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Cohen assails Trump before Congress

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WASHINGTON — Shaking off criticism from House Republicans, President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer declared under oath Wednesday that Trump knew ahead of time and embraced the news when told that WikiLeaks had emails damaging to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. Michael Cohen also testified that Trump is a "racist," a "con man" and a "cheat."

Cohen, called to testify by Democrats over the objections of Republicans, suggested that Trump also implicitly told him to lie about a Moscow real estate project. Cohen has pleaded guilty to lying to Congress about the project, which he says Trump knew about as Cohen was negotiating with Russia during the 2016 election campaign.

The hearing was producing the most damning depiction to date of Trump's campaign and business operations from a one-time member of his inner circle. It was the latest step in Cohen's evolution from legal fixer for the president — he once boasted he'd "take a bullet" for Trump — to a foe who has implicated him in federal campaign finance violations.

"I am ashamed of my weakness and misplaced loyalty, of the things I did for

Mr. Trump in an effort to protect and promote him," Cohen said. "I am ashamed that I chose to take part in concealing Mr. Trump's illicit acts rather than listening to my own conscience. I am ashamed because I know what Mr. Trump is."

Democrats asked Cohen about details of his accusations against Trump, while Republicans on the House Oversight and Reform Committee focused on assailing him and his credibility.

Accused at length by one GOP lawmaker of being a pathological liar, Cohen responded, "Sir, are you referring to me or the president?"

On a more substantive matter, Cohen said at one point that prosecutors in New York are investigating conversations Trump or his advisers had with him after his hotel room was raided for documents by the FBI. He was asked by a Democratic congressman about the last contact he had had with Trump or any agent representing the president.

Cohen said that happened about two months after his hotel room was raided by the FBI in April 2018. But he declined to provide more specific details and said the matter was being investigated by federal

prosecutors.

As for the Clinton emails, Cohen's claims that Trump had advance knowledge about the WikiLeaks release contradict the president's assertions that he was in the dark, but it was not clear what evidence Cohen had to support the allegation or even how legally problematic it would be for Trump. Special counsel Robert Mueller has not suggested that mere awareness of WikiLeaks' plans, as Trump confidant Roger Stone is purported to have had, is by itself a crime.

Underscoring the deeply partisan nature of the proceedings, Democrats on the committee lifted an earlier restriction that the hearing not delve into Russia, while Republicans tried unsuccessfully to block the hearing as it got underway, on grounds that Cohen had not provided his opening statement long enough in advance.

The committee's top Republican, Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, sought early on to undermine Cohen's credibility by calling him a "fraudster, cheat" and "a convicted felon."

Cohen said Trump did not directly tell him to lie, but "he would look me in the eye and tell me there's no business in Russia and then go out and lie to the American people by saying the same thing."

Admirals: Ships won't sail unless they're prepared

By CAITLIN M. KENNEY

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON—Ships have been delayed or stopped from going on missions if they have been found not to have the necessary certifications or manning for the mission, two fleet commanders told Congress during a hearing Tuesday.

"If the ships in the Pacific Fleet are not ready to safely sail, they don't get underway. And that is my responsibility," Adm. John Aquilino, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet, told the House Armed Services Committee subpanel on readiness.

Aquilino said he stopped two deployments after he assessed

they did not have the level of training needed to deploy and conduct their mission.

The separate collisions in 2017 of the USS Fitzgerald and USS John S. McCain, in which 17 sailors were killed, forced the Navy to examine issues concerning service readiness, training, manning and operation tempo.

The problems and recommendations were laid out in a Fleet Comprehensive Review by Adm. Phil Davidson, now the commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019 also put in place changes for the surface fleet, including calling for im-

provements for skills training.

The subcommittee hearing was held Tuesday to discuss whether reforms implemented by the Navy since the collisions have been making a difference and what other improvements need to be made.

The Fitzgerald and McCain collisions happened in the Pacific Ocean, where most of the world's trade occurs and rising tensions, especially between the United States and China, make the region an active area for the U.S. Navy.

Aquilino said they are implementing recommendations laid out in the comprehensive review as well as the Strategic Readiness Review and a report

from the Government Accountability Office.

He added they are confident that they are making changes to ensure that the fleet is "operating safely and it is certified to execute all the missions assigned."

Also at the hearing Tuesday was Adm. Christopher Grady, commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command and U.S. Naval Forces Northern Command, who said he also has on several occasions stopped ships from going on missions for which they are not certified.

"We know what the requirement is and if they're not ready, they're not going," he said.

Upbeat start to Trump, Kim 2nd summit

BY KIM GAMEL
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HANOI, Vietnam — President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un smiled and shook hands Wednesday as they expressed hope for a successful summit while facing pressure to deliver concrete commitments on denuclearization.

Both leaders struck a positive note as they made brief remarks to reporters, then held a 20-minute, one-on-one talk before sitting down to dinner with key aides.

“I thought the first summit was a great success and I think this one ultimately will be equal or greater,” Trump said, sitting next to Kim with a backdrop of American and North Korean flags. “We’ve made a lot of progress, and I think the biggest progress was our relationship is really a good one.”

Trump and Kim first met on June 12 in Singapore, an unprecedented summit between the countries, which have been enemies since the 1950-53 Korean War.

