SAN DIEGO — A military judge took the rare step Monday to remove a prosecutor accused of misconduct from the war crimes case of a decorated Navy SEAL.

Capt. Aaron Rugh ordered the lead prosecutor removed from the case of Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher after defense lawyers accused the prosecution of spying on their emails, according to the ruling.

The defense asked Rugh to dismiss the case or remove prosecutors because of the surreptitious effort to track defense emails without court approval in an effort to find the source of news leaks.

Rugh said it was not in his power to determine if Cmdr. Christopher Czaplak violated ethical or professional rules, but the potential for a probe into those actions required that he be removed from the prosecution.

Czaplak received word of the ruling during a deposition while questioning an Iraqi general, who is a witness in the case, defense lawyer Tim Parlatore said.

Czaplak left in the middle of the testimony being recorded on video in San Diego for use at the trial. He did not return to the courtroom.

Parlatore said it was a step in the right direction.

“There’s no way he should be allowed to continue on this case,” Parlatore said.

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South Korean Col. Moon Byung-wook answers questions for Annie Winstead, center, and Gloria McCall about the area where their uncle, Army Pfc. Johnnie Street, was believed to have been killed during the Korean War. They joined other relatives of missing servicemembers in a visit to the former battleground known as Arrowhead Hill on May 29.
Space Command nominee speaks to Senate panel

Raymond tells committee space is no longer ‘peaceful, benign domain’

By Corey Dickstein
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Air Force general nominated to lead the Pentagon’s newest combatant command that would direct the U.S. military’s space operations told lawmakers on Tuesday that any future conflicts with major powers such as Russia or China would be partially fought in space.

“We no longer have the luxury of operating in a peaceful, benign domain. And we no longer have the luxury of treating space superiority as a given,” Gen. Jay Raymond told the Senate Armed Services Committee during a hearing to consider his nomination to lead U.S. Space Command.

Raymond has spent the vast majority of his 35 years in the Air Force working in space operations. He now leads the organization responsible for training and equipping the Air Force’s roughly 15,000 space operators while also leading space forces assigned to the U.S. Strategic Command.

Pentagon officials have said that once Raymond is confirmed, he would also focus on deterring the potential for a fight to extend into space and defending the myriad U.S. satellite constellations.

In the SASC-approved version of the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act, legislation that provides policy direction to the Pentagon, the new Space Force could be built within the Air Force Department — similar to how the Marines are within the Navy Department — and would be led by the commander of U.S. Space Command, who would serve in two roles.

Asked Tuesday about the proposal, Raymond declined to endorse or renounce leading Space Force and Space Command, telling senators that he had not seen the proposed legislation.

“Very supportive of a space force,” the general said. “If confirmed, I look forward to working very closely with this committee and our leadership to get this right for the nation.”

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WWII heroes honored at Picauville memorial

By John Vandiver
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PICAUVILLE, France — As the long line of American paratroopers approached the monument for those who died during the air assault 75 years ago at this small Normandy town, one soldier after another bent low to offer thanks to 94-year-old Joseph Morettini.

“I landed here 75 years ago,” Morettini, now wheelchair-bound, told the passing soldiers as they clasped hands.

Five years earlier, there were rows of veterans like Morettini at the same ceremony. But on Tuesday just two who took part in D-Day were on hand at the monument in Picauville.

As the 75th anniversary of D-Day approaches, thousands of people are descending on Normandy to mark the occasion at events large and small, spread out near the beaches allies stormed in the pivotal invasion that helped pave the way for victory over the Nazis.

But this year, there is added significance to the anniversary as the number of surviving veterans dwindles.

“There may not be anyone left for the 80th,” said Charles Shay, 94, who as a 19-year-old was part of the first wave to land at Omaha Beach.

All these years later, Shay said he still vividly recalls the thick smoke, gunfire and screams of soldiers he tended to as a medic on D-Day.

“I am here to pay tribute to all the men who died,” Shay said. “I’ve been coming back for a few years, so I am able to cope with it.”

The memory of men falling under a hail of bullets is still fresh, though.

“When that was happening, I had to stop for a moment and try to clear my head before I could perform my duties that I was trained to do,” he said. “We lost many men. I remember so many killed. So many wounded.”

In Picauville, hundreds of locals along with soldiers from the 82nd and 173rd Airborne Regiments gathered at the memorial that pays tribute to the 9th Air Force, which delivered paratroopers behind enemy lines. At the site, a C-47 “Gooney Bird” troop transport aircraft and the remains of one of the engines of the plane that crashed during the Allied assault are on display.

The D-Day vets were treated like rock stars, with locals swarming around them seeking autographs and selfies.

Among the World War II vets on hand was Ellen Levitsky, who served as a nurse and arrived in Normandy two months after the landings to treat the wounded.

“When you are young, it is an adventure, but we were scared,” said Levitsky, 99. “It was a rough time and I still think of all the boys.”

For years, Levitsky regularly made the trip to Normandy along with her sister, Dorothy, who also served as a nurse. Four years ago her sister died and now returning is “bittersweet,” she said.

Maj. Gen. John Williams, commander of Allied Air Command at U.S. Air Forces in Europe, was on hand to represent the military during the ceremony, where he paid tribute to the sacrifices of the troops.

Williams said the invasion serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining alliances and fighting adversaries together.

“No matter what happens on a daily basis, or any kind of frictions we might have (as an alliance), we have to come back to what is more important and unites us,” Williams said.

First Sgt. Rudy Alvarado, of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, was among the soldiers taking part in the events in Picauville and has sought out veterans to talk with at other D-Day events in Normandy.

“It’s pretty hard to comprehend what they did,” Alvarado said. “I just think about what was going through their head when they were jumping. The courage was amazing.”

Morettini, who served with the 82nd Airborne Division’s 508th Regiment, recalled his jump behind enemy lines. Tracers filled the night sky and Morettini said he didn’t think he’d survive it.

“When I landed I was stuck between two trees, my feet a few inches off the ground,” he said.

The fighting was immediate and fierce and would remain so in the weeks that followed, during which many friends were lost, he said.

But D-Day, “it was worth it, to kick the Nazis out,” Morettini said.

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Base suspends PT tests after 2nd airman dies
Shaw AFB launches investigation into any connections between the deaths

By Corey Dickstein
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WASHINGTON — Officials at Shaw Air Force Base have suspended physical fitness testing for airman who died after a second airman at the South Carolina installation died in less than one week of health problems after completing a physical training assessment.

Col. Derek O’Malley, the commander of Shaw’s 20th Fighter Wing, ordered the PT test standdown and an investigation into any potential connections between the May 26 death of Senior Airman Amalia Joseph and the June 1 death of Senior Airman Aaron Hall, Shaw officials said in a statement.

Joseph, 32, and Hall, 30, both worked as electronic warfare systems journeymen and were assigned to the 20th Component Maintenance Squadron, according to the Air Force.

“We don’t know what caused these deaths, but we are exploring every possibility to get the answers we need to prevent this from happening again,” O’Malley said in a statement Monday.

“We’ve looked closely at our processes and investigating their work environment for anything that may have contributed to these tragedies. If we ever change a policy, it will be as transparent as we possibly can,” O’Malley said.

“The airman died at local hospitals where they were taken after they completed their fitness tests on separate days, according to an Air Force spokesman who declined to provide additional information, citing the ongoing investigations and privacy concerns.

—Hall enlisted in the Air Force in July 2015 and had been assigned to Shaw since March 2018. Joseph enlisted in the Air Force in September 2015 and had been assigned to Shaw since April 2016.

In the statement, O’Malley described recent weeks as “devastating” for the Shaw Air Force Base community. In addition to the deaths of Joseph and Hall, a third airman from the installation died May 21 of an apparent suicide after he had gone missing three days earlier, according to the service.

“While these kinds of losses are part of life, especially in military service, that doesn’t make them any easier,” O’Malley said in the statement. “Our lives were better because we knew them, but our squadrons are so much emptier without them.”

“The Navy in recent months has seen similar deaths at its boot camp, which launched its own investigation into physical fitness-related injuries and deaths. That investigation is ongoing.”

Seaman recruits Kelsey Nobles, 18, and Kierra Evans, 20, both collapsed during their final physical fitness tests at Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois in April and Evans in February.

DODA helps Japanese teachers prep for English curriculum change

By Carlos M. Vazquez II
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KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — Teachers from the Department of Defense Education Activity recently provided English language training to Japanese educators from around Okinawa who are preparing for a mandatory curriculum change in 2020 throughout Japan.

Twenty-nine Japanese teachers attended daylong professional development sessions May 23-24 at Kadena Elementary School, one of DODA’s newest schools.

Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, also known as MEXT or Monbusho, introduced optional English instruction and development to primary school children on a large scale in 2002. By next year, the ministry will require English instruction in the lower grades and double the number of instructional hours per week.

“The training is in support of Monbusho’s mandatory English curriculum rollout for fifth- and sixth-grade students by the year 2020,” said Tracy Rice, an English Speakers of Other Languages teacher at Kadena Elementary.

The workshop “focused on interactive cooperative learning and team-building challenges that enhance English language acquisition skills,” she said.

Rice, who holds a doctorate in educational curriculum and development, was this year’s DODA Pacific South District teacher of the year. She built the workshop around the English curriculum and textbooks used by the Japanese teachers in their Okinawa classrooms.

Kadena students also played a part during the workshop, leading some of the English language activities and stations for the Japanese educators.

The Japanese instructors and Kadena teachers and students used games, memorization and computer programs to make learning English interesting and relatable to real-world scenarios.

“I’ve learned a lot and I was kind of impressed by the instructor’s creativity,” said Yuki Sakurai, a teacher at Kakazu Elementary School in Ginowan.

“It’s a very good learning opportunity for us. My eyes are open now.”

Sakurai, who teaches second-, fourth- and sixth-grade students, said the first day of the workshop so inspired her that she stayed up through the night to recreate an English lesson plan for her students involving numbers and using flavors of ice cream.

The Foreign Language Initiative is a collaboration between the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DODA and the U.S. State Department to provide training for local national teachers and create positive relationships between the two countries, Rice said.

The training sessions have taken place at other locations around Okinawa during and outside of school hours, she added, with hopes to continue in the future to give more teachers the ability to instruct their Japanese students on the English language.

“The kids are very excited to learn English,” Sakurai said. With the presence of U.S. military bases and personnel on the island, she said, “Okinawa is a good environment to help learn English.”

Beachgoer finds body of soldier who drowned Friday in Hawaii

By Wyatt Olson
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — The body of a soldier stationed at Schofield Barracks who went missing while swimming Friday was discovered by a beachgoer early Sunday morning on Oahu’s windward side.

The male soldier, who has not been identified pending notification of next of kin, went missing in Kailua Bay, near Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Some media accounts had reported the drowning victim was a Marine.

“Schofield Barracks authorities have confirmed the body found at Kailua Bay this morning is that of a 25th Infantry Division soldier who went missing on Friday afternoon,” the Army said in a statement.

First responders were called to the scene about 5:30 p.m. Friday after three people swimming about 40 yards off the shore of Kailua Beach were in distress, said Capt. Scott Seguirant, a spokesman for the Honolulu Fire Department.

Someone on the beach heard calls for help and swam or paddled out, rescuing two women and bringing them to shore, he said.

“One of them was in pretty bad shape, as far as swallowing a lot of water — a near-drowning kind of thing,” Seguirant said.

Strong winds in recent days have created strong surf conditions, though it remains unclear why the trio of swimmers fell into distress, he said.

