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## CIA: China waging 'quiet kind of cold war'

Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — China is waging a “quiet kind of cold war” against the U.S., using all its resources to try to replace America as the leading power in the world, a top CIA expert on Asia said Friday.

Beijing doesn't want to go to war, he said, but the current communist government under President Xi Jinping is subtly working on multiple fronts to undermine the U.S. in ways that are different than the more well-publicized activities being employed by Russia.

“I would argue ... that what they're waging against us is fundamentally a cold war — a cold war not like we saw during the Cold War (between the U.S. and the Soviet Union) but a cold war by definition,” said Michael Collins, a deputy assistant director of the CIA's East Asia mission center, at the Aspen Security Forum in Colorado.

Rising U.S.-China tension goes beyond

the trade dispute playing out in a tariff tit-for-tat between the two nations. There is concern over China's pervasive efforts to steal business secrets and details about high-tech research being conducted in the U.S. The Chinese military is expanding and being modernized and the U.S. and other nations, have complained about China's construction of military outposts on islands in the South China Sea.

“I would argue that it's the Crimea of the East,” Collins said, referring to Russia's brash annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula that was condemned throughout the West.

Collins' comments track warnings about China's rising influence issued by others who spoke last week at the security conference. The alarm bells come at a time when Washington needs China's help in ending its nuclear standoff with North Korea.

On Wednesday, FBI Director Christopher Wray said China, from a counterintelli-

gence perspective, represents the broadest and most significant threat America faces. He said the FBI has economic espionage investigations in all 50 states that can be traced back to China.

“The volume of it, the pervasiveness of it, the significance of it is something that I think this country cannot underestimate,” Wray said.

National Intelligence Director Dan Coats also warned of rising Chinese aggression. In particular, he said, the U.S. must stand strong against China's effort to steal business secrets and academic research.

Susan Thornton, acting assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, said increasing the public's awareness about the activities of the hundreds of thousands of Chinese students or groups at U.S. universities could be one way to help mitigate potential damage. “China is not just a footnote to what we're dealing with with Russia,” Thornton said.

## Massive defense policy bill nears final stages

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Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers are hoping to wrap up congressional negotiations on the final version of its massive defense policy bill that could authorize a 2.6 percent pay raise for servicemembers and an increase in troops and weapons.

House lawmakers said the National Defense Authorization Act, or H.R. 2810, could be poised for a vote in the lower chamber as early as this week.

The moves signal that the 2019 defense bill could be on track for on-time passage by Oct. 1, the start of the new fiscal year.

“This House is committed to rebuilding our military and ensuring our brave men and women in uniform have the equipment and training they need to successfully carry out their mission,” House Majority Leader Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said on the House floor in previewing this week's plans.

“I look forward to another big bipartisan vote.”

With a two-year spending deal that lifts

budget caps already in place, midterm elections this fall and a more experienced administration, lawmakers are eager to pass the 2019 NDAA sooner than in recent years.

Earlier this year, a budget deal allowed Congress to increase defense spending to \$716 billion for 2019.

“Prospects, as far as I can tell, it's pretty good,” said Mark Cancian, a senior adviser with the Washington think tank Center for Strategic and International Studies. “There are no showstoppers. There is agreement on the total budget, and everyone wants to get it done.”

This month, House and Senate lawmakers have met in conference committee to hash out differences in their versions of the next NDAA, which directs policy and spending plans for the Defense Department. Each chamber passed its own version of the plan earlier this year with 2.6 percent pay raises for servicemembers, the largest increase in nine years. Both versions also included troop increases and new purchases of aircraft, ships, submarines and weapons, and a series of new

policy initiatives.

This year's NDAA appears to build on momentum to grow the size and might of the military in response to China and Russia's growing capabilities as laid out in President Donald Trump's proposed \$686.1 billion defense budget. The request for fiscal year 2019 included an increase of more than 15,000 active-duty troops.

On Tuesday, House lawmakers passed several resolutions urging lawmakers to stay on track passing the defense legislation on time.

“The House has now voted ... to fully fund our military on time for the first time in a decade,” Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said Tuesday following passage of the resolutions. “To do anything less is a clear breach of faith with our troops and abdication of Congress' responsibility under the Constitution.”

The House is racing to get the defense bill on the floor next week since members are slated to leave for their August recess by the end of July. The Senate, however, is slated to be in session next month.

# Army specialist sues in citizenship quest

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A U.S. Army specialist born in South Korea has sued to demand a response to her American citizenship application after the military moved to discharge her.

Yea Ji Sea, 29, from Gardena, Calif., who has served four years and is assigned to the duty station at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, filed a lawsuit Thursday in federal court.

She came to the country as a child on a visitor visa and held other visas before enlisting in 2013 under a special government program for foreign citizens who want to serve in the U.S. military. Under the program, recruits agreed in their enlistment contracts to apply to

naturalize as soon as their honorable service was certified.

“She has a citizenship application that has been pending for over two years and she is entitled to citizenship,” said Sameer Ahmed, a staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California who is representing Sea. “They haven’t made good on that promise.”

