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## Trump issues pardons in war-crimes cases

President intervenes despite opposition raised by military justice experts and Pentagon officials

By DAN LAMOTHE  
*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump intervened in three cases involving war-crimes accusations Friday, issuing full pardons to two U.S. soldiers and reversing disciplinary action against a Navy SEAL despite opposition raised by military justice experts and some senior Pentagon officials.



Trump

The White House said in a statement Friday night that Trump, as commander in chief, is “ultimately responsible for ensuring that the law is enforced and when appropriate, that mercy is granted.”

“For more than two hundred years, presidents have used their authority to offer second chances to deserving individuals, including those in uniform who have served our country,” the statement said.

The service members were notified by Trump over the phone late Friday afternoon, according to lawyers for Army Maj. Matthew L. Golsteyn and former Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher, the Navy SEAL. Golsteyn faced a murder trial scheduled for next year, while Gallagher recently was acquitted of murder but was convicted of posing with the corpse of an Islamic State fighter in Iraq.

The third service member, former

Army 1st Lt. Clint Lorange, was expected to be released Friday night from prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He was convicted of second-degree murder in 2013 and was sentenced to 19 years in prison for ordering his soldiers to open fire on three men in Afghanistan.

Golsteyn and Lorange received full pardons, while the president will

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## Afghanistan grapples with pollution

By Rahim Faiez  
*Associated Press*

KABUL, Afghanistan

**Y**ousuf fled with his family from his home in eastern Afghanistan eight years ago to escape the war, but he couldn't escape tragedy. In the capital, Kabul, five of his children died, not from violence or bombings, he said, but from air pollution, worsened by cold and poverty.

At the camp for displaced people they live in, they and other families keep warm and cook by burning the garbage that surrounds them. One by one over the years, each of the children got chest infections and other maladies from the pollution and never made it to age 7, he told *The Associated Press*.

Yousuf, 60, has nine surviving children.

Smoke spews from an exhaust pipe of an old mini bus last month in Kabul. Pollution in Afghanistan's capital might have been responsible for more than 26,000 deaths in 2017 according to the research group State of Global Air.

Rahmat Gul / AP

“We didn't have enough money for the doctor and medicine ... I can barely feed my children,” said Yousuf, who works as a porter in a vegetable market earning barely a dollar per day. Like many Afghans he uses only one name.

Afghanistan's pollution might be even deadlier than

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# Pardons: Some officials raise concerns over decision

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direct the Navy to restore Gallagher to his previous rank before he retires, the White House said. His demotion marked the only significant penalty he received following his acquittal on the murder charge.

The news, first reported by The Washington Post ahead of the White House announcement, came at the tail end of a day dominated by impeachment hearings against Trump and efforts by some senior Pentagon officials to change his mind, according to three U.S. officials. The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said some commanders have raised concerns that Trump's move will undermine the military justice system.

Other U.S. officials and advocates for the service members have said that carrying out the president's order should not be different. The system has commanders overseeing the legal process in the military's chain of command, with Trump serving at the top as commander in chief.

The Army said in a statement released on Friday night that it will implement the pardons of Golsteyn and Lorange, and acknowledged the president's powers to grant pardons.

"The Army has full confidence in our system of justice," the statement said. "The Uniform Code of Military Justice ensures good order and discipline for uniformed service members while holding accountable those who violate its provisions. The foundation of military law is the Constitution, and the Constitution

establishes the President's power to grant pardons."

In all three cases, advocates for the service members had blasted the Pentagon for its handling of their cases, detailing what they saw as questionable actions by prosecutors and investigators. Their cases have been featured on conservative media frequently, as advocates prepared cases for the president behind the scenes.

Phillip Carter, a former Army officer and Obama administration official, said that presidents have tended to support the military justice system and its verdicts to support good order and discipline.

"The military, he said, has 'worked for decades to lay the ghosts' of the Vietnam War and war crimes committed during it to rest, and Trump's decision risks undermining that."

"Executive clemency like this introduces doubt into the chain of command, and creates uncertainty about accountability for breaches of military rules," said Carter, who now studies national security for the Rand Corp.

The facts of the three cases vary.

In Golsteyn's, the Special Forces officer went from being regarded as one of the Army's heroes in the Afghanistan war to under investigation in the 2010 death of an unarmed man in a combat zone.

The case first emerged after Golsteyn, who had been decorated with a Silver Star on the same deployment, said during a polygraph test while applying for a job with the CIA that he had killed the man and burned his



Free Clint Lorange; ANDREW CRAFT, THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER/TNS; SANDY HUFFERER, GETTY IMAGES/TNS

From left, former Army 1st Lt. Clint Lorange, Army Maj. Mathew Golsteyn, Navy SEAL Eddie Gallagher.

body. Golsteyn said the man was a suspected Taliban bomb-maker who had just crossed paths with a tribal elder who was helping U.S. forces in the Taliban stronghold of Marja.

Golsteyn, in an interview with The Post this year, said that the man was set free because U.S. forces in his area weren't authorized to keep detainees. He set an ambush for the man, whom he believed to be responsible for the recent death of two Marines, he said. He reasoned that if the man came in his direction, he was returning to activities with the Taliban.

"He had been released, and are you going to go back to what you were doing? Or are you going to go somewhere else?" Golsteyn said. "If it had been me, this guy's a-- would have beaten feet in a completely different direction."

Golsteyn said in a statement on Friday night that his family is "profoundly grateful" for Trump's

action, and that they have lived in "constant fear of this runaway prosecution" by the Army.

"Thanks to President Trump, we now have a chance to rebuild our family and lives," Golsteyn said. "With time, I hope to regain my immense pride in having served in our military. In the meantime, we are so thankful for the support of family members, friends and supporters from around the nation, and our legal team."

In Gallagher's case, the Navy SEAL faced a court-martial this summer after he was accused of mortally stabbing a wounded Islamic State detainee in the neck and obstruction of justice for allegedly threatening other SEALs who reported him.

The murder case against Gallagher fell apart after another SEAL who was offered immunity to testify against him said in court that it was actually him, and not Gallagher, who killed the

detainee. The case also saw a Navy prosecutor removed from the case after he sent an email to defense attorneys and a Navy Times journalist in an attempt to determine whether anyone was leaking information to the media.

Gallagher's attorney, Tim Parlatore, said Trump told his client over the phone that he had been watching the case and believed reinstating his old rank was the right thing to do.

"The president was very familiar with the prosecutorial misconduct associated with the case," Parlatore said. "I think that certainly plays into his decision."

In Lorange's case, nine members of his unit testified against him, including some under immunity. They said under oath that Lorange, as their new platoon leader, had ordered them to open fire on three Afghan men riding motorcycles even though their intent was not clear, and after issuing death threats to local leaders.

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# MIDEAST



## Problem: More than 26K Afghans died of pollution-related illnesses in 2017

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its war, now 18 years long.

There are no official statistics on how many Afghans die of pollution-related illnesses, but the research group State of Global Air said more than 26,000 deaths could be attributed to it in 2017. In contrast, 3,483 civilians were killed that year in the Afghan War, according to the United Nations.

Kabul, a city of some 6 million, has become one of the most polluted cities in the world — ranking at the top of the list among other polluted capitals, such as India's New Delhi or China's Beijing. Decades of war have wrecked the city's infrastructure and caused waves of displaced people.

On most days, a pall of smog and smoke lies over the city. Old vehicles pump toxins into the air, as do electrical generators using poor quality fuel. Coal, garbage, plastic and rubber are burned by poor people at home, as well as at the many brick kilns, public baths and bakeries. Many apartment buildings have no proper sanitation system, and garbage is piled on roadsides and sidewalks.

The large majority of victims are poisoned by the air in their own homes, as families burn whatever they can to keep warm in Kabul's winters, with frequent subzero temperatures and snow. Children and the elderly are particularly vulnera-

ble. At least 19,400 of the 2017 deaths were attributable to household pollution, which also contributed to a loss of two years and two months of life expectancy at birth, according to the State of Global Air survey.

Yousuf's camp, home to more than a hundred families, has no proper water or sanitation system and is surrounded by garbage dumps. His and other families' children search through the garbage for paper, cloth, sticks or plastic — anything that can be burned for fuel.

### 'We are so poor'

"We are so poor, and we have lots of problems. We don't have enough money for medicine, wood or coal for heating, so this is our life. My children collect garbage from dump yards, and we use it for cooking and heating to keep the kids warm," he added.

Decades of war have worsened the damage to Afghanistan's environment and have made it a huge challenge to address them. Environmental issues are far down the list of priorities for a government struggling with basic security issues, rampant corruption and a plunging economy.

Three or four decades ago, "it was a wish for people to come to Kabul and breathe this air," said Ezatullah Sediqi, deputy director for the National Environmental Pro-

tection Agency. But in the wars since, "we lost all our urban infrastructure for water, electricity, public transportation, green areas, all these things," he said.

Kabul's environmental department has launched a new program to control old vehicles, one significant source of pollution.

"Fighting pollution is as important as fighting terrorism," said Mohammad Kazim Humayoun, the department's director.

Authorities warn that this winter is expected to be colder than usual and fear that will only increase the use of pollution-creating fuels to keep warm. The Kabul municipality has also called on residents to stop burning garbage for heat and instead use fuel.

"If everyone follows the instructions laid out by Kabul Municipality, the pollution could be controlled," the municipality's spokeswoman, Nargis Mohmand, said. But if not, "then we might live with this untreatable wound for years to come."

### Increasing illnesses

But fuel is either too expensive or not available for many in Kabul. Electrical heaters are too pricey for most, and power outages are frequent.

Doctors at Kabul's Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital say they've seen the num-

bers of patients with pollution-related illnesses increase, though they could not give exact figures. In the winter, hundreds of children a day sometimes come in, suffering from respiratory illnesses, according to hospital officials.

Dr. Saifullah Abassin, a specialist trainer at the hospital, said his ward has a capacity of 10 patients but often has three times that number.

The government has launched an environmental awareness campaign. Ads on TV, programs at schools and universities and sermons at mosques talk about pollution's harm to society and tell listeners about steps to reduce it.

But there are steps the state needs to take, like encouraging the planting of trees and creating green spaces, as well as implementing a city master plan to stop unplanned development around the capital, often a source of pollution because of their lack of services.

Sediqi, of the NEPA, said that ever since the first post-Taliban government was created in 2001, there was no planning on urban infrastructure, which left individuals to build on their own.

"Unfortunately, that led to unplanned development," he said. "So now we have numerous urban problems and challenges and organizational challenges, which is causing the environmental pollution."



Clockwise from top: Yousuf, who fled with his family from his home in eastern Afghanistan eight years ago to escape the war, sits with his children last month while his wife burns plastic as he makes tea in Kabul; Afghan children receive treatment for respiratory problems at a pediatric hospital in Kabul; and Abdul Basir Akhundzada, head of the Kabul Municipality garbage dump, walks around the dump on the outskirts of Kabul.

## MIDEAST

# Car bomb kills at least 18 in Syria

Associated Press

BEIRUT — A car bomb exploded Saturday in a northern Syrian town controlled by Turkey-backed opposition fighters, killing at least 18 people and wounding several others, Syrian opposition activists and Turkey's Defense Ministry said.

Northern Syria has been hit by several explosions that have killed and wounded scores of people over the past month. That's since Turkey began a military operation against Kurdish fighters in the wake of President Donald Trump's decision to pull the bulk of American troops out of northern Syria.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported that 19 people, including 13 civilians, were killed Saturday in the town of al-Bab in Aleppo province. The Aleppo Media Center, an activist collective, said 15 people were killed in the blast in a busy part of town near a bus station.

Turkey's Defense Ministry said the blast killed 18 people and blamed the main Kurdish militia, known as the People's Protection Units.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

A video posted online by Albab City, an activist collective, showed several vehicles on fire with black smoke billowing from a wide street with shops on both sides. Inside the bus station, several white minibuses appear damaged.

"It looks like doomsday. May God help us,"



ALBAB CITY/AP

People check the aftermath of a car bomb exploded in the city of al-Bab, northern Syria, on Saturday.

a man could be heard saying as five young men carried a wounded person away. At least two bloodied and wounded men could be seen rushed away on motorcycles.

Turkey-backed opposition fighters took control of parts of Aleppo province, including the

towns of al-Bab and Afrin, in previous military offensives in 2016 and 2018, respectively.

The past month's attacks have come amid an expanding Turkish invasion of into northeast Syria against Kurdish-held towns and villages along a stretch of the border.

## American held in Turkey as ISIS suspect returns

WASHINGTON — An American citizen alleged by Turkey to be an Islamic State member has returned to the United States.

According to a government report obtained by The Associated Press, federal authorities questioned the man when he arrived Friday night at Dulles International Airport in Virginia and inspected his electronic devices.

The report says he was allowed to enter the country en route to visit relatives in Texas.

Media in Turkey have identified the man as Muhammad Darwis B. 39.

Turkey deported him after he spent five days in no man's land between Turkey and Greece, where he had asked to be sent. Repatriation began after the U.S. agreed to accept him and provided travel documents.

## 2 federal prosecutors shot dead near Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan officials say gunmen have shot dead two federal prosecutors as they were driving to Bagram Airfield north of the capital, Kabul.

Jamshid Rasouli, spokesman for the national Attorney General's office, said two other prosecutors were wounded in Saturday's attack.

He says the prosecutors were heading to the prison at Bagram Airfield, which has held top-level Taliban detainees, including Anas Haqqani. He's the younger brother of the Taliban's deputy chief Sirajuddin Haqqani, who leads the fearsome Haqqani militant network.

Anas Haqqani and two other Taliban prisoners were supposed to be freed Friday in exchange for an American and an Australian national.

But the Taliban say the three prisoners didn't show up at an exchange site agreed upon with the U.S.

## Protesters surge toward Baghdad's Green Zone

BAGHDAD — Iraqi security and medical officials say protesters have pushed closer to the Green Zone, Baghdad's fortified seat of government after security forces pulled back following a night of violent altercations.

The officials said Saturday that protesters took control of the strategic Khilani Square and part of Sinak bridge leading to the Green Zone, which houses Parliament and several foreign embassies.

Security forces are still deployed on part of the bridge in order to block the protesters from pushing into the Green Zone.

Officials say a roadside bomb killed three people and wounded 18 late Friday near Tahrir Square, the epicenter of the protest movement. Another roadside blast in the southern city of Nasseriyah wounded 18 that same evening.

The officials all spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

From The Associated Press

# Israeli forces strike Hamas sites in Gaza

By STEVE HENDRIX  
AND HAZEN BALOUSA  
The Washington Post

JERUSALEM — Israeli forces struck multiple targets controlled by the ruling Hamas faction in the Gaza Strip on Saturday after rockets were fired from the territory, potentially jeopardizing a shaky cease-fire following two days of intense exchanges.

The flare-up occurred as Israel's military said it was investigating one of the deadliest attacks of the recent fighting, a strike on a family house Thursday that may have been a case of mistaken targeting.

Saturday's strikes marked the first time Israel had hit Hamas sites during the recent clashes,

having limited its previous attacks to assets of a rival Islamic Jihad faction in Gaza. Hamas, in a departure from previous episodes of violence, had largely stayed out of the fray.

But the army said that changed in the early hours Saturday when at least two rockets soared toward the Negev Desert city of Beerseba, sparking an air raid sirens shortly after 1 a.m. Both projectiles were shot down by Israel's Iron Dome air defense system.

Hamas did not claim responsibility for the launch. But the Israeli military said the rockets came from Hamas launchers and retaliated with air attacks on a Hamas military camp, a naval facility and "an underground terror infrastructure," according to



MAJDI MOHAMMED/AP

Israeli security forces push back a Palestinian paramedic trying to help a demonstrator who was wounded during a demonstration against Israeli airstrikes on Gaza, on Saturday.

a statement.

"Hamas fired tonight, aiming to kill Israeli civilians, and therefore we fired back at their military targets," Lt. Col Jonathan Conriscus, a spokesman for the Israel Defense Forces, said in an

interview.

Israel blamed the militant Baha Abu al-Ata for most of the rocket attacks and other terrorist activity emanating from Gaza in recent months and said he was actively preparing to launch more.

# 6 Sudanese troops killed in Yemeni rebel attack

By SAMY MAGDY  
Associated Press

CAIRO — Officials in Sudan said on Saturday an attack by Yemeni rebels killed six members of a Sudanese paramilitary force that was fighting in Yemen.

Iran-backed Houthi rebels and a Saudi-led coalition that includes the Sudanese forces have fought Yemen's civil war to a stalemate.

The United Arab Emirates and Sudan have been pulling out troops in recent months, though

they say they aren't quitting the Saudi-led alliance.

The officials said that the attack earlier this week targeted a position on the Saudi-Yemen border held by Sudan's paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, or the RSF.

Gen. Mohammed Hamadan Dagalo leads the RSF, which grew out of the notorious Janjaweed militias used by former autocratic President Omar al-Bashir in the Darfur conflict in the early

2000s.

In past years Dagalo, who is a Saudi ally, mobilized thousands of RSF troops to fight in Yemen on behalf of Saudi Arabia and the UAE, the backbone of the military coalition.

The coalition was formed in 2015 to stem the advance of the Houthi rebels following their 2014 takeover of Yemen's capital, Sanaa and the northern provinces, pushing out the internationally recognized government.

The Sudanese troops had deployed mainly to Yemen's border areas with Saudi Arabia to repel any attacks by Houthis on the kingdom.

The officials said the Sudanese troops were patrolling the frontier area on Wednesday when they were attacked by the Houthis. At least three others were wounded in the attack.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

NATION

# Diplomat says he overheard Trump call with Sondland

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A State Department official told impeachment investigators Friday that he overheard President Donald Trump talking with a U.S. ambassador about “investigations” in Ukraine, according to people familiar with the testimony.

David Holmes, the political counsel at the U.S. Embassy

in Ukraine, said Trump was talking so loudly that Ambassador Gordon Sondland had to hold the phone from his ear.



Holmes

Holmes said that allowed others at a restaurant in Kyiv to overhear the call that’s now part of the impeachment inquiry, according to one of the people, who were unauthorized to publicly discuss the testimony and were granted anonymity.

The conversation at the Kyiv restaurant came the day after Trump’s July 25 phone call with newly elected Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in which the U.S. president pressed his counterpart to investigate Democrats and 2020 rival Joe Biden. A whistleblower’s complaint about that call sparked the impeachment inquiry.

Sondland opened the July 26 conversation by telling Trump that the Zelenskyy “loves your ass.”

Trump responded, “So, he’s gonna do the investigation?”

“He’s gonna do it,” Sondland replied.

The Associated Press has not sought the opportunity to testify. Like others in the inquiry, he was issued a subpoena to appear. He spent nearly seven hours with lawmakers.

Holmes, a career foreign service officer, told investigators he did not seek the opportunity to testify. Like others in the inquiry, he was issued a subpoena to appear. He spent nearly seven hours with lawmakers.

Rep. Ted Lieu, D-Calif., said Holmes is a key witness to the impeachment investigation because he heard directly from Trump. That counters Republican complaints that the inquiry is based on hearsay from other officials testifying.

“He has firsthand knowledge of the conversation between Ambassador Sondland and the president of the United States,” Lieu said. “He overheard the conversation.”

After the call with Trump, which Sondland placed from his mobile phone at the outdoor table over lunch with Holmes and two other people, he remarked the president was in a “bad mood.”

Holmes asked the ambassador if it’s true that Trump doesn’t care about Ukraine.

Sondland told him the president did not care about Ukraine. The president only cares about “big stuff,” Sondland said.

“When the foreign service officer noted the importance of Ukraine, at war with Russia, Sondland clarified that he meant stuff that benefits the president, like the “Biden investigation.”

## Impeachment testimony comes from budget official

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House impeachment investigators met in private Saturday with a White House budget official as the historic inquiry produces new testimony offering direct insight of President Donald Trump’s actions toward Ukraine.

The latest witness was Mark Sandy, a White House budget officer, as Democrats scrutinize the administration’s decision to withhold military aid from Ukraine while Trump pushed the country’s new president for the political investigations.

Sandy was the first official from the Office of Management and Budget to defy Trump’s instructions not to testify. Like oth-

ers, he was expected to receive a subpoena to appear.

Questions over that trade-off — military aid and a coveted White House visit for Ukraine’s president in exchange for the investigations — are central to the impeachment inquiry. Trump says he did nothing wrong.

“When people come in, we learn more,” said Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., a member of the House Intelligence Committee, as he arrived for Saturday’s session.

Rep. Mark Meadows, a top Trump ally, said he did not expect to hear much from Sandy, a career budget official. “All I expect him to say is he doesn’t know why the aid was held and wished that he did,” said Meadows, R-N.C. “But I must be surprised.”



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch leaves after testifying to the House Intelligence Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington on Friday.

## Takeaways from Day 2 of House impeachment public hearings

By ERIC TUCKER, JILL COLVIN AND MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Day Two of public hearings by the House impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump featured a career diplomat with a soft voice and a powerful story.

Marie Yovanovitch said she felt threatened by the president as she detailed the story of being abruptly recalled from her post as U.S. ambassador to Ukraine. Then the president attacked her with a tweet, which she said was intimidating.

Some key takeaways from Yovanovitch’s testimony:

■ **Political is personal:** This was no staid, bureaucratic tale told by a distant and removed narrator.

Yovanovitch’s account was, instead, deeply personal, layered with outrage over having been “kneecapped” by lies and her abrupt recall in a 1 a.m. phone call from a country she said was vital to U.S. interests.

After a “smear campaign” she said involved Trump’s personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, and was amplified by cable news hosts and the president’s oldest son, Donald Jr., she was directed in April 2019 to come from Ukraine to the United States on the next plane because she no longer had the confidence of the president.

“I remain disappointed that the (State) Department’s leadership and others have declined to acknowledge that the attacks against me and others are dangerously wrong,” Yovanovitch said.

She counted herself among the professional public servants who she said serve U.S. interests regardless of who occupies the

White House, and, wrapping her testimony in historical context, invoked the diplomats who were killed in the 2012 Benghazi attacks, tortured in captivity in Iran and injured in mysterious attacks in Cuba.

“We honor these individuals. They represent each one of you here — and every American. These courageous individuals were attacked because they symbolized America,” she said.

■ **Very intimidating:** While Republicans said Yovanovitch was in effect peripheral to the impeachment inquiry, she drew direct connections to the president.

Yovanovitch left no doubt that she interpreted some of the Trump’s cryptic comments about her — “she’s going to go through some things,” among them — in the most chilling way.

“It didn’t sound good,” she said. “It sounded like a threat.”

She said the effect of the president’s comments — including a disparaging tweet as the hearing got underway — “is very intimidating” not just for her but for others who might be similarly inclined root out corruption.

Rep. Adam Schiff, the Democratic chairman of the House intelligence committee, read Trump’s tweet to Yovanovitch and suggested it was part of a campaign of “witness intimidation.”

“Well, I want to let you know, Ambassador, that some of us here take witness intimidation very, very seriously.”

Trump, asked about it later, said, “I have the right to speak. I have freedom of speech.”

■ **Stefanik’s star rises:** As members of the House questioned Yovanovitch, Republicans were working to highlight another woman in the room: GOP Rep. Elise Stefanik of New York.

Conservative outlets seized on a moment in which Schiff refused to allow Republican Rep. Devin Nunes, the top Republican on the House intelligence committee, to yield his time to Stefanik early in the hearing. But the attempt came during a portion of the hearing when rules explicitly stated that only Schiff, Nunes and committee lawyers were permitted to question Yovanovitch.

