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## Nation divided amid impeachment effort

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WASHINGTON — As impeachment loomed over President Donald Trump, American public opinion held steady — whether for or against the proceedings.

Many polls since House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced the start of an impeachment inquiry Sept. 24 show that Americans are closely divided over whether Trump should be removed from office. Heated public hearings on network television that reached millions of Americans alongside a White House on the defensive have done little to move public opinion on the issue.

And there's little sign that the inquiry has had any impact on Trump himself, whose approval rating has not strayed from the range it's been throughout his presidency.

The impeachment articles — which were still under debate at press time — accuse Trump of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. The House has spent weeks investigating whether the president violated his oath of office by asking the government of Ukraine to investigate his political opponent.

Approval of Trump's overall performance has largely held steady. A new AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll has Trump's approval rating standing at 40%, about where it's been over the last several months and through most of his presidency.

Views of the president and, by extension, views of his impeachment reflect deep po-

litical polarization.

Wide shares of Democrats both disapprove of the president and support impeachment, while wide shares of Republicans approve of Trump and want him to remain in office.

New polls from The Washington Post/ABC News and CNN find support for impeachment and removal remains at about half of Americans.

The Post/ABC poll showed that 49% of Americans say Trump should be impeached and removed from office, while 46% say he should not. Those are essentially identical to findings at the end of October, when 49% favored impeachment and removal and 47% opposed. Among Democrats, 85% say Trump should be impeached and removed, while 86% of Republicans say he should not. Independents split 47% in favor and 46% opposed. Republican support for impeachment has slipped from 18% in October to 12% today.

Support for removing the president saw a one-time increase in the wake of Pelosi's September announcement of an official inquiry. Earlier this year, polls showed a majority opposed to impeachment.

Both polls find less than half of Americans approving of how either congressional Democrats or Republicans — or Trump — have handled the inquiry.

Still, the Post/ABC poll finds that a slim majority of Americans, 55%, think the hearings in House committees have been

fair to the president.

The division was on full view Tuesday when passionate, but modest crowds attended pro-impeachment rallies across the nation.

Liberal groups organized more than 600 events from Alaska to Florida, following a familiar model of mass protest that has come to define the left during the Trump administration. Some of the demonstrators were veterans of other marches, while others were like Glenn Conway of Holly Springs, N.C., who was attending his first political rally in 30 years.

"I really believe that the Constitution is under assault. That is not an exaggeration. I think we have a president at this point who believes he's above the law," Conway, 62, said.

For all the passion among activists, the gatherings were notably smaller than many of the other recent mass protests that began with the millions-strong Women's Marches the day after Trump's inaugural and have ranged over subjects from climate change to gun control.

Meanwhile, the president fired off a furious letter Tuesday to Pelosi denouncing the "vicious crusade" against him.

Trump acknowledged he was powerless to stop a House vote. He appeared to intend his lengthy, accusatory message less for Pelosi than for the broad audience of citizens watching history unfolding on Capitol Hill.

## Turkey's breach of Greek airspace sparks dogfights

BY JOHN VANDIVER

Stars and Stripes

Greek air force pilots scrambled to intercept Turkish fighter planes that illegally entered Greece's airspace 40 times in a single day this week as tensions soar between the NATO allies over a territorial dispute in the eastern Mediterranean.

Fighter jets from the two countries on Tuesday engaged in 16 mock dogfights following multiple Turkish incursions into Greek airspace, defense officials in Athens told Greece's Kathimerini newspaper.

Dogfights between the two NATO members are relatively commonplace and risky.

Turkish jets and helicopters illegally entered Greek airspace 141 times on a single day in May 2017, the Hellenic National Defence General Staff said. Several Greek pilots have been killed in aviation accidents while intercepting Turkish jets in Greek airspace.

The fighter intercepts stem from a long-running row between the two countries over territorial claims in the Aegean Sea. Greek Defense Minister Nikos Panagiotopoulos recently said the disputed area is under Greek military control, Kathimerini reported.

Among the issues disputed by the two

NATO members are delimitation of territorial waters, airspace, exclusion zones and Turkish claims of sovereignty over a number of small islands off its southwestern coast.

Turkey could send military forces into the eastern Mediterranean and place armed drones in northern Cyprus over the territorial disputes, Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay said in parliament Tuesday.

"If necessary, Turkey sends troops, drills in the east Mediterranean and launches cross-border operations. It does whatever is required," Oktay was quoted by Turkey's Ahval newspaper as saying.

# Defense bill outlines final tenant bill of rights guidelines

BY ROSE L. THAYER  
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Military commanders now have the final say in solving disputes between residents and the private companies that manage military housing under a new tenant bill of rights outlined in the National Defense Authorization Act.

In the largest reform of military housing since 1996, when housing management was given to private companies, the defense policy bill lays out the specifics of tenants' rights and a system for resolving disputes with landlords and creates a new position of a chief housing officer to hold companies accountable to the standards described in their contracts and the new law.

The Senate passed the NDAA on Tuesday. President Donald Trump is expected to sign the bill Friday.

"We support the entire tenant bill of rights and feel like it is made stronger by being written into law," said Eryn Wagnon, director of government relations for the Military Officers Association of America.