A Department of Justice spokesman declined to comment on the case. Messages were sent to the Defense Department and the Army seeking comment.

The lawsuit comes as the U.S. Army has moved in recent weeks to discharge immigrant recruits and reservists who enlisted through the program, through which immigrants

historically vowed to risk their lives for the prospect of U.S. citizenship.

Nearly 110,000 members of the Armed Forces have gained citizenship by serving in the U.S. military since Sept. 11, 2001, according to the Defense Department. The Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest program, however, ultimately was suspended.

Sea is a health care specialist and pharmacy technician who was stationed in South Korea and has received two Army achievement medals. She applied to naturalize in 2014 but was denied after immigration officials alleged there had been a fraudulent document in an earlier student visa application.

Sea believed the paperwork

she obtained through an approved language school was legitimate, according to the lawsuit, but the school’s owner was convicted in a fraud case.

Sea reapplied for U.S. citizenship in 2016, but has not yet received an answer on her application. Once discharged from the military, she can’t work legally in the U.S. and could face deportation proceedings.

Sea was called into a commander’s office on Thursday and was told she would receive an honorable discharge, Ahmed said.

The lawsuit seeks to compel the U.S. government to give Sea a naturalization interview and to decide on her application within 20 days.

# US rejects Putin idea for Ukraine referendum

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House has rejected a Vladimir Putin-backed effort to hold a referendum in eastern Ukraine on the region’s future, distancing itself from the idea in the aftermath of President Donald Trump’s controversial summit with the Russian leader.

Russia’s ambassador to the U.S., Anatoly Antonov, said the two leaders had discussed the possibility of a referendum in separatist-leaning eastern Ukraine during their Helsinki summit.

But Trump’s National Security Council spokesman, Garrett Marquis, said Friday that agreements between Russia and the Ukrainian government for resolving the conflict in the Donbas region do not include any such option, and any effort to organize a “so-called referendum” would have “no legitimacy.”

The back-and-forth came as the White House outlined the agenda for a proposed second summit between Trump and Putin — in Washington this fall — that would focus on national security.

Trump left the White House for his New Jersey golf club for the weekend. Once he got there, he returned to Twitter to complain about news coverage of Monday’s meeting.

## US to give Ukraine military \$200M

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said it will provide \$200 million in additional training, equipment and advisory assistance to Ukraine’s military.

The money is meant to aid various aspects of the military, including the command and control of forces, secure communications and medical treatment. A timeline for delivery of the aid and fielding of equipment is to be determined later, the Pentagon said in an announcement Friday.

The new assistance comes amid efforts by the Ukraine government to make its armed forces more functional with those of the NATO alliance.

“I got severely criticized by the Fake News Media for being too nice to President Putin,” he tweeted. “In the Old Days they would call it Diplomacy. If I was loud & vicious, I would have been criticized for

being too tough.”

A White House official said the next Trump-Putin meeting would address national security concerns they discussed in Helsinki, including Russian meddling. The official did not specify whether that meant Russia’s interference in U.S. elections. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss planning, said the talks also would cover nuclear proliferation, North Korea, Iran and Syria.

One stop Putin almost surely won’t make is Capitol Hill.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi urged House Speaker Paul Ryan to make clear that Putin wouldn’t be invited to address Congress if he visits Washington.

She said Trump’s “frightened fawning over Putin is an embarrassment and a grave threat to our democracy.”

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had a sunnier view of the likely second get-together.

He said at the United Nations he was “happy that the two leaders of two very important countries are continuing to meet. If that meeting takes place in Washington, I think it is all to the good. Those conversations are incredibly important.”

It was not clear whether such a meeting would take place before or after the November congressional elections in the U.S.



# Trump: Ex-lawyer's taping 'perhaps illegal'

Associated Press

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. — President Donald Trump said Saturday that his personal lawyer's taping of their private phone conversations is "totally unheard of & perhaps illegal."

Trump was responding to the revelation that former attorney Michael Cohen, weeks before the 2016 election, secretly recorded their discussion of a potential payment for a former Playboy model's account of having an affair with Trump. He tweeted: "The good news is that your favorite President did nothing wrong!"

The recording was part of a large collection of documents and electronic records seized by federal authorities from the longtime Trump fixer earlier this year.

Cohen had made a practice of recording telephone conversations, unbeknownst to those with whom he was speaking. Most states, including New York, allow for recordings of phone conversations with the consent of only one party; other states require all parties to agree to a recording or have mixed laws on the matter. It was not immediately clear where Trump and Cohen were located at the time of the call.

Cohen's recording adds to questions about whether Trump tried to quash damaging stories before the election. Trump's campaign had said it knew nothing about any payment to ex-centerfold Karen McDougal. It could also further entangle the president in a criminal investigation that for

months has targeted Cohen.

The erstwhile Trump loyalist has hired a new attorney, Clinton White House veteran Lanny Davis, and disassociated himself from the president as both remain under investigation. Cohen has not been charged with a crime.

Current Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani said the payment was never made and the brief recording shows Trump did nothing wrong.

"The transaction that Michael is talking about on the tape never took place, but what's important is: If it did take place, the president said it has to be done correctly and it has to be done by check" to keep a proper record of it, Giuliani said.

