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## Bahrain to join coalition in Persian Gulf

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MANAMA, Bahrain — Bahrain has agreed to join a U.S.-led coalition for maritime security in the Persian Gulf, making it the third member of a group proposed in the wake of heightened tensions with Iran.

U.S. Central Command boss Gen. Kenneth McKenzie Jr. said in a statement Monday that he “welcomes the Kingdom of Bahrain into the International Maritime Security Construct.”

“I appreciate His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa’s decision to join the United Kingdom and the United States in taking an active role in preserving the freedom of navigation, promoting maritime security and de-escalating regional tensions,” McKenzie said.

Bahrain did not specify the extent of participation for its navy, which has a former U.S. Perry-class frigate as its flagship and a few dozen patrol vessels.

The king confirmed his country’s participation in “the joint effort to preserve the safety of international maritime navigation and secure international corridors for trade and energy in the region,” the official Bahrain News Agency reported Monday.

The announcement came as Hamad visited Naval Station Bahrain, home to the U.S. 5th Fleet and the U.K. Maritime Component. Hamad spoke to U.S., British and Bahraini forces, hailing the partnerships as a “foundation” for regional stability.

Cooperation is aimed at ensuring “that all parties are

obliged to respect the laws and norms governing relations of good neighborliness, mutual respect for sovereignty and independence of states and noninterference in internal affairs,” Hamad said.

Bahrain is only the third nation to commit to the coalition, which was proposed as a reaction to what the U.S. and Britain have said is harassment of commercial shipping by Iran, which has denied the accusation.

The U.K. has already beefed up its presence in the Gulf after a British-flagged tanker was seized by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps in July. British forces had seized an Iranian tanker on July 4 near Gibraltar, accusing it of violating international sanctions targeting Syria.

Gibraltar released the tanker

Sunday, citing European Union rules on the sanctions that differ from those imposed by Washington.

European navies haven’t yet shown interest in joining the coalition. Several opposed the U.S. move to pull out of a 2015 accord aimed at curtailing Iran’s nuclear program, a deal that the Trump administration considered flawed.

McKenzie said he looks forward to working with Bahrain and other nations to secure freedom of navigation in the region.

“The free flow of commerce throughout international waterways is a linchpin of the global economy, and we appreciate the Kingdom of Bahrain’s leadership and support in preventing aggression from curtailing that freedom,” McKenzie said.

## Military: GIs may be victims of credit card hack in S. Korea

BY KIM GAMEL

*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — American troops may have been among the victims of hackers who stole information from more than 1 million U.S. and South Korean credit cards and listed it for sale on the dark web over the past three months, the military said.

The thefts targeted unspecified business and financial entities in South Korea and included information on at least 38,000 U.S.-issued payment cards, according to an alert distributed by the Eighth Army via its Facebook page on Monday. An unnamed credit union that provides services at U.S. Air Force bases in South Korea was among the potentially compromised organizations, it said.

Citing the large number of

U.S.-issued payment cards involved and the significant presence of American troops in South Korea, the Major Cybercrime Unit-Korea said it could “assess with medium confidence that the purchase cards of U.S. servicemembers may have been included in this compromise.” The stolen information was listed on the dark web since the end of May, according to the notice, which was based on information from the Korea Office of the Major Cybercrime Unit, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command.

The notice advised people worried that their credit card information was stolen to place a “fraud alert” on their credit reports and to monitor their accounts for signs of identity theft.

Navy Federal Credit Union, which operates on Osan Air

Base and other installations in South Korea, said it was aware of the situation and was monitoring it closely.

“At this time, we have no reason to believe any Navy Federal systems were impacted,” a Navy Federal spokesperson said Tuesday in an email. “Our members’ privacy and security are our top priorities.”

The armed forces bank, which serves all the branches, said that any members who suspect fraudulent activity should call 1-888-842-6328.

Security firm Gemini Advisory also reported the credit card data theft on Aug. 1, saying the hackers had apparently managed to capture information before it was encrypted as the cards were swiped at merchants or at ATMs. That would enable fraudsters to clone the cards and use them to make il-

legal purchases, it said. Transactions made using cards with embedded computer chips, also known as EMV chip technology, would have been secure, according to the report.

The New York-based firm first observed information from 42,000 compromised South Korean-issued cards posted for sale on the dark web in May, which it said is generally in line with recent trends.

However, the number spiked to 230,000 records in June and 890,000 in July, according to Gemini Advisory.

“This spike currently consists of over 1 million compromised South Korea-issued CP records posted for sale in the dark web since May 29,” it said, referring to the term CP fraud that involves collecting payment card information from in-person transactions.

# Pentagon tests previously banned missile

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military has conducted a flight test of a type of missile banned for more than 30 years by a treaty that both the United States and Russia abandoned this month, the Pentagon said.

The test off the coast of California on Sunday marked the resumption of an arms competition that some analysts worry could increase U.S.-Russian tensions. The Trump administration has said it remains interested in useful arms control but questions Moscow's willingness to adhere to its treaty commitments.

