

## China hits US with tariffs in retaliation

*Associated Press*

**BEIJING**—China announced retaliatory tariffs on select American imports and an anti-trust investigation into Google on Tuesday, just minutes after a sweeping levy on Chinese products imposed by President Donald Trump took effect.

American tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico were also set to go into effect Tuesday before Trump agreed to a 30-day pause as the two countries acted to address his concerns about border security and drug trafficking. Trump planned to talk with Chinese President Xi Jinping in the next few days.

This isn't the first round of tit-for-tat actions between the two countries. China and the U.S. engaged in an escalating trade war in 2018 when Trump repeatedly raised tariffs on Chinese goods and China responded each time.

This time, analysts said, China

is much better prepared, announcing a slew of measures that go beyond tariffs and cut across different sectors of the U.S. economy. The government is also more wary of upsetting its own fragile and heavily trade-dependent economy.

"It's aiming for finding measures that maximize the impact and also minimize the risk that the Chinese economy may face," said Gary Ng, a senior economist at Natixis Corporate and Investment Banking in Hong Kong. "At the same time ... China is trying to increase its bargaining chips."

John Gong, a professor at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, called the response a "measured" one. "I don't think they want the trade war escalating," he said. "And they see this example from Canada and Mexico and probably they are hoping for the same thing."

China said it would implement a 15% tariff on coal and liquefied natural gas products as well as a 10% tariff on crude oil, agricultural machinery and large-engine cars from the U.S. The tariffs would take effect next Monday.

"The U.S.'s unilateral tariff increase seriously violates the rules of the World Trade Organization," the State Council Tariff Commission said in a statement. "It is not only unhelpful in solving its own problems, but also damages normal economic and trade cooperation between China and the U.S."

The impact on U.S. exports may be limited. Though the U.S. is the biggest exporter of liquid natural gas globally, it does not export much to China. In 2023, the U.S. exported 173,247 million cubic feet of LNG to China, about 2.3% of its total natural gas exports, according to the U.S. Energy Information Adminis-

tration.

China imported only about 700,000 cars overall last year, and the leading importers are from Europe and Japan, said Bill Russo, the founder of the Automobile Limited consultancy in Shanghai.

The response from China appears calculated and measured, said Stephen Dover, chief market strategist and head of the Franklin Templeton Institute, a financial research firm. However, he said, the world is bracing for further impact.

"A risk is that this is the beginning of a tit-for-tat trade war, which could result in lower GDP growth everywhere, higher U.S. inflation, a stronger dollar and upside pressure on U.S. interest rates," Dover said.

China announced export controls on several elements critical to the production of modern high-tech products.

## Defense secretary meets troops at US-Mexico border

**BY ROSE L. THAYER**

*Stars and Stripes*

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth shook hands Monday with troops at Fort Bliss for a deployment on the U.S. border with Mexico as Marines unloaded at Naval Base Guantanamo Bay in Cuba to begin work on migrant detention facilities.

The moves are part of increased efforts from the Pentagon to assist the Department of Homeland Security in border security. Hegseth said Monday that troops at Fort Bliss are "mission-ready and hard at work."

His visit came about a week after the Pentagon boosted its six-year mission to the region by 1,600 active-duty service members. About 2,500 National

Guard troops were already deployed in support of Customs and Border Protection at the border.

Fort Bliss in El Paso is serving as an entry point for troops to receive training before moving to a location along the border selected by Customs and Border Protection, according to U.S. Northern Command, the combatant command that is responsible for all military work at the border.

While Hegseth was there, he met with NORTHCOM leaders and spoke to soldiers assigned to the border mission, according to the posts on social media. It was Hegseth's first trip since becoming the Pentagon's top civilian a week ago.

The 150 Marines sent Saturday to Guantanamo are assigned to

the 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, according to U.S. Southern Command, the combatant command that oversees operations in the region. Additional troops from SOUTHCOM and Army South also deployed.

The Navy base already houses detained migrants and will increase capacity at the facility, according to the White House.

The mission at the southwest border began in 2018 during President Donald Trump's first term and continued under President Joe Biden.

On Trump's first day back, he signed an executive order declaring an emergency at the border and ordered additional service members be deployed to

"seal" it.

Because an 1878 law — known as the Posse Comitatus Act — bars service members from serving in law enforcement roles, troops primarily work to support Border Patrol with work that includes detection and monitoring, data entry, training, transportation, vehicle maintenance, warehousing and logistical support.

This includes helicopter support for aerial reconnaissance to help Customs and Border Protection personnel on the ground.

The new orders have also assigned aircraft to begin deportation flights with trips already completed to Guatemala and Ecuador, according to NORTHCOM.

# DOD: F-35 production still has quality woes

*Bloomberg*

Lockheed Martin is still delivering F-35 fighter jet aircraft with quality defects after 13 years of production, according to the Pentagon test office's annual weapons-evaluations report.

Quality defects from the production line "are still being discovered in the field," the assessment found. In one case, a U.S. Marine Corps squadron in California found defects with "a number of F-35C aircraft delivered" to the unit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, it said.