Davis said "any attempt at

spin cannot change what is on the tape."

"When the recording is heard, it will not hurt Mr. Cohen," Davis said in a statement.

The recording was first reported Friday by The New York Times.

The FBI raided Cohen's office, home and hotel room in April, searching in part for information about payments to McDougal and porn actress Stormy Daniels, who received a \$130,000 payment from Cohen before the election to keep quiet about a sexual relationship she says she had with Trump. The FBI investigation is separate from special counsel Robert Mueller's probe of election interference in 2016 and potential obstruction of justice by those in the president's orbit.

## Progressive hopefuls rally voters in deep-red Kansas

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — The new face of an emerging democratic socialist movement joined its patriarch in the most unlikely place Friday, calling on Kansans unhappy with the direction of the country to get off the sidelines in a pivotal Republican-held congressional district.

"We know that people in Kansas, just like everywhere else in this country, just like families in the Bronx, just want a fair shake," Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the surprise winner in a New York House primary last month, told a frenetic crowd of more than 3,000 in a Kansas suburb of Kansas City.

Headlining a rally with Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., Ocasio-Cortez sought to infuse the final weeks of Democrat Brent Weller's congressional primary campaign with the enthusiasm that lifted her over 20-year Democratic incumbent Rep. Joe Crowley last month.

In an election year defined by energized Democratic voters seeking to send President Donald Trump a message, Sand-

ers, 76, and Ocasio-Cortez, 28, were betting they could stir up liberals in places where the left rarely competes.

The Latina from New York and the Jewish senator from Vermont struck a stark contrast in the hotel ballroom, though they reflected the range of people in the racially and ethnically mixed crowd, weighted toward millennials but including gray-haired activists and parents with children. Their combined messages sought to unite not just the diverse group in the hall but restless liberals around the country.

Kansas, where Trump won by more than 20 percentage points in 2016, would seem inhospitable for a duo championing strikingly progressive positions such as universal, single-payer health care and government-paid tuition to public college. But Democrats see reasons for hope in a campaign year in which progressive candidates have won competitive primaries in GOP-leaning districts in suburban Philadelphia, metropolitan Omaha and Orange County, Calif., this year.

## Judge lauds 'great progress' in reuniting children with families

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A federal judge on Friday applauded Trump administration efforts to meet a deadline to reunite more than 2,500 children with their families after they were separated at the border.

Justice Department attorneys said in federal court in San Diego that 450 children ages 5 and older had been reunified, up from 364 a day earlier.

"I'm just very impressed with the effort that has been made," U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw said. "It really does appear that great progress has been made."

Hundreds of children are still awaiting reunions with their families. In a court filing Thursday, the administration said about 1,600 parents were believed to be eligible for reunification and about 900 were not eligible or "not yet known to be eligible."

Nearly 700 of the ineligible parents are being vetted. Another 91 have been found to have a "prohibitive criminal record" or have been deemed

ineligible by U.S. Immigration and Customs and Enforcement. Another 136 waived reunification, according to the Justice Department.

It appeared unlikely that all the children would be reunified by the Thursday deadline. More than 200 parents have been released into the U.S. and parents of an unknown number of children have been deported.

Friday's hearing was the sixth in three weeks, and two more are scheduled next week, a sign of how closely the judge is monitoring the process.

His praise for the administration was a sharp turnaround from over a week ago, when he said he was having second thoughts about whether the government was acting in good faith. The government submitted a revised reunification plan two days later that was well received by the judge.

In late June, Sabraw set deadlines of July 10 to reunify dozens of children younger than 5 with their families and July 26 for reunifications involving 2,551 children 5 and older.

## Iowa residents picking up pieces following tornado

Associated Press

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa — With the scope of the devastation still sinking in, business owners and residents of the central Iowa city of Marshalltown on Friday began picking up bricks from collapsed buildings, dragging away downed trees and trying to return to the lives they knew before a powerful tornado roared through their community.

Structures throughout Marshalltown were hit by the Thursday afternoon tornado, but some of the worst damage was to the historic courthouse and brick buildings that line the city's quaint town square. For years, officials and property owners have slowly worked to spruce up the buildings, only to see them devastated in minutes.

"Since 2002, we've spent \$50 million in building renovations, and now to see these — I'm just sick," said Jenny Etter, executive director of the Marshalltown Central Business District, a nonprofit group. "We were making giant strides in restoring the downtown, so this is really devastating to us because we were on a roll. These buildings were beautiful."

At the 132-year-old courthouse, a blue tarp flapped over a gaping hole atop the clock tower after the cupola tumbled to the ground.

Local officials promised to rebuild, but some residents were too shocked to make plans.

Crystal Jensen, tears running

down her face, said the storm passed in just three minutes, but it left her house in ruins and blew away photos and a bracelet from her father.

"I just lost my dad two months ago and this happened," she said. "I'm kind of at a loss."

Terri Shetler, owner of an embroidery shop on the town square, was digging out her 2017 Toyota Sienna, missing a front quarter panel, windows blown out and filled with mud, shingles and wood slivers.