The Pentagon said it tested a modified ground-launched version of a Navy Tomahawk cruise missile, which was launched from San Nicolas Island and accurately struck its target after flying more than 310 miles. The missile was armed with a conventional, not nuclear, warhead.

Defense officials had said last March that this missile likely would have a range of about 620 miles and that it might be ready for deployment within 18 months.

The missile would have violated the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty of 1987, which banned all types of missiles with ranges between 310 miles and 3,410 miles. The U.S. and Russia withdrew from the treaty on Aug. 2, prompted by what the administration said was Russia's unwillingness to stop violating the treaty's terms. Russia ac-

## Russia decries US missile test

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A top Russian diplomat has lamented the U.S. test of a type of missile that was banned for decades before both Washington and Moscow quit the treaty earlier this year.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov in comments to the state-owned RIA Novosti news agency Tuesday expressed concern that the United States is increasing "the destabilizing potential" of the issue.

Ryabkov also said that the test proved Russia's earlier suspicions that the U.S. was testing the banned missiles even before it withdrew from the treaty.

The U.S. military on Sunday flight-tested a ground-launched version of a cruise missile off the coast of California. The missile was previously banned by the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

cused the U.S. of violating the agreement.

The newly tested cruise missile recalls a nuclear-armed U.S. weapon that was deployed in several European NATO countries in the 1980s, along with Pershing 2 ground-based ballistic missiles, in response to a buildup of Soviet SS-20 missiles targeting Western Europe. With the signing of the treaty, those missiles were withdrawn and destroyed.

In addition to the land-variant of the Tomahawk cruise missile, the Pentagon has said it also intends to begin testing, probably before the end of this year, an INF-range ballistic missile with a range

of roughly 1,864 miles to 2,485 miles. Both missiles are to be non-nuclear.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said this month that he hopes the Pentagon can develop and deploy INF-range missiles "sooner rather than later," but no specific timeline has been announced.

He disputed the notion that abandoning the INF treaty will spark an arms race.

"I don't see an arms race happening here," he told reporters on the day Washington and Moscow withdrew from the treaty. "Russia has been racing, if anybody, to develop these systems in violation of the treaty, not us."

## Naval Academy educator returns, but not to class

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — As a civilian tenured English professor, Bruce Fleming believes he has made important contributions to the U.S. Naval Academy during his 30 years on staff, providing views from outside the military while teaching writing, literature and critical thinking skills to future Navy and Marine officers.

Fleming also hasn't been afraid to publicly criticize what he perceives as the shortcomings of military academy training — and that is what he believes ultimately prompted school officials to fire him last year. His iconoclastic op-eds questioning the academies' very existence have drawn

the ire of military officials for years, he said.

But Fleming's critics say it's not just the professor's quest for public headlines that leads them to support his ouster. They say he has behaved inappropriately in the classroom and become too disruptive to the academy's mission.

An administrative law judge overturned Fleming's dismissal last month, and he returned to the academy Monday on the first day of the new school year — but not as a classroom professor. The academy has assigned him to scholarly research and other tasks while it appeals the judge's ruling.

"His duties will not include teaching or advising midship-

men, as his presence in the classroom and engaging with midshipmen in any advisory role would be an undue disruption to the academic environment," said Cmdr. Alana Garas, an academy spokeswoman.

Fleming contends military service academies are more like military indoctrination centers than learning institutions that cultivate creative, outside-the-box thinking, which is what he says is needed in future military leaders.

Mark Syska, a judge for the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, overturned Fleming's dismissal last month.

In his ruling, Syska cited "credibility issues" with the midshipman who filed the

longest complaint. Syska described Midshipman Matthew DeSantis' 16-page grievance as "greatly exaggerated — to the point of being hard to credit on certain points."

The judge also concluded that, based on the testimony of eight others, including two professors, "the overwhelming majority of his students" enjoyed Fleming's teaching style.

Fleming contends the effort to fire him is an encroachment on academic freedom.

The Naval Academy is the only major service academy with tenured civilian professors who outnumber military professors, unlike at the U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

## Army MP falls from tower, dies

BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
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WASHINGTON — An Army Reserve military policeman who also worked as a Louisiana sheriff's deputy was killed after falling off a tower while deployed to Saudi Arabia, Army and law enforcement officials said Monday.

Army Spc. Clayton James Horne, 23, died Saturday in the Saudi capital of Riyadh from wounds that he sustained in a noncombat incident, the Army said in a news release. He was deployed with the 351st Military Police Company, 160th Military Police Battalion in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, the U.S. military's anti-Islamic State mission.

Army officials on Monday declined to provide additional information about Horne's death, saying it was under investigation. However, Horne's other employer, the Winn Parish Sheriff's Office, said he had fallen to his death from a tower while overseas.

Horne was a sheriff's deputy in the central Louisiana parish, which includes his hometown of Atlanta, according to that agency. He joined the force after graduating from the police academy in nearby Alexandria, La., in November 2018.

Winn's Sheriff Cranford Jordan described Horne as a good person who was dedicated to serving others. "Clayton was an excellent deputy and I was looking forward to him completing his tour and returning to work at the sheriff's office," Jordan said in a statement. "Please keep his family and friends in your prayers during this most difficult time."