They promised in a vaguely worded statement to work

toward the “complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula,” as well as to improve relations, build a “lasting and stable peace regime” and to recover the remains of thousands of troops killed in the war.

But talks over how to implement that agreement stalled, raising skepticism over the North’s willingness to relinquish its hard-won nukes.

Trump insisted the first summit was a success, though he noted “some people would like to see it go quicker.”

Kim said the time in between summits had been filled with “a lot of effort, a lot of thinking and a lot of patience.”

“We have been able to overcome all the obstacles and here we are today,” he said, smiling frequently. “I hope that we can provide an outcome that is welcome by everyone, and I’m sure that we can do this.”

Trump and Kim were later joined around a small dinner table by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo; acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney; Kim’s top envoy, Kim Yong Chol; and North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho.

The leaders, who arrived in

Hanoi on Tuesday, were due to begin more in-depth talks Thursday. Trump said there would also likely be a news conference at some point.

The two-day summit began as Trump faces political turmoil at home, with his former lawyer and confidant Michael Cohen offering potentially damaging testimony about the president to a House committee Wednesday. Trump tweeted from Hanoi prior to Cohen’s testimony that Cohen “is lying in order to reduce his prison time.”

The White House restricted access to the summit, barring four print reporters from covering the beginning of Trump’s dinner with Kim after two of those reporters asked questions of the president during earlier events at the summit, according to reports.

The president also reiterated his frequent promise that North Korea could achieve economic prosperity if it agrees to relinquish nuclear weapons.

“I think that your country has tremendous economic potential,” Trump said during his opening remarks with Kim at the Sofitel Legend Metro-

pole Hotel. “I think you will have a tremendous future with your country. I look forward to watching it happen and helping it to happen.”

Trump is under pressure to achieve concrete commitments from Kim, who has promised to dismantle his country’s main nuclear material production facility at Yongbyon in exchange for “corresponding measures” from the United States.

The president hasn’t revealed what he may put on the table at the Hanoi summit, but officials and experts say a possible concession could be an agreement to open liaison offices between the two countries, which don’t have diplomatic relations.

The Vietnamese capital, meanwhile, was enjoying the attention brought by the summit. Men and women on the ubiquitous motorcycles that fill the streets pulled over to stores to buy North Korean and American flags.

Storekeepers did a brisk business peddling summit T-shirts emblazoned with photos of Trump and Kim together.

Navy showcases new Poseidon in Australia

BY CHRISTIAN LOPEZ
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Navy Patrol Squadron 47 and its Boeing P-8A Poseidon aircraft arrived Tuesday at Avalon Airport in Geelong, Victoria, Australia, to participate in one of that country’s largest aviation exhibitions, according to the U.S. Navy.

The squadron will hold flight demonstrations and display the Poseidon throughout the six-day Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition 2019, according to a Navy statement Monday.

Patrol Squadron 47 appeared last week at Aero India, one of the largest air shows and exhibitions in Asia, along with F/A-18 Super Hornets of Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 27.

The P-8A is a variant of Boeing’s 737-800, designed to replace the Navy fleet of P-3s. Boeing, by April 2017, had delivered at least 53 of the advanced, long-range, anti-submarine patrol and reconnaissance aircraft to the Navy.

DOD spent nearly \$8M on 1,500 transgender troops since 2016

USA Today

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has spent nearly \$8 million to treat more than 1,500 transgender troops since 2016, including 161 surgical procedures, according to data obtained by USA Today.

As of Feb. 1, 1,071 servicemembers have been diagnosed with gender dysphoria in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Public Health Service on active duty and in the Reserve force.

Most of them are senior enlisted personnel, but there are 20 senior officers — majors and lieutenant commanders and higher — as well.

Overall, the troops represent a fraction of the total force of 2.1 million. The number of transgender troops

serving who have not sought treatment through the military is not known.

Transgender troops and their medical and psychological treatment has been a flashpoint for controversy since President Donald Trump tweeted in July 2017 that he wanted to ban them from the military. In January, the question reached the Supreme Court, which ruled that a modified ban could take effect while lower court challenges continued.

On Wednesday, the House Armed Services Committee was to hear testimony on the military’s policy, which bans most troops with a diagnosis of gender dysphoria.

Data on the population of transgender troops have been closely held at the Pentagon.

Infant dies at unlicensed day care center in Hawaii

BY WYATT OLSON
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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Katie Camario didn't want to involve herself in the unlicensed day care in the house next to hers at Aliamanu Military Reservation in Honolulu, but her growing fear that something terrible could happen to a child there pulled her in. On Sunday, a 7-month-old girl died in the day care.

She and her Air Force husband had moved into the Army-managed housing in October 2017, and Camario quickly noticed the hubbub of children playing in her next-door neighbor's backyard.

In the weeks to come, Camario said she saw disturbing scenes of wailing, unattended children — most appearing to be less than 5 years old. She said she saw children chasing each other with large sticks, a screaming child's head caught in playground equipment and, on one occasion, a toddler sticking a barbecue butane lighter in his mouth.

So she made numerous calls to the Army housing authority and the military police, but the unlicensed day care always reopened even after being raided by police several times.

