms in the air as a mix of cheers and boos rang out.

Katsuhiro Matsumoto of Japan took silver. Matt Grevers was fifth.

In the 1,500 freestyle, Italy won the world record of 15:20.48. Evgeny Rylov of Russia took silver and Mitch Larkin of Australia took bronze.

In the men’s 100 breaststroke, Minna Atherton of Australia took silver and American Olivia Smoliga earned bronze.

China’s Sun Yang, center, gestures to Britain’s bronze medalists Duncan Scott, left, following the medal ceremony in the men’s 200-meter freestyle final. Scott refused to stand on the podium with Sun, who is being allowed to compete ahead of a Court for Arbitration in Sport hearing that could end his career.

Evan wins Stage 16 in suffocating heat

NIMES, France — Caleb Ewan beat his sprinting rivals in suffocating heat to win Stage 16 of the Tour de France on Tuesday, with Frenchman Julian Alaphilippe keeping the race leader’s yellow jersey.

With temperatures soaring as high as 104 Fahrenheit, Alaphilippe and his main rivals did not attack each other over the 177-kilometer mainly flat stage in the Nimes rural hinterland.

Defending champion Geraint Thomas crashed about 40 kilometers after the race started from the Roman city but escaped largely unscathed, with a few scratches on his left elbow.

Ewan, a Tour debutant, edged Elia Viviani and Dylan Groenewegen to post his second stage win following his maiden success in Toulouse last week. After a group of five breakaway riders was caught two kilometers from the finish, Viviani was set up by his teammate and launched the sprint about 200 meters from the line but could not resist Ewan’s comeback.

Boxer Dadashev dies from brain injury in ring

MOSCOW — Boxer Maxim Dadashev has died after suffering a brain injury in a fight in Maryland. He was 28.

The Russian Boxing Federation says Dadashev died “as a result of the injuries he sustained” in Friday’s light-welterweight fight with Subriel Matias at the Theater at MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Md.

Dadashev was hospitalized shortly after the fight, which was stopped by his corner following the 11th round after Dadashev took numerous shots to the head.

Footage from the fight shows Dadashev shaking his head as his trainer, Buddy McGirt, pleads with him to stop the fight, telling him: “You’re getting hit too much, Max. Please, Max, please let me do this.”

Both fighters were 13-0 before the fight, which offered the winner the right to challenge IBF title-holder Josh Taylor.

Wolff to be Austin FC’s first head coach

AUSTIN, Texas — Former U.S. men’s national team player and current assistant coach Josh Wolff will be the first head coach of Austin FC, the new Major League Soccer franchise that is scheduled to begin play in 2021.

Wolff’s appointment was announced Tuesday. Austin FC will be MLS’s 27th franchise when it takes the field. The league opted to expand rather than move the Columbus Crew, one of MLS’s bedrock franchises, from Ohio to Texas after a determined effort by Crew fans to keep their team.
Sizzling: Patriots lost key cog when Gronkowski retired

FROM BACK PAGE

Some things to keep an eye on until the Packers and Bears kick off on Sept. 5 to open the league's 100th season.

Brady, yes; Gronk, no

We’re not likely to see much of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady until opening day. We won’t see any of his buddy and standout tight end, Rob Gronkowski, whose battered body caused him to retire.

It’s a big blow for the soon-to-be 42-year-old Brady, who somehow manages to overcome such obstacles.

“Yeah, it’s the first time in a long time and he was a special, great player for our team,” Brady says of Gronk. “I think like any season, things are different and we’re going to have to adjust differently and teams are going to play us differently without him. We’ve seen it even when he’s been on the team.

“That’s got to be a position of strength even if it’s not one player but multiple players doing different roles. There were times in my career before that where we had similar approaches. No one’s going to make any excuses for our offense. We’re going to do everything we can to be the best we can be, score every time we touch the ball, and the tight end position’s a big part of our offense and those guys are going to have to do a great job for us.”

Those guys include veteran Ben Watson, who also was ready for retirement before opting to come back to New England. But Gronkowski is the most critical difference for last season’s champions.

Coaching carousel

When the spinning stopped, nearly all head coaches landed in Tampa, Miami, Green Bay, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Arizona, Denver and New Jersey.