Friends and family members who posted on the Winn Sheriff's Office's Facebook page said Horne was engaged to be married. He also previously served as an assistant boys basketball coach at the high school from which he graduated, Louisiana's Atlanta High School.

## Soldier who took armored vehicle not guilty by reason of insanity

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WASHINGTON — The Virginia National Guard soldier who stole an armored vehicle last June and led police on a more than 60-mile chase throughout the state was found not guilty Monday on any charges by reason of insanity, according to the commonwealth's attorney in Nottoway County.

First Lt. Joshua Yabut, 30, stole an M577 armored personnel carrier from Fort Pickett near Blackstone, Va., on June 5, 2018, and tweeted during his trip as Virginia State Police pursued him all the way to Richmond, Va. Yabut is still a first lieutenant with the guard, said Cotton Puryear, a spokes-

man with the Virginia National Guard.

The nearly 12-ton vehicle was taken while the unit that he commanded, Headquarters Company, 276th Engineer Battalion, was conducting routine training at Fort Pickett, according to a Virginia National Guard statement. The vehicle did not have any weapons on it at the time.

Yabut, who is from Richmond, had been charged with a felony for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and a misdemeanor for violation of the conditions of his bond. The later charge stemmed from Yabut's unauthorized travel to Iraq in January using commercial and military flights and conducting online research into how to make bombs, according to re-

porting by CBS affiliate WTVR in Richmond.

Yabut was evaluated by three licensed clinical psychologists, and they concluded he was not sane at the time of the crime, commonwealth attorney Lianne Watrous said Monday in a prepared statement.

Yabut will remain in custody and be evaluated by a psychiatrist and clinical psychologist concerning his mental condition and need for hospitalization and treatment, according to the statement.

After the evaluations, it will be determined during a hearing whether Yabut needs inpatient hospitalization. His mental examination hearing is scheduled for Oct. 4, according to court documents.

## Guam air base guard stabbed while apprehending intruder 'doing well'

BY MATTHEW M. BURKE  
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The Defense Department civilian security guard stabbed Thursday morning while apprehending an intruder at Andersen Air Force Base on Guam is recovering, Air Force officials said Tuesday.

The unnamed civilian guard attached to base security forces is "healthy and doing well," 36th Wing spokesman 2nd Lt. Ryan Bradley wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes.

Bradley declined to comment further on the wounded guard. He also declined comment on the man who was shot and killed in the incident and referred questions to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, which is leading the investigation.

NCIS could not immediately be reached for comment.

Guam police's public information officer did not answer several calls seeking further information this week.

Local media piecing together publicly available information from Guam police identified the deceased suspect as Ansell Degoma Poblete, 39, of Dededo.

The Pacific Daily News and The Guam Daily Post reported gleaning Poblete's name from police blotter reports of a home invasion and high-speed chase Wednesday night that officials have linked to the base incident.

The base intruder was shot at approximately 6:35 a.m. Thursday following a night-long search, Air Force officials said in statements Thursday.

He had reportedly stabbed the civilian guard who was attempting to apprehend him, prompting the guard to open

fire. Emergency medical personnel pronounced the intruder dead at the scene at 7:52 a.m., the statements said. Base officials called the shooting self-defense almost immediately afterward.

"While apprehending a suspect, our defenders were compelled to use lethal force for their own defense, resulting in the death of the suspect," 36th Wing commander Air Force Brig. Gen. Gentry Boswell said in the statements Thursday.

"We value the importance of every life and are thankful for the courage our defenders display in the safe conduct of their duties protecting our personnel and families," he said.

Poblete was charged in March with felony assault of a police officer and misdemeanor family violence, the Pacific Daily News reported at the time.

# 3 more states sue over immigration rule

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York state, New York City, Connecticut and Vermont sued the federal government Tuesday over new Trump administration rules blocking green cards for many immigrants who use public assistance including Medicaid, food stamps and housing vouchers.

The states and city join a growing list of entities suing over the change, one of the Republican administration's most aggressive moves to restrict legal immigration.

New York Attorney General Letitia James, a Democrat, said the new rules fly in the face of American values and 100

years of case law.

"Generations of citizens landed on the welcoming shores of Ellis Island with nothing more than a dream in their pockets," she said in a statement announcing the lawsuit. "The Trump Administration's thinly veiled efforts to only allow those who meet their narrow ethnic, racial and economic criteria to enter our nation is a clear violation of our laws and our values."

More than 15 other states have already sued to challenge the new rule, including California, Washington state and Pennsylvania.

The rules set to take effect in October

would broaden a range of programs that can disqualify immigrants from legal status if they are deemed to be a burden to the U.S.

Ken Cuccinelli, acting director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, said earlier this month that the rule change will ensure those who come to the country don't become a burden, though they pay taxes.

"We want to see people coming to this country who are self-sufficient," Cuccinelli said. "That's a core principle of the American dream. It's deeply embedded in our history, and particularly our history related to legal immigration."