Fed up, Camario filed a sworn complaint last week under the military's Interactive Customer Evaluation, a grievance that would come to the direct attention of the commander of Army Garrison Hawaii. Military police shut the day care down again on Feb. 21.

The Honolulu Police Department has opened an "unintended death" investigation, according to Michelle Yu, an HPD spokeswoman.

An autopsy is pending at the medical examiner's office, which had not released the girl's name as of Tuesday.

A GoFundMe page set up Tuesday to raise money for the funeral identified the girl as Abigail.

Neighbors said the day care had the infant and an older sibling for an overnight stay.

Camario and several other neighbors of the day care excoriated Army officials at a town hall meeting Monday night at Fort Shafter for failing to evict the tenant. The meeting was one in a series being held in Hawaii to address recent concerns about the condition of military housing, and officials did not seem prepared to handle questions about day care.

Okinawa governor: Relocate Marines

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki has called for relocating Marine air operations outside of the island prefecture following a prefecturewide referendum over the weekend.

Approximately 72 percent of voters who turned out Sunday voted against plans to reclaim land in Oura Bay at Camp Schwab for a new military runway. The plan is to close Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and move air operations to Henoko on Okinawa's less populated northern coast.

Tamaki's comments came a day after the vote as he answered questions from members of Okinawa's prefectural assembly about the dangers posed by Futenma.

"I understand that it has been discussed between the U.S. and Japan, through the U.S. military reorganization plan, that relocating Futenma outside of Japan was part of it, and I believe that Tokyo also understands that is a part of the plan," he said in response to a question from lawmaker Noriji Yamakawa. "So why don't they move forward accordingly and relocate it outside of Japan — and I believe that is the best plan."

The plan to build the runway at the isolated Camp Schwab in northern Okinawa was agreed upon during bilateral negotiations in 2006.

Tamaki is scheduled to meet Friday in Tokyo with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Abe had said the relocation project will continue regardless of the referendum's result. Abe's administration has maintained that U.S. military bases on Okinawa are needed due to the island's strategic importance and the deterrent capabilities of U.S. troops stationed there.

Bilingual Marine stands out during exercise

BY JAMES BOLINGER
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TAKASHIMA, Japan — Lance Cpl. Robert Lehman, a bilingual rifleman who lived in Japan for two years before enlisting in the Marine Corps, helped his fellow Marines overcome a language barrier during recent training with the U.S. ally.

Lehman, 23, a Grantsville, Utah, native and reservist with the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Infantry Regiment, served as an impromptu unit interpreter during Forest Light, a week-long military exercise in central Japan involving U.S. Marines and soldiers of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force earlier this month.

As a missionary, Lehman traveled the country and left in 2016 fluent in Japanese. His linguistic services provided his leaders a bonus; it's rare for Ma-

rines serving in a field unit to be fluent in the local language.

Having a translator who is also a Marine when working alongside partner nations is invaluable, said Capt. Ayrton Foy, commander of F Company, 2nd Infantry Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment.

Lehman was on loan to F Company to assist the Marines who teamed up with soldiers from the JGSDF's 7th Infantry Regiment, Middle Army, for Exercise Forest Light 19-2 in early February.

"They are very lucky to have him at his proficiency level to be able to listen and quickly translate things," 2nd Lt. Brett Vanier, a communications strategy officer supporting Forest Light, said during a Feb. 7 interview with Stars and Stripes.

Native speakers make the best interpreters because they understand the nuances of the language; however, they are often

not highly proficient in English, Vanier said. Things can get lost in translation, which is why bilingual Marines like Lehman are so valuable.

During the Forest Light exercise, the biggest challenge for the Marines of 2-23 was overcoming the language barrier, said 2nd Battalion commander Lt. Col. David Ortiz.

Lehman was the most helpful by spending his off time helping the JGSDF linguists understand Marine jargon so they, in turn, could provide better translation services between the JGSDF and the Marines.

Lehman, who self-identified as a fluent Japanese speaker before the deployment, said being bilingual builds cohesion between two countries.

"It's really, really cool to see two people who don't speak each other's languages build a relationship," he said. "I think that's really special."

House OKs Dems' bill blocking wall tactic

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats have ignored a veto threat and passed legislation that would stymie President Donald Trump's bid for billions of extra dollars for a U.S.-Mexico border wall. The move has escalated a clash over whether he has abused his powers to advance the signature pledge of his 2016 campaign.

The House's 245-182 vote Tuesday to block Trump's national emergency declaration fell well below the two-thirds majority that would be needed to override what would be the first veto of Trump's presidency. Thirteen Republicans backed

the Democrats' measure as top Republicans worked to keep defections as low as possible, wanting to avoid a tally suggesting that Trump's hold on lawmakers was weakening.

The issue is now before the Republican-run Senate, where there already were enough GOP defections to edge the resolution to the brink of passage. Vice President Mike Pence used a lunch with Republican senators at the Capitol to try keeping them aboard, citing a crisis at the border, but there were no signs he had succeeded.

"I personally couldn't handicap the outcome at this point," said Senate Majority Leader

Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who plans a vote within the next three weeks. He even said Republicans remained uncertain about the legality of Trump's move.

The showdown was forcing Republicans to cast uncomfortable votes pitting their support for a president popular with GOP voters against fears that his use of emergency powers would invite future Democratic presidents to do likewise.