On the positive side, internal reports by the Pentagon's F-35 program office indicate a 47% drop between 2016 and 2023 in poor production-line practices resulting in scrapped parts, rework and repair and a 63% reduction in quality problems in

delivered jets, according to the test office.

Lockheed Martin averaged a minuscule number of quality problems per delivered aircraft last year "with the vast majority classified as minor," the program office in a statement.

Lockheed Martin said in a statement that the information in the report is dated and "does not reflect the current status of the program." It said what are known as "quality escapes" can include minor items "such as an incorrect serial number on paperwork."

The annual public test report finding and its classified sections are likely to be scrutinized by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth when he turns his attention to the status of major weapons systems, led by the F-35.

Elon Musk, an adviser to President Donald Trump put in charge of boosting government efficiency, has singled out the \$485 billion acquisition program, saying in December that "some idiots are still building manned fighter jets like the F-35" in an age of drones.

The first indication that Musk is having an effect would be in the president's fiscal 2026 defense budget if it recommends reductions to the Pentagon's goal of continuing to expand its fleet of F-35s.

In addition to calling renewed attention to F-35 quality lapses, the annual test office report:

■ Summarized years of statistics outlining the program's failure to meet annual "mission capable" rates, or the percentage of time aircraft were available to

perform at least one mission. "There has been little improvement in these maintainability metrics since fiscal 2015," it said.

■ Concluded that the F-35 Joint Program Office hasn't adequately planned rigorous combat testing for its forthcoming but delayed hardware and software upgrade called "TR3," which will give the stealthy jet its best combat capability to date. The test office assesses that full-blown evaluation of these aircraft won't happen until mid- to late-fiscal 2026.

■ Warned that deficiencies in capability to survive cyberattacks remain across the F-35 program that need to be rectified. The Pentagon program office has "invested in cyber mitigations associated with recent testing, and key test findings are being tracked to closure," it said.

## Navy seeks sailor feedback on quality-of-service efforts

**BY CAITLYN BURCHETT**

*Stars and Stripes*

The Navy is asking sailors and their families for feedback on installation quality-of-service programs, including housing, child care and gyms.

Specifically, the Navy wants to hear recommendations from sailors and their families regarding unaccompanied and family support centers, child and youth programs, and morale, welfare, and recreation facilities and activities. These programs, the Navy said, are meant to enhance the quality of service of sailors and their families.

"We continually seek ways to improve customer-focused programs that support warfighters and their families," said Vice Adm. Scott Gray, commander of Navy Installations Command, who manages all 70 Navy instal-

lations around the globe. "We want to hear from them."

To submit recommendations about ways to improve quality of service, sailors and their families are asked to email [navyqualityofservice@us.navy.mil](mailto:navyqualityofservice@us.navy.mil).

The request for recommendations on how to do better comes after more than two years of persistent effort to improve sailor quality of life following a rash of suicides in 2022 among mostly young sailors.

In 2023, the Navy introduced the unaccompanied housing Resident Bill of Rights and Responsibilities and QR maintenance codes to make it easier for residents to report maintenance requests and track their progress.

Some Navy bases in recent years also began offering access to free, 24-hour fitness centers to help improve physical and mental fitness.

## 2 Marines plead guilty for roles in overdose death

**BY CAITLYN BURCHETT**

*Stars and Stripes*

Two Marines pleaded guilty in federal court for their role in the fatal fentanyl overdose of a fellow Marine, according to federal officials.

Anthony Ruben Whisenant, 24, pleaded guilty Friday. He is facing a maximum of four years in prison for using a cellphone to commit a felony drug offense, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California.

Ryan Douglas White, 27, was charged with being an accessory after the fact. He pleaded guilty in December 2024 to one count of misprision of a felony for his knowledge of the fatal drug transaction and his attempts to hinder law enforcement's investigation.

The crime dates to May 2020, when Whisenant and White were active-duty lance corporals sta-

tioned at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Whisenant ordered pills marketed as oxycodone, but which actually contained fentanyl, for a Marine only identified as "L.M.," according to court documents. Whisenant contacted the drug dealer based on an advertisement shared via a Snapchat account.

The victim, L.M., drove Whisenant and White from Camp Pendleton to collect the drugs from the dealer later that same day. The three Marines then drove to a party in Compton, Calif., where L.M. ingested some of the pills and died shortly after.

"At the direction of Whisenant, White flushed the remaining pills down a toilet before first responders arrived," federal officials said.

Whisenant is set to be sentenced in May. White's sentencing is scheduled for June 6. He will face a possible sentence of three years.

# El Salvador to accept any deportees from US

Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio left El Salvador on Tuesday with an agreement from that country's president to accept deportees from the United States of any nationality, including violent American criminals now imprisoned in the U.S.

President Nayib Bukele "has agreed to the most unprecedented, extraordinary, extraordinary migratory agreement anywhere in the world," Rubio said after meeting with Bukele at his lakeside country house outside San

Salvador for several hours late Monday.