# White House: Fundamentals of economy solid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The "fundamentals" of the U.S. economy are solid, the White House asserted, invoking an ill-fated political declaration of a decade ago amid mounting concern that a recession could imperil President Donald Trump's reelection.

Exhibiting no such concern, senior adviser Kellyanne Conway declared to reporters on Monday, "The fact is, the fundamentals of our economy are very strong."

It's a phrase with a history. Republican John McCain was accused of being out of touch when he made a similar declaration during the 2008 presidential campaign just hours before investment bank Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, setting off a stock market crash and global financial decline.

A case can be made for the White House position. The U.S. job market is setting records for low unemployment, and the econ-

omy has continued uninterrupted growth since Trump took office. But growth is slowing, stock markets have swung wildly in recent weeks on recession fears, and indicators in the housing and manufacturing sectors have given economists pause. A new survey Monday showed a big majority of economists expecting a downturn to hit by 2021 at the latest, according to a report from the National Association of Business Economics.

Trump begs to disagree.

"We're doing tremendously well. Our consumers are rich. I gave a tremendous tax cut and they're loaded up with money," Trump said on Sunday. "I don't think we're having a recession."

Still, the Republican president took to Twitter on Monday to urge the Federal Reserve to stimulate the economy by cutting interest rates and returning to "quantitative easing" of its monetary policy, an

indication of deep anxiety beneath his administration's bravado. And he backtracked last week on taking the next step in escalating his trade war with China, concerned that new tariffs on consumer goods could hamper the critical holiday shopping season.

White House aides and campaign advisers have been monitoring the recent turbulence in the financial markets and troubling indicators at home and around the world with concern for Trump's 2020 chances.

For decades, economic performance has proven to be a critical component of presidential job approval, and no American leader so much as Trump has tied his political fortunes to it. The celebrity businessman was elected in 2016 promising to reduce unemployment — a task at which he has succeeded — and to bring about historic GDP growth, where he has had less success.

# California governor signs law to limit police shootings

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Spurred by the fatal police shooting of a young unarmed black man that roiled California's capital city, state lawmakers approved changes to the nation's oldest law governing when officers can use deadly force and it was signed by the governor Monday, though even supporters aren't sure it will save many lives.

"It's an open-ended question," Gov. Gavin Newsom said after adding his signature to the bill during a ceremony in an open courtyard to hold the crowd of legislators, family members of those killed in

police shootings and advocates, many of them black or Latino. "This is remarkable to get to this moment on a bill that was so controversial, but it means nothing unless we make this moment meaningful."

Supporters and law enforcement officials said the new standards, which take effect Jan. 1, are among the nation's most comprehensive when combined with more police training. But they must be coupled with cultural and systemic changes, including more transparency and a rebuilding of trust with the community, Newsom said.

California's old standard made it rare

for police officers to be charged following a shooting and rarer still for them to be convicted. It was based on the doctrine of "reasonable fear," meaning if prosecutors or jurors believed officers had a reason to fear for their safety, they could use lethal force.

The new law will allow police to use deadly force only when "necessary" to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious injury to officers or bystanders.

It passed with bipartisan support after major police organizations won concessions and ended their vehement opposition.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Wild horse dies after getting tangled in wire

**NC** OUTER BANKS — North Carolina's Corolla Wild Horse Fund confirmed a young stallion became tangled in barbed wire near an Outer Banks beach and had to be euthanized.

The Fund posted on Facebook that the 4-year-old horse named Joaquin was spotted caught in a barbed wire fence Thursday.

The post said a veterinarian determined his leg couldn't be saved and euthanasia was "the most humane" option.

## Town brings back its police force

**AL** GRAYSVILLE — A Birmingham suburb is bringing back its police department after an 11-year hiatus.

The new department will begin operations Sept. 1, WBRC-TV reported, with 12 part-time officers. Among the part-timers will be Chief Ken Marbury, who will remain chief in Oakman.

Jefferson County sheriff's deputies have patrolled the town since it disbanded its department.

## Bicyclists ride up top peak in Northeast

**NH** PINKHAM NOTCH — A Massachusetts man and a Pennsylvania woman won the grueling bicycle race up Mount Washington, the highest peak in the northeastern U.S.

Erik Levinsohn, of Boston, and Stefanie Sydlik, 34, of Pittsburgh, beat the competition in the men's and women's divisions of the 7.6-mile Mount Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb to the summit at

6,288 feet Saturday.

Levinsohn, 29, crossed the finish line in 53 minutes and 42 seconds Saturday. Sydlik made it to the top in 1 hour, 10 minutes and 34 seconds.

## After man opens door, kinkajou bites him

**FL** LAKE WORTH BEACH — Officials said a small rainforest raccoon-like creature ran into a Florida apartment and bit a man after he opened the front door to head to work.

WPEC-TV reported the kinkajou bit his foot and scratched his leg but didn't seriously injure him.

A woman who witnessed the incident at the Lake Worth Beach apartment said it sounded "like a 300-pound man was tackling him in the kitchen."