Searchers with HFD and the Coast Guard searched the waters for the missing man during the next 24 hours using divers, a helicopter and surface vessels.

The Coast Guard searched 64 square nautical miles but found no trace of him, said Petty Officer 1st Class Matthew West, a spokesman for the Coast Guard.

The soldier’s body washed up on the beach further north than where he went missing, Seguirant said. Someone walking on the beach who was not involved in the search discovered the body about 5:30 a.m. Sunday and called officials, he said.
Afghan president says he’ll visit Pakistan

**Associated Press**

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Tuesday said he will visit Pakistan on June 27 to open a new chapter in his country’s uneasy relationship with its neighbor and mend ties that are often characterized by mistrust and tit-for-tat accusations.

Ghani said he agreed to visit Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan after the two leaders met last week on the sidelines of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation meeting in Saudi Arabia.

“I hope the visit will be positive,” Ghani said in his message to mark Eid al-Fitr, the Muslim holiday that caps the fasting month of Ramadan.

Kabul routinely accuses Pakistan of harboring its Taliban enemies, yet in recent months Islamabad has lent its support to U.S. efforts to broker an end to Afghanistan’s long-running war. Ghani said he held out hope that years of mistrust can be replaced with a new relationship that will allow peace to flourish in the region.

Washington’s peace envoy, Zalmay Khalilzad, was in Islamabad on the weekend meeting with senior officials, including Khan and the powerful army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa. Khalilzad is looking to press forward on efforts to find an end to America’s longest running conflict.

Pakistan has promised to aid the peace process and has so far pressed the Taliban, many of whom have families living in Pakistan, into talks. Khalidzad, who has already held several rounds of talks with the religious militia, will meet again with their leadership later this month in Doha, where they maintain a political office.

He will press the Taliban to hold talks with the Afghan government, which the insurgent group has continued to refuse, calling Ghani’s administration a U.S. puppet.

In his address to the nation, Ghani urged the Taliban to again mark Eid with a cease-fire as they did last year, but the religious militia has already refused, saying there will be no end to fighting while U.S. and NATO troops are still in Afghanistan.

Taliban leader Maulvi Hibatullah Akhunzada, in his Eid message to insurgents issued on Monday, again rejected a cease-fire while repeating a Taliban promise that they have no ambitions to monopolize power in a post-war Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, in northern Baghlan province, a remote-controlled mine hidden in a motorcycle parked outside a mosque exploded, killing two worshippers and wounding eight.

The explosion occurred as worshippers were leaving the mosque in Nahrin district after saying their morning Eid prayers, said Jawed Basharat, provincial chief police spokesman.

A series of bombings in the past week have rattled the Afghan capital. On Monday, five people were killed when a bomb attached to a bus exploded, the second attack of that type in as many days.

The Islamic State affiliate operating in Afghanistan has taken responsibility for several of the attacks, and the Taliban claimed an attack against a U.S. military convoy last week that killed four Afghan civilians and slightly wounded four American service personnel.

Hundreds of ISIS relatives leave camp in northeast Syria

**By Bassem Mroue**

BEIRUT — Scores of women and children related to fighters of Islamic State carried their belongings and boarded buses and trucks Monday, leaving an overcrowded camp in the country’s northeast to return to their homes.

A total of 800 Syrian women and children left al-Hol camp in Hasakeh province Monday afternoon, according to Syrian Kurdish official Badran Ciya Kurd and witnesses.

The departure is the largest since ISIS territorial defeat in Syria in March. Before the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces captured Baghouz, the last village controlled by the militias near the Iraqi border, the al-Hol camp housed more than 10,000 people, is now home to more than 73,000. Women and children make up 92% of the population and 15%, or at least 11,000, are foreign nationals, according to the United Nations.

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Syrian troops take village in last rebel stronghold

**Associated Press**

BEIRUT — Syrian troops captured a village in the last rebel stronghold in the northwest province of Idlib on Monday while a government airstrike killed at least three people, opposition activists and state media said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, said the government forces had reached the village of Qassabiyeh under the cover of Russian and Syrian airstrikes. The pro-government Syrian Central Military Media also confirmed that village’s capture.

The Observatory said the battle left 25 militants and 12 pro-government fighters dead.

The latest fighting began a month ago, when Syrian troops advanced into the enclave from the south and unleashed a wave of intense bombing. The violence has displaced tens of thousands of people. The area is home to 3 million people and is already overcrowded with refugees from the war.

Idlib province is the last area standing in President Bashar Assad’s way as he seeks a final victory against the armed opposition after eight years of civil war.

Opposition activists reported airstrikes and shelling of other towns and villages in Idlib on Monday.

The Observatory said four people were killed and others wounded in an airstrike on a market in the town of Maaret al-Numan. The opposition’s Syrian Civil Defense, also known as White Helmets, said the strike killed three and wounded 20.

Monday’s violence came as the New York-based Human Rights Watch said the Russian-Syrian joint military operation “has used internationally banned and other indiscriminate weapons in unlawful attacks on civilians in northwest Syria in recent weeks.”

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Navy seeks to fill recruiting jobs with new incentive

BY JOSHUA KARSTEN
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MANAMA, Bahrain — Sailors could qualify for alternative petty officer first class promotions if they fill recruiting and recruit transfer billets under a new Navy incentive program likely to expand to other jobs.

The new “advancement-to-position” opportunity for qualified petty officers second class was announced in a message signed Monday by the Navy’s incoming personnel chief, Vice Adm. John B. Nowell Jr.

It allows sailors in their normal window for shore duty to apply to 20 recruiting and 10 boot camp billets for the June/July 2019 application cycle.

The program is open to all active-duty sailors except those in nuclear and submarine ratings, who must have at least six years of service and a score of 50 or higher on the March exam for petty officer first class.

To be selected, sailors must pass the normal screenings for the boot camp or recruiting jobs.

Applicants will incur an additional 36-month commitment if chosen for one of the billets.

Before selection, a sailor’s final multiple score, or FMS, will be compared with those of all other applicants.

The score includes performance evaluations, awards, pass-but-not-advance points from previous tests, education and time-in-rank points but will not include exam scores.

“The applicant for each billet who has the highest FMS from the March 2019 advancement cycle will be selected for the program as long as they pass all special purpose screening requirements,” the message said.

The incentive differs from the traditional advancement requirement that couples a sailor’s rating-dependent exam score with their final multiple score and then shifts the highest combined scores through job quotas to produce an advancement list twice a year.

Sailors who do not meet the short must repeat the process until they’re selected for promotion.

“Under the advancement-to-position program, selected sailors will be advanced to petty officer first class upon completion of required schools. They will also receive permanent change of station orders,” one official said.

An announcement of the incentive on some of the Navy’s Facebook pages drew hundreds of comments, including some criticism from those who saw it as advancing unprepared or underperforming sailors.

“Let’s just give more rank to those not ready,” said one comment.

Spokesmen for all of them, said the Navy’s message.

The incentive will also be expanded in the coming months, the message said, “both in terms of jobs and number of billets.”

Bavarian shops hope to draw Americans in

BY MARTIN EGNSH AND MARCUS KLOECKNER
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GRAFENWÖHR, Germany — Bavarian leaders are educating store owners on how Americans shop while aiming to make businesses more profitable and daily life a little easier for the many thousands of servicemembers in the area.

Businesses near the Grafenwöhr and Hohenfels training areas hope to attract more Americans through a series of cross-cultural measures, advertising acceptance of value-added tax forms and U.S. credit cards, and being aware of U.S. holidays, officials said.

The chamber of commerce in Regensburg for the Oberpfalz area recently began distributing “VAT Form Accepted” stickers to business owners, chamber spokesman Florian Rieder said.

About 30,000 Americans live in the area and have an estimated purchasing power of 800 million euros ($900 million) annually, he said.

Rieder said businesses in the areas surrounding U.S. military bases have noticed some differences in how U.S. soldiers shop when compared with Germans.

“Bavarians enter a store and they first want to spend some time alone and check things out before they expect a shop owner to talk to them,” Rieder said.

“Americans are different. They expect that they are immediately greeted, and they prefer it if someone approaches them quickly,” he said.

Little things like those would matter because they affect customer satisfaction, he said.

More business owners also need to accept credit cards because many Americans have little cash on them — unlike Germans, who more often prefer cash, Rieder said.

German businesses could also offer sales and specials on American holidays if they’re more aware of them, he said.

Rieder said the chamber of commerce adopted the concept from colleagues in Rheinland-Pfalz, which includes Ramstein Air Base. The American purchasing power in the Oberpfalz area alone is estimated at roughly 1.4 billion euros ($1.6 billion) annually, according to the chamber’s website.

Many servicemembers stationed in the Grafenwöhr area regularly shop on and off post.

Capt. Mike Van Dyke, a troop commander with the Army’s 2nd

Recruits sit in their quarters as a drill sergeant walks through at the Navy’s Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Qualified E-5 sailors willing to fill recruiting and boot camp billets now have a nonexempt route for promotion.

Still, some argued that it was a way to reward those who likely deserved more rank.

“If you’re good enough to be picked up for this program you are probably ready to advance,” another commenter said. Referring to basic training instructions, the commenter added, “RDC is no joke!”

All of the basic training billets are located at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill., and any application for one of the billets will be considered an application for one of the district, said the Navy’s message.

The recruiting billets will be advertised for specific priority Navy recruiting district or Navy talent in acquisition group locations and applicants will only be considered for billets at the district or group to which they have applied, it said.

Applicants were encouraged to begin the screening process as soon as possible after applying for other billets. Applicants can be eligible for other opportunities in case they fail the vetting.

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Prosecutor: Judge plans to rule soon on whether to dismiss charges

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“We’re still hopeful the entire case will be dismissed,” Parlante said.

Rugh said he would rule on whether to dismiss murder and attempted murder counts against Gallagher by the end of Wednesday.

Gary Solis, a former Marine Corps prosecutor and military judge who teaches law at Georgetown, said he’s never heard of anything like this, saying Czaplak’s decision to track defense attorneys’ emails was “contrary to legal ethics and common sense.”

“Unprecedented is too tame a description for what he did,” said Solis, who applauded the ruling. “Unwise is overly optimistic.

His conduct has been entirely inappropriate.”

A Marine Corps lawyer, Capt. Conor McMahon, assigned to the case will not be removed, Rugh said.

But it’s not clear if McMahon will stay on the prosecution team. McMahon’s commanders ordered him to stop participating in the case last week, and he didn’t appear at hearings on Thursday and Friday.

The Navy would not say if he would remain on the team.

Czapak will be replaced with another attorney from the Navy, spokesman Brian O’Rourke said.

“Chief Petty Officer Gallagher is entitled to a fair trial and the Navy is committed to upholding that principle,” O’Rourke said.

Last week, Rugh unexpectedly released Gallagher from custody as a remedy for interference by prosecutors in the middle of a hearing that also included accusations they withheld evidence from the defense.

The removal of Czapak could delay the trial scheduled to start June 10.

Republicans in Congress have rallied in support of Gallagher, saying he has been mistreated. President Donald Trump, who intervened to move Gallagher to better confinement, has considered dismissing the charges.

Gallagher pleaded not guilty to murder in the death of an injured teenage boy in Iraq in 2017 and to attempted murder for picking off two civilians from a sniper’s perch.

It is extremely unusual for a military judge to remove the prosecution or dismiss a case only days before the start of a trial. The military justice system has gotten few war crime convictions and has been criticized for being ineffective.