When Stefanik’s allotted time did come up, she used it in part to criticize Schiff and read news clips recounting his promise that the whistleblower would be allowed to testify before the committee. Republicans, led by Trump, celebrated Stefanik, the only Republican woman on the committee. Trump retweeted multiple clips of Stefanik asking questions of Yovanovitch.

■ **Trump sneers the witness:** He would be too busy to watch, said the White House.

He’d tune into an opening statement delivered by Nunes but spend the rest of the day “working hard for the American people,” press secretary Stephanie Grisham said.

Instead, Trump responded to the hearing in real time, castigating Yovanovitch by tweeting as she testified about her poor treatment by the president and his administration.

“Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned bad,” tweeted Trump, pointing to the time she spent in war-torn Somalia and in Ukraine, where Trump said the new Ukrainian president spoke unfavorably about her.”

He also defended his decision to pull her from her post, arguing the U.S. president has an “absolute right to appoint ambassadors” who serve “at the pleasure of the President.”

NATION

# Primary filing chaos comes to a close in NH

By HOLLY RAMER  
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Moments before former Vice President Joe Biden arrived to sign up for the New Hampshire primary, a nuclear power safety activist shouted at reporters and photographers crammed into one room of the secretary of state's office, while a man wearing a motorcycle helmet tried to get listed on the ballot as "Epstein Didn't Kill Himself" in the other.

Wandering into the chaos was Sybil Dupuis, 86, whose great-grandfather wrote the legislation leading to New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary more than a century ago. Though candidates now sign up at his antique desk, he hardly could've imagined the scene.

"Heavenly day, no! Grampa Bullock didn't even tell his family that he had even written the legislation," Dupuis said.

The publicity stunt Dupuis witnessed — that referenced conspiracy theories that financier Jeffrey Epstein didn't die by suicide in jail as a New York medical examiner has ruled — failed

since candidates aren't allowed to use nicknames associated with a slogan or cause. But 50 others — 33 Democrats and 17 Republicans — did manage to get on the ballot for the 2020 primary before the filing period closed Friday. That's compared to the 42 names voters saw 100 years ago, the first time New Hampshire held the nation's earliest primary.

Back then, voters selected delegates to the nominating conventions, rather than voting for the candidates themselves. But it was more say than they had before state Rep. Stephen Bullock filed his 1913 bill to allow anyone who wanted to be a delegate to get on the ballot after paying a \$10 fee. Today, the fee is \$1,000, and most of the candidates showed up in person to hand over their checks, including former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who filed the day he announced his late entry into the race.

As they signed up, most of the candidates got a pep talk from Secretary of State Bill Gardner, who reminded them that the primary was created to give the "little guy" a greater voice in politics and has, over the years, been won



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

A candidate who called himself Rod Epstein Didn't Kill Himself Webber attempts to file to be listed on the New Hampshire primary ballot in Concord, N.H., on Nov. 8. The quadrennial chaos has quieted down over at the New Hampshire secretary of state's office with the closing of the filing period for the first-in-the-nation presidential primary.

by underdogs. "You don't have to have the most fame or fortune," he told Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar on Nov. 6.

"Excellent! It's like a therapy session," Klobuchar joked. "You know, this is really helpful. Inspirational!"

Gardner also told Klobuchar that her home state held its primary on the same day as New Hampshire in 1916 only to skip the election four years later. And he reminded Indiana natives Pete Buttigieg and Vice President Mike Pence that Indiana voted a week ahead of New Hampshire that first year before moving to a

later date for subsequent cycles.

The office, and often the hallway leading to it, were packed for the big-name candidates, but many others made quieter appearances, standing behind Bullock's desk and speaking to whatever media were on hand.

Matt Matern, a lawyer and philanthropist from Los Angeles, used his time Tuesday to promote his plan to cut taxes entirely for working Americans making less than \$100,000 a year.

"I'm not throwing my money away," he said after paying the filing fee. "I believe the time has come to throw my hat in the ring because I don't hear the current

candidates on the Republican side saying the things I think need to be said, and I think we need to have a robust debate in the Republican Party."

Not everyone filed in person. Pence was there to put President Donald Trump on the Republican ballot. Among Democratic candidates focusing efforts elsewhere, Kamala Harris sent a staffer to file her paperwork, while Julian Castro signed up by mail. Meanwhile, former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg said he will skip New Hampshire and the other early-voting states if he decides to run.

# Trump urges Louisianans to flip governor's office to GOP

By MELINDA DESLATTE  
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — In a race that has become a nail-biter, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards battled Saturday to defy the partisan odds in the ruby-red South and win reelection to a seat that President Donald Trump desperately wants returned to Republicans.

Trump has made the run-off election between the Deep South's only Democratic governor and GOP political donor and businessman Eddie Rispone a test of his own popularity and political prowess heading into the 2020 presidential race. Early Saturday, Trump went on Twitter in a vigorous plug for Rispone.

"Good morning, Louisiana! Polls are open at 7AM. Get out and VOTE for @EddieRispone to be your next Gov! He will get your taxes and auto insurance (highest in Country!) way down. Loves our Military & Vets. Will protect your 2A," a reference to the right to bear arms in the Second Amendment.

Trump provided a link to polling locations and then minutes later tweeted: "LOUISIANA,



GERALD HERBERG/AP

Louisiana Republican gubernatorial candidate Eddie Rispone signs a campaign banner as he greets supporters at a campaign stop in Shreveport, La., on Friday.

VOTE @EddieRispone TODAY! He will be a great governor!"

The president, particularly wants to capture Louisiana's governorship for the GOP after Democrats ousted a Republican incumbent in Kentucky despite Trump's intervention for the GOP. Trump made three trips to Louisiana to rally against Edwards. But in targeting Louisiana's

moderate Democratic incumbent, Trump is trying to replace a governor who still maintains positive approval ratings and who has managed to keep the competition far tighter than Republicans want.

Rispone was not among the top-tier candidates GOP leaders hoped would challenge Edwards. The 70-year-old owner of a Baton

Rouge industrial contracting company had never run for office and had little name recognition. He hitched his entire candidacy to Trump, introducing himself in ads that focused on support for the president.

"If Eddie Rispone pulls this off, Trump will be an extraordinarily important factor," said Pearson Cross, a political science professor and associate dean at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. "Without Donald Trump weighing in heavily in this race, I'm not sure that this race would be this close."

Both parties spent millions on attack ads and get-out-the-vote work, on top of at least \$36 million spent by candidates. Republicans sought to prove that Edwards' lopsided victory in 2015 was a fluke, against a flawed GOP opponent hobbled by a prostitution scandal. Democrats wanted to show they could win conservative states with the right candidates.

Rispone says he's like Trump, calling himself a "conservative outsider" whose business acumen will help solve Louisiana's problems. He offered few specifics about his agenda. He promised tax cuts, without saying where

he'd shrink spending, and he pledged a constitutional convention, without detailing what he wanted to rewrite.

"We want Louisiana to be No. 1 in the South when it comes to jobs and opportunity. We have to do something different," Rispone said. "We can do for Louisiana what President Trump has done for the nation."

Rispone poured more than \$12 million of his own money into the race.

He struck at Edwards for tax hikes used to balance Louisiana's budget, saying they were driving people and companies from the state and stagnating the economy. Rispone disparaged Edwards as a "trial lawyer," suggesting he's anti-business.

Edwards hit Rispone for his support of unpopular former Gov. Bobby Jindal, saying Rispone would return Louisiana to policies that boosted state deficits. Edwards said Rispone's proposal to freeze enrollment in the state's Medicaid expansion program would force hundreds of thousands off health coverage.

NATION

# Okla. judge reduces amount in opioid suit

BY SEAN MURPHY  
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Associated Press

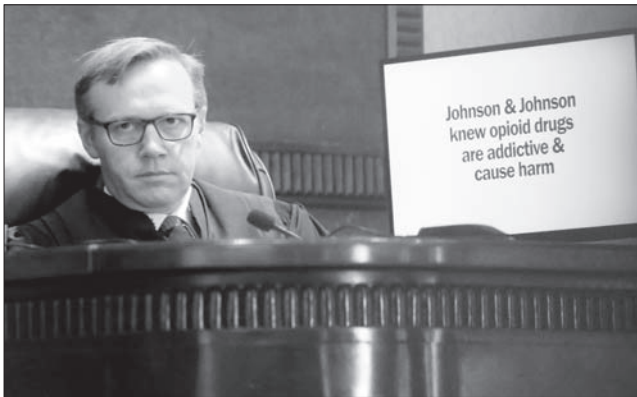
OKLAHOMA CITY — An Oklahoma judge who last summer ordered consumer products giant Johnson & Johnson to pay \$572 million to help address the state's opioid crisis on Friday reduced that amount in his final order in the case by \$107 million because of his miscalculation.

District Judge Thad Balkman's latest order directs the company to pay the state \$465 million. In it, Balkman acknowledged that he miscalculated in his original award how much it would cost to develop a program for treating babies born dependent on opioids. The cost should have been \$107,000 not \$107 million.

The judge declined a request by the defendants to further reduce the amount to take into account pre-trial settlements totaling \$355 million the state reached with Oxycontin-maker Purdue Pharma and Israeli-owned Teva Pharmaceuticals.

Balkman also denied a request by Gov. Kevin Stitt, state House Speaker Charles McCall and state Senate President Pro Tem Greg Treat to intervene in the case and said he would not revisit the settlement in the future to order additional payments, as requested by the state.

"Though several of the state's witnesses testified that the plan will take at least 20 years to work, the state did not present sufficient evidence of the amount of time and costs necessary, beyond one year, to abate the Opioid Crisis,"



SUE OROCK/AP

**Judge Thad Balkman, seen during opening arguments in May, reduced the amount Johnson & Johnson must pay Oklahoma to help clean up the opioid crisis by \$107 million to \$465 million on Friday.**

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according to the order.

The governor's office did not immediately return phone calls for comment while spokesmen for McCall and Treat said the two legislative leaders had no immediate comment.

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Attorneys for Johnson & Johnson said the company plans to appeal Balkman's ruling to the Oklahoma Supreme Court. The company did not immediately

respond to a request seeking further comment.

Alex Gerszewski, spokesman for Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter, said state attorneys were reviewing the more than 40-page order.

"It's a lengthy document. We are thoughtfully and thoroughly reviewing it and will respond in a timely manner. We will be providing a formal response in the next few days," Gerszewski said in a statement.

Following a seven-week trial this summer, Balkman ruled Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiaries helped fuel the opioid crisis with an aggressive and misleading marketing campaign that overstated how effective the drugs were for treating chronic pain and understated the risk of addiction. Hunter says opioid overdoses killed 4,653 people in the state from 2007 to 2017.

Attorneys for the state have argued abating the opioid crisis in Oklahoma would cost between \$12.6 billion for 20 years and \$17.5 billion over 30 years. Attorneys for Johnson & Johnson have said that estimate is wildly inflated.

During the trial, Hunter called Johnson & Johnson a "kingpin" company that was motivated by greed and noted that two of the company's subsidiaries produced much of the raw opium used by other manufacturers to produce the drugs.

Attorneys for the company have maintained they were part of a lawful and heavily regulated industry subject to strict federal oversight during every step of the supply chain. Lawyers for the company have said the judgment was a misapplication of public nuisance law.

Oklahoma's case against opioid drugmakers is being closely watched because it was the first state opioid case to make it to trial and could help shape negotiations over more than 2,000 similar lawsuits filed by state, local and tribal governments consolidated before a federal judge in Ohio.

## Former Buffalo Soldier, Olympian dies at 96

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Harrison Dillard, the former Buffalo Soldier and only Olympic runner to win gold medals in both the sprints and high hurdles, has died. He was 96.

Longtime friend Ted Theodore said Dillard died Friday at the Cleveland Clinic after a fight with stomach cancer. The 1955 Sullivan Award winner as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete, Dillard was the oldest living U.S. Olympic champion.

"It is a loss for humanity," Theodore said on Cleveland.com.

"He was an example for all of us, how to live our lives, with never in unkind word for anyone. He was a champion, a true champion."

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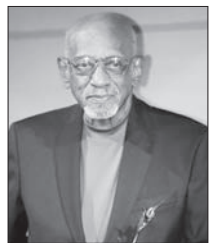
records at 60 yards indoors, and 110 yards and 220 yards outdoors. A native of Cleveland, Dillard grew up idolizing another Cleveland native, Jesse Owens. Dillard and Owens, who won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics, graduated from Cleveland East Technical High School and starred at Baldwin Wallace College.

In 1974, Dillard was inducted into the Track and Field Hall of Fame, and in 1983 he became a charter inductee into the U.S. Olympic Committee Hall of Fame.

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**Olympic gold medal winner Harrison Dillard served as a Buffalo Soldier in the 92nd Infantry Division.**

## Trump asks Supreme Court to block House subpoena for tax records

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump asked the U.S. Supreme Court to block a House subpoena for his financial records, asking the justices to insulate him from an investigation for the second time in as many days.

A day after asking the Supreme Court to stop his tax returns from being turned

over to a New York prosecutor, Trump on Friday filed an emergency request designed to ensure House Democrats don't get access to his financial records while he presses an appeal, according to his lawyer, Jay Sekulow.

Together, the two cases are pulling the Supreme Court into the divisive battle over alleged wrongdoing in Trump's personal and business dealings. The cases arrive

as House Democrats are pressing an impeachment investigation of Trump.

A federal appeals court in Washington in October said the House Oversight and Reform Committee could subpoena eight years of Trump's financial records from Mazars, his accounting company.

On a 2-1 vote, the appeals court said the House panel had a legitimate legislative purpose for seeking the documents. The

committee says it's considering revising the federal ethics-in-government laws.

A dissenting judge said in the Oct. 11 ruling that Congress can't investigate whether the president broke the law unless it is invoking its impeachment power, something the committee hadn't yet done. A larger panel of judges then voted not to reconsider the case.

## NATION

# Calif. school shooter dies; motive a mystery

Associated Press

**SANTA CLARITA, Calif.** — The death of a boy who killed two students and wounded three others at his Southern California high school has left investigators struggling to discover what prompted the deadly attack.

Friends and neighbors described Nathaniel Tenosuke Berhow, 16, as bright, funny, quiet and, above all, normal before he pulled a gun from his backpack Thursday and in 16 seconds shot five students at random before saving the last bullet for himself.

Berhow died Friday afternoon from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

His mother was present when he died, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

Berhow had shown no signs of violence and did not appear to be linked to any ideology or terrorist group, authorities said.

After more than 40 interviews



DAMIAN DOWRAGANES/AP

**Cindy Toll places flowers at the Central Park memorial for the Saugus High School victims in Santa Clarita, Calif., on Friday.**

and a search of his home, authorities still were in the dark, Capt. Kent Wegener, of the sheriff's department's homicide unit said at a press conference.

"We did not find any manifesto,

any diary that spelled it out, any suicide note or any writings," he said.

But if the teen's motivation was murky, his actions were planned and deliberate, Sheriff Alex Vil-

lanueva said. Berhow's mother dropped him off at Saugus High School in the Los Angeles suburb of Santa Clarita on Thursday morning, which was his birthday. He walked alone to the center of a school open-air quad.

Security camera video showed him dropping his backpack and pulling out a .45-caliber handgun. He began firing, cleared the jammed weapon and kept shooting.

Berhow counted his rounds, Villanueva said, saving the last bullet for himself.

The dead were identified as Gracie Anne Muehlberger, 15, and Dominic Blackwell, 14.

Bryan and Cindy Muehlberger said they shared the news of their daughter's death with "unexplainable brokenness." They described her as their "Cinderella, the daughter we always dreamed to have," and they said her two brothers were heartbroken.

"She will never get to drive a car, fall in love, build a career,

get married, have children and do all the other things everyone takes for granted in this short thing called life," they said in a statement.

"We miss her smile, laughter, sweet kisses and her amazing sense of humor," the parents said.

Dominic Blackwell was a member of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

"I've known him since I was 5," student Joshua Mourthi told KABC-TV. "So, he used to be my neighbor. He could make anyone smile. You could be having the worst day, and he'd walk up and say, 'Hey, how's your day going?' and you'd immediately start smiling."

Two girls, ages 14 and 15, were shot in the torso and should be released from the hospital over the weekend, doctors said Friday. A 14-year-old boy was treated and released.

## 5 charged in shooting at NJ football game

Associated Press

Authorities have charged five men, including the alleged gunman, in connection with a shooting at a New Jersey high school football game that they said Saturday was the result of "petty vengeance." Three people were wounded, including two seriously.

The shooting at a packed Friday night playoff game between the Camden Panthers and the Pleasantville Greyhounds, sent fans and players frantically running for safety.

A 10-year-old boy was wounded and remained in critical condition Saturday, while a 27-year-old man was in stable condition and will undergo surgery. A 15-year-old boy also was treated for a graze wound. The victims' names have not been released.

"Unlike some of the shootings that have occurred on school premises throughout the coun-

try, this incident had nothing to do with the students of Pleasantville High School or Camden High School," Atlantic County Prosecutor Damon Tynier said in a news release.

"The venue simply presented an opportunity for criminals to pursue their own form of petty vengeance against one another. As a result, an innocent child was caught and injured in their crossfire. Our community will not be held hostage by a few idiots intent on jeopardizing our safety and the safety of our children."

Tynier said Alvin Wyatt, 31, of Atlantic City, has been charged with three counts of attempted murder and two weapons counts.

Three other men face weapons charges, and a fourth faces weapons and shoving charges. It wasn't known Saturday if any of the five have retained attorneys.



AHMAD AUSTIN, THE PRESS OF ATLANTIC CITY (N.J.)/AP

**Police investigate the scene after a gunman shot into a crowd of people during a football game at Pleasantville High School in Pleasantville, N.J., on Friday.**

## Video of Arizona deputy restraining teen amputee spurs investigation

Associated Press

**TUCSON, Ariz.** — Arizona prosecutors dropped disorderly conduct charges against a 15-year-old quadruple amputee after viewing video of a sheriff's deputy wrestling him to the floor in a group home, the teen's attorney said Friday.

Samuel Jurgena, a Pima County public defender, said his client went public with cellphone video of the September incident in Tucson to prompt changes in police treatment of youths in group

homes. "I think everyone feels in my office this cop should not be out here with a badge and a gun if this is how he's treating kids in group homes," Jurgena told The Associated Press.

The AP is withholding the teen's name because of his age.

KOLD-TV reported Thursday night that the Pima County Attorney's Office said it decided to drop the charges immediately after seeing the video, which was shot by another resident. A worker had called 911 after

the 15-year-old allegedly knocked over a trash can and made a verbal threat, according to authorities.

The teen said he was already on the ground when police got there.

"Instead of getting down on his level to talk to him, the first interaction was the cop standing over him and yelling at him," Jurgena said.

The sheriff's department has said it is investigating the incident but declined further comment.

The start of the eight-minute video shows the deputy tussling

on the kitchen floor with the boy, who is screaming and cursing. The deputy then uses his body to pin the teen on his side. After about two minutes, the officer gets up. He then talks to the teen, telling him to "shut the hell up."

The boy did not suffer any physical injuries. But Jurgena said the treatment he endured was nevertheless appalling.

"He does not have the ability to fight back in a way like a normal person would," Jurgena said.

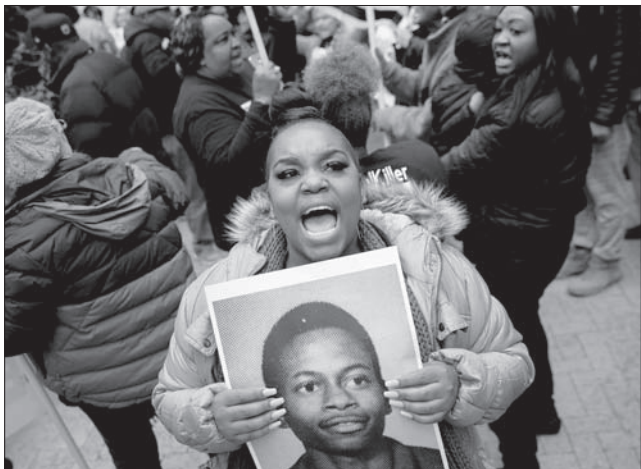
The video later shows another

teenage boy being handcuffed. Jurgena said that boy, 16, was the one initially filing.

Deputies caused him to hit his head on a wall and then put him in a patrol vehicle, according to Jurgena. He was then released.

James Allerton, a Pima County Sheriff's Department spokesman, identified the officer in the video as Deputy Manuel Van Santen, who did not immediately return a phone message left by the AP seeking comment.

NATION



NICK WAGNER, AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN/AP

Britanni Smith protests against the execution of Rodney Reed on Wednesday in Bastrop, Texas.

# Appeals court in Texas blocks inmate Rodney Reed's execution

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas' top criminal appeals court on Friday halted the scheduled execution of inmate Rodney Reed, whose conviction is being questioned by new evidence that his supporters say raises serious doubt about his guilt.

The stay of execution by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals came just hours after the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles had recommended delaying the lethal injection.

Reed, 51, had been set for lethal injection Wednesday evening for the 1996 killing of 19-year-old Stacy Sities. Prosecutors say Reed raped and strangled Sities as she made her way to work at a supermarket in Bastrop, a rural community about 30 miles southeast of Austin.

Reed's efforts to stop his execution have received support from such celebrities as Beyonce, Kim Kardashian and Oprah Winfrey. Lawmakers from both parties, including Texas GOP Sen. Ted Cruz, have also asked that officials take a closer look at the evidence in the case.

In its four-page order, the appeals court said Reed's case should be returned to the trial court in Bastrop County so it could examine his claims that he is innocent and that prosecutors suppressed evidence and presented false testimony.

Bryce Benjet, an attorney with the Innocence Project, which is representing Reed, said defense attorneys were "extremely relieved and thankful" to the appeals court.

"This opportunity will allow for proper consider-

ation of the powerful and mounting new evidence of Mr. Reed's innocence," Benjet said in a statement.

The Texas Attorney General's Office declined to comment Friday on whether it would appeal the order staying Reed's execution.

Earlier Friday, the parole board had unanimously recommended a 120-day reprieve for Reed. The board rejected Reed's request to commute his sentence to life in prison.

The parole board's decision was to go next to Gov. Greg Abbott, who hasn't said whether he would accept or reject it or do nothing.

The stay likely makes Abbott's decision moot. Since taking office in 2015, Abbott has halted only one imminent execution, in 2018.

Since Texas resumed executions in 1982, only three death row inmates have had their sentences commuted to life in prison by a governor within days of their scheduled executions.

Reed has other appeals pending, including with the U.S. Supreme Court. His supporters have held rallies, including an overnight vigil on Thursday in front of the Supreme Court in Washington. It was unclear if a rally planned for Sunday in front of the Texas governor's mansion would still take place.

Reed has long maintained he didn't kill Sities and that her fiancé, former police Officer Jimmy Fennell, was the real killer. Reed says Fennell was angry because Sities, who was white, was having an affair with Reed, who is black.

Fennell's attorney has said his client didn't kill Sities. Fennell was paroled last year after serving time in prison for sexual assault.

# Chicago teachers approve contract deal after strike

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago teachers on Friday approved the contract deal that ended an 11-day strike and includes pay raises, \$35 million to enforce limits on class sizes and a pledge to supply each school with a nurse and a social worker.

The Chicago Teachers Union's 25,000 members went on strike Oct. 17 following months of unsuccessful negotiations with the school district and Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration.