One year ago, Reuters began reporting on the poor conditions of some military housing, including mold and pest infestations, lead paint and inadequate maintenance systems. Since then, Congress has stepped in and held a series of hearings to determine the best steps in solving these problems, which helped lead to a tenant bill of rights and other new oversight improvements.

Under the new guidelines for dispute resolution, a resident can submit a request online and must receive confirmation within 24 hours. While earlier drafts of the bill of rights called for a neutral third party

to conduct arbitration, settling disputes is now the responsibility of the base or regional commander, who must complete an investigation within seven days that includes a physical inspection of the home.

The commander then must speak to the chief of the installation housing management office, a representative for the landlord of the housing unit, the tenant, a qualified judge advocate or civilian attorney who is a federal employee, and a civil engineer when the dispute involves maintenance. A final decision is due within 30 days of receipt of the request or 60 days in approved cases.

Outside the dispute resolution, the bill of rights grants residents other new options, including access to a seven-year maintenance history of a home prior to renting it. However, it's unclear how helpful this could be as a recent Government Accountability Office report deemed the records of all 14 private housing management companies as unreliable.

Other new rights include a new chief housing officer position, providing sufficient time for an inspection before moving in and access to legal assistance and housing advocates. The new chief housing officer will be an additional duty given to a presidential appointee within the Defense Department. The defense secretary has 60 days to name this person, who will create a standardization of policies and processes regarding housing units and oversee the implementation of the bill of rights.

Mixed in with these new reforms are rights that residents already have, but which haven't been enforced, such as housing that is safe, free of health hazards and contains working appliances.

# Truck, Purple Heart stolen from injured Army Ranger recovered

BY CHAD GARLAND  
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It had already been a rough few months when someone stole the Ford F-150 Asia Davis had loaded with family belongings, the American flag her Army Ranger husband had carried in an August raid in Afghanistan and the Purple Heart they'd pinned to his chest on the battlefield.

But two days after the pickup was stolen — it disappeared after midnight on Friday the 13th — the police called to say they'd recovered the truck.

Davis has been in San Antonio since August, when she got word that her husband, Staff Sgt. Ryan Davis, had been injured by an improvised explosive device blast that set off the grenade he was carrying on his hip.

Initially given a 30% chance of survival, Ryan Davis has since battled through blood clots, infections and amputations, with his wife always nearby.

"He lost his right arm, he lost his right leg, he lost his right hip, he lost his right pelvis, he lost his left leg below the knee," Asia Davis said.

One of about 140 troops wounded in action in Afghanistan this year, he's part of a population the Pentagon rarely discusses after 18 years of war. But the effort to save his life was highly publicized earlier this year when the Air Force disclosed details of the 8,000-mile medical flight that brought him from Bagram Airfield to Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas.

In recent weeks, he's undergone rehabilitation at a poly-trauma center in San Antonio, learning to use prosthetics and crutches. Four months, 28 surgeries and 282 units of blood after his injury, with his release date approaching, his wife brought their belongings from Savannah, Ga., where he'd

been serving with the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, to Texas, to move the family into long-term housing on Fort Sam Houston.

But in the middle of Friday night, someone made off with it all.

"It was a gut punch," Asia Davis said in a phone interview Tuesday. "I worked so hard to try to get everything situated for this move, I got the truck for my husband, I did so much, and then some a\*\*hole wants to come in and steal it."

Good news came on Sunday afternoon when a police sergeant called to say they'd found the stolen pickup. About 30 minutes later, Asia Davis was in the parking lot of a sporting goods store on the south side of town, looking at the F-150, she said.

The truck, which had been paid for by the VA and donors, and was to be modified so Ryan Davis could drive it, was fine. But jewelry, Christmas gifts, dozens of pairs of her shoes, her husband's uniforms and boots, her son's medication, the dog's medication, her and her husband's medical records — all together about half of what she'd loaded into the vehicle — had been taken.

But several challenge coins presented to Ryan Davis were still there, as were his prosthetics, wheelchair, the family photos and, to Asia Davis' relief, her husband's Purple Heart and American flag.

"They pretty much took everything that they could try to sell," she said. "You can't sell a Purple Heart."

Asia Davis has been shopping to replace some of the material things that she lost to the thieves and would be travelling out of state to bring her son to Texas in time for her husband's release from the hospital — expected to be just before Christmas.

Finally, after so many months and trials, she said, "He'll be coming home."

# Death toll rises from storms in the South

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, La. — A swarm of tornadoes and other storms that left a trail of destruction across the Southeast killed four people, injured at least a dozen more and left victims to bundle up against the cold as they picked through pieces of their homes on Tuesday.

The death toll rose to four after heavy overnight rains caused flooding in Greenup County, Ky. Water rescue crews were called in about 8 a.m. Tuesday to aid two people, and at least one of them died, Ken-

tucky State Police Trooper Bobby King said. He said crews were still trying to rescue another person.

National Weather Service teams confirmed at least 18 tornado paths: nine in Mississippi, six in Alabama and three in Louisiana. The number could rise since teams were still surveying damage.

Col. Bryan Olier, chief of staff at the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, told a news conference that at least 25 counties were affected, 150 homes reported damaged or destroyed and about a

dozen people injured.