The notification is crammed into everything.”
Let’s remember them

By DAVID A. BRYANT
Killeen (Texas) Daily Herald

KILLEEN, Texas — It was a hot, sunny day on Saturday — a perfect day for a barbecue at Killeen’s Long Branch Park. Slowly, the guests began to arrive. As each person showed up, some bringing their families, smiles split faces and hugs were given as if they had not seen each other in years.

They were all “family,” after all — former members of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point Cadet Lynette James, Spc. Yingming Sun and Pvt. Eddy Raelaurin Gates, Pvt. Tysheena gelio Morales Jr., Spc. Kameron Robinson, were told to do, like every other day.”

No choice, we had to go. We did what we know what I mean?” Friend said. “It wasn’t about going out into the field.

The ride out wasn’t really anything special, Friend recalled. “It was like [the angel] said. “They’re always at my house.”

“I see people crying. The whole time, I’m lost, I don’t know what’s going on,” he said. “I’m thinking to myself, ‘I’m dying.'

That’s all he said, ’the senior Morales recalled. “I said, ‘Are you OK?’ He said, ‘Yeah, but a lot of my buddies died.’ The next day, I was down here not knowing it.

Morales Sr. said he came down by himself at first, followed soon by his wife, and they made Killeen their home to be close to their son and his fellow soldiers.

“At first it was hard. These guys … I tell them they’re my kids. I advise them,” he said. “I’ve been blessed with all these guys. I’m not a rich man, but I’m rich at heart (because of them).”

Papa Rog has been a big part of the healing process for many of the soldiers, according to Dasheen Perry, a former soldier who is attending college in Pennsylvania.

“I tried to follow what he showed me for the few days that I knew him,” he said.

Perry was on a cleaning detail at the time and said he remembers that it was continuously raining. All of a sudden, people started running around everywhere and the motor pool descended into chaos.

“I see people crying. The whole time, I’m lost, I don’t know what’s going on,” he said. “When I finally figured out what was going on, two or three convoys were headed out to look for everybody.”

Perry added he felt the Army would keep details of the accident a secret for a while, but as soon as news surfaced of the deaths, it really hit home to the soldiers what had happened.

“I remember it was all the way up until November or December of that year, they were still telling us ‘don’t talk to the media,’ ” he said. “Me not knowing the severity of it. I just stayed in my place and didn’t say anything.”

No longer in the Army and with more experience, Perry said he personally feels blame never should have been placed on Colonvazquez — the top ranked enlisted soldier who was conducting the training.

“Orders came from somewhere,” he said. “And he’s not here to speak for himself.”

Perry added he felt the Army would never reveal what actually happened that day. "Referring to lay blame somewhere and forgetting about it. Until then, those still in the area from the unit that day will continue to remember those who were lost.

“That’s what this is all about,” he said of the gathering at the park. “Let’s get the family together, those who are here. Let’s remember them.”

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Closure: Families get rare look at Arrowhead Hill excavation

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In London, Trump sees possible trade deal

By Anne Gearan and William Booth
The Washington Post

LONDON — With the showy, royal puffery of President Donald Trump’s banquet at Buckingham Palace and tea with Prince Charles over, President Donald Trump turned to business Tuesday and the possibility of a trade deal once Britain finally leaves the European Union.

In a joint news conference with outgoing British Prime Minister Theresa May, Trump expressed confidence that Brexit would eventually happen. “I think it will happen,” he said, adding: “This is a great country, and it wants to have its own identity. . . . I think it deserves a special place.”

The president opened the news conference with thanks to “Donald” for cooperation with Britain — for expelling 60 Russian intelligence officers in solidarity after a nerve agent attack on British soil; for carrying out airstrikes in Syria following the use of chemical weapons; and for promoting the idea that NATO members should be sharing the security burden.

She signalled Iran and the Paris Climate Agreement as notes of difference. In a line that might refer to Brexit as much as transatlantic relations, she said, “I’ve always believed that cooperation and compromise are the basis of the relationship.”

Trump was asked a question about opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, who was addressing protesters outside the White House. Trump said he didn’t seem to understand and answered with comments about the “small Mayor Sadiq Khan, with whom he has had an ongoing feud. I think he’s been a not very good mayor, from what I understand,” Trump said.

Earlier Tuesday, Trump co-hosted a morning roundtable of American and British corporate executives, alongside May, to kick-start discussions for a deal the president is eager to close.

The president is already talking up a trade pact with a post-Brexit Britain as much as transatlantic relations. He said, “I think it will happen,” he said, “I think it will happen.”

The Trump-May meetings come at an awkward moment. May has been ousted from her post — not by the voters or by the opposition, but by her own Conservative Party, for her failure to deliver Brexit.

And May announced her resignation last month. She officially resigns May 23, just won big in the European Parliament election, trouncing May’s Tory party.

While politics is mostly taking a back seat to pomp on this trip, the trade deal is Trump’s top priority.

His delegation, heavy on family members and staff hangers-on, also includes Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and other officials focused on a trade package.

The business meeting at St James’ Palace was attended by the Duke of York, Chancellor Philip Hammond and International Trade Secretary Liam Fox. Also present were Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and the president’s daughter Ivanka Trump.

As Trump sits with the business community, anti-Trump protesters began to mass for a demonstration against the American president.

It is notable that Corbyn would address the crowds, Corbyn and his party are pushing for a general election that could see him lofted into the prime minister’s office.

If that happened — and the current polling says its possible but not assured — the Trump administration would be dealing with a British leader who is openly hostile.

Trump was to attend a luncheon with May at Downing Street. British officials have suggested that the Iran nuclear deal, global climate change and Chinese telecoms giant Huawei will be on the agenda.

UK protesters offer Trump ‘props’ in London’s ‘Carnival of Resistance’

By Karla Adam
The Washington Post

LONDON — A giant blimp of a diaper-clad “baby Trump” and a talking “Trump robot” sitting on a toilet were among the most vivid props on Tuesday as protesters descended on central London to register their disapproval of President Donald Trump, who was in London for a three-day state visit.

After a day of pomp and pageantry with the British royals, on Monday, Tuesday was about up to be a day of politics and protests. Trump had meetings at Downing Street, and protesters were hoping that they were close enough — and loud enough — to be heard.

The road outside 10 Downing Street was sealed off with steel barricades, and there was a heavy police presence.

The so-called “Carnival of Resistance” was in full swing. Speaking in Parliament Square, Jeremy Corbyn, leader of the opposition Labour Party, addressed a few thousand demonstrators.

He condemned Trump over his tweets calling London Mayor Sadiq Khan, a long-time Trump foe on Twitter, a “stone cold loser.” Corbyn said he was “priding our city has a Muslim mayor.”

In a news conference Tuesday with outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May, Trump dismissed the protests. “Even coming over today, there were thousands of people cheering,” he asserted. “A lot of it is fake news, I have to say.”

He added: “I didn’t see the protesters until just a little while ago. And it was a very, very small group of people put in for political reasons. So it was fake news.”

Trump also denounced Corbyn, calling him a “negative force.”

Corbyn began his address by praising the diversity of the crowd: “We are young, we are old, we are black, we are white, we are disabled, we are LGBT,” he said.

He acknowledged Britain was in the middle of a debate about its role in Europe and the rest of the world. But he said the debate should not include pushing forward with a “no-deal Brexit” and “offering up our precious, wonderful, National Health Service to private American companies. . . . We will not stand for that.”

The demonstrations were smaller than those in 2018, when an organized effort by protesters took 100,000 people into Parliament Square to oppose Trump’s visit.

Trump tweeted Monday that he had not “seen any protests yet, but I’m sure the Fake News will be working hard to find them.”

The main protests were planned for Tuesday. The world’s most famous helium-filled balloon — the 20-foot-tall blimp depicting a diaper-clad baby Trump holding a cellphone — was back, hovering above the scene.

Kevin Smith, one of the organizers of the balloon protest who call themselves “Trump baby babysitters,” said it was a “very effective way to prick the pomposity and ego of Donald Trump.”
Long-delayed disaster aid bill sent to Trump

BY ANDREW TAYLOR  Associated Press  WASHINGTON — A long-delayed $19.1 billion disaster aid bill has sailed through the House and headed to President Donald Trump for his expected signature, overcoming months of infighting, misjudgment and a feud between Trump and congressional Democrats.

Lawmakers gave the measure final congressional approval Monday by 354-58 in the House’s first significant action after returning from a 10-day recess. It was backed by all 222 voting Democrats and 132 Republicans, including the GOP’s top leaders and many of its legislators from areas hit by hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and fires. Fifty-eight Republicans voted “no,” including many of the party’s most conservative members.

Trump hailed passage of the bill, tweeting, “Farmers, Puerto Rico and all will be very happy.” The Republican president also suggested, incorrectly, that the bill was “so long overdue” that he would be returning it to Congress.

Conservative Republicans in the House held up the bill last week, objecting on three occasions to efforts by Democratic leaders to pass the bill by a voice vote requiring unanimity. They said the legislation— which reflects an increasingly permissive approach to spending to address disasters that sooner or later hit every region of the country — shouldn’t be rushed through without a recorded vote.

	sources and Senate leaders seemed to outmaneuver the White House, though Trump personally prevailed upon Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., to drop a bid to free up billions of dollars for dredging and other harbor projects. The measure was initially held up over a fight between Trump and Democrats over aid to Puerto Rico that seems long settled.

“Some in our government refused to assist our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico who are still recovering from a 2017 hurricane. I’m pleased we’ve moved past that,” said House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y. “Because when disaster strikes, we shouldn’t let a ZIP code dictate our response.”

The measure also faced delays amid failed talks on Trump's $4 billion-plus request to care for thousands of mostly Central American migrants being held at the southern border.

The sides narrowed their differences but couldn’t reach agreement in the rush to go on recess, but everyone agreed that another bill will be needed almost immediately to refill nearly empty agency accounts to care for migrants.

The measure is largely the same as a version that passed the House last month. Republicans opposed it for leaving out the border funding.

As the measure languished, disasters kept coming — with failed levees in Arkansas, Iowa and Missouri and tornadoes across Ohio just the most recent examples. The measure is supported by the bipartisan party leadership in both House and Senate.

The legislation is also being driven by Florida and Georgia lawmakers steaming with frustration over delays in delivering help to farmers, towns and military bases slammed by hurricanes last fall. Flooding in Iowa and Nebraska this spring added to the coalition behind the measure, which delivers much of its help to regions where Trump supporters dominate.

The bill started out a modest $7.8 billion measure passed in the last days of House GOP control.

A $14 billion version advanced in the Democrat-led chamber in January and ballooned to $19.1 billion by the time it emerged from the floor last month, fed by new funding for community rehabilitation projects, Army Corps of Engineers water and flood protection projects, and rebuilding funds for several military bases, including Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

Panel moves toward contempt vote over census documents

BY MATTHEW DALY  Associated Press  WASHINGTON — House Democrats are moving to hold Trump administration officials in contempt of Congress for refusing to hand over documents related to the Trump administration’s decision to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, of Maryland, chairman of the House Oversight Committee, said the panel will vote soon on contempt measures for Attorney General William Barr and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross unless specific documents are received by Thursday.

A contempt vote by the committee would be an escalation of Democratic efforts to use the House Oversight Committee’s authority to engage in a “cover-up” and challenge the authority of Congress to conduct constitutionally required oversight.

