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Chinese-built tech poses danger to DOD

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Mike Gallagher, R-Wis., and other China hawks are sounding an alarm about commercial products, such as cameras, printers and laptops, from China being purchased by the Pentagon.

Most of the distress about Chinese-built technology in the Defense Department and elsewhere in government has focused on Chinese components of major software and hardware systems that access sensitive information and could be a conduit for Beijing to spy on U.S. government secrets.

But there's also a major hacking danger posed by cheaper stand-alone items, such as Lexmark printers, Lenovo laptops and GoPro cameras, that the military is routinely buying with the equivalent of office expense accounts and little or no oversight, Gallagher warned during a Wednesday call with reporters.

For example, Army and Air force officials used the equivalent

of government credit cards to buy more than 8,000 Lexmark printers during the 2018 fiscal year, despite the fact the company has "connections to Chinese military, nuclear, and cyberespionage programs," according to a recent watchdog report Gallagher cited during the call.

The Air Force also purchased 1,378 Lenovo products last year, despite a 2016 warning in a report from the Joint Chiefs of Staff Intelligence Directorate that "Lenovo computers and handheld devices could introduce compromised hardware into the DOD supply chain, posing a cyberespionage risk to classified and unclassified DOD networks." The Army and Air Force also bought 117 GoPro action cameras despite vulnerabilities that could give a hacker access to the user's credentials and to live video streams, the report states.

Gallagher called that report "a flashing red warning sign that even in the most sensitive

parts of our government we aren't taking cybersecurity as seriously as we should."

Lexmark and Lenovo are Chinese companies, and GoPro cameras are produced primarily in China. Chinese-built backdoors in those products could give Beijing access to Pentagon communications, surveillance footage and reams of other sensitive data, Gallagher warned.

He described the Lexmark and Lenovo purchases as evidence of how deeply Chinese technology is integrated into the U.S. government and other sectors of the economy — and how difficult it will be to root out all of that technology if it poses a greater hacking risks than the nation can bear.

Gallagher's warnings come as U.S. officials are in the midst of a global pushback on Chinese tech companies, especially the telecom company Huawei, which is poised to play a dominant role in building next-generation 5G networks that will carry far more data than exist-

ing networks and create greater risk if they're compromised by hackers.

The government's comparatively lesser attention to commercial products from China could make them more tempting hacking targets for Chinese spies, according to Roslyn Layton, a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, who also spoke on the call.

She warned that if China infiltrated the Pentagon through commercial Chinese suppliers, the result could be more damaging than the 2015 China-linked breach at the Office of Personnel Management, which compromised sensitive security clearance information about more than 20 million current and former government employees.

"If you're the enemy and you want to infiltrate American government and military, well why don't you take the path of least resistance and that is America's defense industrial base," Layton said.

Prosecutors: Marine failed to unload gun in fatal shooting

The Washington Post

QUANTICO, Va. — A fatal shooting in January at the Marine Barracks on Capitol Hill occurred because a Marine lance corporal failed to properly unload his pistol after a guard shift, then pointed the weapon at a fellow Marine and pulled the trigger as a joke, unaware that a bullet was in the firing chamber, a prosecutor said Thursday.

Lance Cpl. Andrew Johnson, charged with unpremeditated murder and several offenses related to his alleged careless handling of firearms, appeared

at a preliminary hearing in a courtroom on the Marine base here. A military judge has not yet ruled on whether the evidence against him is sufficient to warrant prosecution.

The victim of the New Year's Day shooting, Lance Cpl. Riley Kuznia, 20, from Karlstad, Minn., was "my friend, my brother," Johnson said in a brief statement to the judge. "I live every day with what happened, and I'll live with it every day for the rest of my life."

Pending the outcome of the case, Johnson, from Plymouth, Mass., has been assigned to un-

armed administrative duty at the Marine Barracks Washington, a Marine spokesman said. Johnson, who entered the military in July 2017, appears to be in his early 20s. The spokesman said he was not authorized to disclose Johnson's age.

Addressing the court, the prosecutor, Marine Capt. Brendan McKenna, described "an escalation of misconduct" by Johnson last fall and winter in which he allegedly brandished his Marine-issued Beretta pistol recklessly on two occasions before the unintentional fatal shooting.

After a duty shift, guards at the Marine Barracks are required to unload their sidearms in the presence of a supervisor to ensure that the guns are rendered safe, McKenna said.

First, he said, the 15-round clip is removed from the pistol. Then the slide is pulled back, ejecting the bullet from the firing chamber, leaving the weapon empty.

Shortly before 5 a.m. on Jan. 1, after finishing a tour of guard duty, Johnson unloaded his Beretta alone rather than wait for a supervisor to watch him, McKenna said.

FBI takes down \$46M Nigerian fraud ring

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The relationship between a Japanese woman and a U.S. Army captain stationed in Syria started online, through an international social network for digital pen pals. It grew into an internet romance over 10 months of daily emails.

It ended with the woman \$200,000 poorer and on the verge of bankruptcy after borrowing money from her sister, ex-husband and friends to help Capt. Terry Garcia with his plan to smuggle diamonds out of Syria.