“We had a storm front that went ... from the southwest corner of the state to almost central — some 60 to 80 miles,” Gov. Phil Bryant said.

The Storm Prediction Center logged more than three dozen reports of storm damage from east Texas to Georgia.

“The cat flew,” said Tonia Tyler of Pin-ville, La. “It picked the cat up, and the cat flew — my cat — it flew across the yard. And I knew right there, I said ‘Oh God, we’re not going to make it.’”

# FISA court rebukes FBI over Russia probe errors

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chief judge of a secretive surveillance court said Tuesday that the FBI provided “unsupported” information when it applied to eavesdrop on a former Trump campaign adviser and directed the bureau to report back by next month on what steps it was taking to fix the problems.

The four-page order from Judge Rosemary Collyer followed a harshly critical Justice Department inspector general report that said the FBI had withheld key information when it submitted four applications in 2016 and 2017 to monitor the communications of Carter Page.

The order is a rare public statement from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which operates mostly in secret as it receives applications from the FBI and Justice Department to eavesdrop on American soil on people they suspect of being agents of a foreign power. The directive could prompt fundamental changes in the FBI’s use of a powerful surveillance tool that supporters see as vital to thwarting terrorism and espionage but that de-

tractors say is vulnerable to abuse.

“The frequency with which representations made by FBI personnel turned out to be unsupported or contradicted by information in their possession, and with which they withheld information detrimental to their case, calls into question whether information contained in other FBI applications is reliable,” Collyer wrote.

Without complete and accurate information, the judge added, the court “cannot properly ensure that the government conducts electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes only when there is a sufficient factual basis.”

She directed the FBI to report by Jan. 10 on what it has done and what it plans to do to ensure the accuracy of information it submits in its wiretap applications.

In a statement, the FBI called the surveillance warrants an “indispensable tool in national security investigations” and said it was committed to working with the Justice Department and the court “to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the FISA process.”

The government’s surveillance authori-

ties have long been scrutinized by Democrats and civil libertarians who object to the court’s highly secretive nature and view it as a virtual rubber-stamp for FBI requests, the overwhelming majority of which are approved. Most surveillance warrants do not result in criminal prosecutions, and even when they do, there is no automatic right for a defendant to see the underlying application.

In the last week, Republicans who have previously been supportive of the Justice Department’s robust surveillance powers have called for change and seized on allegations that a campaign aide to President Donald Trump was treated unfairly.

The FBI relied in large part for its surveillance applications on opposition research compiled by Christopher Steele, a former British intelligence operative whose investigations into ties between Russia and Trump were funded by Democrats.

Inspector General Michael Horowitz said his office had identified at least 17 significant errors and omissions during the application process, including the altering of an email by an FBI lawyer.

# Trump orders federal agencies to be closed Dec. 24

The Washington Post

Federal agencies will be closed Dec. 24 and employees will have the day off with pay, under an order President Donald Trump issued Tuesday that amounts to the latest in a series of holiday presents to the federal workforce.

Presidents commonly give federal employees additional time off around the Christmas

Day holiday, though a full day off most typically is granted to create a long weekend when that day lands on a Tuesday or a Thursday. Trump did that last year when Christmas Day was on a Tuesday; when it falls on other days, the most common practice has been to give a half-day off, or none.

The order applies to some 2.1 million executive branch employees, although the agencies

“may determine that certain offices and installations of their organizations, or parts thereof, must remain open and that certain employees must report for duty on December 24, 2019, for reasons of national security, defense, or other public need.”

That mirrors the policy of similar previous orders, as does language in the order referring to the impact on pay and leave.

That traditionally has meant,

for example, that employees who had been scheduled to take vacation time on that day will not be charged a day of leave, and that employees not regularly scheduled to work that day will be entitled to an “in lieu of” day off.

Also traditionally, employees who are ordered to remain at work are entitled to holiday pay, which is an add-on equal to their regular salary rate.

# US seeks to bar asylum for more criminal offenses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Immigrants convicted of illegally reentering the U.S., driving drunk or committing domestic violence will be barred from claiming asylum under a proposed regulation announced Wednesday by the Trump administration.

The proposal, which must go through a public comment period before it is finalized, lists seven criminal areas, including some low-level crimes, that would bar migrants from claiming asylum in addition to federal restrictions already in place. It also would remove a requirement for immigration judges to reconsider some asylum denials.

It's another push to restrict asylum by President Donald Trump's administration, which claims migrants are gaming the system so they can spend years in the U.S. despite their ineligibility, in part because of a lower bar for initial screenings. Most of the people who claim asylum are fleeing vio-

lence, poverty and corruption in their home countries.

Immigrant advocates and humanitarian groups have criticized Trump's hard-line policies as inhumane and have said the U.S. is abdicating its role as a safe haven for refugees. But an immigration court backlog has reached more than 1 million cases, and border agencies were overwhelmed this year by hundreds of thousands of families that require more care-giving and are not easily returned over the U.S.-Mexico border.

The proposed new rules would make asylum seekers ineligible if they were convicted of a felony or if they were arrested repeatedly on domestic violence charges. Other crimes include: low-level convictions for false identification or unlawful receipt of public benefits. Plus: smuggling or harboring immigrants, illegal reentry, a federal crime involving street gang activity or driving while under the influence of an intoxicant.