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Small charities make big impact on vets

By ROSE L. THAYER
Stars and Stripes

AUSTIN, Texas — Fresh from the Marine Corps and readjusting to civilian life as a college student in North Texas, Jason McClure was washing his hands when he heard something fall into the sink. It was piece of his front tooth.

That day in 2010 was the beginning of a downhill slide for the dental problems that began during his final year in the military. The pain and anxiety it created only exacerbated the post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury he suffers from a deployment in Afghanistan.

McClure went to a private dentist, who was convinced his problems stemmed from drug use and said he could do whatever McClure’s teeth and fit him for dentures. He was still in his 20s.

“I couldn’t look anybody in the eyes, because I didn’t trust them,” said McClure, now 31. “Every doctor I’d gone to, I’d see some guy, I couldn’t see anything else called me a liar. I went from being Marine Special Ops to being called a liar. So I wouldn’t bother looking anybody in the eye anymore.”

He quit school and he became the the- other, desperate to help, reached out to an org mice, it just snapped,” Frysinger said.

From left, Dr. David Wilhite sits with Jason McClure and Warren Fry singer, two veterans he provided with free dental work through Rebuilding America’s Warriors, in Plano, Texas on March 6.

Small but important

Though Americans donated about $3.6 billion to veteran-serving nonprofits in 2016, that is a small percentage of the $340 billion donated to the entire philanthropy market, according to Moore’s research.

While the need for veterans’ charities is “immense,” Moore said many of them aren’t making money. Instead of looking to expand, these organizations tend to keep an all-volunteer staff and focus on a small geographic area or specific need.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Rhodes, president and CEO of the Warrior Outreach, outside Fort Benning, Ga., likes to keep his budget simple and under $50,000. Instead, he prefers people come visit to his ranch, the see the work and the needs of the nonprofit and make in-kind donations of the personal kind. He has about 18,000 veterans and family members since 2008 with equine and music therapy on his ranch and provides free home repairs and yard work.

He works quickly, too. In a typi- cal day he said he’s got a call that someone, quite often the vetern, needs some- thing like a new hot water heater. He’ll pick up one after work, then install it himself that weekend.

“It’s not knowing how to say no, but why should I?” he said.

He’s helped paint roofs, re- painted kitchens and built wheel- chair ramps at no cost. He often finds servicemen from Fort Benning to help with the labor.

“It’s an opportunity to take sol- diers with challenges and have them out and help guys who served in Vietnam and WWII, even some of our early (Operation Iraqi Freedom) guys,” Rhodes said.

By the time I finally got here two years after the teeth, the situation get him a smile on my face,” Moore said.

Moore also recommends looking ad at a charity’s website and reading its annual report to learn more about how they fund ser- vices. All should be 501(c)3 regis- tered, and donations should be listed as tax-deductible.

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Groups express impatience for impeachment

By Mary Clare Jalonick and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Progressive groups are expressing “deep disappointment” over House Democrats’ decision not to start impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump and are calling on Speaker Nancy Pelosi to take the public’s focus on his findings in the Trump-Russia investigation.

The groups said in a letter released Tuesday that voters gave Democrats control of the House “because they wanted aggressive oversight of the Trump administration.”

They said: “The Trump era will be one that evokes the question — what did you do? We urge you to use your power to lead and to stop asking us to wait.”

Pelosi has been reluctant to launch impeachment proceedings, despite growing numbers of Democrats saying it’s time to start a formal inquiry. She says impeachment requires more than just “facts and data.”

But the special counsel reached no conclusion on whether the Republican president acted illegally to obstruct the probe, saying if the investigators could have cleared Trump of wrongdoing they would have.

Progressive groups are calling on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to start impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump.

New report expects undercount of minorities in census

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Emily Bonilla is worried her district in metro Orlando will be undercounted during next spring’s once-in-a-decade head count of everybody in the United States because of who lives there: new arrivals, immigrants, the poor, renters and rural residents who sometimes regard government with suspicion.

“We’re growing so fast that I know we have more people in the area than the data is stating. This area already is undercounted,” said Bonilla, a county commissioner in one of the fastest-growing metro areas in the U.S.

With the 2020 census count less than a year away, a new report says undercounting certain populations will be likely, despite the best efforts of the U.S. Census Bureau, nonprofits and state and local officials to encourage participation.

Nationwide, the decennial census could fail to count anywhere from 900,000 to 4 million people, with blacks, Hispanics and children younger than 5 most vulnerable to being overlooked, according to estimates released Tuesday by the Urban Institute.

The Urban Institute, a think tank that conducts social and economic research, undercounting could diminish power and money in those areas for the next decade. The 2020 census determines the allocation of more than $675 billion in federal spending on schools, transportation and health care, as well as which states gain or lose U.S. congressional seats.

“A child at age 3, if they’re missed, these decisions matter for the next 10 years. That child is then 13 and their school has missed out on their fair share of funding because of that miscount,” said Diana Elliott, a senior research associate at the Urban Institute.

The report, which includes details of the projected misses, said that even if the 2020 census count has the same participation rate as the 2010 count, which was considered successful, communities across the country could still be undercounted because the United States has grown more diverse and has more renters.

Also increasing the risk are budget shortages that limited tests for the count and the fact that the Census Bureau for the first time is encouraging residents to answer questions online. Adding a question about citizenship could further dampen the response among some populations.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule later this month on whether the form will have a question about whether respondents are citizens. The U.S. Justice Department claims it’s needed to protect the voting rights of minorities who are citizens, but opponents say it will suppress the count of immigrants who fear law enforcement will get the information. States with large Hispanic populations also will be undercounted, opponents say.

Tightened grip put on Cuba travel

By Matthew Lee
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Tuesday imposed major new travel restrictions on visits to Cuba by U.S. citizens, including a ban on many tourist-oriented and recreational travel.

The Treasury Department said in a statement that the U.S. will no longer allow the group-travel and cultural trips known as “people to people” to travel to the island. Those trips have been used by thousands of American tourists to visit the island before the U.S. restored full diplomatic relations with the communist government in December 2015.

Treasury said it would also deny permission for private and corporate aircraft and boats. However, commercial airline flights will remain unaffected, and travel for university groups, academic research, journalism and professional meetings will continue.

“It kills the people-to-people category, which is the most common way for the average American to travel to Cuba,” said Colin Latterty, head of Cuba Travel, one of the largest Cuba travel companies in the U.S.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the measures are a response to what it calls Cuba’s “destabilizing role” in the Western Hemisphere, including support for the government of President Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela.

“Cuba continues to play a destabilizing role in the Western Hemisphere, providing a constant foothold in the region and propping up U.S. adversaries in places like Venezuela and Nicaragua by fostering instability, undermining the rule of law and suppressing democratic processes,” he said.

“This administration has made a strategic decision to reverse the loosening of sanctions and other restrictions on the Cuban regime. These actions will help to keep U.S. dollars out of the hands of Cuban slave labor and to end human rights abuses and corruption,” he said.

The new restrictions had been expected. The measures are a response to what it calls Cuba’s “destabilizing role” in the Western Hemisphere, supporting the government of President Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela.

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The new restrictions had been previewed by national security adviser John Bolton in an April speech in Miami. He said that once the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion but details of the changes were not made public until Tuesday.

Treasury said the new measures would take effect Wednesday after they are published in the Federal Register.
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**Va. governor calls for special session on guns**

**By Alan Suderman**  
Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam is summoning lawmakers back to the state Capitol to consider a package of gun control legislation, saying Friday’s mass shooting in Virginia Beach calls for “votes and laws, not thoughts and prayers.”

Northam also said Tuesday that he wants every state lawmaker to go on record for or against his proposals during the special session this summer rather than let leaders shield them from tough votes by killing them in subcommittees.

“I ask that the members of the General Assembly engage in an open and transparent debate and that the bills brought before the legislature are put to a vote by the entire General Assembly,” Northam said. “The nation will be watching.”

The Democrat said in an Associated Press interview ahead of his announcement that he wants the Republican-controlled legislature to hear from the public about the need for “common sense” laws. A top GOP lawmaker signaled Monday that he’s open to a legislative debate but doesn’t expect Northam’s bills to pass.

Speaking to a standing ovation from gun control advocates, state workers and elected officials, Northam said the massacre in Virginia Beach demands that lawmakers put saving lives before party doctrine.

“Our first responders knew what to do,” he said. “They rushed to the sound of the gunfire. They responded in less than two minutes to the shooting. Our first responders acted to save lives, and indeed, they did save lives.

“Now, I’m calling on the elected officials of this commonwealth to become second responders. Your duty is clear: Rush to the scene and put an end to this violence.”

Virginia Beach city employee DeWayne Craddock used two semi-automatic handguns, a silencer and extended ammunition magazines Friday to kill 12 people, all but one of them colleagues he had worked with for years. Craddock was mortally wounded in an intense gun battle with police.

Northam’s bills include legislation that directly relates to Friday’s shooting, such as a ban on silencers and high capacity ammunition magazines, as well as broadening the ability of local governments to limit guns in city buildings. But he said other recent shootings, including the death last month of a 9-year-old girl who was shot at a community cookout in Richmond, are also driving his call for a special session.

Northam said he also wants to see a national mandate on universal background checks before gun purchases, limiting purchases to one handgun per month and a so-called red flag bill that would allow authorities to temporarily seize someone’s guns if they are shown to be a threat to themselves or others.

**SF eyes forced care for mentally ill addicts**

**By Janie Har**  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco supervisors were expected to consider a proposal Tuesday that could force drug addicts with serious mental illnesses into treatment.

Mayor London Breed and other supporters of the proposal say the number of people in such a program.

They say the number of people who could be forced into treatment is small, likely fewer than 50.

Critics call the measure a violation of civil rights that runs against the principles of the liberal city. They also say San Francisco lacks the services and shelter to successfully expand the number of people in such a program.

Incomes are generally high in San Francisco, where the median price of a home is $1.4 million and median monthly rent for a one-bedroom unit is $3,700. But the city struggles with a growing number of homeless people — some with disturbing street behavior fueled by drugs, schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.

They shuffle from the streets to jail and psychiatric care, unawares they need steady treatment, sometimes dashing into traffic or screaming at strangers.

State Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, co-authored the state legislation creating the five-year pilot programs for forced treatment in Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego counties.

The 11-member San Francisco Board of Supervisors has been divided on the proposal. It has not yet been officially endorsed by supervisors in San Diego and Los Angeles counties.

The proposal would allow a court to appoint a public conservator for someone who has been involuntarily detained for psychiatric hospitalization at least eight times in a year under section 5150 of California’s welfare and institutions code. The treatment could last for as long as a year.

San Francisco’s public health department has identified 55 people who fit the definition and another 48 people who have been detained six or seven times.

The department has budgeted nearly $400 million this year for mental health and substance abuse services and last year provided help to more than 25,000 people.

**Walmart extends college benefits**

**By Anne D’Innocenzo**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Walmart is extending its debt-free college benefits to high schoolers as a way to attract and retain workers in a tight labor market.

The nation’s largest private employer said Tuesday it will offer free college SAT and ACT prep for its workers in high school while offering two to three free general education college classes through an educational startup.

Walmart estimates about 25,000 people under the age of 18 work at its stores but make up about 1.3 million person U.S. workforce.

It is an expansion of a program Walmart launched last year offering affordable access to a college degree for full-time and part-time workers who have been with the company for at least 30 days.

The company is working with a Denver-startup called Guild Education that offers a program costing a dollar a day to Walmart workers at several nonprofit universities with online programs that have had success working with adult learners.

