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## Trump puts GIs in spotlight at Yokosuka

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ABOARD THE USS WASP, Japan — A sailor and a Marine shared the stage with their commander in chief during a Memorial Day rally on the USS Wasp.

President Donald Trump spoke Tuesday to 1,000 sailors and Marines and a few service-members from other branches aboard the amphibious ship, which was moored at Yokosuka Naval Base, the home of the 7th Fleet. Trump also toured the JS Kaga, a helicopter carrier of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force moored at Yokosuka, with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Trump had plenty to tell the troops about his state visit to Japan and meetings with Abe and Emperor Naruhito, who assumed the throne this month.

But the president also surprised an enlisted sailor and Marine by calling them onto a stage and inviting them to say a few words of their own.

Marine Staff Sgt. Daniel Patterson got the first call.

“Every single generation of Staff Sgt. Patterson’s family has served in the military all the way back to the Revolutionary War, but Staff Sgt. Patterson was the first to choose the Marines,” Trump told his audience. After two tours of duty in Afghanistan, Patterson — “a daring and mighty warrior” — asked to go to Japan, Trump said before inviting the young Marine on stage to speak.

“It’s an honor and privilege to be here with you, Mr. President, and I definitely didn’t expect this,” Patterson said. “It’s an honor and privilege to serve with my fellow sailors and Marines. ... If we sleep on it for even a second, we won’t be the ultimate power in the world.”

Trump then told the story of Pfc. John Schaeffer, of Tower City, Pa., who fought in an Army special operations unit in Burma (now Myanmar) during World War II under the command of Gen. Frank Merrill.

“Although Pvt. Schaeffer sadly perished in the battle of Burma, his deep love of country endures in someone very special with us today, his great-nephew, Senior Chief Petty Officer Dan Schaeffer,” Trump said before inviting him to say a few words too.

“I know a lot of others have families who served as well. Memorial Day is a day when we honor fellow Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice,” Schaeffer said before thanking his shipmates, fellow Marines and the president.

Trump added a few words of his own in remembrance of those who gave the full measure in service to their country.

“This Memorial Day in the U.S., Americans are having a sacred day of remembrance, reflection and prayer,” the president said. “Citizens all across the country came together to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes and honor their selfless acts of courage. The citizens of our country are

incredible. They love our country and they love you.”

Trump’s visit to the Japanese carrier underscored the evolving defense relationship between the two countries. The Kaga and its sister ship, the JS Izumo, are the largest vessels in the Japanese fleet at more than 800 feet long and displacing 27,000 tons fully laden.

Japan is planning to turn the vessels into its first aircraft carriers since World War II by modifying them to support F-35B Lightning II short take-off and vertical landing stealth fighters. The Marine Corps, which deployed a squadron of F-35Bs to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, in January 2017, has already demonstrated the aircraft’s ability to operate from an amphibious ship in Far East waters.

Trump said Japan plans to buy 105 F-35s and that the USS America, a larger amphibious assault ship, would soon be deployed to the Pacific carrying “brand-new F-35Bs.”

## President: US ‘not looking for regime change’ in Iran

*Los Angeles Times*

TOKYO — The U.S. is “not looking for regime change” in Iran, President Donald Trump said Monday, distancing himself from the more bellicose views of some of his advisers amid a period of rising tensions.

In recent weeks, the administration has dispatched an aircraft carrier to the waters near Iran, ordered additional troops to the Middle East and tightened economic sanctions, prompting many Democrats — as well as U.S. allies in Europe and Asia — to fear that the two nations are heading toward combat.

Trump, however, took a more conciliatory tone during a news conference here with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, downplaying tensions with Iran and North Korea.

“These are great people — has a chance to be a great country with the same leadership,” he said of Iran. “We’re not looking for regime change. I just want to make that clear. We’re looking for no nuclear weapons.”

That’s a considerably more modest goal than top administration officials have suggested. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, for example, has laid out a

far-reaching case against Iran in a series of speeches over the last year. In the first, just over a year ago, he described Iran in uncompromising terms as a security threat and vowed an all-out campaign of economic sanctions that would leave the country “battling to keep its economy alive.”

National security adviser John Bolton has long advocated regime change in Iran. In 2015, as he campaigned against the Obama administration’s nuclear agreement with Tehran, he wrote that “the real solution to the ayatollahs’ nuclear weapons program is to get rid of the

ayatollahs.”

Trump has periodically pushed back against his aides’ saber-rattling toward Iran. Whether his comments reflect a true difference in views or just one of rhetorical emphasis has been the subject of intense speculation.