"I'm pretty shaken. I came out and saw the courthouse and all this," she said. "But it can be replaced."

The tornado that hit Marshalltown was among a flurry of unexpected twisters that swept through central Iowa on Thursday, injuring at least 17 people and flattening buildings in three cities.

The National Weather Service said Friday that at least five tornadoes and likely more struck. Meteorologist Jeff Johnson said it will take days to determine their strength and total number.

Marshalltown, a city of 27,000, was hit hardest. Officials said 10 people were injured and at least 28 people were relocated to an emergency shelter.

About 200 workers from several states were scrambling to replace 500 utility poles and restore power to thousands of customers, said Alliant Energy spokesman Justin Foss. Natural gas service remains shut down in part of the city, he said.

## Ticket mix-up put family on ill-fated Mo. tourist duck boat

Associated Press

BRANSON, Mo. — More than half of the 17 people killed when a tourist boat sank on a Branson, Mo., lake were members of the same Indiana family, and they likely wouldn't have been on the ill-fated trip but for a ticket mix-up.

Tracy Beck, of Kansas City, Mo., said she recalled the family members waiting in line. After they stopped for a picture, she said, a ticket-taker realized they should have boarded at a different location and re-assigned them.

The grief-stricken community, known for its country shows and entertainment, hosted two vigils Friday night. About 300 people gathered in the parking lot of Ride the Ducks Branson, and others mourned at a church, singing "Amazing Grace" at both locations.

At the rally at the duck boat business, the Rev. Zachary Klein said he had no words of comfort to offer the families of victims "because there simply are no words to comfort them."

Divers found the final four bodies Friday in Table Rock Lake, near Branson, after the deadliest accident of its kind in nearly two decades. State and federal investigators were

trying to determine what went sent the vessel, known as a duck boat, to its demise.

An initial assessment blamed thunderstorms and winds that approached hurricane strength, but it wasn't clear why the amphibious vehicle even ventured out into the water.

Mayor Karen Best said Branson is typically a city "full of smiles. ... But today we are grieving and crying."

Officials haven't released the names of the victims, but the sad details emerged throughout the day. Among them were a popular duck boat driver, a father and son visiting from Arkansas and the nine Indiana relatives, many of them children.

The risk of heavy weather was apparent hours before the boat left shore.

The National Weather Service in Springfield, Mo., about 40 miles north of Branson, issued a severe thunderstorm watch for its immediate area Thursday, saying conditions were ripe for winds of 70 mph. It followed up at 6:32 p.m. with a severe thunderstorm warning for three counties that included Branson and the lake. The warning mentioned both locations. The boat went down about 40 minutes later, shortly after 7 p.m.

## US presses China, Russia to enforce N. Korea sanctions

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The United States on Friday welcomed the U.N. Security Council's united support for the fully verified denuclearization of North Korea and pressed China and Russia to strictly enforce U.N. sanctions to get Pyongyang to give up its nuclear weapons.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo accused North Korea

of violating an array of tough sanctions imposed by the council. He warned that "when sanctions are not enforced, the prospects for the successful denuclearization of North Korea are diminished."

Nonetheless, Pompeo told reporters after meeting behind closed doors with the 15 council members that President Donald Trump "remains upbeat about the prospects for denuclearization" following his

historic summit in Singapore with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. "So do I, as progress is happening," he added without elaborating.

The Trump administration hopes that one day North Korea will be at the United Nations "not as a pariah but as a friend," Pompeo said. But "it will take full enforcement of sanctions for us to get there," as well as Kim following through

"on his personal commitments" to Trump.

At the summit, Trump and Kim agreed to work toward denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, but they didn't describe when and how it would occur.

Pompeo stressed Friday that the 15 Security Council nations "are united on the need for final, fully verified denuclearization of North Korea."



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Cops: Drunken driver crashes into pool

**PA** WIND GAP — Police in Pennsylvania said a group of children and adults in an above-ground pool barely managed to scramble out of the water before a drunken driver plowed into it.

Lehighvalleylive.com reported that court documents describe a virtual one-man demolition derby in Wind Gap on June 13. Police said Dean Tomsic rammed into multiple items around properties near his neighborhood and dragged his girlfriend alongside the truck when she tried to take his keys.

Tomsic is charged with aggravated assault, making terroristic threats, DUI, disorderly conduct, driving with a suspended license and reckless driving.

Police said they were called to the neighborhood after a report of a seemingly drunk driver crashing into objects and possibly running over a woman.

## FBI agent caught taking inappropriate photos

**NJ** EDISON — Authorities said an FBI special agent illegally took photos of a 22-year-old woman with his cellphone while she was in a dressing room at a New Jersey clothing store.

Middlesex County prosecutors said Danuel Brown, 30, is charged with invasion of privacy. The Piscataway man works in the FBI's New York field office.

Edison police responded to the store Thursday after the woman called 911. When she confronted Brown, he identified himself as a law enforcement officer.

Investigators determined that Brown put his cellphone

underneath the dressing room door and took multiple photos of the victim.

## Dentist accused of sexual contact in jail

**SD** SIOUX FALLS — A dentist who did contract work at the Minnehaha County Jail was charged with having sexual contact with at least five female inmates.