Teachers held marches and rallies across the city; the district kept school buildings open but canceled two weeks of classes. More than 300,000 students and their families were affected.

Teachers said they were striking for "social justice," with the aim of increasing resources such as nurses and social workers for students and reducing class sizes, which teachers said exceed 30 or 40 students in some schools.

Union leaders said the strike forced city officials to negotiate on issues they initially deemed out of bounds, including support for homeless students.

Lightfoot, who took office this year, said the strike was unnecessary and dubbed the city's offer of a 16% raise for teachers over a five-year contract and other com-

mitments on educators' priorities "historic."

Once the strike ended, Lightfoot said the entire city would benefit from the negotiated deal.

The district also committed \$35 million to enforce class size limits and agreed to put nurses and social workers in every school by 2023.

"Our contract fight was about the larger movement to shift values and priorities in Chicago," CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates said in a union news release. "Working-class taxpayers in Chicago have paid for skyscrapers that most will never visit — but a school nurse is someone their child in need can see on any day. In a city with immense wealth, corporations have the ability to pay to support the common good."

Teachers suspended the strike on Oct. 31 after more than half of the union's elected delegates tentatively approved the agreement.

Union leaders have said the agreement would create "real and lasting change" for students.

With 80% of schools reporting, 81% of members had voted yes to ratify the new contract, the union tweeted late Friday. The contract now must be approved by the Chicago Board of Education, which is scheduled to meet Nov. 20.



ASHLEE REZIN GARCIA, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES/AP

Members of the striking Chicago Teachers Union and their supporters rally at the Thompson Center in Chicago last month.

# Lawmakers in Ohio introduce bill that would ban abortion outright

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A group of conservative lawmakers in Ohio has introduced a bill to outlaw abortion outright except to save the pregnant woman's life.

State Rep. Candice Keller, a Republican from Middletown, said the bill's backers are tired of taking an incremental approach to ending abortion.

"The time for regulating evil and com-

promise is over," she said in a statement. "The time has come to abolish abortion in its entirety and recognize that each individual has the inviolable and inalienable Right to Life."

The legislation, introduced Thursday, declares a fetus a person and would subject doctors who terminate pregnancies to potential murder charges.

The bill makes an exception for the life of the pregnant woman, saying a doctor

would escape prosecution for performing "a surgery, before the unborn child is viable, for the sole purpose of treating the pregnant woman's fatal condition."

Ohio is among states that have passed restrictive abortion laws in recent years in hopes of sparking a legal challenge that would overturn Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion. Abortion opponents have been emboldened by the new conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This has been the goal of the grassroots of the pro-life movement since the disastrous Roe decision of 1973," stated Margie Christie, president of the Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio.

But Ohio Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest anti-abortion group, was not involved in the latest effort and is neutral.

Abortion rights groups lined up to blast the bill, calling it medically dangerous and insulting to women.

MEDICINE

# Will you suffer from dementia?

## Research shows many inaccurately assess risk for getting the disease

By LINDSEY TANNER  
Associated Press

Many older American adults may inaccurately estimate their chances for developing dementia and do useless things to prevent it, new research suggests.

Almost half of adults surveyed believed they were likely to develop dementia. The results suggest many didn't understand the connection between physical health and brain health and how racial differences can affect dementia risk.

Substantial numbers of people who rated their health as fair or poor thought their dementia chances were low. At the same time, many who said they were in excellent health said they were likely to develop the memory-robbing disease.

Many said they tried at least one of four unproven memory-protecting methods, including taking supplements like fish oil and ginkgo. The most popular strategy was doing crossword puzzles. Mental stimulation is helpful to help, but there's stronger evidence for more challenging activities than puzzles — things like playing chess, taking a class,

reading about unfamiliar topics, said Keith Fargo, who oversees research and outreach programs at the Alzheimer's Association. He was not involved in the study.

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**Keith Fargo**  
Alzheimer's Association

smoking make dementia less likely. Supplements have not been shown to help.

“We really haven’t done a good job of getting the word out that there really are things you can do to lower your risk,” said Dr. Donovan Maust, the study’s lead author and a geriatric psychiatrist at the University of Michigan.

The study was published online Friday in JAMA Neurology. It’s based on a nationally representative health survey of 1,000



MATT ROURKE/AP

An elderly couple walks down a hall in Easton, Pa.

adults aged 50 to 64. The survey asked people to assess their likelihood of developing dementia and whether they had ever discussed ways to prevent it with their doctor. Few people said they had, regardless of their self-rated risk for dementia.

The results raise concerns because doctors can help people manage conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes that have been linked with dementia risk, Maust said.

Among those who said their physical health was only fair or poor, a substantial 40% thought they were at low risk for Alzheimer’s disease or other dementia. Almost the same portion rated their

chances as likely even though they reported very good or excellent physical health.

More whites than blacks or Hispanics surveyed believed they were likely to develop dementia, and almost two-thirds of blacks said they were unlikely. Only 93 blacks were surveyed, making it difficult to generalize those results to all U.S. blacks. But U.S. minorities face higher risks for dementia than whites — blacks face double the risk — and the Alzheimer’s group has programs in black and Hispanic communities.

“There’s lots of work to do ... to educate the public so they can take some actions to protect themselves,” Fargo said.

One in three seniors die with Alzheimer’s or other dementias, according to the Alzheimer’s Association.

While there are no medicines or medical treatments proven to prevent it, rigorous European studies have shown that healthy lifestyles may help prevent mental decline. The Alzheimer’s Association is sponsoring similar U.S. research.

The new study used data from the University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging. Adults were surveyed online in October 2018. Funding came from AARP, the University of Michigan health system and U.S. government grants.

# FDA approves new drug to manage sickle cell disease flare-ups

By LINDA A. JOHNSON  
Associated Press

U.S. regulators on Friday approved a new medicine that can help reduce extremely painful sickle cell disease flare-ups.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Novartis AG’s Adakveo for patients 16 and older. The monthly infusion, which halves occurrences of sickle cell pain episodes, will carry a list price of roughly \$85,000 to \$113,000 per year, depending on dosing. Insured patients generally will pay less.

Sickle cell disease is one of the most common inherited blood disorders, affecting about 100,000 Americans, most of them black, and about 300 million people worldwide.

Its hallmark is periodic episodes in which red blood cells stick together, blocking blood from reaching organs and small blood vessels. That causes intense pain and cumulative organ damage that shortens the lives of people with the disease.

“The duration and severity of these pain crises worsens with aging. Often, patients die during one of these crises,” said Dr. Biree Andemariam, chief medical officer of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

Andemariam, a former Novartis advisory board member, said the drug appears to work better the longer patients receive it.

The Swiss drugmaker is continuing



NOVARTIS/AP

Bottles are shown of Novartis’ Adakveo, a new sickle cell disease medicine that can prevent extremely painful, dangerous “crises” in which misshapen blood cells clump together, reducing blood and oxygen flow.

patient testing to determine whether Adakveo, also known as crizanlizumab, lengthens patients’ lives, said Ameet Mallik, the company’s head of U.S. oncology and blood disorders.

He said severe pain episodes send U.S. patients to emergency departments about 200,000 times per year. About 85% are hospitalized for days to a week, running up big bills.

The debilitating condition also causes

anemia, delayed growth, vision damage and painful swelling in hands and feet, making it hard for some people to maintain jobs or attend school.

Current treatments include a 21-year-old cancer drug called hydroxyurea and Endari, approved in 2017.

In patient studies, Endari reduced frequency of pain episodes by about 25% and hydroxyurea reduced them by half. Hydroxyurea can have serious side effects

and requires weekly blood tests. Both drugs have complicated dosing and don’t work — or stop working — in some patients.

In one-year study of 198 patients, those getting the higher of two Adakveo doses averaged 1.6 pain episodes over that year, and 36% had none. A comparison group on placebo averaged three pain episodes that year, and 17% had none. Adakveo’s side effects included influenza and high fever.

Danielle Jamison, 35, of Islandton, S.C., has suffered with sickle cell pain episodes since shortly after birth. She previously had a half-dozen pain crises requiring hospital trips each year. Those lessened by about half when she began taking hydroxyurea nine years ago.

She hasn’t been in the hospital since she started taking crizanlizumab two years ago as part of a patient study. She still has mild daily pain, but she said she can now take care of her home and drive her 9-year-old daughter to activities.

“It’s made a huge difference in how much I’m able to do,” Jamison said.

All three drugs work through different mechanisms, so doctors may switch patients to Adakveo or add it to their current treatment, said Andemariam, head of University of Connecticut’s sickle cell treatment and research program.

Meanwhile, numerous drugs to treat sickle cell disease and gene therapies to possibly cure it are being tested.

## WORLD

# Protests grip Iran over gas price increase

By JON GAMBRELL  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Protesters angered by Iran raising government-set gasoline prices by 50% blocked traffic in major cities and occasionally clashed with police Saturday after a night of demonstrations punctuated by gunfire, in violence that reportedly killed at least one person.

The protests put renewed pressure on Iran's government as it struggles to overcome the U.S. sanctions strangling the country after President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

Though largely peaceful, demonstrations devolved into violence in several instances, with online videos purporting to show police officers firing tear gas at protesters and mobs setting fires. While representing a political risk for President Hassan Rouhani ahead of February parliamentary elections, it also shows the widespread anger among Iran's 80 million people who have seen their savings evaporate amid scarce jobs and the national rial currency's collapse.

The demonstrations took place in over a dozen cities in the hours following Rouhani's decision at midnight Friday to cut gasoline subsidies to fund handouts for Iran's poor. Gasoline in the country still remains among the cheapest in the world, with the new prices jumping up to a minimum of 15,000 rials per liter of gas — 50% up from the day before. That's 13 cents a liter, or about 50



VAHID SALEMI/AP

**People line up to get gas in Tehran, Iran, on Friday. Protesters on Saturday blocked traffic and clashed with police after Iran raised government-set gasoline prices by 50%.**

cents a gallon. A gallon of regular gasoline in the U.S. costs \$2.60 by comparison.

But in a nation where many get by as informal taxi drivers, cheap gasoline is considered a birthright. Iran is home to the world's fourth-largest crude oil reserves. While expected for months, the decision still caught many by surprise and sparked immediate demonstrations overnight.

Violence broke out Friday night in Sirjan, a city some 500 miles southeast of Tehran. The station IRNA news agency said,

"Protesters tried to set fire to the oil depot, but they were stopped by police." It did not elaborate, but online videos circulating on Iranian social media purported to show a fire at the depot as sirens wailed in the background. Another showed a large crowd shouting, "Rouhani, shame on you! Leave the country alone!"

Mohammad Mahmoudabadi, an Interior Ministry official in Sirjan, later told state television that police and demonstrators exchanged gunfire, wounding several. He said many protesters

were peaceful, but later masked men armed with guns and knives infiltrated the demonstration.

"They insisted on reaching the oil depot and creating crises," Mahmoudabadi said.

The semi-official ISNA news agency later quoted Mahmoudabadi as saying the violence killed one person.

In Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan province, online videos purported to show police firing tear gas on crowds. The province's city of Khorramshahr also saw gunfire, which could be heard in a brief clip

played on-air by state television. The region has long been a political tinderbox, with its ethnic Arab population that feels disenfranchised from the country's Persian-language majority.

Saturday morning, the start of the Iranian workweek, saw protesters stop cars on major roadways across the capital, Tehran. Peaceful protesters blocked traffic on Tehran's Imam Ali Highway, calling for police to join them as the season's first snow fell, according to online videos. A dump truck later dropped bricks on the roadway to cheer.

A large crowd in the city of Kermanshah demonstrated and later drew tear gas fire from police, a video showed. Others reportedly clashed in Tabriz, another major Iranian city. The online videos corresponded to Associated Press reporting on the protest.

Such protests require prior approval from Iran's Interior Ministry, though authorities routinely allow small-scale demonstrations over economic issues, especially as the country has struggled with currency devaluation.

It wasn't immediately clear if police made arrests. Iranian state television aired a segment Friday night trying to dispute the claims of opposition satellite news channels about the protests, calling their videos of demonstrations "fake news" in English.

Iranian internet access meanwhile saw disruptions and outages Friday night into Saturday, suggesting "a response to limit attendance and media coverage of the protests," according to the group NetBlocks, which monitors worldwide internet access.

## Controversy over sidekick of Dutch's St. Nicholas

By MIKE CORDER  
Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The Dutch version of St. Nicholas arrived Saturday in the Netherlands in an annual children's party that has become the backdrop for increasingly acrimonious confrontations between supporters and opponents of his sidekick, Black Pete.

White people often don black-face makeup to play the character in parades across the country.

Opponents say such depictions promote racist stereotypes, while supporters defend the helper of Sinterklaas, the white-bearded, red-robed Dutch version of St. Nicholas, as a traditional children's character.

The nationally televised arrival parade happened amid tight security, in the central city of Apeldoorn. Thousands of children and



PETER DEJONG/AP

**Zwarte Piet, or Black Pete, the blackfaced sidekick of Saint Nicholas, rear, walks in a parade in Scheveningen harbor, near The Hague, Netherlands, on Saturday.**

their parents cheered as an actor playing Sinterklaas arrived. His helpers handed out candy and high fives.

For the first time, there were no Petes in full blackface at the official arrival. Organizers instead put smears on their faces to represent soot from chimneys they climb down to deliver gifts to children. The "soot" ranged from light to dark dustings.

Dutch media reported that the

leader of the Netherlands' arm of anti-immigrant movement PEGIDA — wearing a Pete costume and blackface makeup — was detained by police in Apeldoorn.

Police said in a tweet that a number of people were peacefully detained for refusing to go to locations set aside for demonstrators.

Protests by supporters and opponents of Black Pete were expected at several locations around the country.

## Tourist spot in Venice reopens despite flood

By COLLEEN BARRY  
Associated Press

VENICE, Italy — Tourists and residents were allowed back into St. Mark's Square in Venice on Saturday, a day after it was closed due to exceptionally high tidal waters that swept through most of the lagoon city's already devastated center.

Despite sunny skies, the city remained on edge due to possibly more wind-propelled high tidal waters over the weekend. The city was struck Tuesday by devastating floods, the worst in decades.

Water was rising again in St. Mark's Square and the forecast for Sunday was worse. The tide peaked at 3 feet, 7 inches above sea level on Saturday at noon, leaving St. Mark's inundated with more than 8 inches of water.

Late Tuesday, water levels in Venice reached 6 feet, 1 inch above sea level, the highest flooding since 1966.

On Saturday, tourists sloshed through St. Mark's Square

and strolled across it on raised walkways.

Luigi Brugnaro, the city's mayor, estimated damages from the flooding would reach at least \$1.1 billion. He said a final tally of the damage to homes, businesses, stores and the city's rich cultural heritage would be done once the city dries out, according to Italian media.

"Venice is once again being watched by the world and it needs to show that it can succeed and pick itself back up," the mayor said in an interview with the *Gazzettino* and *Messaggero* newspapers.

Brugnaro said Venice was setting up programs to help cover damages sustained by individuals and businesses, noting that families could expect up to \$5,500 and businesses up to \$22,000 of aid. He said businesses and individuals suffering even more serious losses could possibly qualify for aid covering up to 70% of damages.

## WORLD

# Protesters in Hong Kong retreat from campuses

By KEN MORITSUGU  
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Associated Press

HONG KONG — Most anti-government protesters abandoned their occupation of Hong Kong's universities Saturday, while the small contingents that remained harassed some of those cleaning up and kept a major cross-harbor tunnel closed.

City workers, residents and even some Chinese army troops stationed in the semiautonomous territory came out to clear streets that protesters had strewn with debris to slow down any police advance while they had been on campus.

For a city now accustomed to fierce weekend clashes between police and protesters, Hong Kong

had a relatively quiet Saturday. About 1,000 people turned out for an annual Gay Pride event in the center of the city.

People's Liberation Army soldiers, dressed in black shorts and olive drab T-shirts, joined the cleanup outside Hong Kong Baptist University, the site of clashes earlier this week.

Dozens of troops from a nearby barracks helped street cleaners pick up paving stones, rocks and other obstacles that had cluttered the street and prevented traffic from flowing. Hong Kong riot police kept watch from nearby streets.

The soldiers, jogging in formation, carrying brooms and singing in cadence, were a rare sight on the streets of the city. China

maintains a garrison of about 10,000 soldiers, but they can't operationally deploy without a request from the Hong Kong government.

There were scattered incidents of protesters arguing with people clearing roadways, and in one instance, throwing a gasoline bomb near City University of Hong Kong.

Protesters also massed near Hong Kong University in the evening to try to block a main road again, but they were stopped by police firing pepper-spray balls.

Several dozen protesters remained at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, some keeping watch on the blocked access road to the Cross-Harbour Tunnel, where they torched the toll booths



ACHMAD IBRAHIM/AP

People walk through barricades built by protesters near the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Hong Kong on Saturday.

on previous nights.

Traffic disruptions continued to plague parts of Hong Kong, and schools and universities remained closed in the city of 7.5 million people.

Now in their sixth month, the anti-government protests have grown increasingly violent even as they have shrunk in size, often causing chaos in the streets.

The protests were sparked by a government decision to submit legislation that would have allowed the extradition of criminal suspects to the mainland. Activists saw it as an erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy under the "one country, two systems" formula implemented in 1997, when Britain returned the territory to China.

# Growing crisis in Bolivia turns deadly

Associated Press

SACABA, Bolivia — Bolivia's political crisis turned deadly after security forces opened fire on supporters of Evo Morales in a central town, killing at least five people, injuring dozens and threatening the interim government's efforts to restore stability following the resignation of the former president in an election dispute.

Most of the dead and injured Friday in Sacaba near the city of Cochabamba suffered bullet wounds. Guadalberto Lara, director of the town's Mexico Hospital, told The Associated Press. He called it the worst violence he's seen in his 30-year career.

Angry demonstrators and relatives of the victims gathered at the site of the shootings, chanting: "Civil war, now!"

Morales, who was granted asylum in Mexico after his resignation Sunday, said on Twitter that a "massacre" had occurred and he described Bolivia's government led by interim President Jeanine Anez as a dictatorship.

"Now they are killing our brothers in Sacaba, Cochabamba," he said in another tweet.

Protesters said police fired when demonstrators, including many coca leaf growers who backed Bolivia's first indigenous president, tried to cross a military checkpoint. Emezerio Cokue Sanchez, a 23-year-old university student, said he saw the dead bodies of several protesters and about two-dozen people rushed to hospitals, many covered in blood.

Earlier in the day, Anez said Morales would face possible legal charges for election fraud if he returns home from Mexico City, even as the ousted leader contended he is still president since



DICO SOLIS/AP

Security forces clash with supporters of former President Evo Morales in Sacaba, Bolivia, on Friday.

the country's legislature has not yet approved his resignation. Bolivia's interim leader also said Morales would not be allowed to participate in new presidential elections meant to heal the Andean nation's political standoff.

Morales stepped down on Sunday following nationwide protests over suspected vote-rigging in an Oct. 20 election in which he claimed to have won a fourth term in office. An Organization of American States audit of the vote found widespread irregularities. Morales has denied there was fraud.

Families of the victims held a candlelight vigil late Friday in

Sacaba. A tearful woman put her hand on a wooden casket surrounded by flowers and asked: "Is this what you call democracy? Killing us like nothing?" Another woman cried and prayed in Quechua over the coffin of Omar Calle, which was draped in the Bolivian national flag and the multicolor "Wiphala" flag that represents indigenous peoples.

Bolivia's Ombudsman's Office said it regretted the deaths during the joint police-military operation and called on the interim government to investigate if the security forces had acted within the constitution and international protocols on human rights.

"We express our alarm and concern over the result of an attempt to stop a demonstration by coca leaf growers from entering the city of Cochabamba," it said.

Presidency Minister Jerjes Justiniano told reporters in La Paz that five people had been killed and an estimated 22 were injured. Lara, the hospital director, said that 75 people were injured.

Justiniano called for a dialogue with all parties involved in the conflict.

"What we've been able to determine through preliminary information is that they used military weapons," he said.

# Yellow vest protesters try to revive movement

Associated Press

PARIS — Paris police fired tear gas on Saturday to push back yellow vest protesters trying to revive their movement on the first anniversary of the sometimes-violent uprising against President Emmanuel Macron and policies seen as favoring the rich.

Police deployed in force around Paris and detained 24 people around the capital by mid-morning.

Officers dislodged protesters trying to block the bypass around Paris and sprayed repeated volleys of tear gas at groups gathered near Porte de Champerret, in the northwest, and Place d'Italie in the southeast of the city.

Associated Press reporters covering the demonstrations did not see any violence or other action from protesters to provoke the police charge.

The protests were part of actions around the country Saturday, notably at traffic circles where the grassroots movement first took root in November 2018 in protest at government plans to raise fuel taxes.

Some protesters in Paris wore the high-visibility vests drivers are required to carry in their cars that gave the movement its name. Other demonstrators wore all black, their faces protected with gas masks.

Dozens of police in riot gear guarded the Arc de Triomphe overlooking the Champs-Élysées avenue, a scene of weekly rioting and police crackdowns at the height of the protests last year.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

# NRA CEO earned about \$2M amid challenges

By LISA MARIE PANE  
Associated Press

The National Rifle Association's embattled top executive earned about \$2 million last year at a time when the gun rights lobby is beating back challenges from regulators, longtime members and gun control groups, according to tax filings cited in media reports.

The tax filings come as the NRA faces investigations in New York and Washington that threaten its nonprofit status. Non-profits file tax documents every year, and they are a year behind, capturing the NRA's finances for 2018 — the year before internal strife spilled into public view.

The tax filings were not yet publicly available, but news reports in The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post cited the documents. The NRA re-



EVAN VUCCI/AP

**National Rifle Association Executive Vice President and CEO Wayne LaPierre earned about \$2 million last year, according to tax filings.**

fused to make them available to The Associated Press, saying its longtime policy is only to provide paper copies by mail.

According to the filings, known

as 990s, longtime NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre's total compensation rose to more than \$2 million. His base salary went from \$1.17 million to \$1.27 million, he received a bonus of about \$455,000, and he got about \$366,000 from a deferred compensation plan, according to the documents cited in media reports.

NRA spokesman Andrew Arulanandam said in a statement that compensation for LaPierre and other senior officials followed a "detailed analysis conducted by an independent compensation committee. Mr. LaPierre's compensation includes benefits made payable under his retirement plan."

The news reports drew immediate rebukes from critics.

"This is further evidence that, at this point, LaPierre is more of a burden than an asset to American

gun owners," said Rob Pincus, a longtime NRA member and firearms instructor who is a member of Save the Second, a group calling for LaPierre's resignation and seeking changes to the NRA.

Long viewed as the most powerful gun lobby in the world, the NRA has been facing internal and external pressures over its operations and spending habits. Authorities have launched investigations, and there has been a revolt by members who are questioning the NRA's finances and leadership.

There are allegations that LaPierre expended hundreds of thousands of dollars in luxury clothing he purchased in Beverly Hills, Calif., and that the NRA has made tens of thousands of dollars in payments to a handful of influential board members.

Former NRA President Oliver North stepped down amid a

raucous annual meeting last spring. And Chris Cox, its top lobbyist who is widely viewed as a successor to LaPierre, resigned after being accused of being in cahoots with North in a failed attempt to oust LaPierre as CEO.