House Republicans who joined all voting Democrats to support the resolution included moderates from competitive districts such as Fred Upton, of Michigan, and libertarian-leaning

conservatives like Thomas Massie, from Kentucky.

The White House, in a letter to lawmakers threatening a veto, said blocking the declaration would "undermine the administration's ability to respond effectively to the ongoing crisis" at the border.

Republicans said Democrats were driven by politics and a desire to oppose Trump at every turn. They said Trump had authority to declare an emergency to protect the country.

"We are at war on the southern border with the drug cartels," said Rep. Pete Olson, R-Texas.

Indian warplanes downed in Kashmir, Pakistan says

Associated Press

MUZAFARABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's military said Wednesday it shot down two Indian warplanes in the disputed region of Kashmir and captured a pilot, raising tensions between the nuclear-armed rivals to a level unseen in the last two decades.

India acknowledged one of its air force planes was "lost" in skirmishes with Pakistan and that its pilot was "missing in action" on a chaotic day that also saw mortar shells fired by Indian troops from across the frontier dividing the two sectors of Kashmir kill six civilians and wound several others. A helicopter crash in the region also killed six Indian air force officials and a civilian on the ground.

Pakistan responded by shutting down its civilian airspace as Prime Minister Imran Khan called for negotiations with his Indian counterpart, Narendra Modi, to ensure "better sense can prevail."

"Let's sit together to talk to find a solution," Khan said.

There was no immediate reaction from Modi.

The aircraft went down Wednesday morning in Kashmir, a mountainous region claimed by both India and Pakistan since almost immediately after their creation in 1947. One of the downed planes crashed in Pakistan's part of Kashmir while the other went down in an Indian-controlled section of the Himalayan region, Pakistani army spokesman Maj. Gen. Asif Ghafoor said.

Pakistani troops on the ground captured an Indian pilot, he later said, after earlier saying it captured two.

The pilot was injured and was being treated at a military hospital, Ghafoor said. He did not elaborate beyond saying the pilots were being "treated well" and made no mention of them being returned to India.

India's External Affairs Ministry spokesman, Raveesh Kumar, said one of its MiG-21 fighter aircraft was missing. He said India was still "ascertaining" whether its pilot was in Pakistan's custody. He said one Pakistani aircraft was shot down, something Pakistan denied.

Associates may have aided R. Kelly in abuse

Associated Press

CHICAGO — After R. Kelly met a girl celebrating her 16th birthday at a restaurant, it was his manager who handed her Kelly's business card with the R&B star's personal phone number on it, telling the teen that Kelly wanted her to give him a call, according to prosecutors.

The 52-year-old singer-songwriter was charged last week with sexually abusing the girl once a month for a year after she retrieved the card from her mom's purse and phoned Kelly. In all, prosecutors accuse him of abusing four females, three of whom were between 13 and 17.

Kelly is looking at the possibility of decades in prison if convicted, but there's no official word on whether the manager or anyone else in his inner circle might face charges for complicity in any abuse or for failing to report abuse if they suspected it.

Legal experts say it's not obvious what laws could be invoked.

All 50 states require that certain professionals, including

doctors and teachers, report any suspicions of child abuse, but only around a third mandate that all adults do. Kelly's home state of Illinois is not among them.

More than 10 Kelly associates, such as agents and security guards, could be exposed to criminal liability in the Chicago case for staying silent about abuse or actively assisting Kelly, said Michael Avenatti, a lawyer for two Kelly accusers.

In a phone interview, he said Kelly depended heavily on others to target underage girls, to transport them and to pay them off to keep quiet over the years he ascended from busking on Chicago subway platforms to become a best-selling music artist.

Kelly "could not have accomplished this for 28 years without the assistance of others who looked the other way because they didn't want the R. Kelly gravy train to end," Avenatti said Tuesday.

The question isn't limited to Kelly insiders. Critics have blasted law enforcement for not pursuing the Grammy winner more aggressively.

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20 tons of chickens burn in highway fire

GA ATLANTA — Around 20 tons of chicken were roasted on a highway near Atlanta when a tractor-trailer caught fire.

The Georgia Department of Transportation announced on Twitter that all southbound lanes on Interstate 285 in Cobb County reopened just before 7 a.m. Tuesday, around three hours after the fire started.

The truck's driver, Micesh Kamal, told WSB-TV that the chicken was bound for California from Georgia. He pulled over when he saw smoke and opened the back of the truck to find flames in every direction.

Zoo elephant dies after confrontation

FL MIAMI — Officials at a Florida zoo said an African elephant died shortly after a confrontation with another elephant.

Zoo Miami posted on Facebook that the 50-year-old female, Cita, died Friday evening.

Officials said Cita was suffering from a variety of age-related issues that contributed to her inability to stand after being knocked down by the other elephant and eventually led to her death from a suspected thrown blood clot.

Experts say elephants are social animals with strict hierarchies. Confrontations to reinforce an individual's status are not uncommon.

Ex-carrier pleads guilty to mail theft

LA NEW ORLEANS — A former letter carrier in New Orleans nabbed by U.S. Postal Service agents in an investigation involving marked cash and trackable gift cards

has pleaded guilty to theft.