Since he was a candidate, Trump has often denounced U.S. policies that led to wars in the Middle East, and he has advocated pulling U.S. troops out of conflict zones in Syria and Afghanistan. But he has surrounded himself with hard-line advisers who supported those past military efforts.

# USS Preble to be first destroyer equipped with high-energy laser

*The Honolulu Star-Advertiser*

The Pearl Harbor-based USS Preble will be the first destroyer to be equipped with a high-energy laser to counter surface craft and unmanned aerial systems, according to a published report, with the Navy planning to one day use the powerful light beams to defend against Chinese or Russian cruise missiles.

Rear Adm. Ronald Boxall, the Navy's director of surface warfare, told Defense News that the Preble will be outfitted in 2021 with the High Energy Laser and Integrated Optical-dazzler with Surveillance system, or HELIOS.

"We are making the decision to put the laser on our [destroyers]," Boxall said, according to Defense News.

"It's going to start with Preble in 2021, and when we do that, that will now be her close-in weapon that we now continue to upgrade."

The Phalanx close-in weapon system is used now to defend against airborne threats by spitting out a stream of projectiles from its automated 20 mm Gatling gun.

The Navy awarded Lockheed Martin a \$150 million contract in 2018, with options worth up to \$943 million, for the development of two high-power laser systems for testing on a destroyer and on land.

With the HELIOS system, Lockheed Martin said it will "help the Navy take a major step forward in its goal to field a laser weapon system aboard surface ships."

The Congressional Research Service said in a May report that the Navy is developing three new ship-based weapons: solid-state lasers, an electromagnetic rail gun and a gun-

launched guided projectile that "could substantially improve" the ability of Navy surface ships to defend against surface craft, unmanned aerial vehicles and, eventually, anti-ship cruise missiles.

"Any one of these new weapons, if successfully developed and deployed, might be regarded as a 'game changer' for defending Navy surface ships" against enemy missiles, the report states.

Hawaii already has been a test site for the gun-launched guided projectile, also known as the hypervelocity projectile, as well as flight-testing of a hypersonic vehicle.

The Navy has made "substantial progress" toward deploying lasers on ships, which would be used initially for jamming or confusing (i.e. "dazzling") enemy surveillance sensors and for countering small boats and unmanned aerial vehicles, the research service said.

The Modern War Institute at West Point wrote in late 2018 that drone swarm technology is a growing threat.

The report said China is interested in swarm technology as a method of attacking aircraft carriers.

Iran's Defense Ministry, meanwhile, announced in March that it had conducted an exercise in the Persian Gulf involving 50 combat drones.

The HELIOS effort is focused on rapidly fielding a 60-kilowatt, high-energy laser with "growth potential" to 150 kilowatts.

Lockheed Martin said it demonstrated that a 10-kilowatt system can defeat small airborne targets with the "speed-of-light" capability and that a 30-kilowatt system had disabled a stationary truck target.

# Trump polls troops on design of carrier

*Bloomberg News*

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump told U.S. troops stationed in Japan he plans to order traditional steam-powered catapults aboard American warships instead of newer electromagnetic systems that he said may not work as well during wartime.

Trump polled the sailors and Marines on the USS Wasp on steam versus electric catapults Tuesday during a visit to the Yokosuka naval base south of Tokyo, the biggest overseas U.S. naval installation.

The troops' cheers were audibly larger for steam catapults — used to launch aircraft off navy ships — and Trump took note.

"We're spending all that money on electric and nobody knows what it's going to be like

in bad conditions," he said. "So I think I'm going to put an order — when we build a new aircraft carrier, we're going to use steam."

The U.S. Navy intends to buy two Ford-class aircraft carriers, Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said earlier this year.

The Ford has long been a source of frustration for Trump, who has bashed the carrier's Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System, or EMALS, which is replacing the steam catapults.

"Steam's only worked for about 65 years perfectly. And I won't tell you this because it's before my time by a little bit, but they have a \$900 million cost overrun on this crazy electric catapult," he said.

# Upcoming Mattis book will not be Trump tell-all

*Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Former Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis has a book coming out this summer, but he warns that it will not be a "tell-all" about President Donald Trump.

"Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead" will be published July 16, Random House announced Tuesday. Co-written with Bing West, the book will be an "expansive account" of the retired general's military career, according to the publisher. Mattis will write about conflicts from Afghanistan to Iraq and use those experiences for lessons on war and peace.

The book was under contract before Mattis became defense secretary in early 2017, although it will touch upon events over the past couple of years, a Random House spokesperson told The Associated Press. But

"Call Sign Chaos" should be far different in tone from such scathing best-sellers as James Comey's "A Higher Loyalty" and Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury."