The latest tax filing shows that the NRA ended 2018 with a \$2.7 million shortfall. That's still a vast improvement from what it reported in 2017, when it was \$17.8 million in the red, or in 2016, when it posted a shortfall of \$45.8 million.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 18)	\$1,1315
Dollar buys (Nov. 18)	€9,8838
British pound (Nov. 18)	\$1,3236
Japanese yen (Nov. 18)	106,1660
South Korean won (Nov. 18)	1,360,0000
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0,3770
British pound	\$1,2905
Hungary (Forint)	3,4728
Israel (Shekel)	1,2335
China (Yuan)	7,0090
Denmark (Krone)	6,7638
Egypt (Pound)	16,1396
Euro	\$1,1047/0,9052
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7,8266
India (Rupee)	75,2593
Indonesia (Rupiah)	1,4328
Iran (Rial)	1,0672
Kuwait (Dinar)	0,3037
Norway (Krone)	9,9912
Philippines (Peso)	50,57
Poland (Zloty)	3,87
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3,7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1,3610
South Korea (Won)	1,163,83
Switzerland (Franc)	0,9898
Thailand (Baht)	30,223
Turkey (Lira)	0,7458

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

MARKET WATCH

Nov. 15, 2019	
Dow Jones industrials	222,93 28,004.89
Nasdaq composite	61,81 8,540.83
Standard & Poor's 500	23,83 3,120.46
Russell 2000	7,66 1,596.45

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4,75
Discount rate	2,25
Federally funds market rate	2,00
3-month bill	1,53
30-year bond	2,31

## Stocks end week with record highs as Dow tops 28,000

By ALEX VEIGA  
Associated Press

Wall Street closed out the week with more milestones Friday as the Dow Jones Industrial Average crossed 28,000 for the first time and the S&P 500 and Nasdaq hit record highs.

Health care and technology stocks powered most of the broad rally, which helped drive the S&P 500 to its sixth straight weekly gain. The Dow extended its streak of weekly gains to four.

The strong finish caps a week when the major stock indexes set more highs while barely moving, and it extends a string of gains for the broader market in recent

weeks. Investors have been encouraged by surprisingly good corporate earnings, three interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve and data showing the economy is still growing solidly.

Hopes that the U.S. and China can make progress in their latest push for a trade deal have also helped keep investors in a buying mood.

"Over the past week, the market absorbed a number of challenging trade headlines, and it didn't go down," said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at Baird. "It might just be the case that with positive momentum, after not having had a chance to

pull the market down, the bulls stepped in again and said: 'Let's keep this thing going.'"

The S&P 500 index rose 23.83 points, or 0.8%, to 3,120.46. The benchmark index briefly reached the 3,100 mark earlier in the week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 222.93 points, or 0.8%, to 28,004.89. The Nasdaq composite climbed 61.81, or 0.7%, to 8,540.83. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies picked up 7.66 points, or 0.5%, to 1,596.45.

The S&P, Dow and Nasdaq are now all up by more than 20% for the year.

Bond prices fell Friday, push-

ing yields higher, a signal that investors were shifting away from safe-play holdings. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.84% from 1.81% late Thursday.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### SUNDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### SUNDAY IN EUROPE



### MONDAY IN THE PACIFIC



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

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Student put toilet water in someone's bottle

**NJ** VINELAND — Police said a middle school student in New Jersey poured toilet water into another child's water bottle.

Vineland police said the child drank from the bottle.

Authorities have charged the 13-year-old student with aggravated assault and tampering with a food product.

## Man accused of threats to kill dog and owner

**DE** HARRINGTON — A Delaware man, 65, is accused of threatening to kill a dog and its owner after the creature got loose and ran onto the man's property.

News outlets reported Edward Bonsall Jr. has been arrested on charges including terroristic threatening. Harrington police said the dog ran onto Bonsall's property Monday.

Capt. Earl K. Brode said the owner tried to catch the dog and got into an argument with Bonsall, who briefly left and returned with a BB gun pointed at the neighbor. The neighbor then called police.

Police said officers found a BB gun in Bonsall's home, along with several other guns that Bonsall is barred from possessing as he's a registered sex offender.

## Landlord ordered to pay \$1.1M to ex-tenants

**DC** WASHINGTON — A Washington landlord is being forced to pay \$1.1 million in rent payments to former residents whose homes were plagued by pests, mold and raw sewage and violated housing and fire codes.

The Washington Post reported that District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine announced Wednesday that Sanford Capital LLC will pay the settlement to 155 former residents "forced to live in squalor."

For years, tenants struggled with unsanitary and poor conditions that left many without heat in winter months. Prosecutors said some residents also lacked working toilets, stoves or refrigerators. They said Sanford refused to fix some broken locks and didn't maintain fire extinguishers, a move made even more dangerous by missing or broken smoke detectors.

## Man accused of killing another over card game

**FL** HUDSON — Authorities said a Florida man was so angry about losing several thousand dollars in a card game that he set the man's car on fire with him inside.

A Pasco County Sheriff's Office arrest report said the victim was burned beyond recognition after playing cards with Michael Psilakis, 21, in October. Investigators haven't released the victim's name, citing Marsy's Law, a state constitutional amendment designed to protect crime victims. A witness told investigators he'd



J.B. FORBES, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

## Treats for a trio

**St. Louis firefighter Brian Jackson, from Engine 26, stops to feed three boxer dogs after helping put out a house fire in St. Louis. Jackson said all the firefighters at his engine house are dog lovers. He said they buy dog treats that they carry with them on fire calls. Jackson said they deal with dogs all the time.**

played cards with the pair and Psilakis lost \$3,500. The witness said Psilakis asked him whether he should kill the victim.

## School apologizes for throwing out lunches

**MN** RICHFIELD — School officials are apologizing after some students at Richfield High School saw their meals thrown away because of outstanding lunch debt.

As many as 40 students in the lunch line Monday had their hot lunches taken off their trays, thrown in the trash and replaced with a cold lunch when a lunch-room staff member at the register saw that they had outstanding lunch debts of more than \$15. Superintendent Steven Unowsky told KARE-TV that the school's nutrition staff "inaccurately and inappropriately implemented alternate lunch."

Richfield High School Principal Latanya Daniels said the school "absolutely failed."

## Student expelled after bringing stolen gun

**ME** BANGOR — A Maine high school student who was arrested for bringing a stolen handgun to school has been expelled.

Police said Bangor High School employees searched the student's belongings on Oct. 31 because

## THE CENSUS

# 370

Keith Christiansen, the Met's chairman of European paintings, told *The New York Times* that the bequest includes Anthony van Dyck's portrait of Queen Henrietta Maria and Eugene Delacroix's "Rebecca and the Wounded Ivanhoe." Wrightsman, a Michigan native, and her husband, the late Charles Wrightsman, donated a total of more than 1,200 works to the museum.

they suspected the student had been using marijuana.

The student was charged with theft of a firearm, burglary and possession of a firearm on school property.

The Bangor Daily News reported the Bangor School Committee unanimously voted to expel the student on Friday.

According to the committee's meeting minutes, the student's conduct was described as "deliberately disobedient and deliberately disorderly."

## Man wrongly sentenced for robberies is freed

**CA** LOS ANGELES — A man who spent 11 years in prison for a series of Los Angeles armed robberies he didn't commit has been exonerated.

Ruben Martinez Jr. walked free from Los Angeles Superior Court on Tuesday after prosecutors reviewed his unwavering claim

of innocence and agreed he had been wrongly convicted.

District Attorney Jackie Lacey apologized to Martinez for the injustice that led to a 47-year prison sentence.

Martinez had been convicted of five robberies at the same auto paint shop from 2005 to 2007. He saw five appeals rejected.

His wife and a former detective with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department prevailed on the district attorney's conviction review unit to track down alibi witnesses, who said he was at work and couldn't have committed the crimes.

## Officer killed service dog that bit at him

**FL** OKEECHOBEE — Authorities said a Florida police officer fatally shot a service dog while responding to a man suffering from a seizure.

An Okeechobee police state-

ment said the shooting happened late Monday night.

Police said two officers approached a man suffering from medical issues on the side of a road. They recognized the man and were familiar with his medical history.

While one officer helped the man, his service dog began to lunge and bite at the other officer. Police said the officer pushed the dog away several times before it went for his face, prompting the officer to shoot the dog once. The animal died while being taken to a veterinarian.

## 4-month-old pup stolen from man at gunpoint

**DC** WASHINGTON — Authorities said a man was walking his 4-month-old pit bull in Washington when he was robbed of the puppy at gunpoint.

News outlets reported the dog, named "L.A.," was stolen Saturday. A police statement said the man and L.A. were walking that afternoon when a vehicle slowed next to them and the driver asked about buying the dog. The man refused, and the driver followed the pair.

It said the driver then stopped the car and got out with a passenger, who pulled a handgun and told L.A.'s owner, "It's our dog now." The driver grabbed L.A. and fled.

From wire reports

LIFESTYLE



SANCHAI LALIT/AP

Employees sort crickets Oct. 3 at Smile cricket farm at Ratchaburi province, southwest of Bangkok. Insects have long been part of the diet of rural Thais, but entrepreneur Thatnat Chanthatham hopes to broaden the market for baked bugs by packaging them like potato chips and selling them in convenience store and supermarkets.

# Snack of the future?

Thai entrepreneur envisions world in which insects are on the menu

By JERRY HARMER  
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Associated Press

**T**hey are sold in bags like salted peanuts, or tubes like stacked potato chips, but these crunchy morsels on the shelves of Thai convenience stores and supermarkets stand apart from the snack food crowd.

The bugs — baked, not fried — could be the next big thing in tasty treats.

Rural Thais have long eaten bugs as part of their diet. In big cities, street vendors catering to migrant workers sell cooked insects that under most circumstances would cause foreign tourists to whip out a can of bug spray.

The idea to package them like potato chips came to entrepreneur Thatnat Chanthatham when a story on the news caught his attention.

“I heard on the TV news that the U.N. said insects were an alternative source of protein for the future, so I thought that Thais eat a lot of insects already and can get them as street food. Has anyone put them in a bag?” the 46-year-old told *The Associated Press*. “If not, how can we do it? What sort of flavors?”

His supply chain begins at the Smile cricket farm in Ratchaburi province, 60 miles west of Bangkok. In one breeding room alone, more than a million of the chirping insects are being raised on a 45-day cycle from egg to adult to harvest. Some of the products are baked here, others at the next stop, a factory in Bangkok, where they are packaged and then trucked to retail outlets.

Small crickets are one of the best sellers in the range of insect convenience snacks sold under the HiSo brand — that’s Thai slang for “high society.”

HiSo snacks unabashedly proclaim what they are: the bamboo worms look like bamboo worms; the crickets look like crickets. The line also includes crispy silk-worms.

They come in original, barbecue and tom yam flavors, and can be found in Thailand’s ubiquitous 7-Eleven shops and in a major supermarket chain. Crickets are priced at 25 baht (83 cents) for a bag; at the high end, a tube of



SANCHAI LALIT/AP

That entrepreneur Thatnat Chanthatham was inspired by a TV news report to package crickets like potato chips.

bamboo worms costs 160 baht.

HiSo has established itself in the snack market, but there was plenty of trial and error involved, Thatnat said, such as when they were considering whether to sell large, black crickets.

“Even though I’m a regular when it comes to eating bugs, I still felt like their eyes were staring at me ... Then, after we ate them, their legs and wings poked out and got stuck in our teeth and gums,” he said, laughing.

“I thought, should we go ahead? I talked to the team and they said please shelve this one, so I did.”

Two tons of insects pass through his Bangkok factory every month. Revenue is steady at around \$100,000 per month, but overheads are high. While he raises his own crickets, he hasn’t yet found a way to produce enough

silkworms and bamboo worms to the required standard, so he has to buy them from independent suppliers.

Still, four years after the metamorphosis of HiSo from idea to industry, Thatnat is a satisfied man.

“When it comes to bugs, there are people who are scared of them, people who eat them and people who don’t. But to be where we are today, with people knowing and accepting our HiSo brand, that’s what I’d call a success.”

Until recently, demand for edible bugs was mainly in parts of Asia, Africa and South America. But HiSo’s emergence comes amid growing global interest in insects as a food source.

They don’t need a lot of space, don’t need a lot of feed and don’t leave a large carbon footprint. And in return, as the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization points out, they offer substantial nutritional benefits for livestock and for humans.

“They have an incredibly high content of protein, but also minerals and also vitamin B12,” said the FAO’s Katinka de Balogh. “The nutritional value of insects has not been recognized in the past and I think, nowadays, we are finding that there is a huge potential.”

Will HiSo’s packaging and marketing be a game-changer, helping make insects the food of the future?

Thatnat said his products are popular with Asian tourists, especially the Chinese, so his next goal is to export them. But so far, he’s hit a brick wall, and blames a morass of unclear regulations.

“There needs to be an agreement between governments. All you really get is advice on bugs as a food source,” he says. “In the end, these insects can’t really go between countries yet. That’s one of the things stopping us from obtaining our goal.”

Even in Thailand, some can’t stomach the thought of crunchy crickets or original flavor bamboo worms.

Many passersby kept walking when recently offered samples in the street, or flat out turned down a taste, though two office workers who tried them said they were fine.

“If I see them, I’ll buy them,” Anuwat Suetrong said.

## MUSIC

# Bold and funky

## Miranda Lambert's 7th effort features a bright country punk-rock flavor

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
Associated Press

**M**iranda Lambert is back, as bold and fun as she ever was, with a new album of rock and punk-influenced country hits that reflect a woman happily cracking jokes on her haters and stepping into a new chapter of her life and career. “I kind of have my fire back and I’m not so internal and broody as I was four years ago,” Lambert said of “Wildcard,” her seventh album, which dropped Nov. 1.

This is her first solo record since putting out the excellent 2016 double album, “The Weight of These Wings,” a highly personal and critically acclaimed record that came after her divorce from Blake Shelton and won album of the year at the Academy of Country Music Awards.

“I’m 35. I went through a divorce,” Lambert said. “I’m thankful that fans allowed me that time to do that. I’m just going through stuff everybody else goes through.”

Now Lambert, who surprised many this year by announcing her marriage to New York City police officer Brendan McLoughlin, is returning to the rock ‘n’ roll sound that she displayed on her 2005 debut “Kerosene” with the help of Nashville producer Jay Joyce. Joyce had played guitar on her first three records, but this was the first time he took the lead as producer for Lambert.

“Writing for this record, I don’t know, I felt like the color came back, so the imaging reflects that and the songs reflect that,” said Lambert. “Even the wardrobe is a little bit brighter.”

Joyce, who has worked with Eric Church, Little Big Town and Brothers Osborne, pushed her out of her comfort zone on songs like “Locomotive,” a Joan Jett-meets-Patty Griffin rocker in which Lambert barrels through fuzzed-out guitars and harmonica.

“Jay’s idea to kind of cut it in a punk way was brilliant and I wasn’t sure I could pull it off, but sure enough, we did,” said Lambert.

She also wrote with Luke Dick, who has written songs with Dierks Bentley and Kip Moore, and as a side

gig, fronts a new wave punk band called Republican Hair. Lambert and her longtime songwriting pal Natalie Hemby would go to his East Nashville house with a cooler of booze and snacks for nighttime writing sessions and Dick would cue up different tracks as inspiration.

He played her a bit of a slick, new wave rock song called “Mess With My Head” that he initially thought might work for his band.

“I’m a kid of the ‘80s and I gravitate sometimes toward things that I grew up on, whether it’s the Cars or Joan Jett or whatever,” Dick said. “I’ve always thought Miranda was the closest thing to Joan Jett country has.”

Lambert’s natural wit and self-effacing humor come out on songs like “White Trash” or “Pretty Bitchin’” — in which Lambert declares, “I’m pretty from the back, kinda pretty in the face.”

“My strong suit as a writer I feel like is sarcasm,” Lam-

bert said proudly. “Whether it’s sad or happy or fun, I’ve kind of built a career on being kitschy and a little snide.”

She’s had to build up that thick skin after years of being hounded by tabloids, whether it was about her marriage and divorce to Shelton, her weight or her subsequent romances. Now she shrugs it off as free press.

“My guitar player who has been with me for 17 years, Scotty Wray, texted me yesterday and said, ‘I just read at the Kroger that you’re pregnant. Congrats again,’” Lambert said, who noted that the lies spread about her are almost always about her getting pregnant. “Guys, sometimes I just eat cheeseburgers. That’s all it is.”

But even as Lambert and other female stars of the genre, including Kacey Musgraves, Carrie Underwood and Maren Morris, are putting out the most lauded music of their careers, their music is mostly ignored by country radio, while the airplay charts are churning with dozens of male country artists.

Lambert has been taking out other female artists on her Roadside Bars and Pink Gummies tour for years, has her own female trio, Pistol Annies, and created a college scholarship for female artists. But the Grammy winner can’t wrap her head around radio’s lack of support.

“I’m on the road now and I see how much it helps when someone knows your new single,” Lambert said. “But also I went through this whole period of ‘Weight of These Wings,’ and won song of the year and album of the year and I didn’t have anything on the radio at all.”

Lambert, who has more CMA awards than any other female artist, was nominated for female vocalist of the year, a trophy she has won seven times, but she lost to Musgraves on Wednesday night. Lambert performed her new single, “It All Comes Out in the Wash,” which Lambert said kind of sums up her new album, during the awards show.

“The whole theme of the record is it all comes out in the wash,” Lambert said. “There are really bad times in everybody’s journey, but somehow you’re gonna smile again, and I think this record reflects that.”



Miranda Lambert poses Oct. 9 in Nashville to promote her latest album, “Wildcard.” “I’ve kind of built a career on being kitschy and a little snide,” Lambert says.

MARK HUMPHREY/AP

MUSIC

WHAT'S NEW



**Miranda Lambert**

Wildcard (RCA Nashville)

Miranda Lambert got heavy on "The Weight of These Wings," the 2016 double album all about heartache and rebuilding her life, written after the breakup of her marriage to "The Voice" star Blake Shelton. On "Wildcard" — which follows the satisfying diversion of last year's superb "Interstate Gospel" by Pistol Anies, Lambert's supergroup with Ashley Monroe and Angaleena Presley — she lightens up.

Or at least, the Texas-raised country singer doesn't dwell on unhappy endings. ("That might have something to do with her marriage to New York City policeman Brendan McLoughlin,

which she announced on Twitter in February, scooping the tabloids.)

"Wildcard" is a uniformly strong, 14-song collection, with Lambert co-writing every track. She takes care to have her fun. "White Trash" makes light of her inability to get above her upbringing. "Pretty Bitchin'," takes a good long look in the mirror and can't see any reason to complain. And on "Way Too Pretty For Prison," a duet with Maren Morris, the vocal partners decide it would be unseemly to risk murdering a cheating man — better to hire a contract killer.

But while "Wildcard" doesn't flaunt its seriousness, Lambert isn't coasting as a songwriter. She imbues drinking songs such as "Tequila Does," "Dark Bars" and the blues-gospel "Holy Water" with substance. And even when singing about "Settling Down," she refuses to settle, avoiding comforting country clichés about the sanctity of home and instead exploring the tension between the instinct to push down roots and the urge to get away.

— Dan DeLuca  
The Philadelphia Inquirer



**Mark Lanegan Band**

Somebody's Knocking (Heavenly Recordings)

Can Mark Lanegan lend credibility to the 1980s, that regularly disparaged but nevertheless exciting decade reduced by detectors to plastic keyboards and robotic drums?

On "Somebody's Knocking," he makes a valiant and magnetic effort by drawing electronic inspiration from New Order and Depeche Mode while often sounding like Iggy Pop backed by the Psychedelic Furs and produced by The Cure's Robert Smith.

From fronting grunge cult band Screaming Trees to tormented solo albums and collaborations with Isobel Campbell, Duke Garwood and Queens of the Stone Age, Lanegan has

repeatedly found new paths. "Somebody's Knocking" sees the Los Angeles resident lending his tree trunk of a voice to stories imbued in our brutal times, but treating the withering chaos with humor, empathy and a pronounced weirdness.

Longtime associate Alain Johannes, Rob Marshall, Martin Jenkins and Sietse van Gorkom, among others, help Lanegan build songs that echo the more inspired sounds of the '80s.

That vintage can be appreciated across the whole album, exemplified by the likes of churning opening track "Disbelief Suspension," projected floor-filler "Penthouse High" and the regretful "She Loved You."

Darker voltages cast their shadow over the criminally explicit "Stitch It Up" and "Night Flight to Kabul," which could be about a mercenary whose dreams of glory have transformed into a brazen search for pecuniary rewards.

Even when the intensity abates, like on "Playing Nero," the menacingly spooky road song "Paper Hat" and the deliriously biblical "Two Bells Ringing at Once," the flights of Lanegan's imagery remain far in spaced-out territories.

— Pablo Gorondi  
Associated Press



**Luke Combs**

DAVID BERGMAN/Sony Records Nashville



**Luke Combs**

"What You See Is What You Get" (Sony Records Nashville)

Not many artists break out on their first record, but Luke Combs did it without much fanfare, dropping an album two years ago that has spent 50 weeks on top of Billboard's country chart and tied the all-time record set by another country sensation, Shania Twain.

Combs has fed his rabid fan base with a deluxe re-release of his debut album and a five-song EP before putting out this sophomore record. As the title track suggests, "What You See Is What You Get," Combs is speaking directly to a working class crowd with an average Joe attitude about his own life, even as he has become country music's next big star.

He has a creative flourish with vowel harmony in "Lovin' On You," stringing together similar-sounding words in a syncopated style that's a little like rapping, but slower. "I like a two-door old Ford, wood board back porch, three chords and the truth," with an emphasis on the "or" sound.

He twirls around words in his North Carolina drawl, like "Long neck, ice cold beer never broke my heart," with his larger-than-life vocals matched with a stomping drum rhythm that sounds unique among so

much smoothness of mainstream country melodies.

Combs, at the top of a new class of neo-traditionalists in country music, has clearly learned a lot about writing solid honky tonk boogies from studying the catalog of Brooks & Dunn, who appear as featured guests on his song "1, 2 Many."

But Combs really sounds akin to a top-notch vocalist like Chris Stapleton when he gets pensive, slows it down and lets his fully emotive vocal range take center stage. Two slower standouts on the 17-song set are "Dear Today," a demo-tape reminder to himself to not take his time for granted, and "Even Though I'm Leaving," a classic father-son story song about saying goodbye.

Combs should be less worried about a sophomore slump than making more room for all those platinum plaques.

— Kristin M. Hall  
Associated Press



**James Arthur**

YOU (Columbia)

James Arthur's third album doesn't come with a warning sticker, but it should: Do not attempt to listen to this record in one sitting, especially while operating machinery. Even the happiest among us will swerve into traffic hearing waver after wave of sadness.

Arthur, a onetime "The X Factor" winner, offers almost an hour of music on "YOU," a 17-track monster with a mirror-like cover that reflects the purchaser. But if we are in any way responsible for this amount of anguish, we deeply apologize.

He's made his reputation as an emo pop-souler and Arthur is, for the most part, staying in his sad-sack lane, with nearly every tune sounding like he's holding back ugly tears. "When you hit bottom, only place to go is up," he sings in one song. On another: "Sometimes I carry on just to stumble down once more."

Even when he feels relatively happy — "Finally Feel Good," "Car's Outside" and "Maybe" — it's wrenched stuff. He veers into terribly mushy pop with "Marine Parade (2013)" and "Homicide Love," but shows he

can do much better with "If We Can Get Through This We Can Get Through Anything."