"We can send them, and he will put them in his jails," Rubio said of migrants of all nationalities detained in the U.S. "And, he's also offered to do the same for dangerous criminals currently in custody and serving their sentences in the United States even though they're U.S. citizens or legal residents."

Bukele confirmed the offer in a post on X, saying El Salvador has "offered the United States of America the opportunity to outsource part of its prison system."

He said his country would accept only "convicted criminals" and would charge a fee that "would be relatively low for the U.S. but significant for us, making our entire prison system sustainable."

After Rubio spoke, a U.S. official said Trump's Republican administration had no current plans to try to deport American citizens but called Bukele's offer significant. The U.S. government cannot deport American citizens, and such a move would be met with significant legal challenges.

The State Department describes El Salvador's overcrowd-

ed prisons as "harsh and dangerous." On its current country information webpage it says, "In many facilities, provisions for sanitation, potable water, ventilation, temperature control, and lighting are inadequate or nonexistent."

El Salvador has lived under a state of emergency since March 2022, when the country's powerful street gangs went on a killing rampage. Bukele responded by suspending fundamental rights like access to lawyers, and authorities have arrested more than 83,000 people with little to no due process.

## Trump wants Ukraine's rare elements for support

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday indicated that he wants to reach an agreement with Ukraine to gain access to the country's rare earth materials as a condition for continuing U.S. support for its war against Russia.

Speaking to reporters in the Oval Office, Trump complained that the United States had sent more in military and economic assistance to Ukraine than its European partners, adding,

"We're looking to do a deal with Ukraine where they're going to secure what we're giving them with their rare earth and other things."

Trump suggested that he's received word from the Ukrainian government that they'd be willing to make a deal to give the U.S. access to the elements critical to the modern high-tech economy.

"I want to have security of rare earth," Trump added. "We're putting in hundreds of

billions of dollars. They have great rare earth. And I want security of the rare earth, and they're willing to do it."

Trump, who had previously said he'd bring about a rapid end to the war, said talks are ongoing to bring the conflict to a close.

"We made a lot of progress on Russia, Ukraine," Trump said. "We'll see what happens. We're going to stop that ridiculous war."

Ukrainian President Volody-

myr Zelenskyy told the Associated Press on Saturday that any negotiations between the U.S. and Russia but without his country were unacceptable.

He said his team has been in contact with the Trump administration, but that those discussions are at a "general level," and he believes in-person meetings will take place soon to develop more detailed agreements.

"We need to work more on this," Zelenskyy said.

## Senate confirms CEO Wright as new energy secretary

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Monday confirmed fossil fuel executive Chris Wright to serve as energy secretary, a key post to promote President Donald Trump's efforts to achieve U.S. "energy dominance" in the global market.

Wright, the CEO of Denver-based Liberty Energy, has been one of the industry's loudest voices against efforts to fight climate change. He has said more fossil fuel production can lift people out of poverty around the globe and has promised to help Trump "unleash energy secur-

ity and prosperity."

The Senate approved his nomination, 59-38. Eight Democrats — including both senators from Wright's home state of Colorado — voted in favor.

The centerpiece of Trump's energy policy is "drill, baby, drill," and he has pledged to dismantle what he calls Democrats' "green new scam" in favor of boosting production of fossil fuels such as oil, natural gas and coal that emit planet-warming greenhouse gases.

"President Trump shares my passion for energy," Wright said at his confirmation hearing

last month, promising that if confirmed, he would "work tirelessly to implement (Trump's) bold agenda as an unabashed steward for all sources of affordable, reliable and secure American energy."

Trump's energy wishes are likely to run into real-world limits, including the fact that U.S. oil production is already at record levels. The federal government cannot force companies to drill for more oil, and production increases could lower prices and reduce profits.

While acknowledging that climate change is real, Wright said

at his hearing that he believes "there isn't dirty energy or clean energy." Rather, he said, there are different sources of energy with different tradeoffs.

Wright, 60, has been chairman and CEO of Liberty Energy since 2011 and has no prior experience in government.

In 1992, he founded Pinnacle Technologies, which helped launch commercial shale gas production through hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. He later served as chairman of Stroud Energy, an early shale gas producer, before founding Liberty Resources in 2010.

# Recovery resumes after air collision near airport in DC

*Associated Press*

ARLINGTON, Va. — Crews worked Tuesday to try to recover the plane's cockpit and the rest of the remains of the 67 people who died in the midair collision between a passenger jet and Army helicopter near the nation's capital last week.

They say their work might depend upon the wind and tidal conditions in the Potomac River, where the aircraft crashed last Wednesday night after colliding as the American Airlines flight was about to land at nearby Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. All 67 people on both aircraft were killed.

As of midday Tuesday, they were working to raise another large piece of the plane.

Authorities have recovered and identified the remains of 55 of the 67 people and have said they are confident they will find all of the victims.

They are focusing first on the jet and hope to recover the Black Hawk helicopter later this week.

Col. Francis B. Pera of the Army Corps of Engineers said salvage crews on Monday were able to pull one of the two jet en-

gines from the river, along with large pieces of the plane's exterior.