In reality, there were no diamonds and there was no Garcia — they were part of an elaborate scam hatched by an international ring of cyber thieves operating mainly out of Los

Angeles and Nigeria.

Federal authorities cited the case of the Japanese woman, known only as “F.K.” in court papers, on Thursday when they announced an indictment charging 80 people with stealing at least \$46 million through various schemes that targeted businesses, the elderly and anyone susceptible to a romance scam. Most of the defendants are Nigerians.

“We believe this is one of the largest cases of its kind in U.S. history,” U.S. Attorney Nick Hanna told a news conference. “We are taking a major step to disrupt these criminal networks.”

The investigation began in 2016 with a single bank account and one victim, said Paul Delacourt, assistant director in charge of the FBI’s Los Ange-

les office. It grew to encompass victims who were targeted in the U.S. and around the world, some of whom like the Japanese woman lost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

“F.K. was and is extremely depressed and angry about these losses,” the federal complaint states. “She began crying when discussing the way that these losses have affected her.”

Her relationship began innocently in March 2016 with an email but soon “Garcia” made “romantic overtures,” according to federal authorities. He told her they couldn’t talk by phone because he wasn’t allowed to use one in Syria.

So a stream of emails went back and forth, with her using Google to translate his English into her Japanese. A month into

the relationship, Garcia told her he’d found a bag of diamonds in Syria and he began introducing her to his associates, starting with a Red Cross representative who told her Garcia had been injured but had given him the box.

F.K. ultimately made 35 to 40 payments, receiving as many as 10 to 15 emails a day directing her to send money to accounts in the U.S., Turkey and the United Kingdom through the captain’s many purported associates.

The fraudsters even threatened her with arrest if she did not continue to pay and at one point she traveled to Los Angeles because she was told a Russian bank manager had embezzled more than \$33,000 of her funds.

Arm of DOJ sends brief with anti-Semitic post

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department’s immigration arm sent judges a morning news briefing that included a blog post from a virulently anti-immigration website that also publishes work by white nationalists.

The post by VDARE featured links that directly attacked immigration judges with racially tinged slurs and a specific anti-Semitic reference about Jews and power, according to a letter sent Thursday by judges’ union President Ashley Tabbador to James McHenry, the director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review at the Justice Department.

It was distributed to all 440 immigration judges across the country earlier this week, along with other stories from The Washington Post and Connecticut Public Radio.

Assistant Press Secretary Kathryn Mattingly said the

daily morning news briefings are compiled by a contractor and the blog post should not have been included.

“The Department of Justice condemns anti-Semitism in the strongest terms,” she said.

VDARE is an anti-immigration website founded and edited by Peter Brimelow. He also operates a Connecticut-based nonprofit, VDARE Foundation, that raised nearly \$4.8 million between 2007 and 2015, according to IRS filings.

Brimelow has denied his website is white nationalist but has acknowledged it publishes works by writers who fit that description “in the sense that they aim to defend the interests of American whites.” Brimelow also has spoken at conferences hosted by white nationalist groups, including Richard Spencer’s National Policy Institute and Jared Taylor’s American Renaissance online magazine.

Construction begins on Arizona border wall

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Construction crews broke ground Thursday on a small portion of the \$664 million border fence project in the Arizona desert that is funded through President Donald Trump’s national emergency declaration.

Crews plan on installing 30-foot steel fencing to replace older barriers on 2 miles in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, next to the official border crossing known as the Lukeville Port of Entry.

The project is funded through the Defense Department. Use of the department’s money was previously frozen by lower courts while a lawsuit proceeded. But the U.S. Supreme Court last month cleared the way for the use of about \$2.5 billion.

A border wall was a major part of the president’s election campaign. Congress this year allocated \$1.4 billion, but the president wanted much more.

He declared a national emergency in February and faced legal challenges for plans to build dozens of miles of fencing almost immediately.

In Arizona, environmentalists have sued over some of the construction contracts, saying the government unlawfully waived dozens of laws to be able to build on protected lands. They say a wall — and construction for it — would be detrimental to wildlife habitat. The case before a federal court is pending.

“It’s astonishing and sad to see Trump’s border wall being built through the most spectacular Sonoran desert ecosystem on the planet,” said Laiken Jordahl, borderlands campaigner with the Center for Biological Diversity.

Jordahl hoped the courts would step in to protect Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, where the construction is currently taking place.

Trump abandons cuts to foreign aid plan

BY KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing bipartisan opposition, President Donald Trump has scrapped an effort to cut some \$4 billion in foreign aid that lawmakers had already approved.

A senior administration official and a Democratic congressional aide confirmed the decision Thursday. Both spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

The potential cut to programs at the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development had drawn criticism from Republicans and Democrats. The administration official said it was clear that

many on Capitol Hill weren't willing to join in "curbing wasteful spending."

Since taking office, the Trump administration has sought each year to slash foreign affairs funding by as much as 30%. Those budget proposals have been soundly rejected by lawmakers from both parties.