# Altria, Juul back bill to raise age on tobacco sales

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is moving to pass the biggest new sales restrictions on tobacco products in more than a decade, with support from two unlikely backers: Marlboro-cigarette maker Altria and vaping giant Juul Labs.

The legislation would raise the minimum age to purchase all tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, from 18 to 21 nationwide, a step long-sought by health advocates. But in the past year Juul and Altria have emerged as the biggest supporters of the measure, blanketing Capitol Hill with lobbyists and advertisements touting their support for a national "Tobacco 21" law.

Tobacco critics contend the companies' support is calculated to head off even harder-hitting government action: a ban on all flavored tobacco products, including fruit and dessert e-cigarettes. Their stance puts them in the unusual position of criticizing a move they long supported, arguing that the sales restriction isn't enough.

"Altria and Juul clearly support this in order to argue that no other action is necessary," said Matthew Myers of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "If you don't eliminate the flavors that the industry has used to fuel the epidemic, you won't solve the youth e-cigarette crisis."

The bipartisan legislation, supported by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, has been attached to a package of must-pass spending bills that will keep the government running into next year.

Juul and Altria — the vaping company's biggest investor — threw their support behind the bill earlier this year amid a backlash against e-cigarettes at the local, state and national levels.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that typically heat a flavored nicotine solution into an inhalable aerosol. Current federal law prohibits sales of e-cigarettes and all other tobacco products to those under 18. But more than one in four high school students report vaping regularly, according to the latest government figures. And health officials have called the vaping trend an "epidemic."

Until September, Juul argued that its sweet flavors — including mango, mint and fruit — could help adult smokers switch from traditional cigarettes to vaping. But the company dropped that message as President Donald Trump announced plans to remove virtually all vaping flavors from the market, due to their appeal to children. The Silicon Valley company has halted sales of all but two of its flavors, menthol and tobacco, and pledged not to oppose Trump's plan.

# Mormons pulling 400,000 youths out of Boy Scouts

Associated Press

KAYSVILLE, Utah — For decades, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was one of Boy Scouts of America's greatest allies and the largest sponsor of troops. But on Jan. 1, the Utah-based faith will deliver the latest blow to the struggling organization when it pulls out more than 400,000 young people and moves them into a new global program of its own.

The change brings excitement and some melancholy for members of the faith and may push the Boy Scouts closer to the brink of bankruptcy as it faces a new wave of sex abuse lawsuits.

Losing the church will mean about an 18% drop in Boy Scout youth membership compared with last year's numbers and mark the first time since the World War II era that the figure will fall below 2 million. At its peak in the 1970s, more than 4 million boys were Scouts.

Wayne Perry, a church member who is a past president of Boy Scouts of America and a current member of its national board, said the end of the long-term alliance will sting and force many regional councils to lay off employees and sell some camps.

However, Perry said he's hopeful the Boy Scouts can eventually bring back at least 20% of the Latter-day Saints Scouts

who liked the experience and want to keep pursuing merit badges in activities ranging from camping and lifesaving to citizenship.

The church's new youth program will weave in camping and other outdoor activities in parts of the world where that's feasible, but there won't be uniforms or a chance to earn the coveted Eagle Scout rank — the highest in Scouting — that was long seen as a key milestone for teenage boys in the church.

The focus will be squarely on religion and spiritual development, with youth working toward achievements that earn them rings, medallions and pendants inscribed with images of church temples.

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### City tells people to stop feeding the raccoons

**IL** CHICAGO — Chicago city agencies told people to stop feeding the raccoons that populate the city's northern lakefront.

People are hand-feeding kitchen scraps to the dozens of raccoons living in the area, and that's dangerous, the agencies said, WBBM-TV reported.

"We ask that visitors not feed wildlife in parks or along the lakefront for their own safety and the health and wellness of the animals," said Chicago Park District spokeswoman Irene Tostado said in a statement.

Raccoons are rabies carriers and can transfer other diseases and pests such as roundworm, the Humane Society advises.

### Sheriff: Woman faked being kidnapped

**NC** SOPHIA — A North Carolina woman ran to a man's house to say she had just escaped an attempted kidnapping by a stranger.

Virginia Saavedra, 37, then allegedly took advantage of the Good Samaritan's kindness by stealing his truck before leading authorities on a high-speed chase, according to the Randolph County Sheriff's Office.

The man let her sit in his truck to warm up while he called 911, news outlets reported. Saavedra allegedly then stole the truck, which was spotted by deputies responding to the man's 911 call.

Deputies tried to stop the truck, but Saavedra led them on a 26-mile chase into a neighboring county, they said. Deputies soon boxed in the truck and it got stuck on a grassy shoulder. Deputies said Saavedra then tried to reverse the truck and rammed a patrol car before trying to flee. She was arrested on more than a dozen charges.

### Man charged with killing rabbit at shelter

**IA** DES MOINES — Deputies arrested a Carroll man on charges that he used a stick to kill a rabbit at a Des Moines animal shelter.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office on Sunday night charged Bobby Carothers, 64, with animal torture after the death of the rabbit at the Animal Rescue League of Central Iowa shelter, The Des Moines Register reported. According to a criminal complaint, Carothers admitted to deputies that he killed the rabbit, named Petunia.