The plea agreement for Courtney Duplessis, 30, says she could get up to five years in prison. She pleaded guilty last week to one count of mail theft, with six charges to be dropped.

Complaints about delivery on Duplessis' route led to last year's probe. Investigators used gift cards and marked cash in "test" mail. One mailing included a device that alerted agents when it was opened, leading them to observe her buying a meal with marked cash.

NYC Citi Bike found covered in barnacles

NY NEW YORK — A New York City resident said he found a Citi Bike covered in barnacles while he was trying to grab a bike for a ride.

Ted Geoghegan said he raced over to the bike rack by his house to grab the bike that was listed there Saturday. WNBC-TV reported the bike he found was completely rusted over and covered in barnacles.

The bike was docked on 73rd Street and Riverside Drive. Geoghegan said the bike looked like it had just been fished out of the river.

Citi Bike said the bike has been removed from circulation.

Court allows music festival at speedway

NH CONCORD — The state Supreme Court has affirmed that the New Hampshire Motor Speedway can hold a planned country music festival on its grounds, rejecting concerns about potential noise raised by people who live near the track.

The neighbors cited a 1989 agreement that prohibits the Loudon track from hosting concerts that aren't tied to racing events. But a judge in 2018 found that property bought after

1989 and zoned for concerts and outdoor events isn't part of the agreement.

The Supreme Court affirmed that ruling on Feb. 21 and the decision was released Monday.

Loudon officials granted permission for the three-day concert to be held later this year. The plans were approved after the speedway learned it was losing the September top-tier NASCAR race to Las Vegas.

Police: Teen in stolen car in 40-mile chase

MA MALDEN — Authorities said a 17-year-old who doesn't have a driver's license led police on a more than 40-mile chase in a stolen car.

Massachusetts State Police said a woman flagged down a trooper around 12:15 a.m. Monday and said her car had been stolen in Malden.

Police located the car, but the driver took off. Police said the teen drove erratically at high speeds, eventually crossing into New Hampshire. Officers continued to pursue the car, which crashed while trying to exit a highway. Police said the teen fled on foot before being captured.

He was taken to the hospital for evaluation. Police said he'll face charges including failure to stop for police.

Police cars rammed, deputy hurt in chase

MN MOORHEAD — A 30-year-old Fargo, N.D., man is in custody following a chase in which he allegedly rammed squad cars and injured an officer.

Authorities said the suspect fled in a stolen vehicle when officers responded to a burglary call in the West Fargo area about 1 a.m. Monday. The chase went through Fargo and across the Minnesota border into

Moorhead and Dilworth and back into Moorhead, where the man was arrested.

Clay County Sheriff Mark Empting told KFGO radio the suspect intentionally rammed two squad vehicles during the pursuit, injuring a deputy. Empting said the deputy was treated at a Fargo hospital and released.

University to allow dogs in residence hall

PA PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia's La Salle University says it will let students keep dogs as pets in a college residence hall starting this fall.

The idea grew from a twice-annual event where faculty and staff are encouraged to bring their pets to work to mingle with the student body. Philly.com reported schools locally and nationally — including La Salle — already allow dogs and other pets if they are required for therapeutic reasons or if they are service animals.

La Salle will allow dogs in St. George Hall, a 55-bed upperclassmen residence hall with single and double rooms. Roommates must agree to a dog and pets can be walked around campus on a leash.

Change would allow Sunday liquor sales

MS GREENWOOD — A city in the Mississippi Delta could decide whether to allow restaurants to sell liquor on Sundays.

The Greenwood Commonwealth reported that Greenwood Mayor Carolyn McAdams is urging the City Council to consider the change.

Under a current city ordinance, restaurants may sell beer but not liquor on Sundays.

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Sometimes coaches get redshirts wrong

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Ochai Agbaji is not supposed to happen in the modern era of college basketball.

Not at Kansas. Not really anywhere.

The 6-foot-5 guard's explosive athleticism was supposed to have been uncovered on the AAU circuit by one of the hundreds of scouts and recruiting services. His energetic defense was supposed to have been courted by every blue blood coach. His versatile ability to get to the basket, knock down three-pointers and distribute the ball was supposed to have made him a coveted freshman phenom.

He certainly wasn't supposed to arrive as the least-heralded member of the Jayhawks' recruiting class, and he certainly wasn't supposed to have been so overlooked that he was redshirting.

But that was the plan at Kansas.

With a stacked roster that was rewarded with the pre-season No. 1 ranking, the Jayhawks figured they could stash Agbaji on the bench. Let him develop. Have him ready to go when a couple of potential one-and-dones headed to the NBA after this season.

But in an age of 24-hour news services, recruiting-specific websites, AAU all-stars and social media phenomenon, Agbaji is proof that surprises still exist in college basketball.

That mistakes still happen.

You see, the Jayhawks ran into injury trouble earlier this season, losing star big man Udoka Azubuike to season-ending wrist surgery. Defensive stopper Marcus Garrett hurt his ankle, and senior guard Lagerald Vick took a leave of absence, leaving the roster relatively depleted.

And long before any of that took place, Agbaji had proven himself in practice, and a pleasantly horrible realization hit

Bill Self that there was no way the kid should be on the bench.