Bruce Arians, Buccaneers:

One of two hires with previous head coaching experience (Adam Gase is the other), Arians is charged with developing the talent and instilling maturity in Jameis Winston. The quarterback and instilling maturity in Jackson is approach.

Antonio Brown, Raiders:

If the histrionics and selfish attitude disappear, Brown might make Jon Gruden and Mike Mayock look very wise with this hire. Though Brown’s market value has been questioned, Mayock, who previously negotiated with the player when he was with the Broncos and Bears, probably has a handle on the situation.

Joe Flacco, Broncos:

Flacco got hurt and lost his job to Lamar Jackson last year; he would have lost it eventually, anyway. So Flacco gets a fresh start in the Rockies, but his receiving group is solid. Arians believes he can push Winston toward elite status.

Nick Foles, Jaguars:

The most intriguing move of the offseason. Foles was perfect for Philadelphia’s offense, and the Jaguars want to be more of a running team. There is something special about Foles, though, so don’t doubt him.

Earl Thomas, Ravens:

Jerry Jones coveted this premier safety for years and didn’t get him for the Cowboys. Baltimore gets a somewhat battered player who should become a leader in the secondary and locker room, and will never lose more than his all-pro talent.

Frank Clark and Tyrann Mathieu, Chiefs:

Had the Chiefs boasted any sort of defense in 2018, they probably would be NFL champions. Now, they can boast a little bit, with Clarksupplying a pass rush and Mathieu playmaking everywhere.

Terrell Suggs, Cardinals:

This is likely Suggs’ last stop in a Hall of Fame-caliber career. He might get a lot of sacks, but the end game is the Cardinals won’t have to make a move if he does dominate blockers.

Eric Weddle, Rams: Savvy and versatile, though a bit beyond his prime, Weddle joins an already stout defense that lost an important cog in safety Lamar Jackson last year; he would have seen more of a running team.

Landon Collins, Redskins:

It was bad enough the Giants allowed their best defender to leave in free agency. Then he goes to a division rival, where he immediately is a huge upgrade. Collins should be very active in Washington — especially when the Giants are the opponent.

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Elise Amendola/AP

Don’t expect to see much of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, above, until opening day. Don’t expect to see any of his buddy and standout tight end, Rob Gronkowski, who retired at the end of last season.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS (7-9-1)
OPEN CAMP: July 26, Eagan, Minn.
LAST YEAR: Finished 7-9-1, but questions abound as to whether quarterback Kirk Cousins is the right man for the job in the NFC North. The team finished third in the division with 319 points scored and 286 points allowed.
CAMP NEEDS: A new coaching staff, led by new head coach Kevin O'Connell, will be looking for some signs of a new system. Team has a new look on defense and is hoping a group of young players can step up quickly.
OPEN CAMP:
LAST YEAR: Cousins joined the Vikings in Week 1 of 2018, after Case Keenum was traded. Cousins needs to be better because of his shaky performance against Green Bay in December. The team fired coach Mike Zimmer after the season.
IMPORTANT LOSSES: LB Anthony Barr, CB Captain Munnerlyn, DT Linval Joseph.
OPEN CAMP: July 22, Flowery Branch, Ga.
LAST YEAR: Started 3-1-1; finished 5-11-1. K Matt Prater had his poorest season with 72 percent field goal accuracy, and his team was 1-7 on field goals in the fourth quarter.
CAMP NEEDS: If the Lions are to contend, they need to improve at the position and find a reliable kicker. Prater has already been a consistent performer with Detroit, so a new quarterback needs to be found.
OPEN CAMP:
LAST YEAR: Finished 6-1-1 and 8-7-1. Prater was 26-for-41 on field goals, with 15 attempts of 50-yards or more.
IMPORTANT LOSSES: Foles struggled in the playoffs, and Foles led the Eagles to the Super Bowl in February 2017. With Foles, the team was 3-1-1 in the playoffs. With Nick Foles, the Eagles were 3-1-1. With Wentz, the team was 3-1-1.
CAMP NEEDS: The Eagles need to improve their strength and conditioning program to help keep their stars healthy.
OPEN CAMP:
LAST YEAR: Foles was later traded to the Eagles, who went on to win the Super Bowl. Foles was productive for the Eagles in the playoffs.
IMPORTANT LOSSES: Wentz was healthy, but the team was unable to keep him on the field for a full season.
OPEN CAMP: Week 1.
LAST YEAR: Wentz was out for the season with a shoulder injury, and the team was unable to complete their season.
CAMP NEEDS: The team needs to focus on keeping star players healthy to compete in the NFC East.
OPEN CAMP:
LAST YEAR: Wentz was out for the season with a shoulder injury, and the team was unable to complete their season.
ARIZONA CARDINALS (3-13)
OPEN CAMP: July 25, Tempe, Ariz.
LAST YEAR: Finished 3-13, the worst record in the NFL and the NFC West. The Cardinals were 1-7 at home and 2-6 on the road.
CAMP NEEDS: The Cardinals need to improve their defense, which was the worst in the league. The team also needs to find a better quarterback than Josh Rosen.
OPEN CAMP:
LAST YEAR: Rosen was traded to the Cardinals in a trade with the New York Jets. Rosen was 1-7 at home and 2-6 on the road as a starter.
IMPORTANT LOSSES: CB Patrick Peterson, WR Larry Fitzgerald, TE John Gruden will be under scrutiny.
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**PITTSBURGH STEELERS (9-0-1)**