Natalie Dulach said the furry mammal with sharp claws clung to the man's leg as he fought to get it out. The man locked the long-tailed animal in the bathroom until wildlife officers arrived.

## Pork queen lends sow hand delivering piglet

**IA** DES MOINES — A piglet born at the Iowa State Fair was touched by royalty.

The 2019 pork queen for the Iowa Pork Producers Association, Gracie Greiner, kept her tiara atop her head as she reached inside a laboring sow and removed the piglet at the fair's Animal Learning Center.

The 18-year-old's family breeds pigs to show at the county and state levels.

Her dad, Shaun Greiner, told The Associated Press that his daughter is about to start classes at Iowa State University and intends to major in animal science, with an eye toward going to veterinary school someday.

## Man using fireworks on hornets starts fire

**MA** STURBRIDGE — A Massachusetts man learned the hard way that fireworks are probably not the best way to deal with a hornets' nest.

Dave Schmida, of Sturbridge, said he was trying to remove hornets high up on his family's home when a corner of the roof caught fire.

The Telegram and Gazette reported the 21-year-old first used a more traditional method, spraying the nest with Raid, a pesticide spray. When that didn't work, Schmida went the unconventional method of using a Roman candle to handle the wasps.

A video of the incident shows the nest immediately go up in flames, along with the eaves.

Schmida used a fire extinguisher to put out the flames. He said damage was minimal.

## Man sentenced for branding girlfriend

**TX** WEATHERFORD — A Texas man was sentenced to 70 years in prison after a jury convicted him of felony assault for heating up a belt buckle and using it to brand his girlfriend.

Prosecutors said David Shawn Minze, 39, was tried as a habitual offender because he had six prior felony convictions, including an assault conviction involving the same victim.

Prosecutors said Minze, who goes by Shawn, in December 2018 used a lighter to heat up a western-style belt buckle bearing a large letter "S" and then branded the woman's body, leaving a scar. The woman also testified that Minze choked her and covered her face with a pillow.

## Man throws furniture; residents evacuated

**OR** PORTLAND — Some residents were evacuated from their Oregon apartments because of a neighbor throwing furniture and other items out of his window.

Portland police said Jerome Lee wasn't initially cooperative with officers. Police said that when they tried to talk to him, he continued destroying property and throwing things out of his third-story apartment window.

Officers suspected Lee, 40, was suffering from a mental health crisis.

After five hours of negotiations, emergency teams deployed a chemical agent into Lee's apartment and he was taken into custody. He was taken to a hospital, evaluated and released, then was booked on charges of unlawful use of a weapon and menacing.

## Scout leads project to restore cemetery plot

**VA** ALEXANDRIA — A Virginia teen volunteering at the Alexandria National Cemetery three years ago noticed a rundown plot nearby where overgrown trees blocked the signed marking it as the Douglass Memorial Cemetery.

Griffin Burchard, 16, said the cemetery named for abolitionist Frederick Douglass was covered in leaves and had signs of flooding. He soon got his Boy Scout troop, Troop 4077, to help restore the site.

They unveiled a new historic marker for the plot Thursday, timing the ceremony to coincide with the 400th anniversary of enslaved Africans' arrival in Virginia.

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# Hurts cramming for only season at OU

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Jalen Hurts has had all the answers since transferring from Alabama in January.

One question had the new Oklahoma quarterback stumped. When asked what he does besides football and studying, he paused.

“Um. I don’t know,” he said.

Football and studying, that’s pretty much it?

“Yeah.”

Hurts finally said he calls his friends and writes his thoughts down. But there isn’t a lot of free time when you are trying to master coach Lincoln Riley’s dynamic offense.

“My deal is taking in as much as I can so I can be the best player, the best leader I can be for this team this year,” Hurts said.

It’s clear that Hurts is focused, and he has much to show for that approach — he has played in three national title games and led a stirring rally against Georgia last season in the SEC championship game. He was part of the Alabama team that won the 2017

national title.

Hurts lost his starting job to Tua Tagovailoa last season, but his numbers jump out nonetheless: He was 26-2 as a starter for Alabama, then completed 73% of his passes as a reserve last year.

“The man can ball,” top returning receiver CeeDee Lamb said. “He’s a great leader. He likes things done in his way. He’s been where we’re trying to go and he’s won an actual national championship, so we’re going to listen to what he has to say and we’re going to take it on there.”

Credentials alone don’t account for the respect Hurts has earned. He immediately got his new teammates’ attention with his work ethic heading into his final year of college football.

“He’s a leader, no doubt,” receiver Lee Morris said. “He was a leader from day one when he got here.”

Hurts’ demeanor is ideal for someone who is stepping in and following Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks Baker Mayfield and Kyler Murray. Expectations are high for the Big 12 Preseason Newcomer of

the Year.

“I’ve had the same approach since I got here — to be the best quarterback I can be,” he said. “All that other stuff is what y’all want to talk about.”

Hurts is 21 and has already graduated from Alabama with a degree in communications. Running back Trey Sermon said Hurts’ maturity stands out.

“He’s an old head to me,” Sermon said. “He listens to a lot of old-school music. He makes a lot of jokes that you hear that my uncle would say.”