So when January rolled around, the Hall of Fame coach decided to yank Agbaji's redshirt, and he has been arguably the Jayhawks' best player as they chase another Big 12 title.

He poured in 25 points in a road game against Texas. He scored 23 against Oklahoma State. He had his first double-double in a crucial win over Texas Tech, and his second with 20 points and 11 rebounds while playing 41 minutes in an overtime victory at TCU.

"It was such a poor decision on my part," Self admitted last week. "He went along with it, with his family, thinking he probably wouldn't have very many opportunities to impact us on a gamely basis — not waste age 23 when you could waste age 18.

"It wasn't that he wasn't good enough to play," Self added. "It was a crowded house and there were no other candidates to

not redshirt because the other ones already had. That was it. It didn't have anything to do with him. It was the situation of it being a crowded house."

Buffalo coach Nate Oats, whose team has spent most of the season ranked, nearly redshirted CJ Massinburg when they arrived together in 2015. The athletic guard didn't have many other offers, and Oats acknowledged he didn't really know what he had in Massinburg.

"Going into the fall it was still a real possibility for me," Oats explained last week, "but once we started a real practice I realized that wasn't happening."

Now, Massinburg is poised to leave Buffalo as one of its career scoring leaders.

"I've never actually had one where I started out the year redshirting a kid and then, you know, five, 10 games and decided, 'You know? I screwed up. We've got to play this kid,'" Oats said.

Outlaw leads No. 20 Virginia Tech to upset of No. 3 Duke

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Ty Outlaw caught a pass from driving teammate Wabissa Bede, set himself and fired away with a tiebreaking three-pointer.

The way No. 20 Virginia Tech executed Tuesday, even Zion Williamson might not have made a difference.

Outlaw hit his big shot with 1:28 left and the Hokies beat No. 3 Duke 77-72 on a night when Williamson, the Blue Devils' star freshman, watched in street clothes for the second straight game because of a sprained right knee.

Bede pulled three defenders toward him as he powered toward the basket, leaving Outlaw completely uncovered.

"I just drove and he was open," a grinning Bede said. "Everybody knows Ty's going to knock that down. He's clutch. Once he let go of it I knew it was going to go in."

Outlaw said most of the credit went to Bede, who has been pressed into extensive point guard duty because the Hokies' floor leader, Justin Robinson, missed his eighth straight game with a left foot injury.

"Even better (than the shot) was the pass from Bede," Outlaw said. "I think he was great tonight, probably one of his best performances, and it couldn't have come at a better time."

Kelly Blackshear Jr. had 23 points and 10 rebounds, and Ahmed Hill scored 17 points for Virginia Tech (22-6, 11-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), which beat Duke at Cassell Coliseum for the third straight time. The Blue Devils (24-4, 12-3) had been the only team in the country yet to lose on the road this season, but Duke hasn't won at Virginia Tech since Feb. 25, 2015.

"They didn't lose tonight," Blue Devils coach Mike Krzyzewski said of his team.

"Virginia Tech won. There's a big difference."

RJ Barrett scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half, but it wasn't enough to keep the Blue Devils from dropping out of a first-place tie with No. 2 Virginia and No. 5 North Carolina in the ACC. Cam Reddish added 17 points as Duke dropped its second in three games, including an 88-72 loss to UNC when Williamson was injured in the opening minute Feb. 20.

"Today they got the better of us," Barrett said.

Krzyzewski said Barrett was sick the entire first half, and "for him to play that way in the second half was remarkable."

The Hokies seemed to have taken control with a 9-2 run to open a 68-61 lead with 4:32 to play, but two free throws by Barrett sparked a 9-2 run for the Blue Devils to knot it at 70 with 1:51 to play. Outlaw's three from the right wing followed, and after Reddish missed at

the other end, Nickeil Alexander-Walker was fouled and made both free throws for the Hokies. Alexander-Walker had 13 points and six assists.

Tre Jones scored with 12 seconds left, but Blackshear made a pair of free throws with 11.4 seconds left to clinch it.

Buzz love: Hokies coach Buzz Williams has said many times he's not popular enough with his peers to ever win a conference coach of the year award, and he said that he's fine with that, but Krzyzewski was effusive in his postgame praise for his counterpart.

"Buzz has done an amazing job with his team," Krzyzewski said. "Losing Justin and playing this month without him, I don't think there's anybody who's done a better job with his team than he has. Terrific job by him."

Williams is 3-3 in matchups against the Blue Devils.

College basketball roundup

Indiana knocks off No. 19 Wisconsin

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Romeo Langford gave Indiana the boost it's been looking for for nearly two months.

The freshman guard made the go-ahead layup with under a second to go in the second overtime, and Indiana upset 19th-ranked Wisconsin 75-73 on Tuesday night.

"Finally, I hit one," Langford said after scoring 22 points with seven rebounds. "I know the past two times I had it in my hand at the end of the game and it didn't come out as we planned. I felt like they couldn't stop me getting to the rim. That's exactly what I did and I made the shot."

Langford had 22 points and seven rebounds. Justin Smith had 12 points and six rebounds, and Rob Phinisee and Alijami Durham scored 11 points each for the Hoosiers (14-14, 5-12 Big Ten), who ended a five-game skid in a stretch with losses in 12 of 13 games.