"My purpose in writing this book is to convey some of the lessons I learned in 43 years of service for those who might benefit, whether in the military or in civilian life," Mattis, 68, said in a statement. "I'm old-fashioned: I don't write about sitting Presidents, so those looking for a tell-all will be disappointed. I want to pass on the lessons and experiences that prepared me for challenges I could not anticipate, not take up the hot political rhetoric of our day."

The book's title comes from Mattis' call sign, "Chaos," while he led the 7th Marine Regiment in the mid-1990s.



# Tornadoes tear through Ohio and Indiana

Associated Press

BROOKVILLE, Ohio — A swarm of apparent tornadoes so tightly packed that one crossed the path carved by another tore across Indiana and Ohio overnight, smashing homes and blowing out windows. One person was killed and dozens were injured.

The storms were among 52 twisters that forecasters may have touched down Monday across eight states stretching eastward from Idaho and Colorado.

The winds knocked homes off their foundations, toppled trees and hurled so much debris that it could be seen on radar, and highway crews had to use snowplows to clear an interstate.

Some of the heaviest damage was re-

ported just outside Dayton, Ohio.

"I just got down on all fours and covered my head with my hands," said Francis Dutmers, who with his wife headed for the basement of their home in Vandalia, about 10 miles outside Dayton, when the storm hit with a "very loud roar" Monday night.

The winds blew out windows around his house, filled rooms with debris and took down most of his trees.

In Celina, Ohio, 81-year-old Melvin Dale Hannah was killed when winds blew a parked car into his house, Mayor Jeffrey Hazel said Tuesday.

"There's areas that truly look like a war zone," Hazel said.

Storm reports posted online by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center showed

that 14 suspected tornadoes touched down in Indiana, 10 in Colorado and nine in Ohio. Six suspected tornadoes were reported in Iowa, five in Nebraska, four in Illinois, three in Minnesota and one in Idaho.

Thunderstorms that spun off the Colorado tornadoes dropped hail as large as tennis balls, with pea-size hail reported in the Denver area.

A large tornado struck near Trotwood, Ohio, eight miles from Dayton, and Mayor Mary McDonald reported "catastrophic damage" in the community of 24,500 people. Several apartment buildings were damaged or destroyed, including one complex where the entire roof was torn away, and at least three dozen people were treated at emergency rooms for cuts, bumps and bruises.

## Hunter says he took photo with enemy corpse

The Washington Post

Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., told a town hall audience Saturday that he took a picture of himself with a dead combatant during his military service, according to local media outlets — a potential violation of the United States' rules of warfare.

Hunter, a Marine Corps veteran, made the remarks while speaking about the case of Eddie Gallagher, the Navy SEAL chief who is accused of killing an Islamic State prisoner under his care. Gallagher, who has pleaded not guilty, also took pictures next to the slain man, according to news reports.

"Eddie did one bad thing that I'm guilty of too — taking a picture of the body and saying something stupid," Hunter said at the meeting about border issues in the Southern California town of Ramona, according to the Times of San Diego.

Hunter, who served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan when he was on active duty (he later was deployed to Afghanistan as a reservist), said he had taken pictures "just like that when I was overseas," according to the Times. Hunter said he did share the images.

The San Diego Union-Tribune also reported that Hunter had made the remarks. The town hall was mostly focused on border security issues.

According to the Department of Defense's Law of War Manual, enemy military dead must be treated with "the same respect as would be afforded to, or expected for, friendly military dead."

"The respectful treatment of the dead is one of the oldest rules in the law of war," the manual reads. "Enemy military dead must be protected from disrespectful or degrading acts ... posing with bodies for photographs or leaving a 'calling card' on

a body are also inconsistent with the respectful treatment of the dead."

Hunter did not respond to a request for comment sent to two staffers.

The Department of Defense did not respond to a request for comment.

Hunter and his wife, Margaret Hunter, were charged last year by federal authorities in connection with using \$250,000 in campaign funds to pay for family vacations and other personal expenses. Both have pleaded not guilty; the trial is set to begin later this year, according to The Associated Press.

The discussion about military treatment of foreign combatants has taken on an increased urgency in recent weeks, after President Donald Trump pardoned Michael Behenna, a former Army lieutenant who served five years in prison for the 2008 murder of an Iraqi citizen.

## Former Mo. governor will not serve as Navy SEAL

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Former Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens' request to return to active duty with the Navy has been approved, but he will not serve again as an elite Navy SEAL.