It's a bit of a shame because when Arthur does step outside the Sam Smith mode, he shines. "Treehouse" with Ty Dolla Sign and Shotty Horroh, and "You" with Travis Barker, prove he can mix it up. It's no accident that guests seem to draw him out. (An exception is "Unconditionally" featuring Adam Lazzara, which is a mess.)

An album this large and one-note reveals that, left to his own, Arthur's expressive voice often papers over the thinness of the songs ("Naked," "Empty Space," "Fall" and "Sad Eyes"). To borrow a song title from him, if you can get through this album, you can get through anything.

— Mark Kennedy  
AP Entertainment Writer

BOOKS

# Biography focuses on Brando's internal struggle

By DOUGLAS K. DANIEL  
Associated Press

Marlon Brando made no apologies for being an iconoclast and living and loving as he chose, even scorning the adulation that came with being called the most influential actor in the past seven decades.

The media-fed public often saw hypocrisy and wasted talent in Brando, a man who had bemoaned Hollywood while taking its millions. For every "On the Waterfront" (1954) and "The Godfather" (1972) were stacks of forgettable films that just paid the bills. And with a private island, multiple wives, multiple girlfriends and multiple children — at least three after age 64 — those bills could be enormous. Biographer William J. Mann sets out in "The Contender: The Story of Marlon Brando" to give the actor the dominant voice in his own story, serving as the advocate Brando is often denied in articles and books. Well-written and also sympathetic, if overly so at times, Mann's book presents a necessary re-examination of

Brando and his tumultuous life. His movies are wholly secondary, just as Brando thought of them.



Twists and turns throughout his 80 years (1924-2004) could be as compelling as the drama within "A Streetcar Named Desire" (1951). In Mann's telling, Brando's personal troubles were forged in his upbringing in the Midwest, first in his birthplace of Omaha, Neb., then in

the small town of Libertyville, Ill. Both of his parents were alcoholics and Brando would spend his life trying to forgive his distant, hypercritical father and his loving but emotionally disturbed mother. His own mental illness was a kind of post-traumatic stress that fueled lifelong mood swings and deep, dark depressions as well as compulsive womanizing. It may have been at the root of his defiant nature.

In "The Wild One" (1953), his famous line rings so true: Asked what he's rebelling against, leather-clad biker Johnny replies, "Whaddya got?"

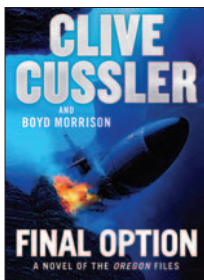
Mann makes a case for young "Bud" desperately needing and searching for security and direction, then and later. Kicked out of military school, the self-centered troublemaking teenager found both in New York after taking drama classes at The New School and being encouraged to develop his "unspoiled naturalism," as Mann calls it. A production of the fantasy play "Hannele's Way to Heaven" in December 1943 — he played the double role of a schoolteacher and Christ — gave Brando at 19 his first taste of praise and achievement. Yet there would always be a rage below the surface and a lack of discipline above it. Unlike his classmates, he didn't see acting as a serious endeavor.

This period set the template for Brando's life. He stayed with acting because it gave him purpose and financial security and funded the pursuits that interested him, particularly social activism. As a young man he traveled with a group

promoting a postwar Jewish state and in the 1960s marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., all before his support of American Indians led to his infamous snub of the Academy Awards in 1973.

Brando cared about acting most when he worked with director Elia Kazan, who made him a star with "Streetcar" on stage and film and guided him in two other movies, "Viva Zapata!" (1952) and "On the Waterfront." Kazan understood that creating characters like Stanley Kowalski, Emiliano Zapata and Terry Malloy energized Brando, not memorizing lines. Nearly 20 years later, the role of Don Corleone in "The Godfather" provided another rare moment in which Brando took pride in his work and excited audiences around the world.

"The Contender" is a standout biography, providing an empathetic look at Brando's struggle with himself. Like Terry Malloy, Brando at times believed he could have been a contender as an activist had he not taken the big bucks and instead focused on trying to make a difference elsewhere.



'Final Option'

Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison

Readers of this ongoing "Oregon Files" series will recognize the standard opening of a Clive Cussler novel, but it quickly takes a huge turn and becomes an all-out nonstop action thriller. It seems like a typical assignment to rescue three American spies in Brazil, but Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon have cruised into a deadly trap. A ghost has been resurrected, and now he's after Cabrillo. He knows all about the Oregon and commands a vessel that is virtually identical. He has a team with similar talents, and the only thing in the way of this ghost's plan for domination is Cabrillo being alive. That soon will change.

Morrison has taken this Cussler series to new heights, and "Final Option" is the best one yet. The story hits the gas pedal and never taps the brakes. Having an enemy that is essentially a mirror image of the hero adds extra suspense and mayhem.

— Jeff Ayers/AP



'Ducks, Newburyport'

Lucy Ellmann

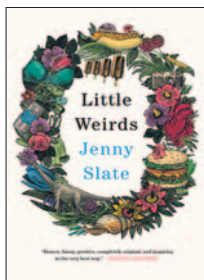
"Ducks, Newburyport" is brilliant and addictive. The main character is an unnamed woman who is a mom, cancer survivor, wife and baker, who also raises chickens. She's trying to hold it together after her family is hit with numerous challenges and she's struggling.

Shortlisted for the Booker Prize, the novel takes place in Ohio and offers a monologue of thoughts on President Donald Trump, school shootings, pies, laundry, chickens, bridges, rivers, her childhood dog and more.

While the narrative seemingly jumps from one topic to another in sort of a random stream of consciousness, reading it is an act of focus because it's so mesmerizing. We can all relate to money problems, raising children and illness. Throw in climate change, gun violence and anxiety, and you have a picture of what the U.S. is right now.

The book could easily dissolve, considering its length, but Ellmann fortifies it with mini-surprises tucked in throughout the narrative. (Yes, this book has a plot, and sticking with it offers a big payoff ending.) The meaning of the title, "Ducks, Newburyport," is buried in there too, and it's unexpected that it's going.

— Donna Liquori/AP



'Little Weirds'

Jenny Slate

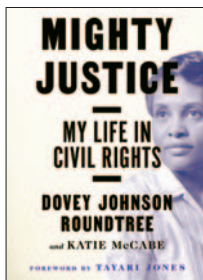
Slate is an artist in the broadest sense of the word. You may know her as a comedian, an actress or a co-creator of short films. She lends her matchless voice to several animated films and even writes children's books. If you look at her body of work, you would categorize her as a funny human being.

"Little Weirds" diverges in an entirely different direction. Instead of laughing at her embarrassing stories or learning what it's like to be a performer on "SNL," you should prepare your psyche to dig deeper.

Slate writes about love and heartbreak, living and dying. Although these topics are relatively relatable, the creative approach of each essay is abstract. Her ability to paint a meticulous mental picture with nothing but words on a page can only be described as gifted. As a result, we join her in her dreams, in the body of a mouse, various states of death and meeting the dark-haired man.

At times the essays feel like sporadic streams of consciousness torn from random pages of Slate's diary. At other times, the language is so flowery, you need to read it twice to remotely understand where she is going.

— Lincee Ray/AP



'Mighty Justice'

Dovey Johnson Roundtree and Katie McCabe

"Mighty Justice: My Life in Civil Rights" is a reprint of Dovey Johnson Roundtree's 2009 memoir, "Justice Older than the Law," published nearly 18 months after her death at age 104. As an Army officer, then a lawyer and a minister, Roundtree was a lifelong voice for the poor and the marginalized.

She was among the first black, female U.S. Army officers in the early 1940s. She was among a handful of women who studied law at Howard University School of Law in 1947, and during her ensuing law practice, in which she continued to battle racism and sexism, she repeatedly challenged Jim Crow laws, which condoned segregation.

It's like pulling up a seat to listen in as Roundtree details the long, slow and painful path to the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark "Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka" in 1954 that took on segregation in public education. Thurgood Marshall was the lead attorney for the plaintiffs.

The storytelling of Roundtree's cases — not only those with national civil rights consequences but criminal and civil cases as well — are riveting for their first-person accounting.

— Jennifer Forker/AP



'Our Wild Calling'

Richard Louv

Are we on the threshold of major advances in communicating with and learning from animals? Louv thinks so.

What happens when an animal looks us right in the eye or interacts with us in some way? Scientists are steadily finding out more about animal behavior and Louv theorizes that beyond the science, something mystical is taking place.

He offers examples: ■ A wolf that led two hikers away from where wolves had been hunted and killed a moose.

■ A golden retriever, dolphins and a manta ray helped researchers teach desirable behaviors to autistic children.

Climate-change skeptics say the agenda presented by scientists to save the Earth from catastrophic consequences is too severe. Louv thinks it's too modest, noting a World Wildlife Fund report showing that the global wildlife population shrank 60 percent from 1970 to 2014.

The reader is led to think that many of the world's problems could be solved if we would just connect better with animals.

In his thoughtful, calm, reasoned book, Louv calls for a revolution in thinking about our place on this planet.

— Jeff Rowe/AP

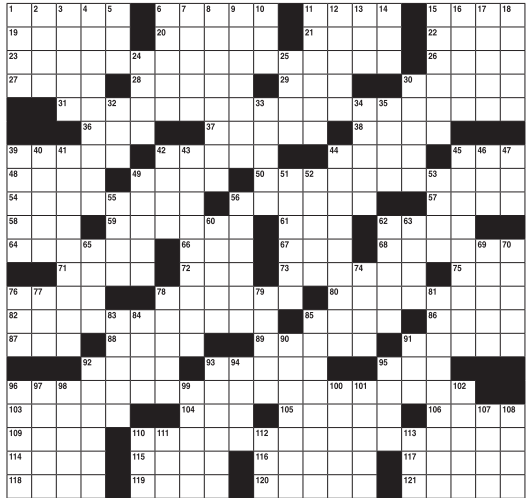
# CROSSWORD AND COMICS

## NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD

### ALL THE RIGHT MOVIES BY KRISTIAN HOUSE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Kristian House, of Oneonta, N.Y., is a former math teacher who now writes math content for textbooks and online platforms. He started constructing crosswords after watching the 2006 documentary "Wordplay." For this puzzle, the first theme answer he thought of eventually became the puzzle's title instead. This is Kristian's 18th crossword for The Times, and his first Sunday. —W.S.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Broods
  - 6 "\_\_\_ are the voyagers of the starship Enterprise"
  - 11 Long-billed wader
  - 15 Idiocycrasies
  - 19 Brownie ingredient
  - 20 Actor Tom of "The Dukes of Hazzard"
  - 21 Indie singer/songwriter \_\_\_ Case
  - 22 1980s U.S. Davis Cup team captain
  - 23 Your apartment-mate, if you don't close the door before showering?
  - 26 Self-involved
  - 27 Blend
  - 28 Expensive
  - 29 Drumstick
  - 30 Gets better
  - 31 Your wish, maybe, when a rambunctious terrier puppy is first brought home?
  - 36 Browning who directed "Dracula," 1931
  - 37 Draw a bead on
  - 38 Bring in
  - 39 Songwriters' org.
  - 42 Lady friend, in Florence
  - 44 Great \_\_\_
  - 45 See 88-Across
  - 48 Soprano \_\_\_ Te Kanawa
  - 49 Giant star
  - 50 Tyrannic sort?
  - 54 O. Henry?
  - 56 Time and Tide
  - 57 Zap
  - 58 President pro \_\_\_
  - 59 Giant flying turtle monster of film
  - 61 "What greater gift than the love of a \_\_\_"; Charles Dickens
  - 62 But, Fr.
  - 64 Not digital
  - 66 Hankering
  - 67 Monarch's ints.
  - 68 It can cause shortness of breath
  - 71 Sight at a gladiatorial fight
  - 72 Fluffy neckwear
  - 73 Chooses
  - 75 Actress Grier of "Jackie Brown"
  - 76 Location of "Ephesus"; forge
  - 78 Spoil, as a parade
  - 80 Online reference about toilets?
  - 82 Guys who pass out Halloween treats?
  - 85 Greenhouse containers
  - 86 Some futbol cheers
  - 87 Completely dominate
  - 88 With 45-Across, what was once the world's fourth-largest inland body of water?
  - 89 Atkins dieters' no-nos
  - 91 Rapunzel feature
  - 92 Walked over
  - 93 \_\_\_ syrup (natural sweetener)
  - 95 Drummer Starkey
  - 96 What outsiders think about the new hire?
  - 103 Common baitfish
  - 104 Terminal guestimate, for short
  - 105 Statistical tool for checking a hypothesis
  - 106 Be a stool pigeon
  - 109 "Mia 18" novelist
  - 110 What the exhausted working woman wears to bed?
  - 114 Man-to-man alternative
  - 115 Lavish soiree
  - 116 Ruffian
  - 117 Singer Mann
  - 118 Drink flavorer
  - 119 Sennete that weighs 6 pounds 12 1/2 ounces
  - 120 According to
  - 121 Become slick, in a way
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Grifter's game
  - 2 Raced
  - 3 Place to learn lessons in Lyon
  - 4 Dye on a deck
  - 5 Spade said to be excellent at digging up dirt
  - 6 Pipsqueak
  - 7 Football Hall-of-Famer Long
  - 8 Flop that's one for the ages
  - 9 Lecherous
  - 10 Ordinal suffix
  - 11 Emulate Edison
  - 12 "Boring" shade
  - 13 1950s White House nickname
  - 14 Female badger
  - 15 The Boar's Head, in Shakespeare
  - 16 Russian artist
  - 17 Brinsky, the first painter awarded the Order of Lenin
  - 17 It turns a hot dog into a Texas hot dog
  - 18 Pick up on
  - 24 Product that had sales of more than 300,000 on its first day in 2010
  - 25 Michigan college
  - 30 Biblical peak
  - 32 Beat walker
  - 33 Astrologer Sydney
  - 34 Sullen cases (off)
  - 35 Andrew \_\_\_ businessman-turned-politician
  - 39 Pointy-eared dog
  - 40 Tornado warning device
  - 41 Early human
  - 42 Early human
  - 43 Michael Lewis best seller with the subtitle "The Art of Winning an Unfair Game"
  - 44 Got results
  - 45 Editor's sack of unsolicited manuscripts
  - 46 Wapiti
  - 47 All-vowel avocal
  - 49 Publicist's concern
  - 49 German city near the Belgian border
  - 52 Tree knot
  - 53 Textbook section
  - 55 Bela Lugosi's role in "The Ghost of Frankenstein"
  - 56 Word before bread or boat
  - 60 Take care of, as a persistent squeak
  - 62 Computation class in Cambridge
  - 63 Part of A.P.A.: Abbr.
  - 65 Truckful
  - 69 Assembles
  - 70 Out of whack
  - 74 Fold-up beds
  - 76 "Nations have their \_\_\_ just like individuals"; James Joyce
  - 77 Haul
  - 78 Charles who wrote "The Cloister and the Hearth"
  - 79 Bygone sister language of Latin
  - 81 Valued asset for an employee
  - 83 What some sailors bring back
  - 84 Threat problem
  - 85 Beautifully
  - 90 Games' embodiments
  - 91 Whup
  - 92 Adjustable feature of a typewriter
  - 93 Off
  - 94 Egg on
  - 95 Cousin of penne
  - 96 Simnelball
  - 97 Painful sensation
  - 98 Machi Picchu or Pompeii
  - 99 Kingdom
  - 100 What's left, in Paris
  - 101 119-Across winner for both "Roots" and "Rich Man, Poor Man"
  - 102 Wonderland cake message
  - 107 Stead
  - 108 Medieval stronghold
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  - 111 Scene stealer
  - 112 Corporate "a.k.a."
  - 113 Chicken, in a Chinese dish

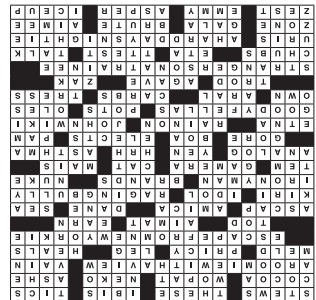


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# GADGETS



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Ninth graders Max Morrison (from left), Andres Indriago and Alex Anyse play League of Legends during the Washington-Liberty High School's team practice in Virginia in October.

## Adding esports a boost to school activity participation

By ALEX ANDREJEV  
The Washington Post

A few weeks before homecoming, a cloudless sky hung over Washington-Liberty High School in northern Virginia's Arlington County, and sounds of a promising new school year filled the air. Whistles blew to start football drills, the band practiced nearby and in one technology classroom, a group of eager students asked Assistant Principal Miles Carey questions.

"Do we have a competitive Pokemon team?"

Not yet.  
"Will I need to create a Discord account?"

Eventually, Carey was running a meeting for the school's esports club, a program he started two years ago to engage students who were not otherwise participating in school activities. He said the club has achieved its goal so far; roughly a third of last year's 70-plus members did not participate in any sports or activities outside of esports, according to Carey.

"[The club] gave kids a way to find people with similar interests," Carey said. "But then it took off. We ended up winning a tournament, and a few kids got to split a \$12,500 scholarship last year."

Like many programs across the country, Washington-Liberty's esports club is transforming into something increasingly competitive, especially since Virginia added esports as an official academic activity this

year. In addition to greater structure and funding, players will be able to compete for a state championship in the video games League of Legends, Rocket League and SMITE for the first time.

"I've been super motivated to get better," said Washington-Liberty senior Scooter Norton, captain of the school's Rocket League team, in response to the state's decision. Norton said esports was the first club he joined when he signed up as a 10th-grader.

The Virginia High School League joins leagues in 16 other states affiliated with the National Federation of State High School Associations participating in esports this year. Although the state tournament provides greater legitimacy to an activity for which many young gamers are clamoring, Norton said not everyone is so enthusiastic about competitive esports.

"[Coordinating] practices have been kind of difficult," Norton said. "Because it's easy to get parents to prioritize traditional sports and clubs — things that look good on college applications. But it's hard to get players online at the same time to practice esports."

Nate Esteveao, now a college freshman, captained Washington-Liberty's Counter-Strike: Global Offensive (CS:GO) team last year. Esteveao said he quit the crew team to devote more time to practicing CS:GO and launching the esports program as a junior.

"It was definitely difficult at first," Esteveao said. "My

friends thought it was stupid. My parents thought it was stupid. My siblings thought it was stupid. Not in an aggressively mean way. Just like, 'Dude, you already have something good going. Why are you gonna go into something that's completely unknown?' Unknown for them, at least."

Esteveao was part of the team that won the \$12,500 scholarship and national championship tournament last year. He now attends the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and competes for the university's CS:GO team. He said his family and peers became more accepting of his choice after seeing the benefits it offered.

"At a more organized level, it allows for a wide range of people to get a competitive experience whereas they otherwise might not have had that," Esteveao said.

Washington-Liberty is on the forefront of the trend, but administrators said the greatest benefit of support from the state and national governing bodies is not necessarily tangible.

"It's validating the activity," said Carol Callaway, the school's director of student activities. "It's a Virginia High School League-sponsored activity now, so it's validating that they find that it's beneficial activity for our students to participate in."

For students, there is another group they are trying to get on board.

"Parental support is huge for a club like this to actually prosper," Norton said. "Without that, it's hard for kids to keep playing and want to improve."

## GADGET WATCH

### Radar detector also functions as dashcam

By GREGG ELLMAN  
Tribune News Service

Obviously, observing the posted speed limit is the legal way to drive, but if you're merely curious to know what radar is in range, the Cobra Road Scout Elite is a perfect choice.

Along with capturing radar, the unit doubles as a dashcam capturing footage with a 1080p resolution on the built-in camera. According to Cobra, the camera is optimized for day or night recording, includes G-sensor impact detection and is Wi-Fi enabled to view, edit and share videos from your smartphone with the Cobra Drive HD app. Videos are also saved on an SD memory card; a 16GB SD card is included.

The dashcam has a 154-degree field of view and has a continuous video loop recording, so a moment won't be missed. The camera is powered by a Sony Exmor image sensor and an Ambarella A12 processor. The radar is built with a high-performing driver alert system, including intelligent radar and laser sensors, long-range capability to detect threats ahead of your location.

The Road Scout Elite can lock out false alerts and has a GPS database of location-based alerts, including red light cameras and speed cameras. With the Cobra iRadar App, users can receive real-time driver alerts and share your own with the Cobra driving community. The unit has easy-to-use controls and a custom display with a full-color LCD screen, including a speed limit display. An EZ Mag Mount, charging cables and a carry case is included.

Online: cobra.com; \$449.95

Scosche, a leading manufacturer of innovative and, more importantly, useful accessories has launched the **MagicMount Crystal**, a new MagicMount magnetic mount system lineup. The smartphone mounting system can be used in a vehicle, home, office or even on the dashboard of a boat to put your phone in full view and keep it hands-free with full accessibility.

The critical part of the system is the StickGrip suction-cup base, which is a removable suction cup that holds firmly to just about every flat surface I found; dashboards, garage door, home windows, windshields and countertops. I couldn't get a good mount with concrete, which was expected, but I tried.

The limited-edition mount featured crystals from Swarovski, and was built with what Scosche says are powerful 100% device-safe Neodymium magnets. They are what hold your device securely. While I had it mounted in my vehicle, I did my best to swerve around and have the mount disengage, but it did not.



SCOSCHE/TNS

The MagicMount is a phone mount that sticks to just about any flat surface.

It has a 360-degree swivel head, so you or anyone can view and talk on the phone from any angle, side to side, portrait or landscape modes.

Now that we have the mount attached, it's time for the phone, which is mounted simply by using the Scosche MagicPlate, described as a non-magnetic, adhesive-backed metal plate. They are applied directly to the back of your smartphone case, right on the back of the smartphone or between the phone and the case. This last part can vary depending on the case thickness, but it worked with the cases I tested.

Online: Scosche.com; \$34.99

TwelveSouth's popular **BookBook**, the original wallet case, is now compatible and available with the new iPhone 11 family.

The all-in-one premium leather iPhone case, wallet and viewing stand has an ultra-minimal cover and will showcase the beauty of the new iPhone while keeping the front and back of your new phone protected.

Features of the book-looking case and wallet combination have a magnetic leather shell for easy separation of wallet and phone, magnetic closure for better phone and wallet protection, and a protective window for your brand-new Apple Card, driver's license, cash, receipts, ID or other credit cards.

The new iPhone 11 lens system will work with the BookBook camera cutout on the backside of the case.

Online: twelvesouth.com; \$69.99, available in brown or black



TWELVE SOUTH/TNS

The BookBook wallet case is now compatible and available with the new iPhone 11 line.

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# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFN

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## College football

**Friday's scores**

**EAST**  
Marshall 31, Louisiana Tech 10  
Pittsburgh 34, North Carolina 27  
Villanova 35, LIU

**MIDWEST**  
E Michigan 42, Akron 14  
Kent State 20, Buffalo 27  
Miami (Ohio) 44, Bowling Green 3  
N Illinois 21, Toledo 29  
W Michigan 37, Ohio 34, 27

**FAR WEST**  
San Diego St 17, Fresno St 7

## College hockey

**Friday's scores**

**EAST**  
Robert Morris 6, Bentley 4  
Army, 4, Holy Cross  
Sacred Heart 9, RIT 5  
American International 12, Mercyhurst 0  
Canius 4, Niagara 2  
Colgate 4, St. Lawrence 1  
Clarkson 4, Brown 1  
Quinnipiac 2, Union 1  
North Dakota 2, OT  
Dartmouth 4, Yale 3  
Cornell 4, Brown 1  
Maine 3, New Hampshire 1  
UMass Lowell 3, UConn 3, OT  
Vermont College 5, Vermont 1  
Boston U 4, UMass 3  
Providence 3, Northeastern 2

**MIDWEST**  
Adrian 7, Finlandia 1  
Wisconsin 3, North Dame 0  
Penn St 6, Minnesota 2  
Colorado College 3, St. Cloud St 2  
St. Mary's 1, Mm. Duluth 1  
Ferris St 2, Bemidji 1  
Michigan Tech 4, Superior St 2  
N. Michigan 2, Alaska 1

**FAR WEST**  
North Dakota 1, Weber 1, 2OT

## Deals

**Friday's transactions**

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** - Announced RHP Aaron Brooks has cleared unconditional release and will sign with Kia (Korea).