The president told reporters Sunday he backed the cuts, saying that, "in some cases, these are countries that we should not be giving to." He also said foreign aid cuts can lead to talks that improve relationships.

The top members of the House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Relations committees had sent a letter to the White House Office of Management and Budget seeking to head off such a move. They said cutting

"crucial" programs would be detrimental to national security and undercut Congress' intended use for the money.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement that the proposed cuts would have been "harmful to our national security" and violated the good-faith negotiations that brought about the bipartisan budget deal. Onprofit that advocates for a strong international affairs budget, cheered the decision.

"Americans can be pleased that the administration recognized the importance of these vital foreign assistance programs for keeping America safe and on the global playing field," said Liz Schroyer, the group's president and chief executive officer.

Fed's Powell offers little clear sign on rate cuts

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said Friday that President Donald Trump's trade wars have complicated the Fed's ability to set interest rate policies but offered no clear signal about further interest rate cuts.

Speaking to a gathering of central bankers in Jackson Hole, Wyo., Powell reiterated that the Fed "will act as appropriate" to sustain the expansion — phrasing that analysts see as suggesting rate cuts. But the Fed chairman didn't give financial markets explicit guidance on whether or how many rate cuts might be coming the rest of the year.

The Fed cut rates last month for the first time in a decade, and financial markets have baked in the likelihood of more rate cuts this year.

The outlook for the U.S. economy, Powell said, remains favorable but continues to face risks. He pointed to increasing evidence of a global economic slowdown and suggested that uncertainty from Trump's trade wars has contributed to it.

Powell's speech comes

against the backdrop of a vulnerable economy, with the financial world seeking clarity on whether last month's rate decision likely marked the start of a period of easier credit.

The confusion only heightened in the days leading to the Jackson Hole conference, at which Powell gave the keynote address. Minutes of the Fed's July meeting released Wednesday showed that although officials voted 8-2 to cut their benchmark rate by a quarter-point, there was a wider divergence of opinion on the committee than the two dissenting votes against the rate cut had indicated.

The minutes showed that two Fed officials favored a more aggressive half-point rate cut, while some others adopted the polar opposite view: They felt the Fed shouldn't cut rates.

The minutes depicted the rate cut as a "mid-cycle adjustment," the phrase Powell had used at his news conference.

That wording upset traders who interpreted the remark as suggesting that the Fed might not be preparing for a series of rate cuts to support an economy that's struggling with a global slowdown and escalating uncertainty.

Putin orders response by Russia to US missile test

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the Russian military Friday to work out a quid pro quo response after the test of a new U.S. missile banned under a now-defunct arms treaty.

In Sunday's test, a modified ground-launched version of a Navy Tomahawk cruise missile accurately struck its target more than 310 miles away. The test came after the U.S. and Russia withdrew from the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

The U.S. said it withdrew from the treaty due to Russian violations, a claim that Moscow has denied. Speaking Friday, Putin charged that the U.S. waged a "propaganda campaign" alleging Russian breaches of the pact to "untie its hands to deploy the previously banned missiles in different parts of the world."

He ordered the Defense Ministry and other agencies to "take comprehensive measures to prepare a symmetrical answer."

The Russian leader noted that last Sunday's test was performed from a launcher similar to those deployed at a U.S. mis-

sile defense site in Romania. He argued that the Romanian facility and a prospective similar site in Poland could also be loaded with missiles intended to hit ground targets instead of interceptors.

Putin has pledged that Russia wouldn't deploy the missiles previously banned by the INF treaty to any area before the U.S. does that first, but he noted Friday that the use of the universal launcher means that a covert deployment is possible.

"How would we know what they will deploy in Romania and Poland — missile defense systems or strike missile systems with a significant range?" Putin said.

Russia long has charged that the U.S. launchers loaded with missile defense interceptors could be used for firing surface-to-surface missiles. Putin said Sunday's test has proven that the U.S. denials have been false. "It's indisputable now," the Russian leader said.

He added the missile test that came just 16 days after the INF treaty's termination has shown that the U.S. long had started work on the new systems banned by the treaty.

Putin said Russia will continue working on new weapons in response to the U.S. moves.

US: Israel bombed Iran-backed depot

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel was responsible for the bombing of an Iranian weapons depot in Iraq last month, U.S. officials have confirmed, an attack that would mark a significant escalation in Israel's yearslong campaign against Iranian military entrenchment across the region.

The confirmation comes as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is strongly hinting that his country is behind recent airstrikes that have hit bases and munitions depots belonging to Iran-backed paramilitary forces operating in Iraq.

The mystery attacks have

not been claimed by any side and have left Iraqi officials scrambling for a response amid strong speculation that Israel may have been behind them. Earlier this week, the deputy head of the Iraqi Shiite militias, known collectively as the Popular Mobilization Forces, openly accused Israeli drones of carrying out the attacks, but ultimately blamed Washington and threatened strong retaliation for any future attack.

Such attacks are potentially destabilizing for Iraq and its fragile government, which has struggled to remain neutral amid growing tensions between the United States and Iran.