It also said it’s expanding the number of degrees beyond business and supply management to an additional 14 that will include cybersecurity and computer science.

Walmart says those programs will help provide workers with skills it needs in the future.

About 7,500 adult workers are already enrolled in the program. Walmart expects 68,000 of its employees to be enrolled in the next several years.

Walmart is competing with other major employers to find and retain higher quality, entry level employees in a historically strong labor market.

The unemployment rate dropped to a five-decade low of 3.6% in the most recent jobs report issued by the Labor Department, and the average hourly pay rose 3.2% compared with a year ago.

**Walmart</p>
China issues 2 travel warnings for the US

By Christopher Boden and Elaine Kurtenbach
Associated Press

BEIJING — China issued a pair of travel warnings for the U.S. on Tuesday and blamed what it called “interference” in its internal affairs.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang accused the U.S. of acting in bad faith in trade negotiations and said any attempts to interfere with or undermine China’s stability would be “doomed to fail.”

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Marking the end of Ramadan

Muslims pray in a mosque during celebrations of the Eid al-Fitr holiday, a feast celebrated by Muslims worldwide, in Grozny, Russia, on Tuesday. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of the Muslims’ holy fasting month of Ramadan.

By Bassam Hatoum and Sammy Magdy
Associated Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Thousands of Sudanese pro-democracy protesters remained defiant of the country’s military rulers Tuesday, a day after security forces violently cleared away their main sit-in protest site.

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Nutella factory blocked by French workers

PARIS — No more Nutella?! French workers are threatening as much, bringing the world’s biggest Nutella factory to a near-standstill in a showdown over salary negotiations.

The plant has been mounting at the site in Vil- lers-Ecalles in Normandy, where activists from the Workers’ Force union have been barricading trucks from entering or leaving the factory for a week.

The production has staggering 600,000 jars of the chocolate and hazelnut spread every day — a quarter of the world’s production of a product cherished by children and adults alike.

Since a six-day standoff, Nutella owner Ferrero on Monday started threatening fines for workers involved in the blockade, according to a company statement. Unions and the company say the blockade has nearly halted production.

But that didn’t deter unionists. Workers’ Force unionists have turned to a walkout to demand 4.5% salary increases, one-time 900-euro bonuses and better working conditions.

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Sudanese protesters defiant after crackdown

Protesters rejected the move because it would put the military in charge of running the election and reiterated their call for three years of civilian-led authority.
Apple offers new software features, ups privacy tools

**By Reed Albergotti**

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple announced a host of new software features Monday that the company hopes will pull its customers deeper into its increasingly limitless array of gadgets and services.

But looming over the announcements, which came with polished presentations, big budget video vignettes and cheers from thousands of adoring app developers, was an onslaught of scrutiny from lawmakers, regulators and plaintiffs’ lawyers concerned with whether Apple’s growing power is stifling competition and keeping prices from falling.

The Worldwide Developer Conference, as it’s called, is usually a celebratory affair, and it was, at least inside the San Jose Convention Center. But as if to underscore the trouble the company is facing, Reuters reported during the keynote address that the U.S. Department of Justice is considering an investigation into Apple for antitrust violations. Later Monday, Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives announced a sweeping antitrust probe aimed at tech companies, including Apple.

On Monday, Apple showed no signs of backing off its expansion into services that are offered by third parties within the app store. At least a dozen of its announcements could offer serious threats to companies that have built business at least in part around the Apple economy.

A $15 app called Duet Display, for instance, offers consumers the ability to share their desktop screen with an iPad. Apple said that option would now come for free with its latest operating system.

Apple also added a new menstrual cycle tracking service to its slate of health offerings, putting it in head-to-head competition with companies like Clue.

Even its new swipeable keyboard, now included for free, is something its developers have charged people for downloading on the app store for years.

Apple’s vice president for software engineering, Craig Federighi, announced a handful of new privacy features in iOS, including the ability to allow third-party apps to gather location information only once.

That feature was aimed at people who grant apps permission to track them and then forget about them, sending their location to the app for no reason. The company also said it would block the ability for third parties to track iPhone users’ Wi-Fi and Bluetooth signals. “We’re shutting the door on that abuse,” Federighi said.

A new sign-in feature allows Apple users to log in to third-party apps and websites with Apple credentials. That feature competes directly with offerings from Google and Facebook.

Apple said its version, however, protects user privacy.

As users sign in to other apps or websites, Apple’s new service can create a unique and randomly generated email address specific to that sign-on, Apple said. Emails to that address would forward to a personal email, and if those emails got too spammy, the person could cut it off.

Apple also announced a security camera service included in its iCloud storage plans, putting it in competition with Nest and Ring, both of which charge monthly fees for a similar service. Users with some home security cameras can have the footage stored on Apple’s servers in an encrypted format so Apple cannot see the video, the company said.

As part of Apple’s strategy to change its apps to generate more revenue from services, the company shut down iTunes, the music and movie service that helped catapult Apple’s brand two decades ago with the launch of the iPod. In large part, iTunes has been replaced by all of Apple’s new standalone services, such as its Music and Movies apps, rendering iTunes irrelevant. It is replacing the functions of iTunes on desktop computers with Apple Music, Apple TV and podcast Apps.

Apple review: What’s cool, and what’s missing

**By Geoffrey A. Fowler**

Apple is ready to embrace the dark side — and kill off the app that started it all.

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**Water slide destroyed by vandals now closed**

PORTLAND — A popular water slide will be absent this summer at the Wilson Pool in southwest Portland after the attraction was set on fire by vandals.

KOIN-TV reported the slide was destroyed in late April.

The model of the 22-year-old slide is no longer made, so replacement parts are not available. The slide will be replaced.

Portland Parks and Recreation spokesman Mark Ross said it will take at least six months to get a replacement slide.

**Naked intruder arrested at woman’s home**

CORONA — A Southern California woman said she and her twin daughters were terrorized by a man who stripped out of his clothes and grabbed a hammer after breaking into their home.

Rachel Bollin told KABC-TV she heard the man shatter the sliding glass door of her Corona home early Saturday. Bollin said she locked the door and called 911 as the intruder started walking upstairs.

The man banged on the door and then entered another bedroom where he smashed the walls.

Police arrived and arrested the 43-year-old man on burglary charges. Police say the man was under the influence of drugs when he broke into the home.

**Man accused of driving his BMW 129 mph**

CANTERBURY — New Hampshire state police accused a driver of traveling 129 mph in a 70 mph zone on Interstate 93.

Police said they received complaints from other drivers about a small group of BMWs traveling erratically and at high rates of speed Sunday afternoon, starting in Plymouth and heading south to Northfield.

Troopers caught up with one BMW driver, Joseph Roman, 31, of Upton, Mass., in Canterbury. He was arrested on a charge of reckless operation and released on personal recognizance bail.

Roman is scheduled to appear in court on July 26.

**City may lose trees, shrubs due to weather**

GREAT FALLS — Hundreds of trees and flowering shrubs in a Montana city may die due to the past year’s weather conditions.

The Great Falls Tribune reported Thursday that a dry fall followed by a long stretch of sub-zero weather in February may have had devastating effects on plant life in Great Falls.

Great Falls forester Todd Seymanskisaid central Montana’s warm, dry winds that blow down from the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains — known as Chinook winds — contributed the first part of what became a drastic weather change. He said the full extent of the damage likely won’t be known until next spring.

**Firefighter dies after rescue during triathlon**

CAPE MAY — An off-duty Philadelphia firefighter died after participating in the Escape the Cape Triathlon in Cape May.

Jim Salmon, public information officer with the Delaware River & Bay Authority, told the Press of Atlantic City that a participant in Sunday’s race became in need of medical attention during the Olympic swim portion.

The man was unresponsive in the water. Salmon said the man was taken to a hospital and pronounced dead around 10:20 a.m.

It’s unclear how he died. A spokesperson for the fire department told the newspaper that details will be released according to the family’s wishes.

**Man charged with killing cousin over $45**

ST. CHARLES — A Missouri man has been charged with fatally shooting his cousin after arguing over a $45 debt.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that Lamont Lacombe, 26, St. Charles police said Lamont Lacombe confessed to shooting his cousin around 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

Police said the argument was over money owed to Joseph Lacombe and personal items.

**Church to screen ‘Arthur’ show**

BIRMINGHAM — A Methodist church is screening an episode of the PBS children’s show “Arthur” that was shunned by Alabama Public Television for featuring a same-sex couple.

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**Cougars: A mountain peak named after a Greek myth**

The Juneau Empire reported Friday that the Juneau Icefield Research Program is seeking suggestions from the public for the name of “Gorgon Spire” for one challenging peak.

Program faculty member Scott McGee submitted a geographic name proposal to the Alaska Historical Commission in February for the peak 35 miles north of Juneau. McGee said he was prepared to submit a different name before finding the peak referred to as Gorgon Spire — after the Greek word “gorgos” meaning grim or dreadful — in old climbing periodicals.

The historical commission will decide whether to submit Gorgon Spire to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.

**Cougar killed after attack child**

WASHINGTON — Authorities said a cougar that tried to attack a child in a Washington park escaped serious injury.

Officials said in a tweet that a documented attack occurred in the Enchantment Park area around dusk Saturday. The cougar was euthanized after it was found by Washington Department of Fish and Game agents early Sunday.
Jeopardy!’ champ dethroned

Holzhauer’s winning streak stopped at 32

By David Bauder

Associated Press

James Holzhauer, the trivia whiz who dominated “Jeopardy!” this spring, isn’t invincible after all.

The game show’s 32-time champion lost for the first time in an episode that aired Monday, falling short of records for total winnings and longest reign, but still making an argument that he’s the best to ever play television’s most popular game.

The professional sports gambler from Las Vegas ended his run by high-fiving the woman who beat him, Chicago librarian Emma Boettcher.

“My feeling really felt like I had been playing with house money, so I wasn’t too upset to see my run end,” Holzhauer said in an email interview. He said he ran into “a terrific opponent playing flawlessly.”

The streak made Holzhauer a household name and sent ratings soaring, at a time “Jeopardy!” needed a pick-me-up amid host Alex Trebek’s announcement that he had cancer.

Holzhauer nearly doubled the show’s previous record for one-day winnings by earning $131,127 on his tenth game, and he leaves with $2,462,216 through the episode that aired Monday. At that rate of $101,127 per day, he would surpass the $2 million mark in about a week. He planned to donate some of his winnings to his alma mater, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

“I really felt like I had been playing with my own and then win was just way beyond anything I ever expected,” she told The Associated Press. “I was very lucky to find an opponent who completely went with it.”

When Boettcher finally got the chance to compete on the show herself, the final clue didn’t stump her at all.

Boettcher, who majored in English at Princeton University and wrote her undergraduate thesis on Shakespeare, couldn’t have been better prepared.

She decided to go big, wagering $20,201 that she couldn’t beat him if both answered the final question correctly.

Boettcher won $2,462,216 through the May 31 episode, leaving him a little more than $55,000 shy of the record for earnings set by Ken Jennings in his record 74-game win streak in 2004.

In the end, he ran into a woman willing to be as bold as he was. Boettcher went into the show’s final question with a lead over Holzhauer, and he couldn’t beat her if both answered the final question correctly.

“What a game!” Trebek said. “Oh, my God. The show’s final clue was: “The line ‘a great reckoning in a little room’ in ‘As You Like It’ is usually taken to refer to this author’s premature death.”