**MILWAUKEE BREWERS** - Named Jacob Cruz assistant hitting coach. Promoted Lane to first base coach.

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** - Fired assistant general manager Kyle Stark.

**FOOTBALL**  
**NFL** - Suspended Cleveland DE Myles Garrett for the rest of the regular season and postseason and fined him an undisclosed amount for striking Pittsburgh QB Mason Rudolph in the head during a game. Suspended Pittsburgh CB Maurice Roddeney three games for striking an opponent in the head for punching and kicking Garrett. Suspended Cleveland DT Larry Ogunjobi one game for shoving Rudolph to the ground from behind during the game. Fined the Steelers and Browns \$250,000 each. Suspended free agent WR Antonio Callaway to protect for another violation of the league's substance-abuse policy.

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS** - Activated WR Josh Doctson.

**National Hockey League**  
**BUFFALO SABRES** - Recalled F Rasmus Ristolainen from Rochester AHL affiliate.

**DETROIT RED WINGS** - Assigned RW Givani Smith to Grand Rapids AHL affiliate.

**NEW JERSEY DEVILS** - Placed D Sami Vatanen on injured reserve, retroactive to Oct. 24. Recalled D Connor Bedard from AHL.

**NEW YORK RANGERS** - Recalled D Tyler Tlevington from Hershey (AHL).

**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**  
**NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION** - Re-signed D Olan Jones.

**PORLAND TIMBERS** - Terminated contract of F Fred Johnson.

**VANCOUVER WHITESCAPES FC** - Named Axel Schuster sporting director.

## AP spotlight

Nov. 17  
1959 - Connie Dierking of the Syracuse Nationals becomes first player to put out a game in the first quarter as Syracuse beat Cincinnati 121-116 at New York.

## College basketball

**Friday's men's scores**

**EAST**  
Bryant 116, Loyola Tech 67  
Jacksonville 55, Merrimack 46  
Duquesne 58, Lipscomb 36  
Hofstra 111, NYIT 69  
Jacksonville 50, Mass.-Lowell 78  
Rhode Island 93, Alabama 79  
Robert Morris 89, Howard 65  
West Virginia 63, Pittsburgh 53

**MIDWEST**  
Auburn 116, SC Northridge 70  
Barton 87, Concord 83  
Brigham-Cookman 100, Trinity Baptist 42  
Chattanooga 90, South Alabama 72  
Dea 94, Georgia State 63  
Florida St. 79, W. Carolina 74  
Furman 89, Southern Wesleyan 63  
Georgia 100, Delaware 77  
Georgia Southern 76, Radford 73  
Idaho 68, WMU 67  
Longwood 78, Randolph 53  
Louisiana-Lafayette 73, Youngstown 51, 93

**WEST**  
Mercer 84, Florida Gulf Coast 68  
Mississippi 85, W. Michigan 58  
Montana 59, Appalachian St. 56  
North Carolina 77, Gardner-Webb 61  
South Carolina 90, Cleveland St. 63  
UNC Greensboro 64, Tennessee Tech 30  
Utah Valley 65, UAB 25  
W. Kentucky 79, E. Kentucky 71  
William & Mary 78, Hampton 65

**MIDWEST**  
Akron 57, NC Central 77  
Bowling Green 68, Fairmont St. 66  
Iowa 87, Oral Roberts 77  
Mississippi 112, Monmouth (NJ) 57  
Michigan 70, Elon 50  
North Carolina 85, Tennessee Southern 69  
N. Dakota St. 76, Rio Grande 70  
N. Illinois 61, Coppin 59  
North Carolina 90, S. Dakota St. 73  
Notre Dame 74, Marshall 64  
North Dakota 88, Texas Southern 69  
Xavier 59, Missouri 51, 66

**SOUTH**  
Arkansas St. 80, UC Davis 67  
BYU 72, Houston 71  
Baylor 80, Texas 63  
Gonzaga 79, Texas A&M 49  
North Carolina 67, Wake Forest 53  
Michigan 87, Dakota Wesleyan 46  
UMKC 87, Portland 69  
Villanova 66, N. Carolina St. 52  
Stony Brook 68, Texas A&M-CC 63  
Texas 70, Prairie View 54  
UCLA 71, S. New Mexico 57

**FAR WEST**  
**SC Bakersfield** 1, Life Pacific 51  
Cal Poly 89, San Francisco (Cal.) 45  
California 82, Cal Baptist 54  
N. Arizona 105, American Indian 42  
Sacramento St. 62, UC Riverside 49  
San Diego 89, Boise St. 47  
UCLA 71, UNLV 54  
Utah State 69, Nevada 69  
UCLA 71, NC A&T 54

## Men's schedule

**Sunday's games**

**EAST**  
Jacksonville vs. Merrimack at Lowell, Mass.  
Florida at UConn  
Dartmouth at Mass.-Lowell  
Fairfield at Loyola (Md.)  
Georgia St. at Georgetown  
**SOUTH**  
Jacksonville at SE Louisiana  
Coppin St. at Kentucky  
Louisiana at Mississippi St.  
Detroit at Clemson  
North Carolina at Richmond  
NC Central at Louisville  
Wake Forest at Charlotte  
Marquette at Wisconsin  
Ill. at Illinois St.  
Stony Brook vs. N. Dakota St. at Corpus Christi  
Howard at Toledo  
North Dakota at Valparaiso  
North Carolina at Saint Louis  
Simonson at Drake  
North Carolina at Ball St. at Indianaapolis

**SOUTH WEST**  
UAB at Oklahoma St.  
Idaho at Cent. Arkansas  
North Carolina at Texas A&M-CC  
**FAR WEST**  
Tennessee Tech vs. Montana St. at Greensboro, N.C.  
VMI vs. UC Davis at Jonesboro, Ark.  
Arkansas Tech at Arizona  
Idaho St. at Washington St.  
North Carolina at Bernardino at Fresno St.  
UC Riverside at Pacific  
Ill. at Illinois St.  
Simonson University at San Jose St.  
Texas-Arlington at Oregon  
California St. Mary's (Cal.)

**Monday's games**  
Bryant at Niagara  
Mountaintop (NJ) at Pittsburgh  
LIU Brooklyn at Delaware St.  
Fairleigh Dickinson at Army  
N. Carolina at West Virginia  
Misericordia at Lehigh  
**Tuesday**  
Carver at Troy  
Trinity Baptist at North Florida  
Rice at Tennessee St.  
Wilberforce at SC State  
Appalachian State at UNC-Greensboro  
Utah Valley at Kentucky  
Middle Tennessee vs. Coastal Carolina at Conway, S.C.  
High Point at Belmont  
Clemson at Southern U.  
Arlington Baptist at McNeese St.  
Coker at Alabama  
FK at Tennessee St.  
**Wednesday**  
Charleston Southern at Michigan St.  
SIU at Evansville  
Hardford at Oakland

Sienna Heights at Cent. Michigan  
SC-Upstate at Akron  
Presbyterian at Notre Dame  
US-Edwardsville at South Dakota  
Illinois  
Hawaii at Illinois  
Indiana-Northwest at E. Illinois  
Wofford at Missouri  
Bacone at UMKC  
Simonson at Utah St.

**SOUTH WEST**  
William & Mary at Oklahoma  
Jackson St. at Utah State  
**AIR FORCE AT**  
UTSA at Utah St.  
UC Irvine at Colorado  
Montana Tech at Montana  
Prairie View at California  
Missouri Christian at UVa  
S. Utah at UCLA

**Friday's women's scores**

**EAST**  
Buffalo 82, Columbia 75  
Duquesne 76, Iowa 74  
La Salle 75, Harvard 69  
Princeton 78, Seton Hall 76  
**SOUTH WEST**  
Boise St. 83, UAB 81  
Charlotte 77, Wake Forest 65  
Col. of Charleston 85, NC Central 78  
Clemson 83, Wake Forest 63  
Lipscomb 71, Kentucky 69  
Miami (Ohio) 76, South Alabama 73  
Mississippi 124, Murray St. 45  
New Orleans 68, Mississippi 64  
North Carolina 85, Tennessee Southern 54  
North Florida 64, FIU 49  
North Georgia 82, Clemson 70  
South Florida 77, VCU 55  
St. Peter's 82, Coppin St. 67  
Stetson 58, Morehead St. 55  
Virginia Tech 1, Liberty 69

**MIDWEST**  
Ablene Christian 83, Wright St. 64  
28, 25  
Purdue Fort Wayne 53  
Michigan 88, Kent St. 53  
North Dakota 67, Dakota Wesleyan 61  
Stony Brook 77, Dakota Wesleyan 46  
UMKC 87, Portland 69  
Villanova 66, N. Carolina St. 52  
**SOUTH WEST**  
Texas A&M-CC at Utah State 54  
Texas-Arlington 68, North Texas 49

**FAR WEST**  
Cal St.-Fullerton 79, Loyola Marymount 74  
Davidson St. UC Irvine 72  
Fresno St. 76, Montana 63  
Hawaii 52, Pepperdine 51  
San Jose St. 7, UC Santa Barbara 70

## Women's schedule

**Sunday's games**

Columbia at Robert Morris  
UConn at Temple  
Dartmouth at Maryland  
Boston College at Providence  
Florida Gulf Coast at Princeton  
Georgia at Penn State  
Boston U. at Maine  
Dartmouth at Fairfield  
Bryant at Vermont  
La Salle at Penn St.  
Tartarot at Virginia  
Harvard vs. West Virginia at Beckley  
Rutgers at Rutgers  
Queensec at Saint Louis  
Seton Hall vs. Saint Joseph's at Bronx, N.Y.

Villanova at Fordham  
St. Bonaventure at Canisius  
**SOUTH**  
George Washington at Memphis  
Arkansas Tech at North Carolina  
IUPUI at Miami  
Samford at Florida St.  
Georgia Tech at Georgia  
Kennesaw St. at Georgia Southern  
Kent State at Howard  
Appalachian St. at South Carolina  
Marshall at North Carolina  
Md.-Eastern Shore at UNC-Greensboro  
Central Carolina at Wofford  
North Carolina at Vanderbilt  
Northwestern at Duke  
North Carolina at Kentucky  
Kent State at Alabama  
Kentucky at Belmont  
Charlotte at East Carolina  
LSU at Tulane  
Louisiana at Louisiana-Lafayette

**MIDWEST**  
Jackson St. at Indiana  
Mass.-Lowell at Kansas  
Ohio at Ohio St. 2 p.m.  
Missouri at North Dakota  
Morgan St. at Nebraska-Omaha  
North Carolina at Iowa  
W. Illinois at Purdue  
Southern Ill. at Wichita St.  
SIU-Edwardsville at Nebraska  
Kentucky at Minnesota  
Ala. at Arkansas  
Milwaukee at Wisconsin  
**SOUTH WEST**  
Arizona at Texas  
Stony Brook at Arkansas  
Arkansas Tech at Houston  
**FAR WEST**  
N. Illinois at Colorado St.  
Colorado at Wyoming  
Albany at Denver  
New Mexico at New Mexico St.  
Cal St.-Fullerton U.  
Fresno Pacific at SC Bakersfield  
Coker at Alabama  
Montana State N. at Montana St.  
Missouri St. at Oregon St.  
Sacramento St. at San Jose St.  
Gonzaga at Stanford  
UC Riverside at California

## Auto racing

**Ford EcoBoost 200**  
**NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series**  
**At Homestead-Miami Speedway Homestead, Fla.**  
**Lead Lap: 150 Miles**  
**Start position in parentheses**  
1. (5) Austin Hill, Toyota, 134 laps, 60.2  
2. (1) Chase Elliott, Ford, 134, 57.1  
3. (2) Matt Crafton, Ford, 134, 35.5  
4. (3) Christian Eckes, Ford, 134, 40.4  
4. (3) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 134, 33.1  
5. (4) Brett Moffitt, Chevrolet, 134, 32.2  
6. (6) Johnny Sauter, Ford, 134, 35.5  
7. (7) Grant Enfinger, Ford, 134, 37.7  
8. (11) Todd Gilliland, Toyota, 134, 29.9  
9. (12) Sheldon Creed, Chevrolet, 134, 31.0  
10. (27) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 134, 21.1  
11. (1) Stewart Friesen, Chevrolet, 134, 21.0  
11. (10) Ben Rhodes, Ford, 134, 25.1  
12. (13) Harrison Burton, Toyota, 134, 24.1  
13. (23) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 133, 21.9  
13. (19) Gus Dean, Chevrolet, 133, 22.2  
14. (2) Tyler Barger, Toyota, 133, 22.2  
14. (17) Jesse Little, Ford, 133, 20.2  
15. (15) Tyler Dwyne Self, Chevrolet, 133, 19.1  
15. (14) Austin Wayne Self, Chevrolet, 133, 19.1  
16. (20) Natalie Decker, Toyota, 133, 17.0  
17. (21) (18) Jordan Anderson, Chevrolet, 133, 16.1  
22. (8) Tyler Ankrum, Toyota, 132, 18.2  
22. (28) Tyler Hill, Chevrolet, 132, 14.1  
23. (16) Chase Hooper, Chevrolet, 132, 13.1  
23. (22) Danny Banjo, Toyota, 132, 12.2  
23. (30) Codie Rohrbaugh, Chevrolet, 131, 13.1  
27. (29) Cory Cobb, Ford, 129, 1.0  
28. (25) Jennifer Jo Cooper, Chevrolet, 128.5  
28. (10) Angela Ruck, Chevrolet, 127.8  
30. (21) Josh Billicki, Chevrolet, electrical  
31. (31) Ray Ciccarelli, Chevrolet, garage, 48.5  
31. (30) Anthony Alfredo, Toyota, engine, 0.5

**Speed Statistics**  
**Average Speed of Race Winner:**  
134.1 mph  
**Time of Race:** 1 hour, 31 minutes, 43 seconds.  
**Margin of Victory:** 1.569 seconds.  
**Caution Flags:** 3 for 14 laps.  
**Margin of Victory:** 12.40 seconds.  
**Lead Laps:** S:Friesen 0; R:Chastain 27; (42) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 3; R:Chastain 36-43; A:Hill 45-55; Crafton 56; A:Hill 57-63; Eckes 64-89; McCrafton 90-99; G.Dean 100-103; McCrafton 104-111; A:Hill 112-134  
**Lead Drivers (Driver, Times Led):**  
**Laps Led:** A:Hill, 5 times for 55 laps; R:Chastain, 2 times for 26 laps; Eckes, 1 time for 26 laps; M:Crafton, 2 times for 10 laps; G:Dean, 1 time for 4 laps; B:Moffitt, 1 time for 3 laps; S:Friesen, 1 time for 0 laps.  
**Top 10 in Race:** A. Hill, 4; R. Chastain, 3; S. Friesen, 2; J. Sauter, 1; A. Inamura, 1; D. Banjo, 1; S. Boyd, 1; A. 1442; 15. G. Dean, 13; R. Chastain, 4033; 3; B. Moffitt, 4032; 4; S. Friesen, 676; 5; A. Hill, 2298; 2238; 7; G. Enfinger, 2236; 8; T. Ankrum, 2019; 9; B. Rhodes, 77; 0; S. Creed, 266; 11; T. Gilliland, 123; 12; H. Burton, 70; 13; T. Barger, 45; 14; A. 1442; 15. G. Dean, 413; 16; A. Anderson, 397.

**NASCAR Drive Rating Formula**  
A Formula of 150 points can be attained in a race.  
Points are awarded based on the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes.

## Golf

**Mayakoba Classic**  
**PGA Tour**  
**At El Camaleon Golf Club Playa del Carmen, Mexico**  
**Friday: 374**  
**Parada: 7:01P 71 (36-35)**  
**First Round**  
Danny Lee 29-33-62-9  
Brandon Thomas 29-33-62-9  
Adam Long 21-33-62-8  
Vaughn Taylor 33-31-64-7  
N. Parsons at North Dakota 33-31-64-7  
Zach Johnson 32-32-64-7  
Matt Kuchar 32-32-64-7  
B. Hill 33-32-65-5  
Barris English 31-34-65-6  
Matt Jones 31-34-65-6  
Brian Gay 33-33-66-5  
C. Mackenzie 32-33-66-5  
Graeme McDowell 32-34-66-6  
N. Parsons at North Dakota 32-34-66-6  
Luke Donald 32-34-66-6  
Scottie Scheffler 31-35-66-6  
T. O'Sullivan at Rio 32-34-66-6  
Russell Henley 32-34-66-6  
Patrick Rodgers 32-34-66-6  
Chris Reavie 34-32-66-6  
Chris Stroud 32-34-66-6  
Alvaro Merino 32-34-66-6  
Bo Hoag 32-34-66-6  
Matt Jones 32-34-66-6  
Henrik Norlander 32-35-67-4  
Matt Jones at North Dakota 32-35-67-4  
Santana Vasquez 33-34-67-4  
Nick Taylor 32-35-67-4  
Zac Blanton 32-35-67-4  
Patrick Kizzire 33-34-67-4  
Brendan Steele 33-35-68-3

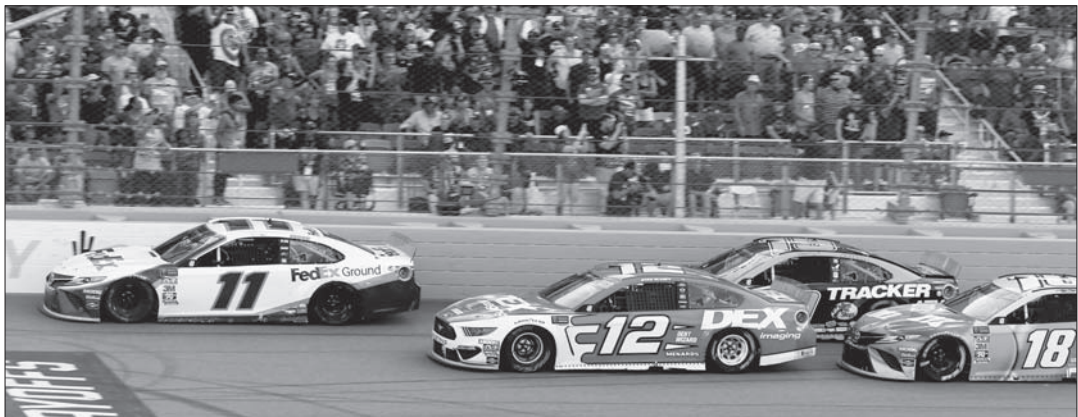
ishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green Flag, Lead Lap, Most Laps, Lead Lap Finish.

## Ford EcoBoost 400 lineup

**Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Friday's qualifying: race Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Homestead, Fla.**  
**(With number in parentheses) Note: Lineup based on owner points.**  
1. (1) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, Charter Team Owner Points  
2. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
3. (19) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, Charter Team Owner Points  
4. (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, Charter Team Owner Points  
5. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
6. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
7. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
8. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
9. (10) Clint Bowyer, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
10. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
11. (11) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
12. (18) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
13. (4) Ryan Newman, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
14. (14) Eric Awford, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
15. (47) Daniel Suarez, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
16. (18) Jamie Johnson, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
17. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
18. (27) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
19. (21) Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
20. (11) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
21. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
22. (13) Dillon, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
23. (13) Dillon, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
24. (13) Dillon, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
25. (8) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
26. (32) Corey LaJoie, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
27. (42) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
28. (64) Michael McDowell, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
29. (30) Hunter Nemechek, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
30. (38) David Ragan, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
31. (38) David Ragan, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
32. (15) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
33. (15) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
34. (15) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
35. (17) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, Charter Team Owner Points  
36. (27) Ross Chastain, Opel, Charter Team Owner Points  
37. (96) Der Herrington, Toyota, Charter Team Owner Points  
38. (52) Josh Billicki, Ford, Charter Team Owner Points  
39. (53) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, Open Team Owner Points  
40. (50) Austin Hill, Toyota, Open Team Owner Points

J.T. Poston	36-32-68	-3
Patton Kistner	34-35-66	-3
Chase Jeffery	34-34-68	-3
Scott Stallings	34-34-68	-3
Patrick Rodgers	33-33-68	-3
Ryan Armour	34-34-68	-3
Harold Varner III	34-34-68	-3
Scott Stallings	34-35-67	-2
Victor Holland	36-32-68	-3
Patton Kistner	34-35-66	-3
Ben Taylor	34-34-68	-3
Denny McCarthy	34-35-69	-2
Rory Sabbatini	34-35-69	-2
Rory Sabbatini	34-35-69	-2
Keith Mitchell	34-35-69	-2
Davis Love III	34-35-69	-2
Hudson Swafford	32-37-69	-2
Russell Knox	32-37-69	-2
Scott Stallings	34-35-69	-2
Cameron Tringale	33-36-69	-2
Scott Stallings	34-35-69	-2
Shawn Steffen	36-33-69	-2
Joel Dahmen	35-34-69	-2
Joel Dahmen	35-34-69	-2
Carlos Ortiz	35-34-69	-2
David Ragan	35-34-69	-2
Kristoffer Ventura	35-34-69	-2
Scott Stallings	32-36-69	-2
Scott Stallings	32-36-69	-2
Kyle Stanley	36-34-70	-1
Ben Bledsoe	36-34-70	-1
Emiliano Grillo	36-37-70	-1
Scott Stallings	36-37-70	-1
Satoshi Kodaira	36-37-70	-1
Kevin Kisner	36-35-70	-1
Kevin Kisner	36-35-70	-1
Tony Finau	34-36-70	-1
Kevin Chappell	35-35-70	-1

# AUTO RACING



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**Denny Hamlin, left, leads Ryan Blaney (12), Martin Truex Jr. (19) and Kyle Busch on a restart during last week's NASCAR Cup Series race. Busch eventually wedged his car between Blaney and Hamlin as a buffer to help Hamlin win a race he had to win to make the final four.**

## Gibbs walks fine line managing 3 contenders

By JENNA FRYER  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Joe Gibbs is a retired Hall of Fame NFL coach with three Super Bowl titles who changed course in his early 50s to wade into NASCAR and see if he could build a second career and a family business.

Gibbs not only developed a championship-winning organization that gave both of his sons leadership roles, but he also turned Joe Gibbs Racing into one of NASCAR's elite teams.

Gibbs is taking three drivers to Sunday's championship-deciding finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway, where the Toyota trio of Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. will race Ford driver Kevin Harvick for the title. The highest-finishing driver wins the Cup.

Gibbs has an interesting week ahead as he figures out how to manage three teammates racing for the same thing.

The business model in NASCAR can be messy for multicar teams and those with alliances with other teams. Each car has its own sponsors to keep happy, its own individual team members and drivers laser focused on winning a title. Gibbs often says that model makes teamwide orders impossible, but there have been instances that have raised eyebrows, including Hamlin's pivotal victory Sunday in Arizona.