Ethan Happ had 23 points and 11 rebounds, Khalil Iverson had 15 points, and D'Mitrik Trice scored 12 for the Badgers (19-9, 11-6), who had won their five previous games against Indiana and came into Bloomington as 2½-point favorites.

"We knew that they were a better team than what their record shows in the Big Ten," Happ said. "We saw what they were doing earlier in the year. In the Big Ten there's no easy games and they were definitely a hungry team tonight. We were trying to match that, but it wasn't enough in the end."

No. 4 Kentucky 70, Arkansas 66: Tyler Herro had career highs of five three-pointers and 29 points, including two free throws with five seconds remaining, and host Kentucky rallied from a 15-point deficit.

Out of sorts for 22 minutes, the Wildcats (24-4, 13-2 Southeastern Conference) quickly regrouped behind Herro, who finished 5-for-6 from behind

the arc and 9-for-10 overall. His long-range baskets 43 seconds apart sparked an 18-3 run over 7:43.

No. 5 North Carolina 93, Syracuse 85: Coby White scored a career-high 34 points and host North Carolina pulled away late to beat Syracuse.

Cameron Johnson added 16 points for the Tar Heels (23-5, 13-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won 11 of 12 games and own their highest AP Top 25 ranking of the season.

No. 13 LSU 66, Texas A&M 55: Naz Reid bounced back from his least productive game this season by scoring 18 points and grabbing 11 rebounds, and host LSU comfortably beat Texas A&M.

Freshman Javonte Smart turned in a second straight productive start in place of ailing point guard Tremont Waters, scoring 17 for the Tigers (23-5, 13-2 Southeastern Conference), who led by double digits most

of the way en route to their 16th victory in 18 games.

No. 21 Buffalo 77, Akron 64: CJ Massinburg had 23 points and 10 rebounds to rally host Buffalo for its 25th straight home win.

Nick Perkins scored 25 points, and the Bulls (25-3, 13-2 Mid-American Conference) outscored the Zips 14-2 over the final four minutes in a game that featured 12 lead changes. Buffalo has won six straight overall, and its home winning streak is the second longest in the nation behind No. 8 Houston, which has won 33 consecutive.

Ohio State 90, No. 22 Iowa 70: Freshman Justin Ahrens scored a career-high 29 points to lead host Ohio State past Iowa.

Kaleb Wesson chipped in 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Buckeyes, Keyshawn Woods scored 13, Andre Wesson had 11 and Duane Washington Jr. scored 10.

NBA roundup

Raptors use huge second quarter to put away Celtics

Associated Press

TORONTO — A lack of togetherness is turning into big trouble for the struggling Boston Celtics.

Pascal Siakam scored 25 points, Kawhi Leonard had 21 and the Toronto Raptors used a huge second quarter to rout Boston 118-95 on Tuesday night.

Marcus Morris scored 17 points, and Jayson Tatum and Terry Rozier each had 11 as Boston lost for the fifth time in seven games. The Celtics are 0-3 since the All-Star break.

"We have to be a lot more connected as a team," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "That's been the theme for a while."

Celtics guard Marcus Smart

echoed his coach's assessment.

"Nobody is together," Smart said. "We've got to have everybody on the same page doing the same things at the same time."

Celtics guard Kyrie Irving wasn't on the same page when asked about Smart's comments.

"That's Marcus' opinion," Irving said, declining to answer after being asked whether he agreed with his teammate.

Irving also had little to say about Stevens' comment that Boston is taking too many "shortcuts" on defense.

"I don't know," Irving said. "It's up to Brad."

Irving scored seven points. It was his lowest-scoring game

since he had three points against Detroit on Oct. 27.

Serge Ibaka scored 14 points and Norm Powell added 11 as Toronto extended its home winning streak over Boston to eight. The Celtics have not won in Canada since a 117-116 overtime victory on April 4, 2015.

Kyle Lowry had 11 assists and Toronto led by as many as 31, turning the game around by outscoring Boston 36-13 in the decisive second.

Knicks 108, Magic 103: Emmanuel Mudiay, Mitchell Robinson and the rest of their team's backups outscored Orlando's reserves 75-7, helping host New York to its second straight win.

Mudiay finished with 19

points and Robinson added 17 to help the Knicks win their second straight game at home after they dropped 18 in a row at Madison Square Garden.

The Knicks never led until Robinson's free throw with 2:57 remaining put New York in front 101-100.

Nuggets 121, Thunder 112: Nikola Jokic scored 36 points, including five free throws in the final moments, and host Denver fended off Oklahoma City's late rally in a matchup between two of the top three teams in the Western Conference standings.

Jokic added 10 assists and nine rebounds to finish just shy of his 13th triple-double this season.

Moves show Jackets want to win now

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Blue Jackets have made it clear they don't want to wait any longer to make a serious Stanley Cup run.

In a series of moves before Monday's trade deadline, the Blue Jackets dealt mostly draft picks and prospects for players who can contribute now, and also decided to hang on to a pair of pending free-agent superstars for a playoff run.

The club added top-shelf guys who can contribute now, demonstrating how badly management wants to make a deep playoff push after the first-round knockouts of the past two seasons. They were by far the busiest Metropolitan Division team at the deadline.