Mayfield was a fiery, vocal leader who would yell and jump around. Murray was more subdued, but had a swagger that his teammates latched onto.

Hurts? He says: “I chill.”

“He’s kept to himself, but he’s still always working,” Lamb said. “He’s always either with film or he’s trying to go get some routes in. He’s definitely the most laid back guy on the team, if not top five.”

Hurts feels his personality meshes well with Riley’s, and he likes being paired with an aggressive, offensive-minded coach.

“I think coach Riley has really good intentions,” he said. “Really good intentions with really bad intentions.”

Hurts sees Riley as a players’ coach and said Riley has made a special effort to build a connection with him.

“Our relationship has really grown,” Hurts said. “You kind of have to force it because of the short time I’m here and how much I really need to take in before we actually get into gameplay. It’s a relationship I definitely appreciate. Definitely a different relationship from coaches I’ve had in the past. I think the relationship can take us a long way. I think it can take this team a long way.”

Riley said Hurts’ ability to connect with those around him will be the most important part of the transition.

“To me, the story’s not so much trying to get him caught up learning the offense,” Riley said. “It’s more trying to build the relationships and the trust that a lot of times it takes years and years — that to me is the whole deal, and to me, if that can be developed at a high level, the scheme stuff will come.”

## Sooners, Horns could have Red River rematch repeat

Associated Press

Red River rivals Oklahoma and Texas met twice last season for the first time in 115 years, when the Sooners won their fourth consecutive Big 12 championship by avenging their only regular-season loss.

Oklahoma now has another transfer quarterback — former national championship winner Jalen Hurts — after their transfer QBs the past two seasons both were Heisman Trophy winners and No. 1 overall NFL Draft picks, all since Lincoln Riley became head coach. The Longhorns and hometown quarterback Sam Ehlinger are coming off their first 10-win season since 2009, a quick turnaround under third-year coach Tom Herman.

So it really wouldn’t be that much of a surprise if they again get to play a second game in the same season outside their traditional October game at the State Fair of Texas.

Especially in a season following the biggest coaching turnover ever in the Big 12 with four new coaches, including two who have won national championships. Les Miles takes over at Kansas a dozen seasons removed from his title at LSU and nearly three years after his last game, while new Kansas State coach Chris Klieman won at the FCS level with four championships in five seasons as North Dakota State’s head coach after three as a defensive coordinator there.

Suddenly only Oklahoma

State’s Mike Gundy (15th season) and TCU’s Gary Patterson (19th season) have been head coaches in the Big 12 longer than Matt Campbell, whose Iowa State team with sophomore quarterback Brock Purdy may be ready to make a push for a spot in the Big 12 title game in his fourth season.

“Phenomenal job, and I’m glad he stayed,” Riley said of Campbell. “Not glad from a competitive standpoint, but he’s a heck of a coach. He’s done a great job. His players play their tails off, made a big improvement obviously in that program in a short time.”

The Cyclones have had consecutive 8-5 seasons under their 39-year-old coach who has already drawn interest from

NFL teams. They had nine losing seasons in the 10 years before Campbell arrived in Ames, Iowa, after his four seasons as head coach at Toledo.

While Miles and Klieman get started in the Sunflower State, the league’s other new coaches are Neal Brown at West Virginia and Matt Wells at Texas Tech. Wells left his alma mater after six seasons at Utah State. His only previous coaching stop at a Power Five school was as an assistant at Louisville 10 years ago. Brown comes to the Big 12 after 35 wins and three bowl wins the last four seasons at Troy, but he is no stranger to the Big 12. He was Texas Tech’s offensive coordinator from 2010-12 before going to Kentucky in the SEC for the same role.

# 49ers' Garoppolo shaky vs. Broncos

Associated Press

DENVER — Broncos receiver Emmanuel Sanders and 49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo each made a triumphant return to action Monday night when the San Francisco 49ers' backups engineered a 24-15 preseason win over the Denver Broncos.

Sanders' comeback overshadowed Garoppolo's return.

After thoughts of his double-ankle surgery nearly brought him to tears in the tunnel before the game, Sanders caught a 5-yard pass from Joe Flacco on the Broncos' first offensive play and added a 19-yard run on a reverse in his first game since tearing his left Achilles tendon in practice last December.

He also hauled in a 45-yard reception that was erased by left tackle Garrett Bolles' holding penalty, but what he lamented most was not scoring on the reverse.

"The old 'E' would have scored," Sanders said.

Bolles' penalty didn't detract

from Sanders' big night.

"Unfortunately, we got the holding call," Sanders said. "But it felt good to be back on the football field, making plays and exciting the crowd. This is my adrenaline rush."

Garoppolo was glad to get back on the field, too, even though he went just 1-for-6 for no yards and an interception in his first game since suffering a season-ending knee injury last September.

"It's something I haven't done in a year, obviously, so I've got to knock the rust off," Garoppolo said. "Thankfully, we have a short week this week so we can bounce back quickly. First step of getting back into it."