**OPEN CAMP:** July 25, Latrobe, Pa.

**LAST YEAR:** Finished 2017 with 21-game lead in AFC North to secure playoff berth for fourth consecutive season, but lost to Cleveland in wild-card round.

**IMPACT ADDITIONS:** CBs Joe Haden and Mike Hilton, S Partnership (production), WR Tyreek Hill.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Keep Tom Brady healthy in year he will return from four-game suspension. Find some receivers, including tight end and running back positions, to complement Antonio Brown.

**EXPECTATIONS:** If Patriots don’t win 12 games, AFC North title will be up for grabs. All other positions should be no problem.

**NEW YORK JETS (4-12)**

**OPEN CAMP:** July 25, Florham Park, N.J.

**LAST YEAR:** Finished 2-5 in four games after Sam Darnold took over for injured Joe Flacco, and amid patchwork line and free spending on defense produced Pro Bowl picks in safety Jamal Adams and LB Avery Williamson. Key was key will be Gore inducts ingress into offense, develop competence at quarterback and left tackle, and continue coaching development of young receiver Denzel Mims.

**IMPACT ADDITIONS:** QB Sam Darnold, WR Stephen Means, CB Le'Veon Bell, WR Robby Anderson, DT Quinnen Williams, CB Brian Poole, S Marcus Maye.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Gase loves Darnold’s natural in-station instincts, but he needs to learn full-time one-handed snap and improve his vision, arm, and then display progress in closing season. Find a young corner to take over for starting CB Nate McDougal, who was traded to Atlanta.

**EXPECTATIONS:** There will be real concern in July if there aren’t great stories heading into camp, but Jets have huge question marks along the offensive line and at quarterback.

**BUFFALO BILLS (10-6-1)**

**OPEN CAMP:** July 27, Orchard Park, N.Y.

**LAST YEAR:** Finished 2-5 in the playoffs for first time since 2013. Had three 200-yard passing games that were all but ignored after Jackson took over for Josh Allen, then finished season 8-8 in place of injured Joe Flacco. Jackson had only one 200-yard passing game. Also of note, Patriots QB Tom Brady was held under 300 yards in five of Buffalo’s last six games.

**IMPACT ADDITIONS:** WR Stefon Diggs, S Eric Weddle, TE Maxx Williams, GM Brandon Beane.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Key will be how Jackson can take next step from rookie season and start, how should be good this season. Find an edge player with technique to hold in passes and off tackles. Finish runs. Find running back that is capable of turning the corner.

**EXPECTATIONS:** There will be real concern in July if there aren’t great stories heading into camp, but Bills have huge question marks along the offensive line and at quarterback.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (9-7)**

**OPEN CAMP:** July 25, Westfield, Ind.

**LAST YEAR:** Finished 1-7-1 in division to secure playoff berth for fourth consecutive season, but lost to New England in AFC title game.