Deputies arrested Carothers after he allegedly pulled a fire alarm at a Des Moines trucking company. He also was charged with trespassing at the trucking company.

### Stolen ATM hauled from bank in dump truck

**MO** COLUMBIA — Authorities said an ATM that was stolen from a Columbia bank was hauled away from the scene in a dump truck.

Columbia police said in a news release that the ATM was taken from a branch of the Great Southern Bank.

Police said officers found several pieces of debris from the ATM on the ground, but the ATM was missing with an undisclosed amount of cash inside the machine.

Surveillance camera images show the ATM being placed in the back of a dump truck.

### Park reopened after bees attacked family

**AZ** GLENDALE — A Glendale park opened again after a swarm of bees attacked a family, stinging one person more than 100 times.

The incident happened as several families were picking fruit in the orchards in Sahuaro Ranch Park, AZfamily.com reported.

Glendale fire officials said it was in the orchards that a family came across a beehive. One man, 40, was covered "head to toe" in bee stings, firefighters said. A woman, 72, and two men, 39 and 19, were also stung.

The park was closed so that a beekeeper could remove the bees.

### Men arrested for taking, killing water buffalo

**LA** BELLE CHASSE — Four Louisiana men were arrested on allegations they stole, shot and killed two Asian water buffalo owned by a local rancher, the state agriculture department said.

Agriculture Commissioner Mike Strain said the suspects harvested the meat, hide and heads of the buffalo, worth an estimated \$10,000, that were stolen in Plaquemines Parish.

The arrested men, according to the agriculture department, were: Andrew Crawford, 30, of Braithwaite; Billy W. Johnson Jr., 35, of Buras; Randall J. Siebert, 37, of Saint Bernard; and Lance L. Siebert, 32, of Braithwaite.

The alleged cattle rustlers face a fine and possibly jail time if convicted for theft of livestock, Strain's office said.

### Police: Woman charged with 5th DUI after crash

**DE** NEW CASTLE — Authorities in Delaware said a woman was arrested and charged with a fifth DUI offense after she was involved in a single-vehicle crash.

The Delaware State Police said troopers found Virginia Ruiz, 55, after receiving a

report of a car crash in New Castle. The agency said troopers noticed a strong odor of alcohol when speaking with Ruiz, who became disorderly, spat in a trooper's face and was aggressive toward emergency personnel.

Authorities said Ruiz was also charged with assault on a law enforcement officer.

### Waitresses get \$850 Christmas tip at diner

**FL** STUART — It was just a regular lunch shift, but two Florida waitresses received the tip of a lifetime from one table: \$850.

Susan Morrison and Erin Gross were waiting on a Christmas party of 17 people at Metro Diner.

When the bill was paid, the party decided to surprise the waitresses and each chipped in \$50.

Morrison, 59, said she's been a waitress for 40 years and has never had this happen.

### Deputies seeking 2 'grinches' for mail theft

**SC** ORANGEBURG — Authorities in South Carolina were searching for two women who stole mail from two dozen addresses.

Orangeburg County Sheriff Leroy Ravenell told news outlets that two women have been stealing mail from the eastern part of the county.

Ravenell said authorities have found at least two locations where open mail has been dumped with no items of value left behind.

Ravenell said video from home security systems show two white women in a white compact car. He said the department is increasing patrols and investigators are looking for any information.

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# Boras brings about flurry of big contracts

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scott Boras showed up at the winter meetings with his own press conference backdrop. How appropriate, given his banner offseason.

Beloved by his high-profile clients, courted by powerful owners and a polarizing figure for fans, baseball's most famous agent negotiated \$814 million of contracts in a little over three days last week.

All told, he projects his deals will top \$1.2 billion and lift his career agreements past \$9 billion.

In an industry where agent commissions typically are 3 to 5%, that adds up. Not bad for a former Cardinals and Cubs infielder who never made it above Double-A.

"The greatest joy certainly in my life is when you get to make the phone calls I got to make last week," Boras said. "You've gone on a journey with them that may have taken 10, 11 years for them to reach this point in their lives where they're getting their ultimate reward of what they hoped for when they came into the game. It provides them the opportunity to win, it provides them security for them and their families, it properly places them among their peers. It's a very rewarding and prideful moment that often is very emotional."

He opened the winter meetings by striking a \$245 million, seven-year deal between World Series MVP Stephen Strasburg and the Washington Nationals. That record contract for pitchers lasted just one day, shattered when Boras got Gerrit Cole a \$324 million, nine-year agreement with

the New York Yankees. Boras finished the meetings by landing third baseman Anthony Rendon a \$245 million, seven-year contract with the Los Angeles Angels.

If fans know the name of one agent, it's the 67-year-old Boras. His impact has been far greater than his .293 batting average with four home runs over four minor league seasons — he spent time as a double-play partner with future All-Star Garry Templeton and Ken Oberkfell.

He loves the limelight, seen in his front-row seats at Dodger Stadium and Angel Stadium. He works to represent many of the top prospects ahead of the amateur draft and is criticized by competitors for trying to steal their clients as they approach free agency.