The big get was Ottawa star center Matt Duchene, for whom Columbus traded young forward Anthony Duclair, a couple of top prospects and future draft picks on Friday. On Saturday, Duchene's Ot-

tawa linemate Ryan Dzingel was acquired, and goalie Keith Kinkaid and tough-guy defenseman Adam McQuaid were picked up from New Jersey and the New York Rangers, respectively, just before the Monday deadline.

"I think everyone senses they're all in," Dzingel said Monday. "I think the guys in here and me appreciate that, and so do the fans. So it's going to be awesome."

General manager Jarmo Kekalainen also stood pat with elite forward Artemi Panarin and two-time Vezina Trophy-winning goalie Sergei Bobrovsky, both of whom likely will leave for big free-agent paydays after the season. Kekalainen said there were no serious trade offers for those players, and he acknowledged his preference to keep them, anyway, even though both have refused to sign contract extensions with the team.

"People say we used picks and

mortgaged our future," Kekalainen said. "And if we traded Artemi Panarin for draft picks, [they'd] say 'they don't want to win now.' So it's just one of those things — you're damned if you do and damned if you don't. But every year is an opportunity to compete, and I feel we have a really good team and this gives us an opportunity to compete for the Stanley Cup."

The new-look Blue Jackets now will have six players with 20 or more goals — the most in the league — distributed among the top three forward lines. Hanging on to third place in the Metro, they hosted divisional rival Pittsburgh on Tuesday night, but lost 5-2.

The window has been thrown wide open.

"We're very balanced with four lines, deep, deep into every position," Kekalainen said. "We have enough skill, we have enough scoring. I think we have some power-play skill added now with Duchene, a

great faceoff man. So I think we have a lot of ingredients you need to compete."

Coach John Tortorella appeared to be in an (uncharacteristically) ebullient mood on Monday, and that was before the McQuaid trade was announced.

"Management has sent a message — we're trying to get better," he said.

The moves went down well with team leaders, too. Duchene, who joined the team in Ottawa on Friday, had a goal and an assist in Saturday night's win over San Jose.

"You look at what could be and the depth that we have now, it excites guys," captain Nick Foligno said. "I think it slots guys in to where they should be, and now it's on us. Management did their job and continue to do their job, now it's on us to go out and play the right way, and I think those guys fit really well into what we're trying to do here."

NHL roundup

Capitals rally from two goals down to rout Senators

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The reigning Stanley Cup champion Washington Capitals spotted the NHL-worst Ottawa Senators an early two-goal lead before turning things around with the help of a pair of second-period scores from T.J. Oshie and winning 7-2 Tuesday night.

Oshie reached 20 goals in a season for the fourth time, while Evgeny Kuznetsov, Tom Wilson, Lars Eller, John Carlson and Brett Connolly also scored. Braden Holtby made 21 saves as Washington won for the fourth time in five games.

The Senators dropped their fifth straight and have lost seven of eight. They have the fewest points in the league and a roster depleted by a trade deadline sell-off.

The Senators jumped out to a

2-0 lead in the first 7 minutes, 10 seconds, with both scores coming courtesy of players that arrived in deals. Not just that, but the Senators took the game's initial nine shots; the hosts didn't get one until the first period was more than 10 minutes old.

Less than 3½ minutes in, newly acquired Oscar Lindberg scored off a pass from Brian Gibbons. Ottawa doubled its lead on Anthony Duclair's power-play goal. That gave the Senators twice as many goals as they had managed in their previous three games combined.

Bruins 4, Sharks 1: Charlie McAvoy and Jake DeBrusk scored 37 seconds apart in the second period and host Boston won for the eighth time in nine games.

Flames 3, Islanders 1: Mikael Backlund and Rasmus

Andersson scored nearly three minutes apart in the third period and visiting Calgary won its season-high sixth straight game.

Blues 2, Predators 0: Tyler Bozak broke a scoreless tie with 7:25 left and Jordan Binnington earned his fifth shutout in two months as host St. Louis beat Nashville.

Wild 3, Jets 2: Jason Zucker and Joel Eriksson Ek scored 26 seconds apart late in the third period, and visiting Minnesota rallied past Winnipeg for its fourth straight win.

Penguins 5, Blue Jackets 2: Jared McCann scored twice, Matt Murray made 21 saves and visiting Pittsburgh beat Columbus.

Hurricanes 6, Kings 1: Dougie Hamilton had two goals and an assist and host Carolina topped Los Angeles for its third

straight win.

Flyers 5, Sabres 2: Jake Voracek, James van Riemsdyk and Claude Giroux scored as host Philadelphia kept its tenuous playoff hopes alive with a win over Buffalo.

Canadiens 8, Red Wings 1: Andrew Shaw recorded his first career hat trick and Max Domi had two goals and three assists for a career-high five points in visiting Montreal's rout of Detroit.

Golden Knights 4, Stars 1: Max Pacioretty scored two goals, including the tiebreaker with 5:08 remaining, to lift host Vegas over Dallas.

Coyotes 4, Panthers 3 (SO): Vinnie Hinostroza scored the deciding goal in a shootout, Derek Stepan had two goals and host Arizona won its fourth straight game by beating Florida.