Boettcher and Holzhauer correctly answered, “Who is Christopher Marlowe?”

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He’s also married his singer-turned-business shark Beyonce, and together they’ve repeatedly topped the charts, not to mention lists for power couples. Together, they surpassed the billion-dollar mark in 2017.

Jay has since amassed his wealth through massive liquor, art and real-estate deals, by buying stakes in companies like Uber and starting up Tidal.

Meet ‘Jeopardy!’ giant-killer Emma Boettcher

By Antonia Noori Farzan

The Washington Post

Emma Boettcher has spent a lot of time thinking about what makes a “Jeopardy!” clue difficult.

The 70-page final paper she wrote in 2016 as the capstone for her master’s degree in information science at the University of North Carolina dealt with that very subject. Using thousands of clues scraped from shows, she meticulously analyzed whether a computer could correctly guess a trivia question’s difficulty level based on factors like its length or wording. (The answer was that certain noun phrases, were indeed giveaways.)

But despite all her careful preparation, she was caught off guard when she learned that she would be facing off against a champion whose 32-episode winning streak and millions in earnings made him one of the greatest players of all time. Because of the show’s taping schedule, she reported to the studio on March 12 to film the episode that aired on Monday. At that point, none of the episodes featuring Holzhauer had aired.

“That was the first time I had heard of him,” Boettcher told the Chicago Tribune.

Then, for nearly three months, she was sworn to secrecy. While she quietly watched at home, the man she defeated grew to be a sensation, and viewers wondered if he had broken the game. It gradually dawned on Boettcher’s colleagues that she was going up against a man who seemed impossible to beat.

“I thought, if anyone could do it, Emma can,” Elisabeth Long, a supervising librarian at the University of Chicago, told NBC News. “She loves ‘Jeopardy!’ and I think she has been preparing for this her whole life.”

Boettcher plans to use her winnings to pay off her student loans. But she also wants to make a donation to UNC’s library school, where she authored her master’s paper on the show.

Forbes says Jay-Z the first hip-hop billionaire

Jay-Z might have 99 problems, but a fortune ain’t one. The rap mogul is now considered a billionaire.

The bona fide title comes by way of Forbes, the financial magazine known for its annual wealth rankings, which conservatively estimates a 10-figure fortune, according to its May 15 billionaire list.

Of equal note, the Brooklyn-bred rapper is reported to be the first hip-hop artist to reach billionaire status.

That’s a title that could be contested by fellow mogul Dr. Dre, who declared himself “the first hip-hop billionaire” in 2014 around the time he cut an estimated $3.2 billion deal with Apple for Beats Electronics. However, at the time, Forbes estimated his value at around $800 million.

Like Dre, though, Jay-Z’s fortune isn’t attributed to his musical success but is a consequence of the name recognition it afforded him. Forbes reported that his empire-building prowess came from recognizing “that he should build his own brands rather than promote someone else’s.”

Jay-Z, real name Sean Carter, got his start in the Brooklyn projects as a drug dealer, giving his rags-to-riches tale an aspirational element. His business savvy could be traced back to the launch of his Roc-A-Fella record label to release his 1996 debut album “Reasonable Doubt.”

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The three other honorary Oscars are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the industry, but have not yet won an Oscar.

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Raised in segregated rural Texas, Ailey became a pioneering choreographer, dancer and director who helped popularize modern dance. He died in 1989 at the age of 58 from AIDS-related complications.

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Jeopardy Productions

Chicago librarian Emma Boettcher, 27, photographed with “Jeopardy!” host Alex Trebek, called on her knowledge of Shakespeare to defeat James Holzhauer.

Jeopardy! was one dream for me. And dreaming category for me, it’s Shakespeare,” decided to go big, wagering $20,201 that she couldn’t have been better prepared. She produced her undergraduate thesis on Shakespeare, while developing the project, with the “Moonlight” filmmaker directing. Jenkins last helmed the Oscar-nominated ‘Moonlight’ and was also nominated for “Thelma & Louise.”

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Accidental war has very long history

BY THOMAS R. MARTIN
Special to The Washington Post

ould the United States and Iran today take the same steps that Sparta and Athens did 2,500 years ago to avoid a devastating confrontation? It is by no means certain that these two great powers intended it to start, but because actions taken by their allies produced unintended consequences that dragged the Athenians and the Spartans into prolonged and destructive conflict.

Like the U.S., those Greek states were more powerful than their allies, but the reality then was the same as it is today: Strength itself does not ensure peace, and security and stability come from collaborating with allies, not simply making decisions out of pride or anger. Sparta and Athens both led coalitions built on inflammatory rhetoric that had long been hostile to one another. They periodically came into conflict, but full-scale war was prevented by an international agreement that would they resolve conflicts by negotiation and arbitration, not battle.

But this was not the case for Sparta and Athens. The Corinthians and Sparta’s most powerful ally, got into a bitter confrontation with Corcyra, an island in the Western Mediterranean that angered its mother city by refusing to follow its wishes in international relations. Fearing Corcyra’s navy, the Corinthians began to mobilize the Greeks to support them. The Corcyraeans’ request provoked heated debate in Athens, where foreign policy was governed by majority vote at the assembly of all men citizens. Those voters recognized the danger to themselves — they all served in Athens’ citizen-militia military. And so, they decided to aid the Corcyraeans on a smaller scale, hoping that their ships remained under strict orders not to engage in direct fighting with the Corinthians.

But war is notoriously affected by the unexpected, and that is precisely what happened next. When the Corinthians blitzed the Corcyrean fleet, the Sparta allies couldn’t endure seeing their new allies being slaughtered. So, going against their own forces, the Corinthians joined the Athenians in battle.

Humiliated and outraged by this and other instances of Athenian action, the Corinthians demanded that Sparta expel the Athenians, and they threatened to “re-consider” their obligation to the alliance if the Spartans didn’t pursue this revenge.

The Athenians responded with blunt, even condescending, denials of wrongdoing, dispatching diplomats to their allies to make their case. The Athenians’ actions had not broken the treaty and peremptorily instructed the Spartans to return to the negotiating table to try to make their case. The Athenians claimed that this was necessary to maintain their integrity before the gods and the other Greeks by fulfilling their treaty obligation to accept the Athenian insistence on further concessions. They capped off his advice by stressing how much chance matters in war, urging his fellow citizen-soldiers to exhaust every opportunity to forge a deal that would avert conflict. The risks were too high, he insisted, to rush into a war that was going to be costly in every sense.

The result: Every fear, no matter how small, stood. I know one cellphone is a lot more secure than one called the past. We are nostalgic for a world of solitude and simplicity, convinced America is a safer place in the 1960s even though they didn’t have cellphones. We are nostalgic for a world where you can never be a good enough parent. You are the collateral damage of a generation that is unintentionally accidental. We think so.

Congress launches Big Tech antitrust probe

BY Rachel Lerman
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The federal government may be warming up its antitrust enforcement machine and pointing it at Big Tech.

On Monday, the House Judiciary Committee announced a sweeping antitrust probe of unspecified technology companies. In a statement, it promised “a top-to-bottom review of the market power held by giant tech platforms,” which would be the first such review Congress has ever undertaken.

Earlier in the day, shares of Facebook, Google, Amazon and Apple dropped significantly after published reports suggested that federal authorities are preparing for investigations into anticompetitive behavior by several of these technology giants.

Facebook’s stock dropped 7.5%. Shares of Google parent Alphabet fell 6.1%. Amazon declined 4.6%. Apple, which has been mentioned tangentially in these reports, fell 1%.

Some of the underlying developments appear to represent a divvying up of turf between the Department of Justice’s antitrust cops and the Federal Trade Commission, which also holds antitrust authority. The Justice Department would reportedly hold authority over Google and the Federal Trade Commission over Amazon.

It’s clear that the government is paying increasing attention to the actions of big tech companies, he said, but outcomes could take many different forms. Most likely, he said, could be regulation of the companies’ various practices, including privacy policies.

Pressure has been mounting on government to scrutinize the companies for some time, as backlash against tech companies’ reach and power grow among consumers and politicians. The splitting up of jurisdictions between the FTC and DOJ could be simply a response to the pressure, said Sandeep Vaheesan, legal director for Open Markets Institute, which advocates against monopolies.

European authorities have covered ground U.S. regulators have barely considered — resulting in billions of dollars in fines for Google and lesser fines for other companies.

That’s one model the U.S. could follow, Levin said. But political motivations and laws differ in the U.S., and regulations haven’t necessarily caught up with the fast-moving world of the tech industry.

Vaheesan would like to see the government take aim at what Open Markets sees as market dominating practices by the big companies — partially by undoing large acquisitions that tech giants have made, including Facebook’s acquisition of Instagram and Google’s of YouTube.

But other think it’s unlikely the government would take such broad action.

“The problem with all this antitrust talk: the consumer isn’t being gouged,” said Michael Pachter, an analyst with Wedbush Securities.

Stocks are sinking because investors don’t like uncertainty, he said. But in this case, “the reaction vastly exceeds the potential harm to the company from a fine,” he said.

The FTC is already investigating Facebook for possible privacy violations. The FTC declined to comment and Facebook did not immediately respond to a message for comment. Facebook has set aside $3 billion for a possible fine for that investigation and said it could be as high as $5 billion.

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NCAA Regionals roundup

Michigan gets hot at right time, moves to super regionals

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

After barely making the NCAA Tournament, Michigan is now a regional champion and on its way to the next round.

The Wolverines beat Creighton 17-6 in Corvallis, Ore., on Monday night, rebounding from 24 hours earlier when they gave up seven runs in the ninth inning and lost 11-7 to the Bluejays, forcing a second regional final.

Also clinching spots in this weekend's best-of-three super regionals on Monday were No. 1 national seed UCLA, No. 11 Stanford, Michigan, like fellow regional champions Florida State and Duke, was one of the last four teams awarded at-large bids by the selection committee.

The Wolverines lost five of their last seven regular-season games and, despite winning three games in the Big Ten Tournament, were still on the bubble because of an undistinguished résumé.

Other than the ninth-inning implosion Sunday, the Wolverines were sharp in their four regional games and, for the first time since 2007 and will play UCLA. The Wolverines used six pitchers, none going longer than 2 1/3 innings.

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Quick recovery

Trey Leonard could have saved Louisville some drama if he had been able to make a play in center field with two outs in the ninth inning. Leonard, who entered in the seventh inning as a pinch runner, misjudged Joe Auer's line drive and the Redbirds went on to score the tying run.

Leonard redeemed himself in the bottom half, reaching on a bunt and scoring the winning run on Alex Binelas' bases-loaded single up the middle.

"So, you gotta forget about it. You gotta flush it," he said of his error. "We can't let your bat go to your defense, or your defense go to your at-bats. So you just gotta take a positive out of everything."

Big bats

- UCLA's Chase Strumpf hit a three-run homer and also had a double.
- Stanford's Maverick Handt homered twice, with his second one starting a six-run sixth inning.
- Spencer Brickhouse had a homer, two doubles and four RBIs for East Carolina.
- Michigan's Jesse Franklin was 4-for-6 with a double, a triple and three RBIs.
- Carson McCusker hit a tie-breaking double in the sixth inning for Oklahoma State.
- Creighton's Jack Strunc homered twice against Michigan, giving him four for the season.