His news conferences are focal points at the November general managers gathering and December winter meetings, filled with big-picture suggestions such as a neutral site World Series and over-the-top metaphors such as dividing teams into categories of supermarket shoppers and bird species, determined by wealth and aggressiveness. This year he unveiled a backdrop with his company logo, a B over a baseball field.

What stands out most is his client list, the envy of many other agents. He says he has rejected overtures to represent athletes in other sports.

"He knows the market. He's got relationships, and he's got really talented players," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said. "I think the talent level dictates the deals that are made."

Boras has been the agent for 23 contracts of \$100 million or more, including eight of baseball's 19 deals worth at least \$200 million and two of the five guaranteeing at least \$300 million. Before the three deals last week, he negotiated outfielder Bryce Harper's \$330 million, 13-year deal with Philadelphia last February and topped \$200 million for Alex Rodriguez (twice), Prince Fielder and Max Scherzer.

Scott Boras Corp.'s overhead includes 137 full-time employees, training centers in Florida and California, and staff in Canada, the Dominican Republic, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Korea, Taiwan and Venezuela. Among the departments are 35 researchers, 12 people in marketing, four other lawyers and two psychologists. Boras says his development and scouting division has 40 people across amateur leagues, the minors and majors.

As of Aug. 31, Boras represented 71 players on active rosters and injured lists, according to research by Major League Baseball. Just behind with 69 was Excel Sports Group, whose baseball division is headed by Casey Close, a former Big Ten Triple Crown winner at Michigan who is married to 1989 Miss America and former Fox News host Gretchen Carlson. While Excel's players totaled a FanGraphs WAR of about 92 last season, Boras' clients added to approximately 127, MLB research determined.

# Fry, who turned Iowa into a football power, dies at 90

Associated Press

Hayden Fry, the Texan who revived Iowa football and became a Hawkeye State institution over two decades as a Big Ten coach, has died. He was 90.

Fry's family announced through the University of Iowa that the former coach died Tuesday with his family at his side after a long battle with cancer. He had been living in the Dallas area with his wife, Shirley.

"We are proud to know that our father's life had a positive influence on so many people, the players, the coaches, and the fans who played for, worked with, and supported his long and

successful coaching career," the family said in a statement. "His legend will live forever with the people he touched and inspired, and the programs he led to greater heights."

Fry, a native of Eastland, Texas, had never been to Iowa before taking over the Hawkeyes in 1979, hired by then-athletic director Bump Elliott, the former Michigan star who died earlier this month.

The Hawkeyes had slogged through 17 consecutive years without a winning season when Fry arrived.

Fry coached the Hawkeyes for 20 seasons, winning 238 games and three Big Ten championships.

Fry's greatest season at Iowa

was 1985, when the Hawkeyes were No. 1 in the AP rankings for five weeks and had Heisman Trophy runner-up Chuck Long at quarterback. Iowa finished 10-2 as Big Ten champion and ranked 10th in the country.

Fry started his coaching career at Odessa (Texas) High School in the 1950s, not long after playing quarterback at Baylor. His first college head coaching job was at SMU in 1962, and he was instrumental in desegregating the team and the Southwest Conference as both coach and athletic director.

In 1965, Jerry LeVias became the first black football player to sign a scholarship with a team in the Southwest

Conference.

"Coach Fry caught a lot of hell for doing what he did," LeVias said in a statement. "After he left SMU, he went to North Texas, and he couldn't get a break in Texas — sometimes coaching and having to go to good bowl games. All of a sudden, Iowa calls. When one door closes, the Good Lord has plans."

Fry went 49-66-1 in 11 seasons with the Mustangs and then did a six-year stint at North Texas, where he went 40-23-3.

At Iowa, Fry not only produced winning teams, but also 13 head coaches who worked and played for him.

# Ravens lead way with 12 in Pro Bowl

Associated Press

Twelve Baltimore Ravens, including second-year quarterback Lamar Jackson, and seven New Orleans Saints, highlighted by league-leading receiver Michael Thomas, have made the Pro Bowl.

Baltimore tied the record for Pro Bowl players set by Miami in 1973. The NFL released the rosters Tuesday night for the game in Orlando, Fla., on Jan. 26.

Joining Jackson from the Ravens, who at 12-2 have the league's best record, are tight end Mark Andrews, long snapper Morgan Cox, cornerbacks Marcus Peters and Marlon Humphrey, running back Mark Ingram, linebacker Matthew Judon, fullback Patrick Ricard,

tackle Ronnie Stanley, safety Earl Thomas, kicker Justin Tucker and guard Marshal Yanda.

"This honor is all about my teammates and our coaches, because without them, the success we've had as a team wouldn't be possible," Jackson said. "I'm also grateful for all the fans who continue to support us and who have helped make this season so special. Ultimately, it's about winning, and we still have a lot of work to do before we accomplish our biggest goals."

Thirty teams had at least one player selected and 24 clubs had multiple players chosen. The New York Giants and Miami Dolphins failed to get any Pro Bowlers. Players on

the two Super Bowl teams will withdraw from the Pro Bowl and be replaced.

Twenty-five of the players selected made it for the first time, including three rookies: San Francisco defensive end Nick Bosa, Kansas City return specialist Mecole Hardman and New Orleans return specialist Deonte Harris.