Hamlin had to win to make the final four and a late restart put his chances in jeopardy. He lined up next to fellow contender Ryan Blaney for the three-lap shootout to the finish, and once he cleared Blaney to claim the lead, Busch wedged his car between Blaney and Hamlin as a buffer for Hamlin to drive to the win.

Could Busch have caught Hamlin and won the race for himself? Or did he ride it out in second for the greater good of Gibbs and Toyota?

Busch, who has grown crankier as he's gone 22 weeks without a Cup Series victory, said he would have passed Hamlin for the win if he could have caught his teammate.

"I was racing for me at that point," Busch said. "I couldn't really get close enough to (Hamlin)."

In the season finale a year ago, Hamlin won the pole and had first choice of pit stall.



TERRY RENNA/AP

**Joe Gibbs, owner of Joe Gibbs Racing, speaks during a news conference before last year's NASCAR Cup series season finale at the Homestead-Miami Speedway. This year, Gibbs has three drivers in the final four racing for the championship, so he is trying to figure out how to handle an unusual championship situation.**

But Hamlin was not racing for the title, Busch was, and the team had Hamlin defer so Busch could claim the position. Hamlin wasn't happy about it but understood the team decision to give Busch every advantage possible to win the title.

Starting with the JGR team meeting Monday all the way into the final debrief before Sunday's race, Gibbs has a pressure cooker to handle his three drivers, who have very different personalities. Busch is the regular-season champion and won the title in 2015; Truex won the 2017 championship driving for former Gibbs affiliate Furniture Row Racing and is in his first season as a full-time Gibbs driver; Hamlin has never won a title and lost chances in 2010 and 2014.

"What I love about our sport is we work together at the race shop, try to prepare things, solve problems," Gibbs said. "When we get to the racetrack, it will be three cars going for it. Three drivers want a championship. Their sponsors mean so much to us, each one of them, and it's a separate story, each one of those."

He then referred to his past: "When I was in football, it is one team and you're trying to win with one team. This is four teams. Then when you get to the racetrack, it's four teams competing against each other. I love that aspect of it. I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

It's been probably the best season for JGR since Gibbs launched the team in 1992. His drivers have won 18 of the 35

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**Joe Gibbs**  
Owner of Joe Gibbs Racing

weeks, and even though Busch, Hamlin and Truex have been among the strongest teams all season, it seemed unlikely one organization would grab three of the four slots in the finale.

But this is a special year for "Coach Joe," who has mourned the death of his eldest son, J.D., all year. The JGR president and co-chairman died in January after a long battle with a degenerative neurological disease. Since then, the organization — particularly Hamlin, who was discovered by J.D. Gibbs — has honored the late leader the entire season.

Hamlin led a 1-2-3 Gibbs sweep of the Daytona 500 in February and the team has not stopped rolling since. Gibbs never forgets to credit J.D. after every victory and directs the public to a legacy fund that benefits Young Life Ministry.

On a personal level, Gibbs this year was elected into NASCAR's Hall of Fame and his class includes Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart, the first drivers to win championships for the organization. Stewart will sit alongside Gibbs this weekend in the traditional pre-race preview from the team owners.

Gibbs for now is figuring out how to handle this unusual championship situation.

"I would say at the racetrack obviously it's going to be, you know, our three teams going for it as hard as they can, each one of them," Gibbs said. "This is going to be kind of a wild week. I think it will be an unbelievable race. I think our fans will enjoy it. I think you got four heavyweights in there. Everybody has a reason to want to win it."

## NHL



JAY LAPRETE/AP

The Blue Jackets' Scott Harrington, left, and the St. Louis Blues' Ivan Barbashev chase these puck during Friday's game in Columbus, Ohio.

## Jackets outlast Blues

By MITCH STACY  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Columbus Blue Jackets coach John Tortorella hopes an overtime victory over the defending Stanley Cup champions will loosen up his team, which he says has been a bundle of nerves lately.

"I hope a win will relax this hockey club," Tortorella said shortly after Zach Werenski scored in overtime to help the Blue Jackets beat the St. Louis Blues 3-2 Friday night.

"We are one uptight .... team," he said. "Hopefully it will help them. It's a good win. As ugly as we were in the first two periods, we were good in the third period. And we find a way."

Columbus had killed a 4-on-3 Blues power play in the extra period and then got the man advantage. Werenski buried a one-timer from the right circle after a Seth Jones pass at the 3:34 mark to win it.

Pierre-Luc Dubois scored for Columbus early in the third period to tie it 2-2, set up by a pass from below the goal line by Emil Bemstrom.

"We found a way to win," said Werenski, who has goals in three straight games. "I think we've been in this situation quite a bit with overtime games and we found ways to lose, so tonight it was a job to find a way to win."

Vladislav Gavrikov got his first NHL goal and Jonas Korpi-salo made 25 saves for the Blue Jackets, who stopped a two-game slide.

Mackenzie McEachern and Brayden Schenn scored for the Blues, who lost a second consecutive game in overtime. Jake Allen, starting ahead of Jordan Binnington on the first night of a back-to-back, had 36 saves.

Gavrikov scored on a tap-in off the stick of a Blues player 9:34 in. With 43 seconds left in the first period, McEachern squeezed in a wrap-around between Korpi-salo's pad and the post to tie it.

## Around the league

# On-ice impersonation

Since losing '18 Final, Golden Knights look more like the Caps, the team that beat them

By STEPHEN WEHNO  
Associated Press

Almost 18 months since the Vegas Golden Knights' improbable inaugural season ended, they look much more like the team that vanquished them in the Stanley Cup Final.

If you can't beat 'em, be more like 'em.

Once a ragtag group relying on more will than skill, Vegas is beginning to resemble the Washington Capitals they faced in the 2018 Final. The Golden Knights don't have carbon copies of Alex Ovechkin, Evgeny Kuznetsov and Nicklas Backstrom, but they added some serious skill in forwards Paul Stastny, Max Pacioretty and Mark Stone and could easily follow the Capitals' championship model.

"They've done a great job," Capitals general manager Brian MacLellan said. "I think they've added another layer. I thought when we beat them, we were a little bit deeper team, especially up front. Then adding Stone, adding Pacioretty, signing Stastny — those are three really good players, so they have a whole new layer of offensive, really solid players on their team. In theory, I think they're a better team than they were."

The Golden Knights who went to the final in their expansion season had a first line of Jonathan Marchessault, William Karlsson and Reilly Smith and leaned heaviest on defenseman Nate Schmidt, Shea Theodore and Deryk Engelland. All those players remain but have the pressures eased off them, given internal promotions and external additions.

Forward William Carrier, one of more than a dozen players left from the 2018 Final, said this is a better team.

"Right now, we're a talented team," coach Gerard Gallant said. "It's the talent that we're a fast team, we were a quick team that first year and everything went our way. We had a lot of puck luck and a lot of good things that happened that first year."

Those good things stopped when the Capitals wore down the Golden Knights with their depth and won the series in five games. Then, last spring, Vegas got knocked out in the first round when a blown call in Game 7 sent San Jose snowballed into a disastrous third period.

Bouncing back from two tough playoff exits is another lesson the Golden Knights can learn from the Capitals, who kept getting stopped in the second round or earlier before breaking through and winning it all.

"We've had some disappointments," said Kelly McCrimmon, who took over for George McPhee as Kings GM last summer. "That's your ultimate opportunity to evaluate and to learn and to assess where you need to be better. ... There's things you need to do to get you to the playoffs, there's things you need to do to get you through the playoffs. We've been fortunate that we've been a playoff team both years, we've gained that experience."

Capitals winger Tom Wilson looks at Vegas as a team built for the playoffs because of its size, skill and toughness. It's almost like gazing into a mirror.

"They have a really stable team — they can establish all four lines and roll," Washington's Jakub Vrana said. "They play hard, and they work hard for every inch of the ice. That's what's been winning them games. We do the same thing."

Blending the work ethic and the grittiness



NATHAN DENETTE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Since losing in the 2018 Stanley Cup Final, the Vegas Golden Knights have added talented forwards Paul Stastny, left, Max Pacioretty, right, and others.

that got Vegas into the Final with the talent that could get it over the top is now the challenge. Gallant doesn't shy away from the comparison to the Capitals, who perfected that mix.

"The work comes before the skill, and when you get your talented guys and your skilled guys working real hard, then that's when you're going to have the right team," Gallant said. "I think the team in Washington, that's what they do. They've got some real talented hockey players, but when they work hard, they're a great team."

The next stage in becoming a consistently great team is integrating homegrown players, like Cody Glass and Nicolas Hague, who were picks from the Golden Knights' first draft in 2017. Vegas is at the salary cap like the NHL's best teams and isn't afraid of the big expectations that come with that.

"We don't feel or act or believe we're an expansion team," McCrimmon said. "We're in Year 3 as a franchise, and like every other team, always trying to get better, always trying to win more games, always trying to be a playoff team and have success."

### First timer

Lifelong Maple Leafs fan Ron Ruckstuhl, 52, was diagnosed with Lewy body disease three years ago and told he had five to seven years to live. In August, son Joshua sent a tweet to retired NHL'er Paul Bissonnette hoping his dad could attend a game in Toronto for the first time.

"I've waited 52 years for something like this," Ron said.

As part of the "NHL First Timer" video series, the league surprised Ruckstuhl at his house earlier this month and took him and sons Joshua and Ryan to the Leafs' game Nov. 5 against Los Angeles.

"I'd never seen my dad smile and laugh (like that)," said Joshua, 28, who is his father's full-time caregiver. "For a little bit, you didn't realize he was sick. You could see him forget about being sick for just a little bit."

The league is releasing video of the occasion Wednesday to mark World Kindness Day.

"This is what it's all about," NHL chief content officer Steve Mayer said. "To be able to put joy in somebody's life like Ron's and to be able to show his story to the world is quite an honor and it makes me proud to be a part of the NHL."

### No lone wolf

Phil Kessel is fitting in just fine with the young Arizona Coyotes and has come a long way from playing in the shadow of — and winning two titles with — Sidney Crosby and Evgeny Malkin in Pittsburgh.

"He fed off those guys in Pittsburgh really well," said coach Rick Tocchet, who also was an assistant with the Penguins. "Sometimes he was under the radar, and he'd come up with some big goals because (opponents focused on) Malkin or Crosby. Now there's a little bit more focus on him."

Tocchet said Kessel has done more leading because he recognizes, at 32, he should.

"Phil, the young guys love him and he's taking pressure off guys," Tocchet said. "When those pressure aren't scoring, to be honest with you, the media are not on the guy as much because Phil takes that pressure off. So he does take the pressure or the burden off some guys if they're not scoring."

### Game of the Week

The Boston Bruins visit the Toronto Maple Leafs on Friday in another preview of a seemingly inevitable first-round playoff series.

# NHL

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	19	12	3	4	32	68	50
Montreal	19	11	5	3	25	69	58
Florida	19	9	7	3	22	70	71
Toronto	21	9	8	4	22	70	71
Buffalo	19	9	7	2	20	63	62
Tampa Bay	16	9	5	2	20	61	52
Ottawa	19	8	10	1	17	53	62
Detroit	19	11	12	1	12	48	78

Metropolitan Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	19	13	3	1	32	81	65
N.Y. Islanders	17	13	3	1	27	54	39
Carolina	19	11	6	3	23	54	53
Philadelphia	19	10	7	3	23	58	56
Pittsburgh	19	10	7	2	22	61	49
N.Y. Rangers	19	9	7	2	18	57	62
Columbus	19	7	8	4	18	45	63
New Jersey	18	6	8	4	16	46	66

### Western Conference

Central Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	20	12	3	5	29	61	57
Colorado	19	11	5	3	24	68	55
Winnipeg	20	11	8	1	23	55	61
Dallas	20	10	8	3	21	50	48
Nashville	19	9	8	3	21	54	53
Chicago	18	7	7	4	18	50	56
Minnesota	19	7	11	1	15	50	65

Pacific Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	20	11	7	2	28	67	56
Arizona	20	11	7	2	24	38	49
Vancouver	20	10	8	3	23	58	55
Calgary	21	10	8	3	23	60	61
Vegas	20	9	8	3	21	59	61
Anaheim	20	9	9	2	20	53	58
San Jose	20	9	10	1	19	59	70
Los Angeles	19	7	11	1	15	49	69

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

**Friday's games**  
 New Jersey 2, Pittsburgh 1  
 Boston 4, Toronto 2  
 Columbus 3, St. Louis 2, OT  
 Montreal 5, Washington 2  
 Ottawa 2, Philadelphia 1

**Saturday's games**  
 Carolina at Minnesota  
 Calgary at Arizona  
 Dallas at Edmonton  
 Vegas at Los Angeles  
 Winnipeg at Tampa Bay  
 Ottawa at Buffalo

**Sunday's games**  
 N.Y. Rangers at Florida  
 N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia  
 Toronto at Pittsburgh  
 Washington at Boston  
 New Jersey at Montreal  
 Anaheim at St. Louis  
 Chicago at Nashville  
 Colorado at Vancouver  
 Detroit at San Jose

**Monday's games**  
 Calgary at Vegas  
 Buffalo at Chicago  
 Los Angeles at Washington  
 Los Angeles at Arizona

### Friday

#### Senators 2, Flyers 1

Philadelphia	1	0	0-1
Ottawa	2	2	0-2

**First Period**—1, Philadelphia, Pitlick 1 (Andreoff), 2:46.

**Second Period**—2, Ottawa, Ennis 4 (Brannstrom), 13:12 (pp.), 3, Ottawa, Colapinto 2 (Grozniwsky, Tierney), 17:29.

**Shots on Goal**—Philadelphia 10:9—27, Ottawa 9:5—19.

**Power-play opportunities**—Philadelphia 0 of 5; Ottawa 1 of 3.

**Goalies**—Philadelphia, Hart 6-4-2 (19 shots-17 saves), Ottawa, Nilsson 5-4-1 (27:36).

A—10,664 (18,572), T—2:21.



Senators center Filip Chlapik reacts after scoring what turned out to be the winning goal Friday against the Philadelphia Flyers in Ottawa.

### Devils 2, Penguins 1

Pittsburgh	0	0	1-1
New Jersey	2	1	0-2

**First Period**—1, New Jersey, Coleman 4, 19:55.

**Second Period**—2, New Jersey, Coleman 4, 19:55.

**Third Period**—3, Pittsburgh, Johnson 1 (Lafferty, Galchenyuk), 8:00.

**Shots on Goal**—Pittsburgh 13:15-13-39, New Jersey 11:4-2-21.

**Power-play opportunities**—Pittsburgh 0 of 3; New Jersey 1 of 2.

**Goalies**—Pittsburgh, Murray 9-4-2 (21 shots-19 saves), New Jersey, Blackwood 6-4-3 (28:38).

A—16,514 (16,514), T—2:29.

### Canadiens 5, Capitals 2

Montreal	0	4	1-5
Washington	0	0	2-2

**Second Period**—1, Montreal, Danault 6 (Tatar, Gallagher), 6:22. 2, Montreal, Weber 6 (Danault, Chiarot), 9:16. 3, Montreal, Weal 3 (Tatar, Thompson), 11:41. 4, Montreal, Suzuki 4 (Danault, Tatar), 14:42.

**Third Period**—5, Washington, Ovechkin 4 (Carlson, Backstrom), 5:34 (pp), 6, Washington, Kuznetsov 9 (Wilson), 15:38. 7, Montreal, Tatar 7 (Weber, Chiarot), 17:28.

**Shots on Goal**—Montreal 15:15-10-40, Washington 9:9-10-28.

**Power-play opportunities**—Montreal 0 of 1; Washington 0 of 1.

**Goalies**—Montreal, Price 10-4-2 (28 shots-26 saves), Washington, Samsonov 5-2-1 (39:35).

A—18,573 (18,277), T—2:30.

### Bruins 4, Maple Leafs 2

Boston	1	0	3-4
Toronto	0	0	1-2

**First Period**—1, Boston, Coyle 3 (Gorzelczycki, Binko), 13:48.

**Second Period**—2, Toronto, Matthews 14 (Muzzin, Nylander), 9:20.

**Third Period**—3, Boston, Marchand 12 (Bergeron, Carlo), 0:11. 4, Toronto, Kaponev 6 (Tavares, Hyman), 3:54. 5, Boston, Marchand 13 (Krejci, Coyle), 5:08. 6, Boston, Chiaro 4, 15:27.

**Shots on Goal**—Boston 8:11-15-34, Toronto 9:17-7-31.

**Power-play opportunities**—Boston 0 of 2; Toronto 0 of 2.

**Goalies**—Boston, Rask 8-2-2 (31 shots-29 saves), Toronto, Andersen 9-4-3 (33:30).

A—19,434 (18,819), T—2:32.

### Blue Jackets 3, Blues 2 (OT)

St. Louis	1	0	0-2
Columbus	1	0	1-3

**First Period**—1, Columbus, Gavrikov 1, 9:36. 2, St. Louis, MacEachern 2 (Gundqvist), 19:17.

**Second Period**—3, St. Louis, Schenn 11 (Perron, Schwartz), 9:04 (pp).

**Third Period**—4, Columbus, Dubois 7 (Milano, Benstrom), 2:50.

**Overtime**—5, Columbus, Werenski 6 (Atkinson, Jones), 3:34 (pp).

**Shots on Goal**—St. Louis 9:10-7-1-27, Columbus 14:10-11-39.

**Power-play opportunities**—St. Louis 1 of 3; Columbus 0 of 3.

**Goalies**—St. Louis, Allen 3-1-1 (39 shots-36 saves), Columbus, Korpisalo 7-7-1 (27:36).

A—18,505 (18,500), T—2:36.

### Calendar

**Nov. 18** — Hockey Hall of Fame induction, Toronto. NHL general managers meeting, Toronto.



Montreal left wing Jonathan Drouin lies on the ice after a hit by Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin during the second period of Friday's game in Washington. The Canadiens scored four goals in the second period following Ovechkin's hit en route to a 5-2 victory over the Metropolitan Division leaders.

## Roundup

# Ovechkin's big hit leads to scoring flurry by Habs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — By the time Capitals coach Todd Reirden called a timeout to tell his team to wake up, it was too late.

Alex Ovechkin's thunderous hit on Jonathan Drouin had already energized the Canadiens.

Montreal scored four goals in the second period following Ovechkin's hit and went on to beat Washington 5-2 on Friday night, ending the NHL-leading Capitals' 13-game point streak. Drouin returned for the third period, and the Canadiens won their third in a row.

"I think it just woke us up," Montreal's Phillip Danault said. "That was not great, but it definitely woke up the team. Jo took a hit for the team and came back and is healthy, so that's all that matters."

Danault, captain Shea Weber, Jordan Weal and Nick Suzuki each scored over a span of eight and a half minutes after Ovechkin flattened Drouin with an open-ice hit that knocked him out for the rest of the second. Ovechkin appeared to leave his face to deliver the blow, and Drouin was slow to get up before skating to the bench and going down the tunnel.

"It's hockey; it's not a ballet," Ovechkin said. "It's a hockey play. He didn't see me. It's a clear hit." At the time, Ovechkin's hit was the first big highlight of the night after a ho-hum first period. Montreal coach Claude Julien wondered if it should have been a charging penalty on Ovechkin but acknowledged it was not an illegal check to Drouin's head.

Ovechkin wasn't penalized, but the Capitals made a series of errors on the ensuing shifts and the game slipped away.

"I think they just have momentum on their side," Ovechkin said. "After first goal, they score another one and we just didn't execute the play, we make lots of mistakes. It was not our best period. We didn't play our game at all."

The Canadiens played their textbook style of game in front of Carey Price, who made 25 saves to beat the Capitals for just the eighth time in 27 games against them. Price's biggest save came a few shifts after Drouin's injury when he denied Jonas Siegenthaler and was bailed out by defenseman Brett Kulak

blocking the rebound, and he made a series of crucial stops in the final minutes.

"He's our backbone," Weber said of Price. "He's a solid reason back there that we have a chance to win every night. Same thing was the case tonight. He makes those big saves in the first and gives us a chance to settle in and get going from there."

Ovechkin scored on the power play in the third period, his 14th of the season, and Evgeny Kuznetsov added a breakaway goal with 4:22 left to make things interesting.

Capitals goaltender Ilya Samsonov allowed four goals on 39 shots in what was likely his final NHL action before being sent to the American Hockey League for a couple of days to clear salary-cap space. Washington lost in regulation for the first time since Oct. 14 but has dropped two of its past three.

**Bruins 4, Maple Leafs 2:** Brad Marchand scored two third-period goals to help visiting Boston beat Toronto.

Charlie Coyle had a goal and an assist, Zdeno Chara added a goal, and Tuukka Rask made 29 saves. The Bruins snapped a 0-2-2 skid.

Auston Matthews and Kasperii Kapanen scored for Toronto, and Frederik Andersen made 30 saves. The Maple Leafs have dropped four straight games, the last three in regulation.

**Devils 2, Penguins 1:** Mackenzie Blackwood made 38 saves and Travis Zajac and Blake Coleman scored in host New Jersey's victory over Pittsburgh.

Jack Johnson scored for Penguins and Matt Murray made 19 saves.

It was Pittsburgh's first game without star center Sidney Crosby. He's expected to miss at least six weeks following surgery for a core muscle injury.

**Senators 2, Flyers 1:** Filip Chlapik scored in the second period, Anders Nilsson made 26 saves and host Ottawa killed off a late four-minute power play to beat Philadelphia.

Ottawa's Colin White took a double minor for high-sticking Claude Giroux with just over four minutes remaining. The Flyers pulled Carter Hart for a two-man advantage, but were unable to score.

Tyler Ennis also scored for Ottawa. Tyler Pitlick scored for Philadelphia.



# COLLEGE FOOTBALL



PHOTOS BY BEN MCKEOWN/AP

Duke's Tre Jones handles the ball as Georgia State's Nelson Phillips defends on Friday in Durham, N.C.

## Blue Devils prevail over Panthers

### Jones scores career-high 31 as No. 2 Duke tops Georgia State

BY JOEY MCCREARY  
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — No. 2 Duke hadn't shot this poorly all season. The Blue Devils made up for it with one of their most impressive rebounding performances in four decades under Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski.

The Jones scored a career-high 31 points and Duke pulled away to beat pesky Georgia State 74-63 on Friday night.

Freshman Vernon Carey Jr. added season highs of 20 points and 14 rebounds and Jack White finished with 10 rebounds.

Duke (4-0) overcame its season-worst 34.2% shooting by outrebounding the Panthers 58-32, and the school says its 30 offensive rebounds were the most in Krzyzewski's 40 seasons.

"I feel like if I rebound, the points will just come," Carey said.

And yet, three nights after top-ranked Kentucky was upset at home by Evansville, the Blue Devils — 28½-point favorites — were on upset alert against an unintimidated mid-major for longer than expected before they scratched out a sloppy victory, their 150th in a row at Cameron Indoor Stadium against nonconference opponents.

"Probably at halftime, I feel like maybe we were just like, 'What if that happens to us?'" Carey said. "Coaches told us to bring it, and if you brought it, you'd be fine, and that's what we did."

This one was tied at 40 with less than 17 minutes to play, before Jones took over. He scored 10 points during a 13-0 run that pushed the lead into double figures.

He put them ahead to stay with a three-pointer and followed that with three layups through traffic. On the last one, he blew past Chris Clerkerly while drawing contact from the Georgia State guard, then hit a free throw to put Duke up 51-40. After Wendell Moore capped the run with a stickback, the Panthers never got closer than nine the rest of the way.

Corey Allen scored 20 points and Kane Williams finished with 16 for Georgia State (1-2).