Dr. Andrew Heinisch, of Worthington, Minn., is facing eight felony or misdemeanor charges following his arrest last week. Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Milstead said an investigation began after a jail inmate told staff on June 9 that she was inappropriately touched by Heinisch.

Milstead said Heinisch's jail access was rescinded that day while the sheriff's department conducted an investigation.

The Argus Leader said Heinisch turned himself in and has posted a \$10,000 cash bond.

## Wipes stuffed down baby's throat; dad jailed

**FL** TARPON SPRINGS — A Florida father is facing attempted first-degree murder charges after his 5-month-old son was found with wipes stuffed in his throat.

Authorities in Tarpon Springs said the baby is in critical condition on a ventilator in a hospital.

The child's father, Michael Hurley, 32, was being held in jail after bail was set Thursday for \$500,000.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that Hurley was at home alone with the baby when the boy's mother arrived to find Hurley holding the baby with his fingers down his throat, saying he was trying to grab something but "his fingers were too big."

Hurley told investigators it was a "freak accident" and he couldn't remember what happened.

## Legislator brags about speeding at 120 mph

**AZ** PHOENIX — The director for the Arizona Department of Public Safety has asked for clarification on an immunity law after a state legislator bragged about speeding during a traffic stop.

State Rep. Paul Mosley is heard telling a sheriff's deputy on a body cam recording of the traffic stop that he had been going 120 mph and that he has been gone 140 mph before.

He advised the deputy not to waste his time reporting the incident because he has legislative immunity.

Director Col. Frank Milstead told KTAR-FM on Thursday that the statute that Mosley referenced says state lawmakers are immune from civil process or misdemeanor crimes during the session.

## Cops: Group of whites beat black man at bar

**PA** AVALON — Police said a group of six white men and women — some in skinhead gear — assaulted a black man at a bar near Pittsburgh.

Police in Avalon said the man was violently attacked at the Jackman Inn on July 7.

Two women and four men face charges of ethnic intimidation and assault.

Police wrote in a complaint filed Wednesday that several attackers were wearing shirts with the Keystone State Skinheads logo, and others had tattoos with skinhead symbols.

The man had come to the bar to drop off a thank-you note to a friend who works there.

Police said the group used a racial slur, and someone hit the man as he tried to leave. The group began punching and kicking the man as he was on the ground.

## Lightning strikes 186-year-old church

**NH** BOW — Firefighters said lightning struck a 186-year-old New Hampshire church and flames shot out of the steeple as strong storms made their way through the region.

WMUR-TV reported that a staffer at a day care center next door called 911 on Tuesday after hearing a loud crack, then seeing a flash and flames.

No one was inside the Crosswords Community Church in Bow at the time. Sixty firefighters from 12 towns responded. Crews had the fire under control within 40 minutes and saved the church.

## Restaurant ordered to pay back wages

**LA** MANDEVILLE — A Mexican restaurant chain in Louisiana was ordered to pay \$654,000 in back wages to employees.

The U.S. Department of Labor said in a news release that 567 employees from the El Paso Mexican Grill restaurant will receive back pay. It's to resolve violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act found at 23 of the employer's locations in Louisiana and Florida.

NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune reported an investigation found El Paso violated minimum wage requirements. The restaurant deducted costs for uniforms from workers' pay and failed to pay them for all of the hours that they worked.

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# Woods within 2 shots of British Open lead

Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Tiger Woods shot a 5-under 66 in the third round of the British Open and is in contention to win his first major in more than 10 years.

He scrambled for par on the tough 18th hole at Carnoustie, after his tee shot landed on the bank of the Barry Burn and bounced right into the thick rough. He laid up, pitched to three feet, and made a par.

At 5 under overall, Woods was two shots off the lead.

The last of his 14 majors came at the U.S. Open in 2008.

Brooks Koepka, meanwhile, is unlikely to be celebrating back-to-back major victories at the British Open on Sunday.

The U.S. Open champion started the third round five shots off the lead but is 4 over for the day after three bogeys on the front nine and a double-bogey at the par-4 12th.

Koepka is 3 over for the tournament, 10 shots off the lead.

Also playing himself out of contention on a day featuring plenty of birdies is Jason Day,

who also made 6 at No. 12 and is 1 over after 15 holes. He was at even par overall.

Woods joined Jordan Spieth, Tommy Fleetwood and three others in a share of the lead at the British Open with a tap-in birdie at the par-5 14th hole.

Spieth, the defending champion, also had a strong start to his third round, eagling the first hole after driving onto the green, and then rolling in a birdie at No. 4. He missed an 8-footer on No. 5 for the outright lead.

Scoring conditions were ideal on a warm day with little wind and greens softened by rain the day before. There already was a 64 on the board by Justin Rose and a 65 by Yusaku Miyazato.

Woods began the day six shots back. The three-time British Open champion is searching for his first win of the year.

Zach Johnson and Kevin Kisner shared the overnight lead at 6-under par.

Rose tied the lowest score ever in the British Open at Carnoustie, shooting a 7-under 64 to move onto the early

leaderboard.