**IMPACT ADDITIONS:** WRs Odell Beckham Jr. and Daurice Fountain, LB Jalen Hoard, T Tyrell Crosby, S Eric Murray, DT Tyler Lancaster.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Keep Andrew Luck healthy in year he will return from injury. Need a capable backup to start at center. Need an inside pass rusher.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Indianapolis could have best chance to win AFC South since 2016, with Luck returning from injury. Overall talent is better than in recent years, but the team doesn’t have the depth of the Rams.

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (13-5)**

**OPEN CAMP:** July 27,嫪, Calif.

**LAST YEAR:** Finished first in division to secure playoff berth for first time in franchise history. Got to Super Bowl but lost to New England in overtime. AFC West is loaded, but Arrowhead Stadium is home court and Mahomes is one of the game’s best. On offense, adding Tyreek Hill and a bigger pass-catching threat should be enough for Mahomes to keep his team in the hunt.

**IMPACT ADDITIONS:** WR Tyreek Hill.

**CAMP NEEDS:** Keep Patrick Mahomes healthy when he returns from broken hand. Need a capable backup to start at center. Need an inside pass rusher.

**EXPECTATIONS:** Chiefs made big step forward last year in reaching AFC title game, but still have not played in Super Bowl. Metz and Gravitt’s rise to GM shows this franchise has become stronger. Draft and free agency has been spent overhauling that side of ball with new depth. Mahomes must keep making strides. Can they take another step forward?
Angels eulogize Skaggs at memorial

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Los Angeles Angels pitcher Andrew Heaney urged those at a private memorial service to remember a gift fallen teammate Tyler Skaggs gave to them.

“Take a moment, close your eyes, think of your favorite meal, or even an image that reminds you of all the good times you had with Ty,” Heaney said. “Take that memory and hold it in your hearts and in your minds. That is his lasting gift to everyone here.”

Skaggs’ teammates and family gathered Monday at a Catholic church in his native Santa Monica to remember a man who died June 13, who would have turned 27 on Friday.

The mourners remembered Skaggs as a beloved son, husband, teammate and friend whose upbeat personality brought joy to everyone around him. The altar was flanked by two large red-and-white floral arrangements and prominently featuring No. 45, Skaggs’ uniform number.

Heaney, his voice trembling, laughed and cried at the eulogies from 14 speakers. Several family members related stories of Skaggs as a precocious little kid who just happened to grow into a world-class athlete.

“To Ty’s parents and family, what an incredible job you did raising such a wonderful person,” said Padres pitcher Garrett Richards, a longtime teammate who was drafted by the Angels along with Skaggs in 2009. “Carli, your husband had a big smile, but an even bigger heart. He truly cared about people. I feel so honored to have known and spent as much time with him as I did. He impacted me in so many areas of my life. Rest in peace, Skaggy.”

The final speaker was Carli Skaggs, who made a last-minute decision to share poignant memories of her life since their marriage last winter.

“I didn’t think I’d be able to do it,” Carli Skaggs said. “Tyler gave me some strength.”

The current Angels and owner Arte Moreno were joined by former teammate managers Mike Scioscia, Joe Maddon, Charlie Manuel, bench coach Mark McGwire, and broadcasters Eric Karros and Steve Lyons.

After the service, mourners were greeted by a catering truck from In-N-Out Burger, a Southern California institution and one of Skaggs’ favorite meals.

## Scoreboard

### American League

#### East Division

- **New York (64-35)**
- **Toronto (64-35)**
- **Boston (62-37)**
- **Baltimore (61-38)**
- **Minnesota (61-38)**
- **Chicago (60-39)**
- **Cleveland (59-39)**
- **Detroit (56-39)**
- **Miami (56-39)**

#### Central Division

- **Tampa Bay (105-54)**
- **Boston (105-54)**
- **New York (105-54)**
- **Baltimore (105-54)**
- **Chicago (105-54)**
- **Minnesota (105-54)**
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#### West Division

- **Texas (106-53)**
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### National League

#### East Division

- **Washington (82-73)**
- **Atlanta (82-73)**
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## Calendar

**July 31**

- **Trade deadline**

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Nova’s four-hitter, extended netting stand out in Chicago

BY SCOTT KING
Associated Press

CHICAGO - Ivan Nova stumped Miami again and proved to be 5-0 against the Marlins. Nova pitched a four-hitter that led the Chicago White Sox over Miami 9-1 on Monday night.