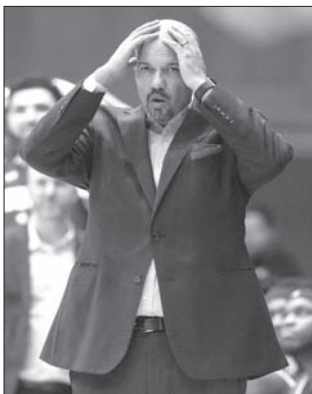


PHOTO BY GARY LANDERS/AP

Panthers coach Rob Lanier reacts to a play during the second half on Friday. Georgia State, a 28½-point underdog, gave No. 2 Duke a serious scare before ultimately falling 74-63 in Durham, N.C.

For much of the night, the Panthers put a serious scare into the Blue Devils with their zone defense and appeared capable of claiming just their fifth win against a Top 25 opponent and first since that forgettable upset of Baylor in the 2015 NCAA Tournament. Georgia State has claimed three NCAA bids in five years and if the Panthers play like this all season, they should claim a fourth.

"I was pretty confident that we would come out and compete, and our message to our team was, there was going to come a time in the game — either late in the first half or at some point in the second half — where we were going to have to deal with some real adversity in this building," coach Rob Lanier said. "Adversity came and we didn't handle it quite as well as I'd hoped."

## Top 25 roundup

### Scruggs, No. 21 Xavier hold off Missouri State

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Paul Scruggs saw an opening and went to the basket for the shot that finally gave No. 21 Xavier some breathing room.

Scruggs scored 14 points and made a layup with 11.6 seconds left Friday night, helping the Musketeers hold off Missouri State for a 59-56 victory.

The Musketeers (4-0) never trailed but couldn't shake clear of the team picked to win the Missouri Valley Conference. The Bears (2-2) tied it at 56, but Xavier made a free throw and two big plays in the closing seconds.

Coach Travis Steele sensed his players got comfortable after running out to a 10-0 lead.

"I felt when we got up early, our guys thought it would be easy," Steele said. "I could tell by their faces and eyes in the huddle."

Instead, it came down to the closing seconds.

After Najj Marshall's free throw broke the tie, Tyrique Jones missed a jumper but got the rebound and passed it out. Scruggs got the ball and saw an opening for a layup and a 59-56 lead.

"I had an open lane and I took it," Scruggs said.

Steele was going to call a timeout until he saw the ball go to Scruggs.

"The clock was dwindling down and I almost called timeout but I saw the ball get swung to Paul and said, 'We're just going to let this thing roll,'" Steele said. "He's fearless. He's ready for that moment."

The Bears missed a pair of three-point shots in the closing seconds. Lamont West and Keandre Cook each scored 13 points for the Bears, who had 22 turnovers.

**No. 5 Kansas 112, Monmouth 57:** Isaiah Moss scored 21 points and the host Jayhawks routed the undersized Hawks.

Moss, who missed the opener against Duke because of an injury, was 5-for-6 from beyond the arc as Kansas (2-1) ran its home winning streak to 25. The streak is the third-longest behind Tennessee (28) and Gonzaga (25).

Kansas hit 14 three-pointers and shot 56% from the field. Deion Hammond had 17 points for the Hawks (1-3).

**No. 6 North Carolina 77, Gardner-Webb 61:** Freshman star Cole Anthony had 28 points in the Tar Heels' victory over the visiting Runnin' Bulldogs.

Fellow freshman Armando Bacot posted his first double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Tar Heels, who shot 50% after halftime to build a double-digit lead after leading just 30-27 at the break.

The improved second-half efficiency was a positive for North Carolina (3-0), which has leaned on Anthony offensively while struggling to find other steady producers to start the season.

Jose Perez scored 12 points for Gardner-Webb (0-3).



GARY LANDERS/AP

Xavier guard Paul Scruggs scores in the final seconds of Friday's 59-56 victory over Missouri State in Cincinnati.

**No. 8 Gonzaga 79, Texas A&M 49:** Admon Gilder and Ryan Woolridge each scored 16 points and the Bulldogs routed the host Aggies.

Filip Petrusic added 14 points and 10 rebounds, helping the Bulldogs (4-0) overcome a slow start. Drew Timme had 11 points.

Gilder also had seven rebounds in his return to Texas A&M. He transferred last summer after the Aggies fired Billy Kennedy and hired Buzz Williams from Virginia Tech. Gilder sat out last season following the discovery of a blood clot in his arm.

Wendell Mitchell led Texas A&M (2-1) with 14 points.

**No. 17 Utah State 81, North Carolina A&T 54:** Alphonso Anderson had 21 points, six rebounds and three assists and Justin Bean added 18 points, 10 rebounds and three assists for the host Aggies.

With North Carolina A&T (1-3) rallying in the second half, Utah State (4-0) made a key run to pull away.

**No. 22 Auburn 116, Cal State Northridge 70:** Samir Doughty scored a career-high 33 points and J'Von McCormick had a school-record 16 assists for the host Tigers.

Auburn (4-0) had its highest-scoring game since beating Winthrop 119-85 on Nov. 24, 2017.

Terrell Gomez led Cal State Northridge (0-4) with 23 points.

**No. 24 Baylor 72, Texas State 63:** Jared Butler scored 15 points, Freddie Gillespie had 11 points and 11 rebounds and the Bears beat the visiting Bobcats.

The Bears (21-1) had five players score in double figures while playing without preseason All-Big 12 junior forward Tristan Clark, who had a non-operative procedure on his knee this week. Clark was limited to 14 games last season because of a knee injury at the start of Big 12 play, but had played in Baylor's first two games.

Nije Pearson led Texas State (2-2) with 20 points.



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WEEK 11 TELEVISED GAMES

MARQUEE MATCHUP

# Houston Texans (6-3) at Baltimore Ravens (7-1)

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. Sunday Central European Time



**Dallas Cowboys (5-4) at Detroit Lions (3-5-1)**  
AFN-Sports2  
7 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: Cowboys lead 14-11.

Last meeting: Cowboys beat Lions 28-26, Sept. 30, 2018.

Notes: Cowboys have won past two meetings. ... Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott passed for 397 yards and three TDs during 28-24 loss to Vikings in Week 10. He has five TDs and no interceptions in two career starts against Lions. ... Running back Ezekiel Elliott had a career-high 240 scrimmage yards (152 rushing, 88 receiving) and a TD catch in last meeting. ... Wide receiver Kenny Golladay had 11 receptions for 147 yards and a TD catch last week. ... Defensive end Demarcus Lawrence had eight tackles and three sacks in last meeting. ... Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford had 307 passing yards and two TDs in last meeting. ... Wide receiver Kenny Golladay had 57 receiving yards and a TD catch last week. He had 74 receiving yards in last meeting. ... Wide receiver Marvin Jones had five catches for 77 yards in Week 10.



**New England Patriots (8-1) at Philadelphia Eagles (5-4)**  
AFN-Sports  
10:25 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: Eagles lead 7-5.

Last meeting: Eagles beat Patriots 35-28, Dec. 6, 2015.

Notes: Patriots have won three of past four meetings. ... Both teams are coming off a bye week. ... Patriots are plus-17 in takeaways/giveaways category. ... Patriots coach Bill Belichick is 4-2 against Eagles. ... Patriots quarterback Tom Brady passed for 285 yards and a TD in Week 9 loss to Ravens. He set a Super Bowl record with 505 passing yards and had three TDs in 41-33 loss to Eagles in Super Bowl 52. ... Wide receiver Julian Edelman had season-high 10 catches for team-high 89 yards in Week 9. ... Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz has a TD pass in 12 consecutive games, the second-longest active streak in the NFL. ... Running back Miles Sanders is only rookie this season with 300 or more rushing yards (336) and 300 or more receiving yards (305).

**SERIES RECORD:** Ravens lead 7-2.  
**LAST MEETING:** Ravens beat Texans 23-16, Nov. 27, 2017.

**TEXANS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (4), RUSH (4), PASS (12).

**TEXANS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (19), RUSH (3), PASS (29).

**RAVENS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (2), RUSH (1), PASS (20).

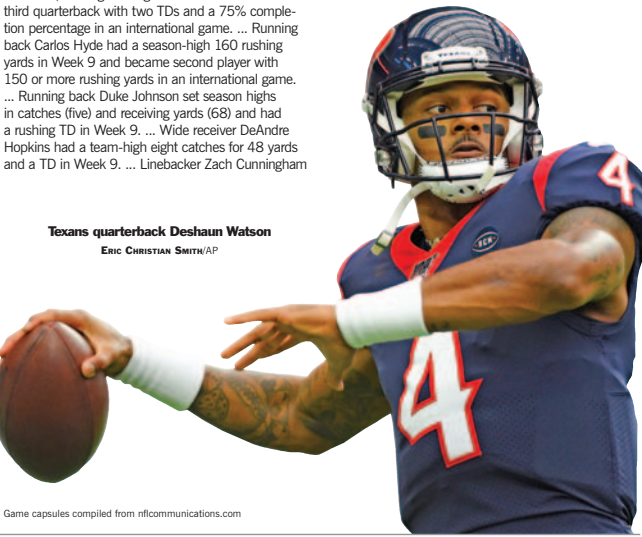
**RAVENS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (14), RUSH (8), PASS (20).

**STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES:** Ravens have won two of past three meetings. ... Ravens coach John Harbaugh is 5-2 against Texans. ... Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson completed 22 or 28 passes for 201 yards with two TDs and no interceptions two weeks ago in a 26-3 victory over the Jaguars in London, earning a rating of 120.4. He became the third quarterback with two TDs and a 75% completion percentage in an international game. ... Running back Carlos Hyde had a season-high 160 rushing yards in Week 9 and became second player with 150 or more rushing yards in an international game. ... Running back Duke Johnson set season highs in catches (five) and receiving yards (68) and had a rushing TD in Week 9. ... Wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins had a team-high eight catches for 48 yards and a TD in Week 9. ... Linebacker Zach Cunningham

had seven tackles and a fumble recovery in Week 9. ... Cornerback Gareon Conley led team with career-high eight tackles in Week 9. ... Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson completed 15 of 17 passes (season-high 88.2%) for 223 yards and three TDs in a 49-13 victory over the Bengals last week. He also rushed for 65 yards, including a career-long 47-yard TD run. ... Running back Mark Ingram had his eighth rushing TD of the season last week, tied for the most in the AFC. ... Rookie wide receiver Marquise Brown had four catches for a team-high 80 yards and a TD last week. He leads all rookies in receiving yards (454) and ranks second with four receiving TDs. ... Tight end Mark Andrews had six catches for 53 yards and a career-high two TDs in Week 10. ... Tight end Nick Boyle had four catches for a career-high 78 yards last week. ... Cornerback Marcus Peters had six tackles and an 89-yard interception return for a TD last week.

Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson

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**Chicago Bears (4-5) at Los Angeles Rams (5-4)**  
AFN-Sports2  
2:20 a.m. Monday CET

Series: Bears lead 55-35-3.

Last meeting: Bears beat Rams 15-6, Dec. 9, 2018.

Notes: Bears have won past two meetings. ... Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky had three TD passes for 131 rating in 20-13 victory over Lions in Week 10. ... Rookie running back David Montgomery had 60 rushing yards last week and ranks second among rookie running backs in rushing yards (466) and rushing TDs (five). ... Wide receiver Allen Robinson had six catches for 85 yards last week. ... Tight end Ben Braunecker had first career TD catch last week. ... Rams quarterback Jared Goff has 3,279 passing yards and 23 TDs in his last 10 starts at home. ... Running back Todd Gurley had 73 rushing yards last week in 17-12 loss to Steelers. ... Wide receiver Cooper Kupp ranks fourth in the NFC in receptions (58) and fifth in receiving yards (792). ... Tight end Gerald Everett had career-high eight catches last week.



**Kansas City Chiefs (6-4) vs. Los Angeles Chargers (4-6) at Mexico City**  
AFN-Sports  
2:15 a.m. Tuesday CET

Series: Chiefs lead 61-55-1.

Last meeting: Chargers beat Chiefs 29-28, Dec. 13, 2018.

Notes: Chiefs have won nine of past 10 meetings. ... Chiefs coach Andy Reid is 9-4 against Chargers. ... Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes completed career-high 36 of 50 passes for 446 yards and three TDs in 35-32 loss to Titans last week. He has 8,007 career passing yards, the most by a quarterback in his first 25 starts in NFL history. ... Running back Damien Williams had 109 scrimmage yards (77 rushing, 32 receiving) last week. ... Wide receiver Tyreek Hill career-high 11 catches for 157 yards and a TD last week. ... Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers leads NFL with 2,816 passing yards this season. ... Running back Melvin Gordon rushed for a season-high 108 yards and a TD last week, his ninth career game with 100 or more rushing yards. ... Wide receiver Keenan Allen had eight catches last week.

EXPANDED STANDINGS

American Conference

	East										North				South							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	8	1	0	.889	270	98	4-0-0	4-1-0	6-1-0	2-0-0	4-0-0	5	4	0	.556	194	193	3-1-0	3-2-0	5-1-0	1-2-0	2-1-0
Buffalo	6	3	0	.667	174	150	3-2-0	3-1-0	4-2-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	4	4	0	.500	192	208	1-4-0	1-3-0	2-5-0	0-2-0	1-2-0
Miami	2	7	0	.222	119	268	1-4-0	1-3-0	2-5-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	3	5	0	.333	120	238	2-3-0	2-3-0	0-6-0	2-1-0	0-4-0
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	.222	132	230	2-3-0	3-0-0	0-6-0	2-1-0	2-1-0	3	5	0	.333	146	189	2-3-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	0-2-0	0-2-0
Houston	6	3	0	.667	286	191	3-1-0	3-2-0	5-1-0	1-2-0	2-1-0	4	4	0	.556	194	193	3-1-0	3-2-0	4-4-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
Indianapolis	5	4	0	.556	200	202	4-2-0	1-3-0	4-3-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	4	4	0	.500	203	197	3-2-0	2-3-0	3-4-0	2-1-0	0-2-0
Tennessee	4	5	0	.444	176	189	2-3-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	3	5	0	.333	149	189	2-3-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	0-2-0	0-2-0
Jacksonville	4	5	0	.444	176	189	2-3-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	3	5	0	.333	149	189	2-3-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	0-2-0	0-2-0
Baltimore	7	2	0	.778	300	189	3-1-0	4-1-0	5-2-0	2-0-0	3-1-0	8	2	0	.800	250	205	5-1-0	3-1-0	5-1-0	3-1-0	3-0-0
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	200	202	4-2-0	1-3-0	4-3-0	1-2-0	1-2-0	7	3	0	.700	262	182	4-0-0	3-3-0	6-2-0	1-1-0	1-2-0
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	192	226	2-3-0	2-3-0	4-3-0	0-3-0	2-0-0	4	5	0	.444	162	157	2-3-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	1-2-0	2-1-0
Cincinnati	0	9	0	.000	137	258	0-4-0	0-5-0	0-5-0	0-4-0	0-3-0	3	5	1	.389	217	237	2-2-0	1-3-1	2-3-1	1-2-0	0-3-0
Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	284	239	2-3-0	4-1-0	4-3-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	8	1	0	.889	259	129	3-1-0	5-0-0	5-1-0	3-0-0	2-1-0
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	208	240	4-1-0	1-3-0	3-2-0	2-2-0	2-1-0	8	2	0	.800	275	254	3-2-0	5-0-0	5-1-0	3-1-0	3-0-0
L.A. Chargers	4	6	0	.400	207	194	2-3-0	2-3-0	2-5-0	2-1-0	0-2-0	5	4	0	.556	226	191	2-2-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	2-1-0	0-2-0
Denver	3	6	0	.333	149	170	2-3-0	1-3-0	3-4-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	3	6	1	.350	222	281	1-3-1	2-5-0	2-5-1	1-1-0	0-2-0

National Conference

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	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	251	170	3-2-0	2-2-0	4-3-0	1-1-0	4-0-0	4	5	0	.444	162	157	2-3-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	1-2-0	2-1-0
Philadelphia	5	4	0	.556	224	213	3-1-0	2-3-0	3-4-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	1	8	0	.111	108	219	0-4-0	0-4-0	0-6-0	1-2-0	0-3-0
N.Y. Giants	2	8	0	.200	203	289	1-4-0	1-4-0	2-5-0	0-3-0	1-2-0	7	2	0	.778	204	182	4-1-0	3-1-0	5-2-0	2-0-0	1-1-0
Washington	1	8	0	.111	108	219	0-4-0	0-4-0	0-6-0	1-2-0	0-3-0	4	5	0	.444	162	157	2-3-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	1-2-0	2-1-0
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	204	182	4-1-0	3-1-0	5-2-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	4	4	0	.556	225	228	2-2-0	3-2-0	2-4-0	3-0-0	1-1-0
Carolina	5	4	0	.556	225	228	2-2-0	3-2-0	2-4-0	3-0-0	1-1-0	3	6	0	.333	260	279	1-3-0	2-3-0	3-5-0	0-1-0	1-2-0
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	260	279	1-3-0	2-3-0	3-5-0	0-1-0	1-2-0	2	7	0	.222	191	259	1-3-0	1-4-0	2-4-0	0-3-0	1-0-0
Atlanta	2	7	0	.222	191	259	1-3-0	1-4-0	2-4-0	0-3-0	1-0-0	8	2	0	.800	250	205	5-1-0	3-1-0	5-1-0	3-1-0	3-0-0
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	262	182	4-0-0	3-3-0	6-2-0	1-1-0	1-2-0	7	3	0	.700	262	182	4-0-0	3-3-0	6-2-0	1-1-0	1-2-0
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	162	157	2-3-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	1-2-0	2-1-0	3	5	1	.389	217	237	2-2-0	1-3-1	2-3-1	1-2-0	0-3-0
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	162	157	2-3-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	1-2-0	2-1-0	3	5	1	.389	217	237	2-2-0	1-3-1	2-3-1	1-2-0	0-3-0
Detroit	3	5	1	.389	217	237	2-2-0	1-3-1	2-3-1	1-2-0	0-3-0	8	1	0	.889	259	129	3-1-0	5-0-0	5-1-0	3-0-0	2-1-0
New England	8	1	0	.889	259	129	3-1-0	5-0-0	5-1-0	3-0-0	2-1-0	8	2	0	.800	275	254	3-2-0	5-0-0	5-1-0	3-1-0	3-0-0
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	226	191	2-2-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	2-1-0	0-2-0	5	4	0	.556	226	191	2-2-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	2-1-0	0-2-0
L.A. Rams	5	4	0	.556	226	191	2-2-0	2-2-0	3-3-0	2-1-0	0-2-0	3	6	1	.350	222	281	1-3-1	2-5-0	2-5-1	1-1-0	0-2-0
Arizona	3	6	1	.350	222	281	1-3-1	2-5-0	2-5-1	1-1-0	0-2-0											

ALSO ON AFN

Arizona Cardinals (3-6-1) at San Francisco 49ers (8-1), AFN-Sports2, 10 p.m. Sunday CET

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REST OF THE SCHEDULE

N.Y. Jets (2-7) at Washington (1-8)  
New Orleans (5-4) at Tampa Bay (3-6)  
Denver (3-6) at Minnesota (7-3)  
Buffalo (6-3) at Miami (2-7)  
Jacksonville (4-5) at Indianapolis (5-4)  
Atlanta (2-7) at Carolina (5-4)  
Cincinnati (0-9) at Oakland (5-4)  
Opponent: N.Y. Giants (2-8), Green Bay (8-2), Seattle (8-2), Tennessee (5-5)

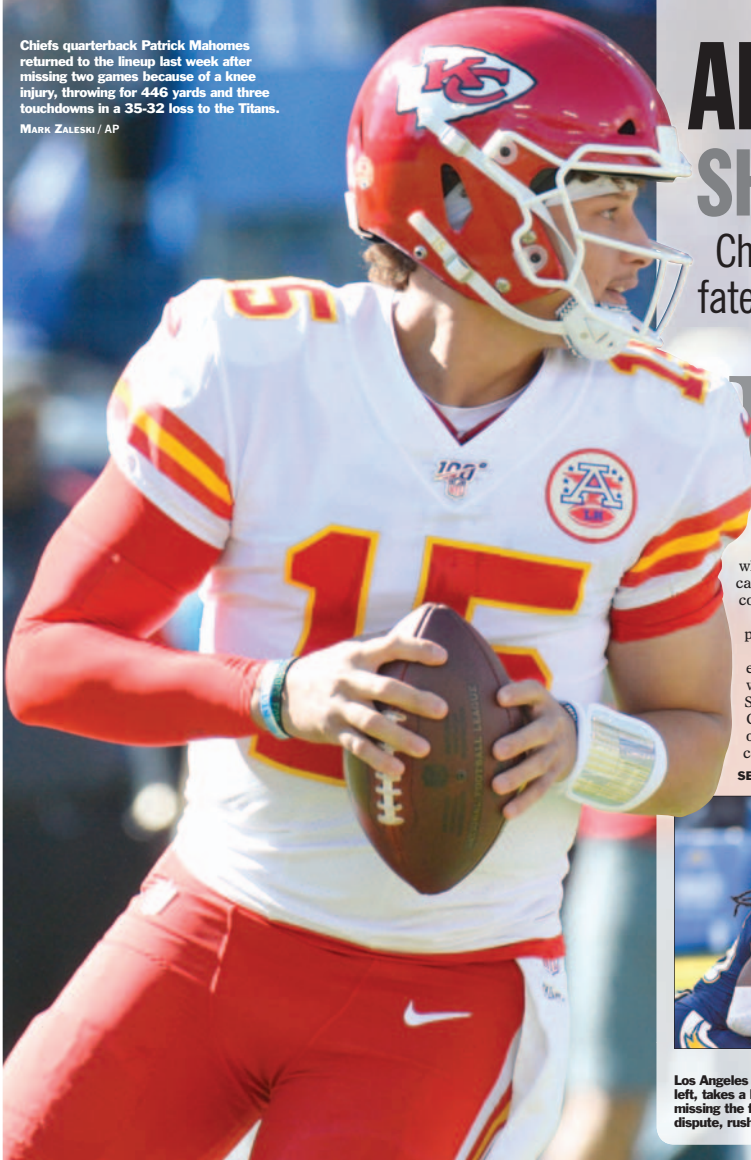
# SPORTS



**Six in a row**  
Harden helps Rockets extend winning streak to six » **NBA, Page 28**

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes returned to the lineup last week after missing two games because of a knee injury, throwing for 446 yards and three touchdowns in a 35-32 loss to the Titans.

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**NFL**

## AFC West SHOWDOWN

Chiefs, Chargers have fate in their own hands

By **JOE REEDY**  
Associated Press

Everyone's hoping the playing surface at Mexico City's Azteca Stadium won't be the main story of Monday night's game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Los Angeles Chargers.

Both coaches said they have received favorable updates about the turf going into the game. Last year's game between the Chiefs and Rams was relocated to Los Angeles less than a week before the game when the field was deemed unplayable because of rain and the stadium having hosted concerts less than a month before the game.

"Everything that I've been told has been positive," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said.

The teams have taken different approaches to preparing. The Chargers have spent the week at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs to get acclimated to the altitude. The Chiefs have kept their same routine with the only adjustment being to hydrate more, according to quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

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JOHN CORDES/AP

Los Angeles Chargers running back Melvin Gordon III, left, takes a handoff from quarterback Philip Rivers. After missing the first four games of the season due to a contract dispute, rushed for a season-high 108 yards last week.

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