Rose, who needed to make an 18-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole just to make the cut a day earlier, started his round with a birdie on the first hole and finished it with birdies on both 17 and 18. He didn't make a bogey on the normally tough Carnoustie links.

The round ties the low at Carnoustie shot in the final round in 2007 by Steve Stricker and Richard Green.

Rose finished nearly three hours before the leaders teed off, and was at 4 under for the tournament, two shots off the lead.

Carnoustie is still waiting on the one element that defines a strong test at the British Open: the wind.

The third round began with little more than a mild breeze, and several players were taking advantage. Masters champion Patrick Reed ran off three straight birdies starting at No. 5 and made the turn at 3 under, putting him at even par for the championship, six shots behind.

## Lincicome shoots 71, misses Barbasol cut

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. — Brittany Lincicome missed the cut at the Barbasol Championship after shooting a 1-under 71, failing in her bid to become the first female golfer since 1945 to make the cut in a PGA Tour event.

The eight-time LPGA Tour winner with two major titles was the first woman since Michelle Wie in 2008 to play in a PGA Tour event. Lincicome had sought to join Babe Zaharias (1945) as the only women to make the cut.

But Lincicome faced a huge hurdle after an opening 78 left her near the bottom of the field. She had six birdies in Saturday's rain-delayed second round at Champions Trace at Keene Trace Golf Club, highlighted by an eagle-3 at 17. Her round included six bogeys, including three on the final four holes, and she finished at 5 over 149.

# Fraile wins 14th stage; Thomas still leads Tour de France

Associated Press

MENDE, France — Sky teammates Geraint Thomas and Chris Froome remained 1-2 in the Tour de France after the hilly 14th stage as an anticipated shakeup in the overall standings didn't come to fruition on Saturday.

Spanish rider Omar Fraile won the stage in the Massif Central by bursting from a large group of breakaway riders on the finishing climb, a short but steep three-kilometer ascent that was followed by a quick descent and flat finish on an air strip.

"When I saw that the breakaway was so big, I knew it was going to be a tough stage, but I picked my moment well and pulled it off," Fraile said. "I knew that I still had another gear. ... I have raced here be-

fore and I knew the course to perfection."

Fourth-placed Primož Roglič was the only overall contender to gain time, finishing eight seconds ahead of Thomas, Froome, and third-placed Tom Dumoulin — with all four riders finishing more than 18 minutes behind Fraile, who remained far back in the standings.

Thomas leads four-time champion Froome by 1 minute, 39 seconds. Dumoulin is third, 1:50 behind, and Roglič is fourth, 2:38 back.

Fraile had time to celebrate before crossing the line, finishing six seconds ahead of Julian Alaphilippe, the Frenchman wearing the polka-dot jersey awarded to the Tour's best climber.

Jasper Stuyven of Belgium finished third, also six seconds back, and three-time world

champion Peter Sagan came fourth.

It was the first career victory at the Tour for Fraile, who rides for the Astana team. His only other victory at a Grand Tour came with a stage win in last year's Giro d'Italia. The Basque rider also won the mountains classification in the Spanish Vuelta in 2015 and 2016.

Fraile became the third Spanish winner of a Tour stage in Mende after Marcos Serrano in 2005 and Joaquim "Purito" Rodriguez in 2010.

The hilly 117-mile route from Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux in southern France passed through the Ardeche gorges, home to cave paintings dating back some 36,000 years.

Stage 15 on Sunday from Millau to Carcassonne is another hilly leg before the race's second rest day on Monday. Then

come the Pyrenees and a possibly decisive individual time trial in the penultimate stage before the traditional finish in Paris next weekend.

There were three categorized climbs before the finale, including the Col du Pont sans Eau, which translates as "the hill of the bridge with no water."

Most of the action came on the Cote de la Croix Neuve (hill of the new cross), which measures only three kilometers in length but is a steep challenge at an average gradient of slightly more than 10 percent — that's more than the 8.1 percent average gradient of the much longer Alpe d'Huez.

A sea of fans lined both sides of the road up the Cote de la Croix Neuve, and the crowd was disappointed when French contender Romain Bardet couldn't keep up with the leaders.



# Brewers' Hader apologizes to teammates

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — One by one, the Milwaukee Brewers filed into an auditorium at Miller Park as reliever Josh Hader offered his latest apology for years-old tweets that surfaced during the All-Star Game.

Those racist, homophobic social-media messages were thoughtless mistakes he made as a teenager, Hader said. He sought to reassure fellow Brewers that the vile words didn't represent the man he has become, one who has learned — in part because of baseball — to reject the language of bigotry.

His teammates had his back on Friday.

Fellow All-Stars Jesus Aguilar of Venezuela and Lorenzo Cain, who is African-American, were among those who stood directly behind Hader during

a news conference about 90 minutes before the Brewers returned from the break by hosting the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"It's amazing. It tells me that they have my back and that we are a true family," Hader said about the show of solidarity.

Hader spoke to teammates earlier Friday in the clubhouse. Outfielder Brett Phillips said the reliever offered a sincere apology. Manager Craig Counsell described Hader as remorseful.