Former Iraq Prime Minis-

ter Nouri al-Maliki, known for his strong allegiance to Iran, warned of a "strong response" if it is proven that Israel was behind the recent airstrikes in Iraq.

In statements issued by his office on Friday, he also said that if Israel continues to target Iraq, the country "will transform into a battle arena that drags in multiple countries, including Iran."

There have been at least three explosions at Iraqi Shiite militia bases in the past month. American officials now confirm Israel was responsible for at least one of them.

Two American officials said Israel carried out an attack

on an Iranian weapons depot in July that killed two Iranian military commanders. The U.S. officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter with the media.

The July 19 attack struck a militia base in Amirli, in Iraq's northern Salaheddin province, causing a huge explosion and fire. A senior official with the Shiite militias at the time told The Associated Press that the base hit housed advisers from Iran and Lebanon — a reference to the Iranian-backed Lebanese Hezbollah group. He said the attack targeted the headquarters of the advisers and a weapons depot.

China issues tariff hike on \$75B in US products

Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Friday announced tariff hikes on \$75 billion of U.S. products in retaliation for President Donald Trump's latest planned increase, deepening a conflict over trade and technology that threatens to tip a weakening global economy into recession.

China also will increase import duties on U.S.-made autos and auto parts, the Finance

Ministry announced.

The announcement comes as leaders of the Group of 7 major economies prepare to meet in France this weekend.

Tariffs of 10% and 5% will take effect on two batches of goods on Sept. 1 and Dec. 15, the ministry said in a statement. It gave no details of what goods would be affected but the timing matches Trump's planned duty hikes.

Washington is pressing Bei-

jing to narrow its trade surplus and roll back plans for government-led creation of global competitors in robotics, electric cars and other technology industries.

The spiraling conflict has battered exporters on both sides and fueled concern it might drag down weakening global economic growth.

Peter Navarro, who advises Trump on trade policy, tried to downplay the impact of Chi-

nese tariff hikes. He said they were "well anticipated" and would only strengthen Trump's resolve.

China's government appealed to Trump this week to compromise in order to reach a settlement.

That came after Trump warned that the American public might need to endure economic pain in order to achieve long-term results.

South China Sea tensions worry Australia, Vietnam

Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — Australia and Vietnam on Friday expressed serious concern over tensions in the disputed South China Sea, where Hanoi says China's gas survey ship has infringed on its territory and has disrupted Vietnam's exploration activities.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison met in Hanoi with his counterpart, Nguyen Xuan Phuc, and both leaders called for respect of international law and freedom of navigation.

Earlier, the United States said it was deeply concerned that China is continuing to interfere with Vietnam's longstanding oil and gas activities in Vietnam's exclusive economic zone. China claims the South China Sea virtually in its entirety and has deployed a survey vessel with armed escorts into waters off Vietnam, ignoring Hanoi's calls to leave the area.

"(We all need to uphold) principles that relate to freedom of navigation, freedom of overfly, ensuring that nations can pursue and develop the opportunities that exist within their EEZ

and within their sea boundaries, and they can go about that business in a way that is uninhabited and supported and upheld by the regional architecture and the rule of law that support that free conduct of activities," Morrison told reporters.

Phuc said that the countries were united in their position on the South China Sea, where China has rattled smaller neighbors by constructing seven man-made islands in the disputed waters and equipped them with military runways and outposts.

In Beijing on Friday, Chinese

Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang did not directly address the U.S. accusations but said China opposed what he described as a U.S. campaign aimed at division.

"This is to drive a wedge between China and other countries and it is ill-intentioned. The aim is to create chaos in the situation in the South China Sea and damage regional peace and stability. China firmly opposes this," Geng said.

Morrison and Phuc stopped short of explicitly naming China.

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Explosion of portable toilets being examined

RI WESTERLY — The Rhode Island fire marshal is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever is responsible for blowing up a pair of portable toilets last weekend.

The first explosion happened at about 12:30 a.m. Saturday at a residential construction site in Westerly.

The second incident occurred in a private parking lot in Charlestown. Police said a fisherman heard an explosion at about 11 p.m. Saturday, but the damage was not reported until Sunday morning.

There were no reports of injuries in either explosion.

2 hippos to return home after 'vacation'

MO SPRINGFIELD — Two hippo sisters are getting ready to return to their newly remodeled home in Colorado after spending nearly two years at a Missouri zoo.

The Springfield News-Leader reported that the hippos came to the Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield, Mo., in October 2017 because the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs needed a place to put them while it created a new habitat. The Springfield zoo had space for the sisters, named Zambezi and Kasai, because its beloved Henry the hippo was moved in 2016 to a new \$8 million enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo.

The Springfield zoo's spokeswoman, Joey Powell, said the sisters were originally just supposed to spend a year in Missouri but construction delays made the stay last longer. She said they've been on "an extended vacation."

Coast Guard proposes fines for ferry jumpers

MA BOSTON — The Coast Guard in Boston is warning about the dangers and potential penalties of jumping off ferries.

The Coast Guard in a statement Wednesday said it has proposed fines of up to \$2,500 each to two teenagers who they said jumped over ferry railings in New England waters this summer.