Mound marvels

- Stanford's Brendan Beck, in his first relief appearance of the season, pitched 3 2/3 innings of no-hit relief as setup man for closer Jack Little.
- Joe Kuzbicki, who struggled in his previous start against TCU in the Big 12 Tournament, allowed one run on five hits in six innings for Oklahoma State.
- Sam Laniak, Cam Colmore and Garrett Saylor combined for four shutout innings for East Carolina in the first game against Campbell.

Giolito finds his way in Chicago

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Lucas Giolito was lost at the end of last season. He found himself in the work.

All the time he spent on a new motion.

All the bullpen sessions with his new catcher.

It’s fun to finally be able to do what I know I’ve been capable of,” Giolito said. “I just haven’t shown it all yet.”

Right when it looked as if he might be another failed prospect, a costly mistake for the rebuilding Chicago White Sox, everything came together for the 24-year-old right-hander.

Giolito has been one of baseball’s best pitchers since the beginning of May, going 6-0 with a 1.03 ERA in his past six starts. Relying mostly on a fastball that sits in the mid-90s and a terrific changeup, he has struck out 48 and walked eight during his winning streak.

“He’s pitching with a lot of confidence,” manager Rick Renteria said. “I think he’s pitching (well) because he knows he’s becoming who he is. He’s trusting it and he’s letting it happen.”

Giolito’s dominant run includes a four-hitter at AL West-leading Houston that was Chicago’s first complete-game shutout since Chris Sale went the distance in a 1-0 win at Tampa Bay on April 13, 2016. With the White Sox looking to close out their first 61-game homestand since 2010, Giolito struck out nine in 7 1/3 innings in a 2-0 win against Cleveland on Sunday.

“These last six, seven starts he’s really been on the offensive and making hitters feel like they have their backs against the wall,” catcher James McCann said.

Giolito’s ace-worthy performance of late is what Chicago was hoping for when it acquired the 6-foot-6 Southern California native in the December 2016 trade that sent Adam Eaton to Washington. Giolito had been regarded as one of the majors’ top pitching

prospects since he was selected by the Nationals with the 16th overall pick in the 2012 amateur draft.

He made his White Sox debut in August 2017 and showed promising signs down the stretch. But last year was a disaster.

In his first full season in the big leagues, Giolito went 10-13 with an ugly 6.13 ERA in 32 starts. He issued an AL-high 90 walks and allowed a major league-worst 118 earned runs in 173 2/3 innings.

After a winless September, Giolito decided it was time for a change.

“A lot of it’s just like a feel thing and I never felt like myself, like how I knew myself from years ago,” he said. “So I just went back and with the off-season, I’m like, ‘You know what? What I’ve been doing’s not working. Let’s try something new’.”

Giolito’s biggest adjustment is a new motion that has paid huge dividends already. He has surrendered just 20 walks in 67 1/3 innings this year, and lefty batters are batting just .174 against him after they had a .271 average last season.

“Just more compact, athletic,” Giolito said of the changes. “Arm action’s shorter, so less time for error. So like when my front foot strikes the ground and the power and the weight transfers, my arm is in a more ready-to-fire position than it has been in the past.”

Giolito, who was named May’s AL Pitcher of the Month on Monday, also bonded with McCann after the White Sox signed the free-agent catcher to a one-year contract in December. He has lavished praise on McCann for his work behind the plate, including his help with speeding up his tempo on the mound.

But much of Giolito’s development is just the product of experience. Knocked at times for being almost too cerebral, Giolito has learned what works for him.

“There’s times where, I wouldn’t say it’s being too methodical, analytical, thinking too much about things that you don’t have to think about,” he said. “I think that’s when there can be downfalls, and that’s what I experienced last year.

“For me, it’s always easier when I can shut the brain off and just work, let my body work.”

By ERIC OLSON
Associated Press

The best-of-three super regionals will be played this weekend, with the eight winners advancing to the College World Series starting June 15.

The matchups: Michigan (44-19) at UCLA (51-9); Oklahoma State (39-19) at No. 8 Texas Tech (42-17); No. 6 Mississippi (40-25) at No. 5 Arkansas (44-17); Florida State (39-21) at No. 3 LSU (40-24); Duke (34-28) at No. 2 Vanderbilt (52-10); East Carolina (47-16) at Louisville (47-16); No. 11 Stanford (45-12) at No. 6 Mississippi State (49-13) and Auburn (36-25) at No. 14 North Carolina (45-15).

Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Lucas Giolito reacts after striking out Kansas City's Nicky Lopez on May 28 in Chicago. Giolito is 6-0 with a 1.03 ERA in his past six starts.
The Dodgers’ Corey Seager, center, celebrates with, from left, Will Smith, Alex Verdugo, Justin Turner and David Freese after hitting a three-run home run against the Arizona Diamondbacks during the fourth inning on Monday in Phoenix. Los Angeles won 3-1.

**Roundup**

**Buehler gets D-backs ahead of Seager**

PHOENIX — Walker Buehler’s second home run of the season on the mound against the Arizona Diamondbacks this season went far better than the first.

Buehler held the Diamondbacks to a run on two hits in eight innings, matching the longest start of his career, and Corey Seager hit a three-run homer as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 3-1 Monday.

The NL West-leading Dodgers won their sixth straight, improving their season record to 39-21.

Buehler struck out Christian Walker for an insurance run on a batted ball that was just dominant and tough at-bat against him. He’s good. He’s good.

Buehler held his second hit out with one in the eighth, but Chris Taylor reached up and caught his line drive in deep center field. Buehler struck out the Dodgers’ Clayton Kershaw to end the eighth and walked to the visitors’ dugout to a standing ovation from Dodgers fans seated along the first-base side.

"Wasn’t stressed at all, because he was just so efficient in his delivery," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "But honestly it was the way the plate was just dominant and missing bats all night long."

"Arizona failed to provide enough support for Ray, who gave up three runs on six hits in seven innings and struck out nine.

"It felt like my command was as good as it has been all year," Ray said. "I was pounding the zone, keeping them off balance with my off-speed, honestly just one bad pitch."

Turner was in the starting lineup up for the first time since May 29, and had two hits. He missed the next three games with hamstring tightness before drawing a walk on Sunday in his lone plate appearance.

"Buehler in L.A. was still competitive, obviously my goal," Seager said. "I think I’m going to strike guys out in this league and I’ve kind of shown that. To get deeper into games is obviously my goal."

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**By Mike Fitzpatrick**

Associated Press

SECAUCUS, N.J. — Pitchers took a backseat at the Major League Baseball Draft on Monday night when a record 22 position players and nine shortstops were chosen in the first round, the rebuilding Baltimore Orioles went for a cornerstone at catcher, selecting Oregon State switch-hitter Adley Rutschman with the top pick.

Rutschman became the first catcher to go No. 1 since Minnesota tabbed Joe Mauer in 2001.

“He’s everything you want and he plays a premium defensive position with athleticism that gives him versatility to play elsewhere, as needed,” first-year Baltimore general manager Mike Elias said in a video statement posted on the team’s Twitter account. “A future fixture for this organization.”

The only other time the Orioles led off the draft they took LSU pitcher Ben McDonald in 1989.

The 21-year-old Rutschman had been the favorite to go first overall since he led the Beavers to the College World Series championship in his junior season.

But the 6-foot-4, 230-pound catcher has been described as the most outstanding player.

He followed that up with a monster junior season, batting .372 with 12 home runs, 71 RBIs and a school-record 76 walks. On defense, he threw out 13 of 27 runners attempting to steal.

Here are some more numbers, too. After getting drafted in the 40th round by Seattle three years ago, Rutschman is in line for a potential $8,415,300 signing bonus — the assigned slot value for this year’s top pick.

“It’s unbelievable,” he said from Goss Stadium in Corvallis, Ore. “Just to look back on how I was a kid and seeing what my expectations were, how far I’ve come from there, it’s special.”

The draft resumed Tuesday with rounds 3-10 held via conference calls with teams, and concludes Wednesday with rounds 11-30.

Other things to know about the first night, which featured 78 picks at MLB Network studios.

**Family ties**

After the Orioles, up next at No. 2 were the Kansas City Royals and they grabbed Texas high school shortstop Bobby Witt Jr., son of the former big league pitcher. The younger Witt has draft-day bragging rights on his father, who won 142 games over 19 seasons after being selected No. 3 overall by the Texas Rangers in 1985.

“Now I’ve got him beat,” Bobby Witt Jr. said on MLB Network.

“Bobby is a kid with a lot of potential,” Orioles general manager Mike Elias said. “The younger Witt has a chance to be a go-to guy for years to come at shortstop.”

**Three prep players selected in top 10**

**By Dennis Waszak Jr.**

Associated Press

SECAUCUS, N.J. — A capsule look at the first 10 picks in the Major League Baseball Draft Monday night:


Gold Spikes Award finalist was Pac-12 player of year and conference’s co-defensive player of year. Marked seventh time player drafted as catcher taken with top pick — first since Joe Mauer in 2001. Switch-hitting slugger batted .411 with 117 career 17-homer and 58 RBIs for Beavers. Ranked among national leaders in several offensive categories, including on-base (.588), slugging (.760) and walks (school-record 76). Was 40th-round pick by Seattle in 2016.

2. Kansas City Royals: Bobby Witt Jr., SS, Colleyville H.S. (Texas)

Son of former big league pitcher Bobby Witt, who was selected No. 3 overall by Texas Rangers in 1985 draft. Witt became highest-drafted father-son duo, topping Tom Grieve (No. 6, 1966) and Ben Grieve (No. 2, 1994). They’re also second father-son duo of first-rounders, and first since Delino DeShields (1987) and Delino DeShields Jr. (2010). Younger Witt considered top high school prospect this year. Five-tool shortstop has impressive power with smooth right-handed swing.

3. Chicago White Sox: Andrew Vaughn, 1B, California

Outstanding overall hitter looking to become first repeat winner of Gold Spikes Award after being selected country’s top college player as sophomore last year. Widely considered best all-around hitter in draft. Vaughn hit .381 with 15 home runs, 50 RBIs and .544 on-base percentage that ranks among national leaders. Struck out just 47 times in three seasons.


Finalist for Gold Spikes Award. With quick lefty swing, Southeastern Conference player of year leads nation in home runs with school-record 26. SEC Tournament MVP hitting .351 and brings 42-game on-base streak into weekend’s super regionals in NCAA Tournament. Batted .367 among national leaders in several offensive categories and is potential top-five pick when selected last summer as Cape Cod League’s top prospect.

5. Detroit Tigers: Riley Greene, LHP, HU

Outstanding defensive catcher threw 14 of 25 would-be stealers. Would have been shoo-in for first catcher selected if not for Rutschman. Bounced back from broken hamate bone in left hand that sidelined him for 10 games. Has raw power in smooth right-handed swing. Hit .308 with 10 home runs and 42 RBIs. Set NCAA Tournament record with 11 RBIs in three-home game vs. Omaha last Saturday night.


Gators’ Florida State player of year hit .422 with eight homers, 27 RBIs and 38 runs as arguably country’s top prep outfielder. Has smooth left-handed swing that produces consistent line drives. Projects as center fielder in pros with good pop. Was one of stars of Team USA’s 18-and-under national team, leading squad with 20 RBIs.


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8. Texas Rangers: Josh Jung, 3B, Texas Tech

Only game in town . . . The Angels and Cubs also played in the afternoon to make up a rainout in Chicago.