"I just want them to know that I'm sorry for what I did back in the day and the mistakes that I made," Hader said, "and that they are a family to me and that they (the tweets) aren't me and what I meant."

The 24-year-old Hader also apologized and took responsibility for the tweets after the All-Star Game, saying they

did not reflect his values or the person he is now.

The tweets included uses of a slur used to disparage African-Americans and one that simply said "KKK."

Said Hader: "They were never my beliefs. I was young. I was saying stuff out of just ignorance and that's just not what I meant."

Until Tuesday, Hader was best known as the hard-throwing left-hander in the Brewers' strong bullpen. He has been a lights-out reliever since coming up to the majors in June 2017.

Hader's 6-foot-3 frame, long hair and glasses give him a unique look on the mound. A filthy fastball and knee-buckling slider allowed him to strike out 89 in just 48 innings.

Several of Hader's tweets from 2011 and 2012 were unearthed Tuesday while he was

pitching in the All-Star Game. Hader learned of the situation when he left the game.

The tweets stirred a range of emotions among some players who took part in an optional workout on Thursday that did not include the Brewers' five All-Star representatives. Teammates voiced support while also saying they wanted to hear from Hader.

"Today was big for him. A sincere apology was needed and he did — you could tell in his voice that he's very, very sorry," said Phillips, Hader's roommate for the past four years. They have lived together since their days in the Astros organization before being traded to the Brewers in 2015.

The next step for Hader is getting back on the mound. He didn't pitch in Friday's 6-4 loss.

## Sports briefs

# Kurt Busch captures pole position in New Hampshire

Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Kurt Busch is set to crank up contract talks with Stewart Haas-Racing.

With his deal expiring at the end of the season, the 2004 NASCAR Cup champion is on the hunt for a new agreement that would keep him in the SHR fold and with Monster Energy again on board as a primary sponsor.

"I don't know many drivers that have a primary sponsor with them," Busch said. "Monster Energy has been very loyal to me. That's what they've told me. It's just a matter of when is the time to start talking contract. Last year, it went long just because I felt I deserved more."

Busch didn't sign a contract for this season until last December — though it seemed a formality he would re-sign, his status was in limbo once SHR declined a contract option in

August. The Busch, 39, is in his fifth full season with SHR and has five of his career 29 wins with the team.

"There's a lot of things that move, so we'll see how it all comes together," Busch said.

Busch has crafted a reputation as one of the best wheelmen in the game, and he added to it Friday when he turned a lap of 133.591 mph in the No. 41 Ford to win the pole for the NASCAR race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Busch, who won his third pole of the season, was the only one of the four SHR drivers to reach the final round of qualifying. He needs the boost from starting out front — Busch hasn't won a race since the 2017 Daytona 500 and has just three top-five finishes this season.

Martin Truex, who won last week at Kentucky, will start second in Sunday's race and Kyle Busch third.

In other auto racing news:

## Dolphins owner was keeping options open

Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross says he hadn't decided whether to actually discipline players who protest during the national anthem when he formally told the team that the demonstrations could be punishable.

Ross said in a statement Friday that the one-sentence reference to "Proper Anthem Conduct" in the team's official discipline policy was merely a placeholder as the organization tried to comply with league rules.

The team's policy was obtained Thursday by The Associated Press and listed anthem conduct under behavior that could be found "detrimental to the club." The NFL and NFL Players Association said in a joint statement Thursday night that they planned to pause enforcement on league anthem

rules while working out a resolution acceptable to players, team owners and the league.

## Wild, Dumba agree to 5-year, \$30M deal

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Wild and Matt Dumba agreed Saturday on a five-year, \$30 million deal to keep the 23-year-old defenseman in Minnesota after a breakout year.

Dumba had 14 goals and 36 assists to go with a plus-15 rating in 82 games last season, when he had career highs in games played, goals, assists, points, game-winning goals (4), power-play assists (10), time on ice (23:48), shots on goal (176), hits (136) and blocked shots (112).

Dumba will be paid \$5.2 million in 2018-19, then \$7.4 million, \$4.8 million, \$7.4 million and \$5.2 million over the contract, which has an annual salary cap hit of \$6 million.

# Carpenter powers Cards in rout of Cubs

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Already in the midst of a monster game, Matt Carpenter almost left too early.

Carpenter stuck around for one more swing, and connected for a three-run homer Friday that capped off a historic performance for the St. Louis Cardinals in an 18-5 romp over the Chicago Cubs.

Carpenter hit three home runs and two doubles, going 5-for-5 with seven RBIs. He tied the major league record for extra-base hits in a game, and became the first player to do it in just six innings.

“I’m having a hard time to come up with words to describe a day like this,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter led off the game at Wrigley Field with a home run against Jon Lester. With the Cardinals comfortably ahead, interim manager Mike Shildt contemplated resting him.

“I almost didn’t take the last

at-bat. He came up to me, they had the lefty on the mound and he said, ‘Hey, what do you think?’” Carpenter said.