They said Luke Garrity, 18, jumped off the Island Queen in Falmouth, Mass., on June 23.

Andrew Myers, 18, is accused of jumping off the Anna C in Block Island, R.I., on July 28. No home towns were provided.

The Coast Guard said the act of intentionally jumping into the water from a passenger vessel is considered interfering with the safe operation of the vessel and carries a fine of up to \$35,000.

Floating homeless camp sinks in waterway

WA SEATTLE — What authorities describe as a homeless camp on the water has sunk.

KOMO-TV reported it may be a first for Seattle, a city plagued with homeless camps under highways, street corners, in greenbelts and abandoned buildings.

The floating camp was made up of three boats rafted together and tied up illegally to a fishing net piling belonging to the Duwamish Tribe.

Two boats sank last week in the Duwamish Waterway while a third boat remained afloat.

How the boats sank is still being investigated by the Port of Seattle. They were outside the federal waterway that's the responsibility of the Coast Guard — so it's under Port of

Seattle jurisdiction.

Officials said the Coast Guard pumped out fuel and removed hazardous chemicals that were found on board.

Man charged in death of overboard friend

NJ LAKE HOPATCONG — A man who allegedly was operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs has been charged in the death of his friend who went overboard and drowned in northern New Jersey earlier this month.

Morris County prosecutors said Nicholas Zarantonello, 24, of Lake Hopatcong, is charged with death by vessel.

Zarantonello was operating a pontoon boat on Lake Hopatcong on Aug. 3 with two passengers on board. One of them, Jason Gil, 24, of Mount Arlington, somehow went overboard and disappeared. His body was found two days later.

Charged man says he found drugs in drive-thru

MA WORCESTER — A Massachusetts man facing drug charges told police the cocaine that officers said they found in his vehicle had been dropped from another vehicle and he had just picked it up.

The Telegram & Gazette reported that Luis Vega, 28, of Southbridge, was freed on \$10,000 cash bail at his arraignment Wednesday in Superior Court, where he pleaded not guilty to trafficking in more than 200 grams of cocaine.

Vega was arrested July 23 after he was pulled over for speeding in Webster. Officers said they found more than 240 grams of cocaine in the car, with an estimated street value of about \$7,500.

Police said Vega told them the powdery substance was dropped from the car in front of him at a Burger King drive-thru lane, so he picked it up.

Man convicted of aiding in roommate's suicide

NH NORTH HAVERHILL — A jury in New Hampshire has convicted a man of helping his roommate kill himself by bringing him a gun and advising him on how to use it.

Police said Michael Buskey, 19, killed himself in May 2018 in Plymouth. WMUR-TV reported his roommate, Parker Hogan, 20, was found guilty Wednesday of aiding in Buskey's suicide. Hogan also was convicted of falsifying evidence by wiping his fingerprints off the gun.

Hogan's lawyers argued that he was a friend who helped Buskey carry out his wishes.

Man pinned, killed in elevator accident

NY NEW YORK — Authorities said an elevator accident in a Manhattan high-rise apartment building killed a man who was apparently pinned between the elevator car and the shaft.

It happened around 8:30 a.m. Thursday in a high-end rental building on Third Avenue in the Kips Bay neighborhood.

Police and building inspectors are investigating. Police said from the preliminary information they have gathered, it appears that the 30-year-old man was trying to get out of the elevator when it continued going downward and trapped him.

Firefighters say other people in the elevator were helped to safety.

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Hurricanes' Quarterman has lofty goal

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Shaquille Quarterman took a long look at leaving Miami for the NFL after his junior season, and it would not have been a shocker to see the Hurricanes' best linebacker turn pro.

He ultimately came back, seeking a picture-perfect ending.

"I think there's definitely a higher place for me," Quarterman said.

He means those words in a literal sense. At Miami, All-Americans get their picture high on the wall of the team's

practice facility. Quarterman looks at that wall, sees the best players ever to take the field with the "U" on the side of their helmet — and wonders what it'd be like to be part of that group.

So the NFL can wait one more year. There are team goals he will chase as well, of course, but Quarterman simply wasn't ready to leave the Hurricanes with just a good collegiate résumé. He wants a great one, and his final season at Miami starts Saturday in Orlando when the unranked Hurricanes take on No. 8 Florida in the resumption of one of college football's best

rivalries.

"It's huge," Quarterman said. "The rivalry started way before I was born. You've got people — very, very, very committed fans saying like, 'Hey, man, this is it right here. This is everything.' So you know that it's important. You would have to be blind and deaf to not know it's important. To bring that win home for this place, for this city, it would mean a lot."

The 6-foot-1, 235-pound Quarterman will be one of the leaders of a Miami defense that ranked fourth nationally last season and doesn't have plans to endure any significant

dropoff in 2019. Graduation meant the secondary had to be rebuilt and the defensive line will have a new look, but Quarterman — along with Michael Pinckney and Zach McCloud — is back as a four-year starter at linebacker.