They were also working to recover a wing of the plane, which had flown out of Wichita, Kan.

Sixty passengers and four crew were on the American Airlines flight, including figure skaters returning from the 2025 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Wichita.

The Black Hawk helicopter was on a training mission. Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Austin O'Hara, 28, of Lilburn, Ga.; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Andrew Loyd Eaves, 39, of Great Mills, Md.; and Capt. Rebecca M. Lobach, of Durham, N.C., were aboard.

Federal investigators are trying to piece together the events that led to the collision. Full investigations typically take a year or more, but investigators hope to have a preliminary report within 30 days.

Wednesday's crash was the deadliest in the U.S. since Nov. 12, 2001, when a jet slammed into a New York City neighborhood just after takeoff, killing all 260 people on board and five on the ground.

# Trump opens antisemitism inquiries at 5 universities

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is opening new investigations into allegations of antisemitism at five U.S. universities including Columbia and the University of California, Berkeley, the Education Department announced Monday.

It's part of President Donald Trump's promise to take a tougher stance against campus antisemitism and deal out harsher penalties than former President Joe Biden's administration, which settled a flurry of cases with universities in its final weeks.

The new investigations were opened the same day the Justice Department announced a new task force to root out antisemitism on college campuses.

In an order signed last week, Trump called for aggressive action to fight anti-Jewish bias on campuses, including the deportation of foreign students who have participated in pro-Palestinian protests.

Along with Columbia and Berkeley, the department is now investigating the University of Minnesota, Northwestern University and Portland State University.

The cases were opened using the department's power to launch its own civil rights reviews, unlike the majority of its investigations that stem from complaints.

A statement from the Education Department criticized colleges for tolerating antisemitism after Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel and a wave of pro-Palestinian protests that followed.

It also criticized the Biden administration for negotiating resolutions that failed to hold schools accountable.

Presidents of Columbia and Northwestern were among those called to testify on Capitol Hill last year as Republicans sought accountability for allegations of antisemitism amid protests against Israel's airstrikes in Gaza. The searing hearings contributed to the resignation of multiple university presidents, including Columbia's Minouche Shafik.

Since the outcry over the campus protests, universities say they have taken several steps to address antisemitism.

At Northwestern, that includes updates to the Student Code of Conduct and disciplinary procedures and investing in public safety, spokesman Jon Yates said in an email.

Columbia has strengthened and clarified its discipline process, a statement said, and its interim president, Katrina Armstrong, has strengthened the Public Safety Office and established an Office of Institutional Equity to address discrimination and harassment, the university's statement said.

# Scottish government denies it plans to ban felines

*Associated Press*

LONDON — The Scottish government wants everyone to know it does not plan to ban cats.

First Minister John Swinney was forced to issue the statement after a report by independent experts branded felines a threat to Scotland's wildlife and suggested "containment" mea-

sures be considered to reduce the damage.

The Scottish Animal Welfare Commission said cats kill at least 700 million birds and other animals each year in the U.K.

It advised the government to consider a range of measures, including keeping domestic cats indoors or on leashes, to protect endangered species

such as Scottish wildcats.

The report said "cat containment" measures could also include "restrictions on introducing cats to households in vulnerable areas" — interpreted by some as effectively a ban.

The Scottish government said it would "fully consider" the recommendations.

Swinney, who heads Scot-

land's semi-autonomous Edinburgh-based government, spoke to journalists to defend the administration's pro-feline credentials.

"Let me just clear this up today," he said Monday. "The government's not going to be banning cats or restricting cats. We've no intention of doing so and we will not be doing it."

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

**Man falls 20 feet after ski lift chair dislodges**

**NH** BARTLETT — A man riding a ski lift fell about 20 feet to the ground after his chair detached and he suffered non-life-threatening injuries, New Hampshire authorities said.

Witnesses said the man was conscious following the fall at the Attitash Mountain Resort in Bartlett about 12:15 p.m. Sunday. He was taken to a hospital, the state fire marshal's office said in a news release.

"Based on the preliminary investigation, it appears a mechanical failure caused one of the chairs to dislodge from the cable," the marshal's office said. No one else was hurt and all other passengers on the lift at the time were unloaded normally at the top of the lift.

The Flying Bear lift is closed while the investigation by the marshal's office and the Passenger Tramway Safety Board continues, the news release said.

**Dems counter governor's proposed tax relief**

**VA** RICHMOND — The Democratic-led Virginia Senate and House of Delegates appropriations committees each presented on Sunday state budget plans that include onetime tax rebates to all taxpayers, countering Republican Gov. Glenn Youngkin's proposal to provide permanent tax relief on cars.

In a unified approach, both House and Senate committees unanimously passed similar plans adjusting the final year of the state's two-year budget.

The committees proposed giving a \$200 rebate to individu-

al income tax filers and \$400 to joint filers by October. Youngkin's proposed amendments would give permanent cuts to lower- and middle-income residents during tax season.