Garoppolo's first pass was knocked down by defensive lineman Shelby Harris and his second one was intercepted by cornerback Isaac Yiadom when he was pressured by Bradley Chubb. His third pass was tipped and cornerback De'Vante Bausby broke up his fourth attempt.

Chris Harris Jr. pressured

Garoppolo into an incompletion from his end zone before Garoppolo finally completed a screen pass to running back Matt Breida, who was corralled by Shelby Harris at the San Francisco 6 for no gain.

"It's a big hurdle to get out there for the first time but we haven't seen any issues with the knee," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "I forget about it except he's wearing a brace."

The knee wasn't on Garoppolo's mind, either.

"I wasn't thinking about it so I was happy about that," Garoppolo said. "It didn't bother me too much."

Broncos safety Justin Simmons said that while he was pleased with how Denver stifled Garoppolo, the quarterback's stat line was by no means a barometer of where he is in his comeback.

"It helps because we practiced against him twice. I mean, he still has it," Simmons said. "You watched him in practice and he made a lot of nice throws, he made a lot

of nice reads and he helped us big-time in our development throughout the week."

Based on their work together over three days, Simmons said football fans should expect big things from the Niners' offense and Denver's defense this season.

**Locked out:** Broncos rookie QB Drew Lock jammed his right thumb when he was sacked on the first series of the second half, cutting short his most significant action of the preseason in his quest to win the backup job, and Kevin Hogan finished up.

Coach Vic Fangio said he thought Lock's injury was minor, and Lock said X-rays were negative.

**Injuries:** Broncos first-rounder Noah Fant injured his right foot when DB Tarvarius Moore fell on him in the second quarter. DL Damontre Moore (thumb) and FS Adrian Colbert (hamstring) were among the 49ers hurt. Fangio said Fant's injury appeared to be minor.

## Source: Raiders' Brown takes part in team meetings

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Star receiver Antonio Brown returned to training camp with the Oakland Raiders on Monday, a day after being given an ultimatum by general manager Mike Mayock to be "all in or all out."

Brown took part in meetings in Napa before the team broke camp, a person familiar with the situation said on condition of anonymity because the team didn't release details.

Brown didn't attend practice Sunday as he works to find a helmet that he's comfortable using and that meets safety standards set by the NFL and NFLPA. Brown lost a grievance last week seeking to use the Schutt Air Advantage helmet he has used throughout his career because it was too old to be certified as safe.

He had hoped to find a newer version of his preferred helmet that could be approved but the one he submitted failed a safety test conducted by the league and union, a second person said on condition of anonymity because test results weren't released.

Agent Drew Rosenhaus told ESPN earlier Monday that he expects Brown to be back practicing soon and that they are looking into "all options right now to resolve the helmet issue."

"Antonio is very genuine," Rosenhaus said. "He wants to be there. He wants to be a part of the team. He wants to practice. But he'd also like to do it with the helmet that he's worn his entire life. He wore this helmet in pee-wee football, high school football, in college at Central Michigan. And he also

wore this helmet his nine-year (NFL) career.

"This is his life. He's risking everything. He's got a family. He's had a concussion before. This helmet has kept him safe. He's had brutal hits. And we're just trying to find a way to work it out. We've worked very closely with the Raiders, we've worked very closely with the NFL. But I hope people can appreciate this is not a simple issue. The helmet is the most important piece of equipment and he's had the same one every single snap he's played in his football career. This is a major issue for him."

Brown has yet to take part in a full practice all training camp for the Raiders, missing time because of frost bite on his feet suffered in a cryotherapy accident in France and now over the helmet issue.

That led to Mayock's public

frustration Sunday when he said the Raiders had supported their star player but had "exhausted all avenues of relief."

"So from our perspective, it's time for him to be all in or all out," Mayock said. "So we're hoping he's back soon. We've got 89 guys busting their tails. We are really excited about where this franchise is going and we hope A.B. is going to be a big part of it starting Week 1 against Denver."

Brown had 686 catches and 9,145 yards receiving the past six seasons in Pittsburgh, the best marks ever for a receiver in a six-year span. But he still wore out his welcome with the Steelers after leaving the team before a crucial Week 17 game last season and was able to be acquired by Oakland in March for the small price of third- and fifth-round draft picks.

# Hudson, Cardinals shut out Brewers

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Only when Dakota Hudson reached the dug-out after being removed from the game did he realize something was different.

“Guys were giving me hugs instead of handshakes,” the St. Louis Cardinals starter said. “I thought, what was going on? I didn’t know it was a no-hitter.”

Hudson and two relievers combined on a one-hit shutout as the Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-0 Monday night in a series opener between NL Central contenders.

Yasmani Grandal’s ground-rule double with two outs in the eighth inning off Giovanni Gallegos was Milwaukee’s only hit. Hudson was lifted with two outs in the seventh after throwing 111 pitches, and Andrew Miller got four outs for his fifth save.

Paul DeJong homered for St. Louis, which increased its division lead to a half-game over

the idle Chicago Cubs. Third-place Milwaukee is three games back.