“I think two things are happening that are really important,” Commissioner Rob Manfred said. “I think people know a lot more about the players that are being selected than they used to, and as a result there’s a lot more interest. We do believe clearing the game schedule is important so that the focus is on what goes on here to-night. This is, after all, our future the livelihood of the game. And we will continue to look for ways to make this as big an event as we possibly can.”

**Arizona State’s Hunter Bishop is safe on a pick-off attempt as Stony Brook first baseman Chris Hamilton is late to apply the tag on Saturday. Bishop went to the San Francisco Giants with the No. 10 pick in the MLB Draft on Monday.**

**By Hilary Scheinuk, The Advocate**

SECAUCUS, N.J. — Plucky New York Mets pitcher Jacob deGrom on Sunday was among seven picks in the first round of the Major League Baseball Draft.

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**Adley Rutschman catches for Oregon State during an NCAA game against Washington State in April. The Baltimore Orioles took Rutschman with the No. 1 pick in Monday’s MLB Draft.**

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**Younger brother of Mariners outfielder Braden Bishop — went to San Francisco with the 10th pick.**

**Short on arms**

In a draft light on premium round prospects, only 12 of the 34 first-round picks were pitchers.

The first off the board was TCU left-hander Nick Lodolo at No. 7 to the Cincinnati Reds. Lodolo was the 41st overall pick by Pittsburgh in 2016 — the highest selection to go unsigned that year.

It was the first time since the draft began in 1965 that no pitchers were taken within the first six picks.

**Worth the trip**

All four prospects in attendance were selected within the first 33 picks. With excited family members alongside, the players donned caps and jerseys of their new teams.

■ High school third baseman Brett Baty went No. 12 to the Mets.

■ San Jacinto Junior College right-hander Jackson Rutledge went No. 17 to Washington.

■ Georgia high school right-hander Daniel Espino, from Pan- ama, went 24th to Cleveland.

■ Florida high school right-hander Brennan Malone went 33rd to the Arizona Diamondbacks, who had four first-round picks and seven of the first 75 selections, a couple of them compensation for losing free agents Patrick Corbin and A.J. Pollock. Hall of Fame pitcher Randy Johnson, representing the Dia- mondbacks, announced the pick from the podium.

■ That was awesome,” a beam- ing Malone said.

Baty is from the same Texas high school that produced Cleve- land Browns quarterback and 2018 Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield, the top pick in last year’s NFL Draft.

Someday, maybe New York will be home.

“I know that it’s a big ol’ city. The media is tough,” Baty said. “I’m just ready.”

Rutledge is from St. Louis, same as the Nationals ace he al- ready looks up to.

“We want to be teammates with Max Scherzer as soon as I can,” Rutledge said.

**Dynamic duo**

The only set of teammates — college or high school — drafted in the first round came from the University of California. Shining as the team’s co-defensive player of year. Marked seventh time player drafted as catcher taken with top pick — first since Joe Mauer in 2001. Switch-hitting slugger batted .411 with 117 career 17-homer and 58 RBIs for Beavers. Ranked among national leaders in several offensive categories, including on-base (.588), slugging (.760) and walks (school-record 76). Was 40th-round pick by Seattle in 2016.

5. Detroit Tigers: Riley Greene, LHP, HU

Outstanding defensive catcher threw 14 of 25 would-be stealers. Would have been shoo-in for first catcher selected if not for Rutschman. Bounced back from broken hamate bone in left hand that sidelined him for 10 games. Has raw power in smooth right-handed swing. Hit .308 with 10 home runs and 42 RBIs. Set NCAA Tournament record with 11 RBIs in three-home game vs. Omaha last Saturday night.

10. San Francisco Giants: Hunter Bishop, OF, Arizona State

Slugging outfielder has powerful left-handed swing that helped him rank among national leaders in home runs (22), RBIs (63), total bases (165) and runs (65). Has light-tower power and finished five homers shy of St. Louis DeSils’s single-season record of 27 by Mitch Jones in 2000. Had 44-game on-base streak. Younger brother of Mariners outfielder Braden Bishop (third round, 2015).
Raptors resilient as Warriors limp home

Toronto's confidence can regroup as injuries mount for Golden State

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

TORONTO — The Toronto Raptors feel good mentally, and they are certainly in better shape physically than the Golden State Warriors.

The Raptors know they have outplayed Golden State for perhaps 90 of the 96 minutes of the NBA Finals, and they almost overcame the one brutal stretch where they didn't. Despite being blanked for nearly half the third quarter of Game 2, the Raptors were within two points in the final second.

Golden State held on to win 109-104, tying the series that moves to Oracle Arena for Games 3 and 4. The Raptors lost the game and home-court advantage, but not any of their belief that they can win the series.

"We fought back and we know that going towards Game 3 we've got to play a lot better, and it's going to be even harder on the road," Raptors guard Fred VanVleet said, "but we're capable, and we know what we bring to the table."

The Warriors aren't quite sure, at least as it relates to their health.

They are hoping Kevin Durant is close to returning from a seven-game absence with a strained right calf, and that Klay Thompson can play after he limped off the court early in the fourth quarter Sunday. The Warriors said Thompson had an MRI exam Monday that indicated a mild left hamstring strain and that he would be listed as questionable for Game 3.

They will be without Kevon Looney, who has been their best center in the post-season. He will be out indefinitely because of a non-displaced cartilage fracture on the right side of his ribcage that he sustained in Game 2.

So the Warriors were in no condition to dance their way back across the border in this first NBA Finals to be played outside the U.S. — in fact, DeMarre Carroll posted a cropped Instagram picture of him and Andre Iguodala being moved through the airport in wheelchairs.

But they wouldn't have been too excited even in peak condition. They've played in so many series during their run to five straight finals that they understand better than anyone how momentum works.

“IT swings so much. They've gone through it, too, when they were down 0-2 last series and won four straight games,” said Raptors guard Kyle Lowry. “We were down at home and went to Houston and lost two and everyone thought the world was ending, especially with our team. Certain things that we pick up along the way, that experience will help us with emotional swings from game to game in this series."

Iguodala hit the clinching three-pointer after the Raptors had clawed their way within two points by scoring 10 straight in the final minutes. It certainly seemed it would be easier for the Warriors after their 18-0 run to start the third quarter, an NBA record for Golden State.

Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard loses the ball under pressure from the Warriors' Klay Thompson and Andre Iguodala on Sunday in Toronto. Thompson lipped off the court with a hamstring strain, while Iguodala was later seen in a wheelchair at the airport.

“I was just tired of rabbits,” Raptors guard Fred VanVleet said. "You've got to start somewhere, don't you?" Howard said.

Hiring an NBA player certainly has its upsides.

The high-profile name brings attention to the program and excites boosters. The name recognition and NBA experience attracts recruits, nearly all of whom dream of playing at the next level.

They also have a lot to learn, from recruiting to NCAA rules to the differences between the NBA and the college game.

It doesn't always work out.

Chris Mullin went 59-73 in four seasons at Wake Forest, but has made huge strides on the recruiting trail, signing one of the nation's top classes this year.

Ewing increased the Hoyas' win total from 15 to 19 games his second season, but dropped out of the NCAA Tournament by fading down the stretch of 2018-19.

Majerle helped the Antelopes make a smooth transition to Division I, but it was a year to take them to the NCAA Tournament despite four straight 20-win seasons.

Terry Porter is 28-69 in three seasons at Portland State and Donnyell Marshall is 31-61 in three seasons at Central Connecticut State.

Howard said all the right things at his introductory news conference, even shed tears of joy over being able to return to coach his alma mater.

Only time will tell if the latest NBA player to coach a college program will work out.

Scoreboard

Finals (Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

Toronto: 2, Golden State: 0

Game 1: Tuesday, June 11 at Toronto

x-Thursday, June 13 at Toronto

Friday: June 14 at Golden State

Saturday: June 15 at Toronto

Finals record to begin a half, had put them in control.

Toronto stayed in thanks to Kawhi Leonard, who finished with 34 points and 14 rebounds, and an assault on the backboards in which they outscored the Warriors 23-0 in second-chance points.

He might take even more than that to get a game at Oracle Arena, where the two-time defending champions will play Wednesday for the first time in nearly three weeks. Golden State hasn't played a home game since Game 2 of the Western Conference finals against Portland on May 16.

"That's what the Warriors did in Game 2, when they turned to all the tricks they've learned and pulled a rabbit out of their hats.

Now they have to hope they won't run out of rabbits.

"Obviously, we have the star power, but when you bring guys off the bench, that goes a long way," backup guard Quinn Cook said. "I don't think they'll get tired for the finals. There are two days between games. They'll be back hungry on Wednesday, just like us. We just have to keep being better."
**STANLEY CUP FINAL**

**Bouncing puck eludes goalies**

By Joe Harris
Associated Press

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Promoter: Rematch on for Ruiz-Joshua

Associated Press

LONDON — Anthony Joshua’s promoter says a rematch will take place between the British fighter and new world heavyweight champion Andy Ruiz Jr.

Eddie Hearn says on Twitter that the contracted rematch clause was triggered Tuesday following talks with Joshua, his management team and his trainer, Rob McCracken.

Hearn says “the fight will take place in [November or December] at a venue to be confirmed shortly.”

Ruiz Jr.’s camp has not confirmed that the Mexican boxer has agreed to the fight.

Joshua fell to the first loss of his professional career when he was stopped by Ruiz Jr. in the seventh round at Madison Square Garden in New York at the weekend.

Ruiz Jr. now owns the WBA, IBF, WBO and IBO belts.

UCLA wins first game of softball championship

OKLAHOMA CITY — Rachel Garcia hit a two-run homer and gave up one run in four innings, and UCLA routed Oklahoma 16-3 on Monday to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three championship series.

Garcia, who threw 179 pitches on Sunday to earn the win against Oklahoma, gave up four runs in the first inning, and UCLA cruised from there.

Kinsley Washington went 4-for-4 and scored three times for UCLA, which matched the World Series single-game record for runs scored.

The series was scheduled for Tuesday. UCLA (55-6) can claim its first national title since 2018. He now endorses New Balance.

Source: Panthers sign Dean, agree to terms with Goldson and Jones Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Panthers agreed to terms with safety Mike Davis, defensive tackle Gerald McCoy on Wednesday, and running back Christian McCaffrey on Tuesday.

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STANLEY CUP FINAL

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Blues turn series into best-of-three

BY STEPHEN WHYN
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ST. LOUIS — Just when the St. Louis Blues had the Boston Bruins on their heels and chasing the game, they gave up a goal and the roar went right out of the building.

The Blues could have let the talented Bruins seize the moment, let things get away from them on home ice. Again.

They didn’t. The team that was mired in last place in the NHL in January, that suffered from missed calls in the playoffs and slogged through some tough losses instead showed the resolve of a championship contender and is now two victories away from lifting the Stanley Cup.

Ryan O’Reilly scored the opening goal 43 seconds in and the winner with 9:22 left, and he and the Blues thrived in a chaotic Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final on Monday night to beat the Bruins 4-2 and tie this bruising series at two games apiece.

“We knew what we had to do tonight to be a better team,” coach Craig Berube said. “We were relentless tonight. We didn’t stop for 60 minutes.”

Game 5 is Thursday night in Boston.

This one was a back-and-forth thriller, with Boston’s Tuukka Rask and St. Louis’ Jordan Binnington each giving up tons of

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Above: Blues left wing Jaden Schwartz, left, checks Boston Bruins defenseman Torey Krug into the boards during the second period of Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Final on Monday in St. Louis.

Left: Bruins captain Zdeno Chara took a puck to the face during the second period and didn’t return.

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