Greitens will be assigned to the Navy Operation Support Center in St. Louis as a general unrestricted line officer, which usually involves performing

general office jobs, Navy Personnel Command spokeswoman Cmdr. Karin Burzynski said.

Greitens, 45, resigned as governor in June 2018 amid allegations of sexual misconduct and campaign finance violations. He made his former status as a Navy SEAL a cornerstone of his gubernatorial campaign and tenure as governor.

The news that Greitens is returning to the Navy was criticized by some who said it sent the wrong message while the military is grappling with an increase in sexual assaults, The Kansas City Star reported.

Rep. Jackie Speier, a California Democrat who has pushed Congress to combat sexual assault in the military, said it is "beyond pathetic" that the

Navy would even consider allowing Greitens to return to active service.

"He should be court-martialed," said Speier, who is chairwoman of the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee. "Retaining him sends a horrible signal about what the Navy values and its unwillingness to hold officers accountable."

# Study: E-cig flavorings may pose heart risk

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — E-cigarettes aren't considered as risky as regular cigarettes, but researchers have found a clue that their flavorings may be bad for the heart.

Longtime smokers who can't kick the addiction sometimes switch to e-cigarettes in hopes of avoiding the cancer-causing chemicals in tobacco smoke.

But cigarette smoking doesn't just cause lung cancer. It's a leading cause of heart attacks too, and little is known about e-cigarettes and heart disease. Chemicals in the inhaled vapor may pose unique risks that are important to understand, especially as more and more teens take up vaping.

"It's not possible for me to go into a patient and strip their artery and test it" for a reaction to vaping, said Dr. Joseph Wu,

director of Stanford University's cardiovascular institute.

So his team tried the next best thing for a study published Monday. In laboratory dishes, they grew cells that normally line healthy human blood vessels. They exposed the cells to six different e-cigarette flavorings, testing if the flavors — not just the nicotine — caused any effects.

They also tracked what happened when those cells were bathed in blood taken from people right after they had an e-cigarette, the way chemicals from vaping would make their way to the cardiovascular system. They also compared the cells' exposure with blood from nonsmokers and people who smoked a regular cigarette.

Vaping and some flavorings, even without nicotine, triggered blood vessel dys-

function that can increase the risk of heart disease, the researchers reported in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*.

Cinnamon and menthol seemed the most toxic. But overall, cells showed signs of damage and were inflamed, less able to form new blood vessels or heal wounds.

Small laboratory studies like this one can't prove vaping really does harm, cautioned Dr. Jane Freedman, of the University of Massachusetts, who wasn't involved in the research. But she said the work should spark additional safety testing.

The findings "suggest that even without the smoke of combustible cigarette products, there may be a smoldering fire of adverse health effects," she wrote in an accompanying editorial.

## Knife-wielding man attacks schoolgirls in Japan

Associated Press

KAWASAKI, Japan — A man carrying a knife in each hand and screaming, "I will kill you!" attacked a group of schoolgirls near a school bus parked at a bus stop just outside Tokyo on Tuesday, killing two people and injuring 17 before killing himself, officials said.

Most of the victims were students at a Catholic elementary school who were lined up at the bus stop near Noborito Park in the city of Kawasaki when a man in his 50s began slashing them with knives. City officials, quoting police, said the suspect was captured but died from a self-inflicted slash in his neck.

Witnesses described a hellish scene: children and adults falling to the ground, some with their shirts soaked with blood, dozens of children running and screaming for help and school bags and books scattered on the ground.

"I heard a scream so I stopped and turned around to see what happened. It was not a normal tone of voice," said Yasuko Atsukata. She said she saw one person collapse, and then another. "The color of their white shirts turned red after they collapsed, then I understood they got stabbed."

In a nearby parking lot, a frightened-looking boy was in shock with scratches on his face, hands and legs, apparently from falling to the ground as he ran for his life.

Police wouldn't confirm specifics about the attacker except that he died.

His identity and motive weren't immediately known.

Kawasaki city official Masami Arai said most of the injured were students at Caritas Gakuen, a local Catholic school founded by Soeurs de la Charite de Quebec, an organization of Catholic nuns in Quebec City in Canada. Arai said three of the injuries were serious.

"We have sad news that one of our students was killed in the attack," school Director Hiroaki Takamatsu said at a news conference, choked with emotion. "I don't know what to say to our students and their parents."

## Italian leader vows to unite EU populists after vote

Associated Press

MILAN — Italy's victorious right-wing leader, Matteo Salvini, said the European elections have created "a new geography" of anti-elite sentiment in the European Union. But it is far from certain that he will be able to forge a bloc from parties who are united around a strict euroskeptic, anti-migrant, anti-Islam platform but little else.