"Working families and individuals need immediate relief — again, immediate relief," said Sen. L. Louise Lucas, who chairs the Senate finance committee. "To that end, I do not agree with the details of the governor's approach."

The committees' budget proposals also include making Virginia's earned income tax credit fully refundable at 20% of the federal credit.

**Parent at competition helps disarm gunman**

**TX** PASADENA — A parent tackled a man who opened fire during a band competition at a Houston-area high school as several others then helped disarm and detain him in a shooting that injured one person, officials said.

The man in his 80s entered Pasadena Memorial High School on Saturday evening during the competition that involved students from numerous school districts and discharged a small-caliber weapon, police said. Police said in a statement they did not yet know a motive in the shooting.

The Angleton Independent School District said the person who was injured was a percussion technical consultant for their band.

Police said the man, who the district said was struck in the shoulder, was taken to a hospital and was in stable condition.

The man who opened fire wasn't affiliated with the competition, according to the Pasa-

dena Independent School District. He was tackled by a parent after discharging the weapon and then school district police and "several good Samaritans" helped apprehend him, the district said.

**Jury set for alleged COVID cash theft plot ringleader**

**MN** MINNEAPOLIS — A jury was seated Monday in the trial of the alleged ringleader of a scheme that federal prosecutors say exploited the COVID-19 pandemic to steal \$250 million from a program meant to feed children.

Prosecutors have called it one of the country's largest pandemic-related fraud cases. A related trial last year was marred by an alleged attempt by some defendants and people linked with them to bribe a juror with a bag of \$120,000 in cash. The juror went straight to police.

Aimee Bock — the founder of Feeding our Future, the group that prosecutors say was at the heart of the plot — is one of 70 defendants charged. Thirty of them have already pleaded guilty to various charges, including some who had been scheduled to go on trial with Bock this week.

**Flight is evacuated after engine sparks fire on wing**

**TX** HOUSTON — Passengers were evacuated via slides and stairs from a jetliner at Houston's main airport on Sunday after an engine problem during takeoff caused smoke and fire on the right wing.

United Airlines Flight 1382 to New York City was halted while still on the runway shortly after 8:30 a.m. at George Bush Inter-

continental Airport, the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement.

There were no injuries and passengers were bused back to the terminal, the FAA said.

The takeoff was stopped after the Airbus A319 "received an indication about one engine," the statement said.

KPRC-TV obtained a passenger's video of orange flames and smoke spewing from the wing as it sped down the runway.

The flight had 104 passengers and five crewmembers and was set to travel to New York's LaGuardia Airport, United Airlines said in a statement.

**Mayor is remembered as a civil rights trailblazer**

**VA** RICHMOND — Current and former Virginia elected leaders speaking at last weekend's service for the first Black mayor of Richmond recalled Henry L. Marsh III's trailblazing career and his lifetime commitment to civil rights.

Hundreds of people attended Saturday's funeral at a Richmond-area church for Marsh, who died Jan. 23 at age 91, according to the Manning Funeral Home. Richmond was the former capital of the Confederacy.

Marsh, who was born in Richmond and educated in segregated schools, devoted much of his work to dismantling racial segregation in schools, government and the workplace.

Marsh was elected to the Richmond City Council in 1966. Four years later, he became vice mayor. In 1977, the city council made him the city's first Black mayor. At the time, the mayor and vice mayor were appointed by city council.

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# Eagles OC Moore weighs future at Super Bowl

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Kellen Moore smiled expectantly as a crowd of New Orleans-based reporters rushed to crowd around him and start peppering him with questions about his future.

The fact that the Saints are the last team looking for a head coach points to Moore as their top candidate; he's the only named candidate who can't be hired yet because his team is playing in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

"It's obviously been a good process," he said of his preliminary meetings with Saints general manager Mickey Loomis and other team officials in Philadelphia last week. "Having an opportunity to meet with Mickey and their leadership group has been great, and it's set up in a way that allows us to focus on

this game and we'll see what happens after that."

Sitting on a stool Monday night along what is normally the home sideline area for New Orleans games in the Superdome, Moore grinned as he danced around questions about whether he was imagining himself back there — and in charge — next fall.

He offered additional assurances that his "pure focus" was on Sunday's matchup with the two-time defending champion Kansas City Chiefs, and he doesn't "have to worry about a single thing except this opportunity" to coach in the Super Bowl.

Moore is a former backup QB who played behind Dak Prescott in Dallas in 2017 before becoming his position coach the next year. This season, he directed an Eagles offense that featured Saquon Barkley as the ninth running back in NFL his-

tory to rush for 2,000 yards.

During the regular season, Philadelphia ranked eighth in the NFL offensively (367.2 yards per game), but gained most of its yards on the ground. The Eagles ranked second in rushing (179.3 ypg) and 29th in passing (187.9 ypg).

"You build around your players," Moore said. "There's different styles we've played over the years and that's the fun part of it."

"You have certain things that you have strong feelings about from a coaching perspective," he added. "But I think it's important to do what your players do best and surround yourself with as many opportunities to get those guys in those situations as you can."