“I always want to do my best out there,” said Nova. “I always work hard. Today it just kind of came out.”

Joe Abreu hit a two-run homer, Yoan Moncada added a three-run homer and, working hard. He’s a great baseball player with a lot of talent and I still think that he can do more.”

Chicago opened a 10-game homestand by winning for the third time in its last 11 tries. The Marlins fell to 0-4 on their six-game trip.

The White Sox became the first team in the majors to have protective netting in place from foul pole to foul pole, extending the safety measure for their first game at Guaranteed Rate Field since the All-Star break.

The new netting reaches a maximum height of 45 feet and, for ground rules, will be treated like a wall — any ball that bounces or is thrown off the nets will remain in play. The extra netting didn’t come into play in its debut.

“I think it’s awesome,” Chicago manager Rick Renteria said. “I know they’ve been considering it and talking about it, a lot of people have been talking about it throughout the league, obviously through injuries and things that have occurred. For the organization to be on the forefront of it speaks a lot to their desire to want to give both the fans safety and still see the ballgame very clearly.”

The White Sox announced the safety measure last month, a week after a foul ball at the park sent a woman to the hospital with her head bleeding.

On Sunday in Cleveland, another fan was hurt by a foul. Indians closer Francisco Liriano said he was told his line drive put a 3-year-old boy in the hospital.

“It’s a great idea,” White Sox pitcher Evan Marshall said. “It’s a shame it wasn’t done sooner and just almost a standard across baseball, I think. Finally the powers are speaking out because everybody is tired of seeing people get hit.

“No, it just sucks the air right out of the game and we see it happen. It’s hard to move on to the next pitch or do whatever because somebody’s going to the emergency room,” he said.

Several fans, including a 2-year-old girl in Houston, have been injured by hard-hit foul balls this season. Many players and fans have implored Major League Baseball to require pole-to-pole netting covering foul territory at every ballpark.

White Sox rookie star Eloy Jimenez hit the foul last month that injured the woman.

“It’s really good because now the fans are going to be more safe,” he said. “Especially because line-drive foul balls, most of the time they’re super hard. I think it’s going to be safe for the fans.”

Nova’s four-hitter, extended netting

MINNEAPOLIS — Most of the highlights for the Minnesota Twins in this remarkable season have been home runs, putting them on pace to smash the major league mark.

That mark currently belongs to the New York Yankees, who watched the Twins whiff away at it on Monday night with a powerful three-run home run in the first inning.

“These are the games that are really good for us, because we’re playing against the top level,” said Garver, who has 19 homers in just 181 at-bats. “These are the games that are really good for us, because we’re playing against the top level.”

Jorge Polanco, Nelson Cruz and Max Kepler also went deep, giving the Twins their eighth game with five or more homers this season.

All but Garver’s second solo shot came off starter CC Sabathia (5-5), who lasted only four innings.

“Just like our lineup, it’s a tough lineup to face,” Sabathia said, “so you’ve got to be sharp, and I wasn’t.”

Martin Perez was hit just as hard, serving up home runs to Gio Urshela in the third, Luke Voit in the fourth and AL batting leader DJ LeMahieu in the fifth.

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SIZZLING
Oppressive heat awaits teams for training camp

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Until the NFL shortens its preseason, there will be one goal in late July and early August. Stay healthy. Unfortunately, nearly every team sustains significant injuries, some of which can be devastating for the regular season. Coaches and general managers will curse under their breath when they lose a key regular, then claim the “next man up” policy will take care of the problem. Sometimes, they are right. Often, the swearing becomes more intense and louder.

As teams settle in at sweltering training camps this week, playbooks are distributed (digitally, of course), rookies and other youngsters try to catch the eye of decision makers, and fans wonder what their teams will look like in early September. And beyond.

Except, perhaps, in New England.

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