Hudson (12-6) matched a career high with seven strikeouts and walked four — including his final batter, Eric Thames. Gallegos retired Ben Gamel on a grounder to end the inning.

Taking out Hudson was not a difficult decision, Cardinals manager Mike Shildt said.

“He did his job,” Shildt explained. “We saw the tea leaves and the way the game was going.”

Orlando Arcia reached on an error by DeJong at shortstop to begin the eighth before Gallegos got two outs. Grandal then hooked a 1-2 slider just inside the right-field line, and the ball bounced into the stands.

“I think it was a good breaking ball,” Gallegos said. “He’s a good hitter, too.”

Grandal was just trying to give his team a chance to come back.

“I don’t really care whether we’re getting no-hit or not. We’re still trying to win the game,” Grandal said. “Got here with just having him miss the spot and I was able to get a double out of it, but for me it was just pretty much, get the guy up behind me to the plate and give him a chance to tie the game.”

Miller relieved and, after an intentional walk to Christian Yelich, got Mike Moustakas to ground out with the bases loaded.

“He’s the MVP,” Moustakas said about Yelich. “It’s a pretty intelligent decision. I wouldn’t want to pitch to that guy. That’s just kind of how baseball is.”

Miller then closed it out in the ninth.

Milwaukee’s best chance for a hit against Hudson came in the sixth when Trent Grisham hit a hard grounder up the middle. DeJong made a diving stop and threw out Grisham at first base.

“I was just out there competing and trying to throw up some zeros and get a win,” said Hudson, who has completed seven innings twice in his two-year major league career.

The 24-year-old right-hander threw six sharp innings in a 6-0 victory at Kansas City last time out. Before that, he allowed 11 runs (10 earned) over 11<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings during a three-start span.

St. Louis scored twice in the fifth off starter Zach Davis (8-6), who pitched five innings. Matt Carpenter drew a leadoff walk and went to third when Yadier Molina singled to right field. Carpenter scored on a grounder to second by Kolten Wong, who beat the relay throw to foil a double-play opportunity.

Hudson laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance Wong. Dexter Fowler hit a bloop single to shallow left, scoring Wong for a 2-0 lead.

## MLB roundup

### Nationals’ offensive outburst continues against Pirates

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Nationals are on a hot streak at the plate that defies explanation.

“If anyone knew the answer to that, they could write a book and make millions of dollars,” Adam Eaton said.

The onslaught continued Monday night when Asdrubal Cabrera hit the last of Washington’s four home runs and drove in five runs, and three relievers combined for 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings of one-hit ball as the Nationals thumped the Pittsburgh Pirates 13-0.

Eaton, Matt Adams and Trea Turner also connected for the Nationals, who have scored 79 runs in their last eight games while going 7-1. They’ve scored 43 times in their past three, including a 15-14 loss.

Adams added two doubles and had four RBIs. Juan Soto

had four of Washington’s 15 hits and walked, reaching base in all five plate appearances.

The Nationals aren’t eager to talk about how they’ve managed to score at least 13 runs in four of their last five games, for fear of jinxing themselves.

“I’ll leave that to you guys in the media world,” Eaton said.

Starting pitching is considered the Nationals’ strength, with three-time Cy Young award winner Max Scherzer fronting a rotation that includes Stephen Strasburg and Patrick Corbin. But manager Dave Martinez believes Washington’s offense stacks up well, too.

“We have a lot of functional pieces,” Martinez said. “We’ve got guys that can get on base, guys that can steal bases, guys who can move the ball around and hit the ball all over, and guys in the middle of the lineup who can juice balls.

“Our lineup is pretty thick right now. I’m proud of the way they’re swinging it. They are swinging at good pitches and willing to take walks, too.”

Javy Guerra (2-1) pitched 3<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> perfect innings in relief of Joe Ross, who departed in the fourth inning. Ross was hit in the left shin by a one-hopper off the bat of Josh Bell.

**Rangers 8, Angels 7 (11):** Los Angeles squandered a six-run lead and lost in its first trip back to Texas since pitcher Tyler Skaggs was found dead in his hotel room last month.

**Mariners 9, Rays 3:** Tom Murphy homered twice and drove in four runs, Austin Nola also went deep and had three RBIs, and Seattle beat host Tampa Bay.

**Padres 3, Reds 2:** Francisco Mejia hit a solo homer off the foul pole, Manny Machado

had an RBI single in the first inning, and San Diego held on to beat host Cincinnati.

**Royals 5, Orioles 4:** Nicky Lopez and Nick Dini homered on successive pitches in the seventh inning and visiting Kansas City stretched Baltimore’s latest losing streak to eight games.

**Astros 5, Tigers 4:** Yuli Gurriel had two hits and drove in two runs as host Houston built a lead with a big first inning and held on to defeat Detroit.

**White Sox 6, Twins 4:** Jose Abreu hit a three-run homer in a four-run second inning, helping Ivan Nova and Chicago beat host Minnesota.

**Diamondbacks 5, Rockies 3:** Carson Kelly hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth inning, part of a three-run rally that sent host Arizona to a win over Colorado.