If he indeed winds up being hired by the Saints, he'd take over an offense starring dynamic running back Alvin Kamara.

And his quarterback could be Derek Carr, against whom he once played in college when Moore was at Boise State and Carr was with Fresno State.

"Tons of respect for him as a quarterback in this league," Moore said of Carr. "He's had a tremendous career and done a lot of really good things."

Moore hasn't had extensive experience in New Orleans but has a relationship with the family of Archie Manning from his days at the Manning Passing Academy in Thibodaux, La., which he called an "awesome experience."

Whenever he winds up being a head coach, Moore said he would expect to continue to be the primary play-caller for the offense.

"Certainly it's a passion of mine, something that had gotten me to this place," he said. "You hate to stop doing what you love as you go through this journey."

## Kelce not planning to retire, even if Chiefs win Super Bowl

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Travis Kelce has no plans to retire anytime soon, even if the Kansas City Chiefs win a third straight Super Bowl on Sunday.

The future plans for Kelce, 35, have been a lingering question as his fame has risen off the field thanks to his relationship with pop star Taylor Swift and a media career thanks to one of the most popular sports podcasts.

Kelce was asked during opening night festivities Monday night before Kansas City plays the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl where he plans to be in three years.

"Hopefully still playing football," he said.

"I love doing this, I love coming into work every day. I feel like I still have a lot of good football left in me. We'll see what happens. I know I've been setting myself up for other opportunities in my life. That's always been the goal knowing football only lasts for so long. You have to find a way to get into another career and another profession. I've been doing that in my offseason. But for the most part, I plan on being a Kansas City Chief and playing football."

Kelce is still playing at a high level even if he has fallen off a bit from his peak. He had 97 catches this season but only gained 823 yards and scored three TDs.

Kelce had a throwback game in the divisional round win over Houston with seven catches for 117 yards and enters the Super Bowl with the most playoff catches (174) and is second to Hall of Famer Jerry Rice in yards receiving (2,039) and TD catches (20).

Kelce did say his relationship with Swift helps him on the field by providing motivation that he needs to work as hard as she does to remain at the top of his game.

"I better hold up my end of the bargain," he said. "If she's out here being the superstar she is, never taking no for an answer, and always working her tail off, I better match that energy for sure."

## Gaudette, Perron lead Senators to win; Preds' losing skid at 5

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Adam Gaudette and David Perron each scored a goal and added an assist to lead the Ottawa Senators to a 5-2 victory over the Nashville Predators on Monday night.

Jake Sanderson, Shane Pinto and Ridly Greig also scored and

Anton Forsberg made 25 saves for Ottawa, winners of five straight.

Filip Forsberg had a goal and an assist, Jonathan Marchessault also scored and Juuse Saros made 33 saves for Nashville, losers of five in a row.

Forsberg scored the game's first

goal at 3:59 of the second period.

Gaudette tied it in the second, converting a rebound of a Tim Stutzle shot. With the assist, Stutzle at 23 years and 19 days old, became the youngest Senator to record 300 points.

Marchessault tied the game 47 seconds into the third, but Pinto

responded at 6:17 and Perron scored his first of the season on the power play with 5:54 remaining to seal the game.

Roman Josi played his 957th career game, all with the Predators. He surpassed David Legwand for the most games played in Nashville franchise history.

# Young's late fadeaway lifts Hawks

Associated Press

DETROIT — Trae Young made a 23-foot fadeaway with 1.6 seconds left and scored 17 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter, lifting the Atlanta Hawks to a 132-130 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Monday night.

Young helped the Hawks end an eight-game losing streak.

Cade Cunningham had 30 points and 14 assists for the Pistons, who failed to attempt a shot on their final possession.

Atlanta's De'Andre Hunter had 20 points and rookie Zacharie Risacher added 17 points.

Detroit's Tobias Harris scored 22, Jalen Duren had 18 points and nine rebounds and Malik Beasey scored 18.

**Knicks 124, Rockets 118:** Jalen Brunson had 42 points and 10 assists, breaking a tie with Carmelo Anthony for third on the franchise list with his 18th 40-point game with the Knicks, as New York beat visiting Houston.

Brunson scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to bring the Knicks back from an 11-point deficit after three. He ended up with his 12th game with at least 30 points and 10 assists since coming to New York, passing Hall of Famer Richie Guerin for most in franchise history.

Karl-Anthony Towns and Mikal Bridges each added 22 points for the Knicks. Josh Hart had 19.

Amen Thompson had 25 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists in his third career triple-double for the Rockets, who have lost three in a row for the first time all season. Cam Whitmore added 18 points off the bench.

**Wizards 124, Hornets 114:** Bilal Coulibaly had 26 points, Corey Kispert scored 25 off the bench on five 3-pointers and Washington handed host Charlotte its fifth straight loss.

Miles Bridges had his first career triple-double for the Hor-

nets, finishing with 24 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. LaMelo Ball and Brandon Miller were both out with injuries.