The Pro Bowl coaching staffs will be from the losing teams in the AFC and NFC divisional playoffs with the best regular-season records.

Other AFC quarterbacks are Patrick Mahomes of Kansas City and Deshaun Watson of Houston. The NFC QBs are Drew Brees of New Orleans, Aaron Rodgers of Green Bay and Russell Wilson of Seattle.

Perhaps the most star-studded spot on offense is tight end with San Francisco's George Kittle, Philadelphia's Zach Ertz, Kansas City's Travis Kelce and Baltimore's Andrews.

Defensive standouts include Buffalo's Tre'Davious White, who is tied for the league lead with New England's Stephon Gilmore with six interceptions. They are the top AFC cornerbacks.

NFL sacks leader Shaquil Barrett of Tampa Bay is on the NFC squad, along with perennial Pro Bowlers Aaron Donald of the Rams and Richard Sherman of the 49ers.

Two other Buccaneers, wide receivers Mike Evans and Chris Godwin, were chosen.

## College basketball roundup

### Fifth-ranked Ohio State bounces back from first loss

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State coach Chris Holtmann was interested to see how his team would bounce back after suffering its first loss of the season on Sunday at Minnesota.

Holtmann was not impressed, however, after his Buckeyes committed 13 first-half turnovers and led struggling Southeast Missouri State by just nine points at halftime.

But the fifth-ranked Buckeyes pulled it together with a commanding 22-2 second-half run and pulled away for an 80-48 victory over the visiting Redhawks.

"I'm frustrated with the turnovers," Holtmann said. "I'm disappointed and frustrated, and we've got to figure out how to correct it. But I also recognize we had some youth out there, too."

Kaleb Wesson scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Ohio State (10-1), which dropped two spots in the AP Top 25 after the loss to Minnesota.

"We just weren't playing Ohio State basketball," Wesson said of his team's play at Minnesota, as well as the first half against Southeast Missouri State. "We had to get out of our own way a little bit. We needed to go back to having fun."

Andre Wesson scored 14 points, while Kyle Young and D.J. Carton each had 10 points for the Buckeyes.

D.Q. Nicholas and Isaiah Gable each had 10 points for the Redhawks (3-8), who shot 27% from the floor (16-for-60) in losing their fourth straight game.

**No. 13 Dayton 71, North Texas 58:** Jalen Crutcher and Ryan Mikesell scored 16 points apiece, and the host Flyers finally shook free at the end to beat the Mean Green.

Dayton (9-1) took the court with its highest ranking since December 1968, when it made it as high as No. 6. A sloppy second half kept it close.

The Flyers turned it over eight times in the second half, helping North Texas (4-7) cut

the lead to nine points with six minutes left. Crutcher hit an unguarded three-pointer that blunted the comeback, and the Mean Green fell short in their bid for a fourth all-time win over a ranked team.

Javion Hamlet had 19 points, and Zachary Simmons added 18 for North Texas.

**No. 19 Florida State 98, North Florida 81:** Balsa Koprivica scored 15 points and fellow big man Dominik Olejniczak added 11 as the host Seminoles beat the Ospreys.

The 7-footers were able to capitalize on their height advantage, making shots in the lane and leading Florida State to a 39-27 rebounding edge. Koprivica was 6-for-8 from the floor, while Olejniczak went 5-for-7.

M.J. Walker had 11 points, one of seven Seminoles who scored in double figures. Florida State (9-2) has won 12 straight home games in a streak that dates to the 2018-19 season.

**No. 22 Washington 81, Seattle 59:** Isaiah Stewart domi-

nated inside while scoring a season-high 27 points, Quade Green added 20 and the host Huskies pulled away late from their crosstown rival.

Stewart was mostly unstoppable in the post when Washington (8-2) could get the ball to its bruising forward. The freshman made 11 of 14 shots and grabbed 13 rebounds on a night when the Huskies were outplayed for stretches by the Redhawks (6-6).

Terrell Brown scored 15 of his 21 points in the first half for Seattle, which shot just 21.7% on three-pointers.

**Air Force 99, Johnson & Wales 42:** Freshman Carter Murphy came off the bench to score 14 points, hitting all four of his three-point tries, and the host Falcons flew past the Division III Wildcats.

All 15 Air Force players scored and Murphy's points were his first of the season. Chris Joyce had 12 points, Caleb Morris scored 11 and Isaac Monson and Mason Taylor tossed in 10 apiece.

## NBA roundup

# Pacers get last-second win over Lakers

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Domantas Sabonis scored 26 points and Malcolm Brogdon made a tiebreaking reverse layup with 36.4 seconds left Tuesday night to give the Indiana Pacers a 105-102 victory over Los Angeles, snapping the Lakers' 14-game road winning streak.

Brogdon dribbled past Dwight Howard and then used the rim to protect the ball as he made the shot. Sabonis followed by hitting one of two free throws with 10.7 seconds remaining.

LeBron James had 20 points, nine rebounds and nine assists but missed a three-pointer that would have given the Lakers the lead with 11.7 seconds to go. Los Angeles also missed two shots on its final possession while trying to force overtime.

The Lakers looked as though they had taken control with a 9-0 run for a 95-91 lead midway through the fourth quarter. But Indiana responded just as it had

all night as the Lakers played without All-Star forward Anthony Davis.