Quarterman has never missed a game. Saturday will be Miami's 40th contest since he arrived on campus, and he will have started them all. When Florida takes its first snap, Quarterman's starting streak will officially have tied current Miami assistant coach Mike Rumph for the fifth-longest in Hurricanes history.

New Kansas, K-State coaches are study in contrast

Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — About the only thing the football programs at Kansas and Kansas State have had in common much of the past three decades is the often desolate stretch of Interstate 70 that connects them.

The Jayhawks have the proud tradition of John Riggins and Gale Sayers, yet recent success has been so scant that they've churned through five coaches in the past 10 years. The Wildcats had virtually no tradition until Bill Snyder arrived, and he built a consistent winner tucked away in the Flint Hills.

Makes sense the two schools would take vastly different approaches to hiring new head coaches.

Kansas settled on Les Miles, 65, the "Mad Hatter" with Big 12 success at Oklahoma State and a national title at LSU on his résumé. The quirky, defensive-minded coach known for nibbling grass and his recent foray into films has personality, energy and experience on his side.

Kansas State went with Chris Klieman, 51, whose only experience at the Football Bowl Subdivision level came 22 years ago — one season as an assistant at Kansas. Yet the blue-collar, hard-working Klieman proved his coaching chops at

North Dakota State, where in five seasons he went 69-6 and won four Football Championship Subdivision national titles.

Flashy and familiar. Down-to-earth and largely unknown.

"I don't know what it was like a year ago. Everybody asks me about what it was," Klieman told The Associated Press in a wide-ranging interview. "I know what we're trying to instill here. Guys taking ownership of the program, guys getting invested in the program. It's their program. We're just guiding them. I want them to have input. I want them to have ownership. What was, I don't know."

So maybe Klieman and Miles aren't quite polar opposites.

The new Kansas coach had basically the same take.

"I think our players anticipated there being a new feeling," Miles said. "I think it's going to be a challenge to win games and win championships, but yeah, we're ready for that challenge."

To be sure, Miles understands the gargantuan task ahead of him. Kansas hasn't been to a bowl game since 2008, the penultimate season of Mark Mangino's successful tenure. That was also the last time the Jayhawks won more than five games, let alone had a winning season. Four times in

the intervening years they've won two games or fewer.

With losses along the way to the likes of Nicholls State, South Dakota State and seemingly every school in the Mid-America Conference, the Jayhawks had become not just the laughingstock of the state or the Big 12, they were the butt of jokes nationwide. Rarely did more than 15,000 fans show up for home games, and even more rarely did anybody stick around for the second half.

Kansas has tried just about every avenue to land a winning coach, too. There was Turner Gill, the former Big 12 quarterback who had turned around lowly Buffalo. There was the well-known Charlie Weis, who once led Notre Dame to back-to-back BCS bowl games. There was David Beaty, the career assistant with ties to the successful Mangino era.

So when athletic director Jeff Long went searching for the next coach, he settled on an old friend with a record of success in the Big 12 and the kind of gravitas it takes to bring recruits to Kansas.

"He's built programs in the past. So when you're out and you want back in, you can feel the passion in the conversation," Long said. "From my view, for Les at this point in his career, the opportunity to step

in and build a program — and rebuild us — and take us to a level of successful football was exciting to him and made a lot of sense for me to choose him."

Much like Long tapped a longtime friend, so did Kansas State athletic director Gene Taylor. Only he wasn't replacing a string of failed head coaches. Instead, he was replacing the winningest coach in school history, one whose statue stands outside the stadium that bears his name. Yet in many ways Klieman is the perfect fit at Kansas State, where hard work and perseverance are valued more than most places. Those are traits Snyder instilled in the program when he first arrived in 1988, and set about rebuilding arguably the worst program in college football history.

"Fundamentally there's more similarities between them than differences," said quarterbacks coach Collin Klein, a Heisman Trophy finalist under Snyder. "I think the style and organization of meetings and walkthroughs during our camp, getting our guys physically ready, that's all very similar."

"I know Coach Klieman's approach is being 1-0 today," Klein continued, "and stacking good days on top of each other is something that has been preached here a long time."

Redskins' Haskins leads 3 scoring drives

Associated Press

ATLANTA — If Case Keenum is still the leader in Washington's quarterback competition, rookie Dwayne Haskins at least gave coach Jay Gruden more to think about.

Haskins led Washington to three second-half scoring drives, including two set up by Atlanta's lost fumbles while attempting to field punts, and the Redskins took a 19-7 preseason win over the Falcons on Thursday night.

Keenum played the first half and lost a fumble, which helped the Falcons lead 7-6 at halftime.

Haskins, the first-round draft pick from Ohio State, completed 7 of 13 passes for 74 yards in the second half.

"I'm excited to see Dwayne make some throws from the pocket," Gruden said. "I like some things Case did. Obviously the turnover was disturbing. But other than that I think he moved the ball pretty well and did some good things. They

both have done some good things this preseason."

Colt McCoy, Washington's third contestant in the quarterback competition, is still recovering from a broken right leg suffered in 2018.

Keenum, Denver's starter in 2018 after spending most of 2017 starting at Minnesota, said he's not anxious to have a starter named for the regular season.