Nick Smith Jr. scored 24 points and Mark Williams had 23 points and 14 rebounds for the Hornets.

Kyle Kuzma scored 22 points and Jonas Valanciunas added 14 points and 17 rebounds for the Wizards, who have won two straight since snapping a 16-game losing streak.

**Grizzlies 128, Spurs 109:** Jaren Jackson Jr. scored 31 points, GG Jackson added a season-high 27, and Memphis defeated visiting San Antonio.

Ja Morant, returning after a two-game absence to nurse a sore right shoulder, finished with 25 points and 11 assists as Memphis won for the ninth time in 10 games. The victory, coupled with Houston's loss to the New York Knicks, gave Memphis a 1½-game advantage over the Rockets for second place in the West.

Victor Wembanyama led the Spurs with 27 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks. Stephon Castle finished with 21 points as San Antonio lost for the fourth time in its past five games.

**Kings 116, Timberwolves 114:** DeMar DeRozan scored 33 points, and Sacramento won at Minnesota after finalizing its trade for Zach LaVine.

Malik Monk had 26 points for the Kings, who closed out a 2-6 road trip. Keegan Murray added 19 points.

Sacramento traded De'Aaron Fox to San Antonio as part of a three-team trade that put LaVine on the Kings. LaVine likely will play in his first game with his new team on Wednesday.

Naz Reid led Minnesota with a season-high 30 points, including 16 in the first quarter. Jaden McDaniels added 22, and Anthony Edwards finished with 21 points.

Minnesota was without forward Julius Randle for the sec-

ond straight game. Randle was sidelined with a groin injury.

**Thunder 125, Bucks 96:** Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 34 points in 22 minutes as host Oklahoma City routed short-handed Milwaukee.

Milwaukee was without injured stars Giannis Antetokounmpo, Damian Lillard, Brook Lopez and Khris Middleton, turning what could have been an exciting rematch of the NBA Cup final into a blowout.

Gilgeous-Alexander, the NBA's leading scorer, showed no mercy. He scored 21 points on 9-for-11 shooting in the first quarter as the Thunder took a 39-22 lead. He scored 30 in the first half as the Thunder took a 78-44 lead. He left the game for good with 6:17 remaining and the Thunder ahead 96-54.

Ousmane Dieng finished with 21 points and seven rebounds and Isaiah Joe added 18 points for the Thunder, who improved to 39-9 despite All-Star Jalen Williams sitting out with a sprained right wrist.

**Nuggets 125, Pelicans 113:** Michael Porter Jr. scored a season-high 36 points, Nikola Jokic added 27 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists, and Denver overcame a career-high 41 points from Trey Murphy III to defeat visiting New Orleans.

Jamal Murray had 20 points and eight assists while Julian Strawther scored 15 points off the bench for Denver. In his first start of the season, Zeke Nnaji, filling in for the injured Aaron Gordon, had a season-high 12 points.

The triple-double was Jokic's NBA-best 23rd of the season and ninth in his past 11 games.

Murphy scored 39 of New Orleans' first 85 points, helping the Pelicans, who trailed by 20 points in the second half, get within eight entering the fourth quarter. Murphy made 13 of his 21 shots, including eight of his 12 3s, while the rest of his team shot just 37.3% from the field.

CJ McCollum scored 30 points and Zion Williamson added 14 for the Pelicans.

**Pacers 112, Jazz 111:** Pascal Siakam scored 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter to help Indiana win at Utah.

Tyrese Haliburton scored 18 for the Pacers, who played without Myles Turner after the center was a late scratch due to an ankle injury. Obi Toppin and Aaron Nesmith each had 13 points. The Pacers have won four straight.

John Collins and Jordan Clarkson both scored 21 for the Jazz, who have dropped nine of 10.

**Warriors 104, Magic 99:** Andrew Wiggins scored 25 points and Stephen Curry added 24, leading Golden State to a victory over visiting Orlando.

Wiggins passed Hall of Famer Chris Mullin to take seventh place on the Warriors' career list for 3-pointers.

Moses Moody added 17 points while rookie center Quinten Post had seven points and seven rebounds in his third consecutive start to help Golden State get back above .500.

Cole Anthony had 26 points and five rebounds for the Magic. Franz Wagner added 21 points and five assists and Paolo Banchero scored 18.

**Trail Blazers 121, Suns 119 (OT):** Deandre Ayton had 25 points and 20 rebounds, and host Portland edged Phoenix in overtime for its fourth consecutive victory.

Deni Avdija scored 24 points for Portland, which also beat Phoenix 127-108 on Saturday night. Toumani Camara made five 3-pointers and scored 17 points.

Anfernee Simons had 13 points and 10 assists for Portland.

Devin Booker scored 34 points while becoming the Suns' career scoring leader. Kevin Durant added 27 points and Bradley Beal 25.

# Kansas stops Iowa State in game key to Big 12 race

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas had just turned the ball over in the first half against Iowa State on Monday night when it suddenly popped loose again along the sideline, and Jayhawks guard Dajuan Harris Jr. made perhaps the hustle play of the game.