“I was actually OK with Jose (Martinez) coming in, we had a big lead, we have a lot of games piling up in the next couple of days. I was honestly OK with it,” he said. “And then I looked at the situation knowing that if I was going to get up, there was going to be runners on base so I went back up to him and said, ‘Hey, I’ll take this last one, for sure,’” Carpenter said.

It turned into a huge day for Carpenter, who exited after that last homer.

“I can’t think outside of T-ball that I have ever done that, certainly a first for me,” he said.

Carpenter became the 14th player with five extra-base hits in a game, and the first to do it for the Cardinals.

Trailing 15-1 after Carpenter’s third homer, the Cubs used three position players to pitch the rest of the way — in-

fielder Tommy La Stella, back-up catcher Victor Caratini and versatile Ian Happ. La Stella and Caratini gave up homers as the Cubs became the first team since the 1979 Milwaukee Brewers to use three position players on the mound in a game.

The NL Central-leading Cubs lost for just the fourth time in their last 17 games.

Carpenter joined Cubs star Kris Bryant as the only players in the majors to hit three home runs and two doubles in a game. Bryant homered in this game, too, as did teammate Willson Contreras.

Carpenter has homered in four straight games. During that stretch, he is 9-for-16 with six home runs, three doubles and 10 RBIs.

The leadoff homer by Carpenter was his team-record sixth of the season and 21st of his career, matching the club mark held by Hall of Famer Lou Brock.

“It’s super humbling to be mentioned in the same sentence as Lou. Anytime you’re in any kind of record with an organization like this, it is certainly humbling. It’s a privilege to put on this jersey and play for an organization that has such a cherished history and any time you can be a part of it, it’s pretty neat,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter hit a two-run homer in the second off Jon Lester (12-3). Carpenter doubled twice in the fourth and hit a three-run drive, his 23rd this year, off reliever Brian Duen- sington in the sixth.

Carpenter has faced Lester more than any other pitcher during his career, but was just 7-for-50 (.140) with 14 strikeouts and one home run against the lefty until breaking loose.

Lester (12-3) was tagged for a season-high eight runs on seven hits and five walks in three innings. It was his first loss since a 1-0 loss to Cleveland on May 23.

## MLB roundup

### Tapia’s grand slam leads Rockies past Diamondbacks

Associated Press

PHOENIX— The Colorado Rockies allowed a run on a passed ball, another when a player failed to cover the bag on a steal attempt. A third came in when a runner scored from second base on a wild pitch.

The miscues and a whole lot of hits by the Arizona Diamondbacks put the Rockies in three-run holes twice.

They kept battling back and ended up with their sixth straight victory thanks to a player with two career home runs hitting a grand slam against one of baseball’s best relievers.

Pinch-hitter Raimel Tapia hit a grand slam in Colorado’s six-run seventh inning off Archie Bradley, Nolan Arenado had a pair of two-run homers and the Rockies rallied to beat Arizona 11-10.

**Braves 8, Nationals 5:** Stephen Strasburg (6-7) was batted around by visiting Atlanta, then engaged in a heated spat with teammate Max Scherzer in the dugout during Washington’s loss.

**Dodgers 6, Brewers 4:** Manny Machado singled twice and walked twice in his debut with visiting Los Angeles, which used a tiebreaking RBI single by Chris Taylor to beat sliding Milwaukee.

**Astros 3, Angels 1:** Dallas Keuchel took a no-hitter into the seventh and finished with 7<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings of two-hit ball in visiting Houston’s win over Los Angeles.

**Mets 7, Yankees 5:** Yoenis Cespedes homered in his return from the disabled list, Noah Syndergaard won his second straight start since coming back from an injury and the Mets beat the host Yankees.

**Red Sox 1, Tigers 0:** David Price pitched four-hit ball into the seventh inning and visiting Boston kept right on rolling in its first game after the All-Star break, beating Detroit.

**Phillies 11, Padres 5:** Carlos Santana homered and drove in four, Cesar Hernandez had a two-run double and Philadelphia overcame a four-run first-inning deficit to beat visiting San Diego.

**Marlins 6, Rays 5:** Derek Dietrich homered twice, including a three-run shot in the seventh inning that broke a tie, to lead Dan Straily (4-4) and Miami over host Tampa Bay.

**Blue Jays 8, Orioles 7 (10):** Aledmys Diaz singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning as Toronto beat visiting Baltimore.

**Royals 6, Twins 5:** Lucas Duda homered and drove in three runs, Danny Duffy

earned his first home win in 11 months and host Kansas City held on to beat Minnesota.

**Rangers 9, Indians 8 (11):** Edwin Encarnacion had an RBI single in the 11th inning to lift AL Central-leading Cleveland to a victory over host Texas.

**Mariners 3, White Sox 1:** Wade LeBlanc and two relievers combined on a five-hitter, and Seattle beat visiting Chicago.

**Pirates 12, Reds 1:** Sean Rodriguez homered and drove in four runs, Starling Marte hit a grand slam and Pittsburgh extended its winning streak to a season-high seven games by routing host Cincinnati after a rain delay.

**Giants 5, Athletics 1:** Dereck Rodriguez pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning for his fourth straight win, leading visiting San Francisco past Oakland.