"I don't necessarily need to be told, I guess you could say," Keenum said. "I'm fine with

however things go. I went pretty much the entire season with the Vikings not being told I was going to start until Wednesday of that week's practice and we won 13 games that year, so that worked out all right."

Keenum completed 9 of 14 passes for 101 yards but his lost fumble when he was sacked by Dadrin Senat set up a second-quarter touchdown for Atlanta. Takk McKinley recovered the fumble and ran 17 yards to the Washington 33. Ito Smith scored on a 5-yard run.

NFL preseason roundup

Panthers' Newton injures foot in loss to Patriots

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — This was not the return to the field that Cam Newton was hoping to make.

The Carolina Panthers quarterback left Thursday night's 10-3 exhibition loss to the New England Patriots in the first quarter with a foot injury that left him grimacing on the sideline.

The 2015 MVP was playing for the first time since Dec. 17, when the team shut him down for the last two games of the season because of shoulder fatigue that prevented him from throwing the ball downfield. He had arthroscopic surgery in January and did not play in the first two preseason games.

Newton appeared to be injured when he was sacked for a loss of 8 yards by Adam Butler on a third-and-10 from the Carolina 31. It was one of two times Newton was sacked.

Newton was initially evaluated on the sideline and quickly accompanied to the locker room and did not return.

He didn't speak with reporters after the game but could be seen staring at the ground and wore a boot as he walked from the locker room toward the team bus.

"He got sacked, that's about

all I saw," Carolina coach Ron Rivera said.

Asked if Newton's injury affects his opinion on the number of exhibition of games, Rivera said it's in the hands of the league.

"It's tough. It's part of the game, unfortunately," Rivera said.

Kyle Allen took over at quarterback.

The Panthers were pedestrian on offense and went three-and-out in each of their first two series of the night. Newton went 4-for-6 for 30 yards.

Tom Brady finished his first exhibition game of 2019 by going 8-for-12 for 75 yards, including an 18-yard pass to tight end Ryan Izzo to set up a 1-yard touchdown plunge by James Develin. It was the starting offense's final series.

Giants 25, Bengals 23: Daniel Jones completed a difficult week with an encouraging performance, leading visiting New York to a touchdown during a victory over Cincinnati in Zac Taylor's first home game as head coach.

In a GQ article published Tuesday, Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield said he was stunned that the Giants drafted the quarterback from Duke in the first round. Mayfield tried to tamp down the comment

and texted Jones to explain his remarks.

Jones got into the game on the Giants' second series and went 9-for-11 for 141 yards the rest of the half. He had completions of 35 yards to Brittan Golden and 27 yards to Darius Slayton on a seven-play touchdown drive, a solid all-around showing for Eli Manning's eventual replacement.

Ravens 26, Eagles 15: Trace McSorley threw for 203 yards and two touchdowns and also ran for a score, helping visiting Baltimore beat Philadelphia for its 16th straight preseason win.

The game was stopped by the NFL with 11:43 remaining in the fourth quarter because of lightning after a short delay.

Carson Wentz again sat out for the Eagles, but several starters saw their first action this summer and Josh McCown made his debut after ending his brief retirement to play his 18th season.

McSorley threw TD passes of 28 yards to Michael Floyd and 7 yards to Jaleel Scott. He scored on a run from 4 yards.

Dolphins 22, Jaguars 7: Josh Rosen came off the bench late in the third quarter and engineered a 99-yard touchdown drive, and host Miami beat Jacksonville.

Rosen, who is battling Ryan Fitzpatrick for the starting quarterback job for Miami (2-1), was 5-for-7 for 59 yards and a touchdown and ran four times for 23 yards.

Nick Foles, making his first appearance of the preseason for the Jaguars (0-3), played the first quarter and went 6-for-10 for 48 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Raiders 22, Packers 21: At Winnipeg, Manitoba, Daniel Carson kicked a 33-yard field goal with 8 seconds remaining, and Oakland earned a bizarre preseason victory over Green Bay on a field that was shortened to 80 yards over concerns about player safety.

End zones were marked by bright orange pylons at the 10-yard lines and there were no kickoffs. The field was reconfigured because of concerns about the areas where the goal posts for the CFL's Winnipeg franchise are usually located.

Packers coach Matt LaFleur decided to sit 33 players, including star quarterback Aaron Rodgers and running back Aaron Jones. Rodgers hasn't played in the preseason.

Oakland didn't play starters including quarterback Derek Carr or receiver Antonio Brown.

Roark, A's complete sweep of Yankees

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Tanner Roark has been in Oakland long enough already to understand this winning vibe.

Roark is doing his part to keep the Athletics on a roll as the September stretch run approaches, striking out seven without walking a batter over six-plus innings in a 5-3 victory over the New York Yankees on Thursday night for a three-game series sweep.

"It shows what these guys in here in the clubhouse and all the coaches are all about," Roark said. "We're fighters and we're not going to give in, we're going to have fun, we're going to do the small things great, get runs across the board and try to

do our best to put up zeroes."