**Clippers 120, Suns 99:** Paul George scored 24 points, Kawhi Leonard added 20 and Los Angeles returned home after two weeks away to beat Phoenix.

Leonard and George teamed up in a dominant third quarter that saw the Clippers stretch their lead from five points to 21 by the time it was over. The two superstars combined to score 18 points in a 32-16 run that sent Los Angeles into the fourth leading 90-69.

Lou Williams added 20 points for the Clippers, scoring their first 11 of the fourth — including three three-pointers. Ivica Zubac had 12 points in helping the team win its 12th in a row over the Suns in Los Angeles.

**Nets 108, Pelicans 101 (OT):** Spencer Dinwiddie scored 31 points and visiting Brooklyn extended New Orleans' franchise-worst losing streak to 13

games.

Joe Harris had 24 points, including a jumper that put the Nets ahead 104-98 with 1:28 to go in the extra period. Brandon Ingram quickly responded with a 3-pointer, but the Pelicans, who shot 34%, got no closer.

The Nets have won five of seven.

**Hornets 110, Kings 102:** Malik Monk scored 14 of his season-high 23 points in the fourth quarter, and host Charlotte spoiled De'Aaron Fox's return from injury with a win over Sacramento.

Cody Zeller had 17 points and nine rebounds, and Bismack Biyombo added 10 points and 12 rebounds as the Hornets (13-17) won for the fourth time in five games.

Fox was back on the floor after missing 17 games with a left ankle sprain and led the Kings (12-15) with 19 points in 30 minutes.

**Jazz 109, Magic 102:** Donovan Mitchell scored 30 points,

including eight as host Utah closed the game with a 19-5 run to beat Orlando.

With his team trailing 97-90, Mitchell awoke a moribund offense and energized the crowd with a highlight-reel dunk in traffic. That sparked the clinching spurt for the Jazz (16-11), who have won three in a row.

Bojan Bogdanovic scored nine of his 30 points during the late surge, and Joe Ingles had 16 points and 12 rebounds.

**Knicks 143, Hawks 120:** Rookie RJ Barrett scored a career-high 27 points as host New York ran away from Trae Young and Atlanta.

Mitchell Robinson had a career-best 22 points along with 13 rebounds, and Marcus Morris also scored 22 for the Knicks, who have won three of four after a 10-game losing streak.

Young scored 42 points for the Hawks, who lost their fifth straight. De'Andre Hunter added 19 points.

## NHL roundup

# Kopitar's overtime goal propels Kings past Bruins

Associated Press

BOSTON — Anze Kopitar scored at 3:23 of overtime and the Los Angeles Kings rallied to beat the Boston Bruins 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Kopitar beat Tuukka Rask with a high wrist shot after Jonathan Quick had come up with a huge save at the other end, giving the Kings their fourth win in five games and extending their best stretch of the season (4-0-1).

Blake Lizotte had a goal and an assist for Los Angeles, which couldn't hold on to leads of 1-0 and 2-1 before rallying for a thrilling finish. Down 3-2 late in the third, the Kings pulled Quick for an extra skater and tied it on Matt Roy's slap shot

with 2:01 left in regulation.

Adrian Kempe also scored for Los Angeles and Quick finished with 37 saves.

**Lightning 4, Senators 3 (OT):** Anthony Cirelli scored with 12.7 seconds left in overtime to lift host Tampa Bay past Ottawa.

Cirelli split two defenders near the blue line and lifted a shot past Marcus Hogberg.

**Maple Leafs 5, Sabres 3:** Auston Matthews scored twice and host Toronto held on to beat Buffalo.

Frederik Gauthier had a goal and an assist, and Dmytro Timashov and Ilya Mikheyev also scored for the Maple Leafs.

**Golden Knights 3, Wild 2:** Tomas Nosek scored his first

goal in nearly a month, Marc-Andre Fleury made 24 saves and host Vegas beat Minnesota in regulation for the first time.

**Predators 8, Islanders 3:** Nick Bonino had the tiebreaking goal late in the second period as visiting Nashville got seven consecutive scores to rally for its second win in two nights.

**Flyers 4, Ducks 1:** Philadelphia honored cancer-stricken teammate Oskar Lindblom and beat Anaheim behind goals by Claude Giroux, David Kase and Jake Voracek.

**Blue Jackets 5, Red Wings 3:** Pierre-Luc Dubois scored early in the third period and Gustav Nyquist added an empty-netter in the closing sec-

onds, helping visiting Columbus win its second straight.

**Hurricanes 6, Jets 3:** Sebastian Aho and Jordan Staal each scored twice, Andrei Svechnikov added his second lacrosse-style goal of the season, and visiting Carolina extended its point streak to 5-0-1.

**Penguins 4, Flames 1:** Evgeni Malkin scored his 400th goal as Pittsburgh won at Calgary.

**Canadiens 3, Canucks 1:** Tomas Tatar and Shea Weber scored power-play goals 1:34 apart in the third period to lift Montreal to a win at Vancouver.

**Coyotes 3, Sharks 2:** Oliver Ekman-Larsson scored the go-ahead goal late in the third period and Arizona won at San Jose.