With a textbook baseball slide, Harris managed to corral the ball and throw it from his rear to teammate Hunter Dickinson, who in turn tossed the ball ahead to David Coit. After a couple of dribbles, Coit unloaded a pass from the midcourt line that KJ Adams leaped into the air and slammed for a dunk that seemed to shake the rafters of Allen Fieldhouse.

It was a play that underscored a rare fact about the Jayhawks at this point in the season.

They were playing with a sense of desperation.

Zeke Mayo scored 17 points and Dickinson added 14 points and nine rebounds as the No. 16

Jayhawks roared to a 69-52 win over eighth-ranked Iowa State. But it was the defense, which nearly shut down the Cyclones' prolific backcourt, and the hustle on both ends of the floor that allowed Kansas to remain in the regular-season Big 12 title hunt.

Kansas (16-6) moved into a tie with Iowa State (17-5) at 7-4 in the league, 2½ games back of Houston and Arizona.

"We talked about a mindset of just, you know, how much can we trust each other? And how much do we enjoy playing with each other?" Jayhawks coach Bill Self said. "I don't think the emphasis was defense. I think the emphasis was, 'If our head is right and we play with freedom, we can look pretty good at times,' and that is what happened tonight."

The Jayhawks held Iowa State to just 3-for-21 shooting from beyond the 3-point arc. And while the Cyclones only turned the ball over seven times, just about all of them —

like that alley-oop dunk by Adams — turned into fast-break points.

"There's probably not a place or a team or a program that does a better job than what Kansas does in transition," Iowa State coach T.J. Otzelberger said. "If you have a turnover and how they turn it into points — we had very few turnovers but you feel like every one that we had turned into a layup or a dunk at the other end."

While the Jayhawks, who blew a 19-point halftime lead at Baylor last weekend, thrived with their backs against the wall, Iowa State lost its third consecutive game while struggling without injured forward Milan Momcilovic in the lineup.

Tamin Lipsey, Keshon Gilbert and Joshua Jefferson were held to 11 points apiece by Kansas, and it took a whole lot of shots for them to get there. The trio was 13-for-42 from the field and 2-for-14 from beyond the 3-point arc.

## HOF voter who passed on Ichiro still mystery

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Hall of Fame voter who declined to select Ichiro Suzuki remains a mystery.

All 321 voters who allowed their ballots to be made public Tuesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America selected the Japanese star. Suzuki appeared on 393 of 394 ballots when voting was announced on Jan. 21.

"There's one writer that I wasn't able to get a vote from," he said through a translator later that week. "I would like to invite him over to my house, and we'll have a drink together, and we'll have a good chat."

The Hall's rules allow each voter the choice whether to make a ballot public. The BBWAA voted 80-19 at its December 2016 meeting to propose making all ballots public, but the Hall of Fame's board of directors decided to leave the decision up to each voter.

Mariano Rivera remains the only player to get 100% of the vote from the BBWAA, appearing on all 425 ballots in 2019.

Suzuki, CC Sabathia and Billy Wagner were elected by the BBWAA this year and will be inducted into the Hall at Cooperstown on July 27 along with Dave Parker and Dick Allen, voted in by the classic era committee in December.

Suzuki was a two-time AL batting champion and 10-time All-Star and Gold Glove outfielder, hitting .311 with 117 homers, 780 RBIs and 509 stolen bases with Seattle (2001-12, 2018-19), the New York Yankees (2012-14) and Miami (2015-17).

He is perhaps the best contact hitter ever, with 1,278 hits in Nippon Professional Baseball and 3,089 in MLB, including a season-record 262 in 2004. His combined total of 4,367 exceeds Pete Rose's MLB record of 4,256.

## Hamilton leaving as FSU coach

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Longtime Florida State men's basketball coach Leonard Hamilton is stepping down at the end of the season.

Hamilton, who is being sued by six former players over allegations he failed to deliver on name, image and likeness promises, announced his decision Monday following a team meeting.

"I'm very fortunate to be able to have given this job my all with no regrets," Hamilton said in a statement. "Every head coach inherits a legacy and is obligated to leave the job better than they inherited it. I'm very proud

of what we have been able to accomplish here over the last 23 seasons.

"We were a consistent contender, and we created success for our players during their time here. So many of them have gone on to be successful in life. I hope that it will be remembered as my legacy."

Hamilton, 76, is the third Division I head coach to step down this season — all of them in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Virginia's Tony Bennett stepped down just before the season began, and Miami's Jim Larrañaga left the program in late December.

Hamilton ranks 10th on the

NCAA's list of winningest active DI coaches. He coached at Miami and then with the NBA's Washington Wizards before joining Florida State in 2002. He led the Seminoles to 16 postseason appearances and a dozen 20-win seasons.

FSU has lost four straight games, including three on the road, and is 13-9 going into Tuesday night's home matchup against Notre Dame. Hamilton is in the final year of a contract that pays him \$2.25 million annually.

Hamilton will coach FSU's final nine regular-season games and the ACC Tournament.