Mark Canha hit a two-run single as the A's immediately jumped on Yankees starter Masahiro Tanaka (9-7) on the way to a seventh victory in eight overall.

In less than a week, the A's have taken down a pair of AL contenders in impressive fashion.

Oakland is on another of its familiar second-half surges, moving a season-best 21 games over .500 at 74-53 having won three of four against first-place Houston and then three straight over the AL East-leading Yankees.

"We can beat anybody. It's just about bringing this game to the field every day and playing with confidence and doing

all the little things well that we're doing," Canha said. "The fact that you keep looking at the scoreboard and the Rays keep winning, it just tells you we know we need to play well for five more weeks. There's no letting up, obviously. This is going to be a dog fight."

New York's Gleyber Torres homered twice for his 30th and 31st of the year, a solo shot in the seventh and another in the ninth.

Oakland has won three of Roark's four starts since he was acquired from Cincinnati. Roark (2-1) won his second straight decision and allowed two runs on seven hits in 6¹/₃ innings.

Torres also doubled and singled for the Yankees, who have

lost nine of their last 10 and 21 of 28 in Oakland.

"Over the course of a long season you're going to take one in the mouth, and we just got punched in the mouth right here in Oakland," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

Tanaka, making his team-leading 26th start and pitching on an extra day of rest, dug himself an early hole allowing Marcus Semien's leadoff double in the first, then giving up a pair of walks before an RBI groundout by Matt Olson and Canha's base hit.

Matt Chapman added an RBI single and Stephen Piscotty drove in a run on a groundout.

Tanaka allowed five runs over six innings, striking out five and walking two.

MLB roundup

Orioles set record for home runs given up in season

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles set the major league record for home runs allowed in a season, giving up drives to Austin Meadows and Willy Adames in a rain-delayed, 5-2 loss to Tampa Bay that ended shortly before 1 a.m. Friday.

About 200 fans were left at Camden Yards when the Rays closed out the win.

Meadows hit the record-setting 259th home run off Baltimore this year, connecting in the third inning. The last-place Orioles began the day tied with the 2016 Cincinnati Reds for the dubious mark.

Adames later hit No. 260 against the O's. Baltimore still has 34 more games remaining.

Dodgers 3, Blue Jays 2: Kike Hernandez capped a three-run ninth inning by blooming an RBI single and host Los Angeles rallied after being one-hit through eight innings.

Shut down by rookie Jacob Waguespack, the Dodgers rallied with three straight hits

against Derek Law (0-2).

Mets 2, Indians 0: Noah Syndergaard (9-6) retired the first 16 hitters and allowed two hits over six dominant innings before a heavy storm interrupted him, and host New York won a rain-shortened game for its fifth straight victory.

The game was called with New York batting in the eighth inning after a second rain delay.

Astros 6, Tigers 3: Gerrit Cole (15-5) struck out 12 over seven scoreless innings and Alex Bregman homered for host Houston.

Cole pitched two-hit ball and allowed one walk. He's 11-0 with a 1.84 ERA in his past 15 starts and has 238 strikeouts this season, one shy of teammate and league leader Justin Verlander.

White Sox 6, Rangers 1: Yoan Moncada lined a two-run homer on his return from the injured list and Ross Detwiler struck out a career-high eight for host Chicago.

James McCann hit a solo homer and doubled, and Jose

Abreu, Tim Anderson and Matt Skole each had an RBI as Chicago won for the third time in four games.

Red Sox 5, Royals 4: Brock Holt hit an RBI single with one out in the bottom of the 10th inning as host Boston won a weather-suspended game that began Aug. 7.

The original contest was halted after a 1 hour, 49 minute-rain delay early on Aug. 8 with the score tied 4-4 and nobody out in the top of the 10th inning.

Cubs 1, Giants 0: Kyle Hendricks (9-9) pitched seven sharp innings as host Chicago won its fifth straight despite getting only two hits.

Anthony Rizzo hit an RBI single to help the NL Central leaders complete a three-game sweep. The Giants lost their fourth in a row.

Nationals 7, Pirates 1: Max Scherzer pitched four innings in his return from the injured list, giving up one run and four hits as visiting Washington topped Pittsburgh.

The three-time Cy Young

Award winner, who was put on the IL on July 26 with a strain in his upper back, struck out three and walked one. The Nationals hadn't set a pitch count for Scherzer but said they would closely monitor him. He threw 71 pitches, 48 for strikes.

Cardinals 6, Rockies 5: Marcell Ozuna, Paul DeJong and Dexter Fowler each hit two-run homers to pace host St. Louis.

Fowler's 15th home run of the season, off of a 97 mph fastball from Yency Almonte (0-1) in the seventh, capped the comeback. Matt Carpenter set it up by working a walk in an eight-pitch, pinch hitting appearance to lead off the frame.

Braves 3, Marlins 2: Ronald Acuna Jr. hit an RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning as host Atlanta won its fifth straight.

Freddie Freeman hit a tying homer in the eighth and the Braves sent Miami to its 12th road loss in a row, the longest streak in the majors this year.