Salvini — who saw his once-regional League party surge to win 34% of the vote in Sunday's European Parliament ballot in Italy from just 6% five years ago — is hoping to unite 100 to 150 EU deputies into a bloc to fight deeper EU integration in the 751-seat legislature.

He is likely to have many fewer.

The Europe of Nations and Freedom parliamentary group — which includes Salvini's League among its eight official members, along with the far-right leaders of France, Germany and the Netherlands — can claim 58 seats following the European vote.

Far-right National Rally leader Marine Le Pen, who narrowly won France's European vote, brings 22 seats to add to Salvini's 28, making them the dominant players in the group.

Salvini is looking to the fiercely euroskeptic leaders in Poland, Hungary and Britain — all the top European vote-getters in their countries — to fill out the ranks of

his bloc.

Their victories mean "there is a desire for future, there is a desire for change, there is a desire for work, there is a desire for dignity," Salvini said Monday.

But so far, there is no evidence that leaders from other populist parties will respond to Salvini's call.

Nigel Farage, the leader of the Brexit Party, won nearly a third of the votes in Britain's European ballot but doesn't appear to want any alliances in a parliament that he is planning to abandon as soon as possible. Poland's nationalist, conservative Law and Justice party has balked at Salvini's and Le Pen's sympathies for Russia, Warsaw's old nemesis.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## WWII vet finally gets a belated graduation

**FL** TAMPA — A 95-year-old World War II veteran donned a cap and gown and walked with other graduates at a Florida high school.

Joe Parricone missed his original 1943 graduation because he enlisted in the Army and was shipped off to Europe. He finally had the chance to participate in a ceremony Saturday in Tampa.

WTSP-TV reported his family had told the story about Parricone's missed graduation for years. But this year his grandson decided to do something about it.

So Tom Palermo contacted the Hillsborough County School Board and made the event happen.

## Explosives found to be inert, pose no threat

**NY** NEWBURGH — Authorities are investigating how some fake, inert explosive devices turned up in parking lots in a town in New York's Hudson Valley, while noting that there's no danger to the public.

The FBI tweeted Sunday about the peculiar finds in Newburgh, about 70 miles north of Manhattan. Newburgh police said the objects were discovered in parking lots of a mall and a nearby supermarket around 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Authorities haven't released a description of the objects or specified how many were found.

## City works to preserve Liberty Row heritage

**OH** CLEVELAND — Cleveland is working to preserve the heritage of cen-

tury-old trees planted to commemorate area soldiers who died in World War I.

The planting of the 9-mile stretch of red oaks that runs through Cleveland and into suburban Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights marked its 100th anniversary on Memorial Day.

Local officials are taking an inventory of remaining Liberty Row trees, many of which have died over the years, with some plaques lost or damaged.

Between 1919 and 1924, more than 800 oak trees were planted, each with a bronze plaque at its base engraved with the name of a fallen soldier.

## Road closed after bee boxes fall off truck

**WA** PULLMAN — Traffic was disrupted in a Washington state city when boxes holding thousands of bees fell off a truck.

The Moscow-Pullman Daily News reported the boxes fell off a Washington State University truck Thursday in Pullman.

Pullman police took a call on the accident shortly after 7:30 a.m. Police Chief Gary Jenkins said an officer described thousands of bees buzzing through the air while university employees put on protective gear and picked up the boxes. A road was closed until just before 10 a.m.

The WSU Department of Entomology has a breeding program and research lab to study and protect bee populations.

## Ban on Styrofoam containers considered

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Rhode Island lawmakers are considering proposals to ban food service establishments from using disposable foam containers and plastic

stirrers.

Democratic Rep. David Bennett, of Warwick, introduced the bill. It's based on legislation signed by Maine's governor in April that bans single-use food and drink containers made from polystyrene foam — commonly known as Styrofoam — in 2021.

Maine was the first state to ban the containers. Connecticut's House passed a ban last week, which awaits Senate action.

Environmental groups have sought such bans amid rising public awareness of how foam and plastic accumulates in oceans.

Bennett said he wants to eliminate waste that's generally not recycled. He's sponsoring a separate bill to prohibit restaurants from providing plastic straws, unless the customer requests one.

## Navy vessel relocating for D-Day anniversary

**IN** EVANSVILLE — A restored World War II naval vessel will move to a more prominent location along the Ohio River in Evansville in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

The LST 325 troop landing ship will be docked at the former site of the Tropicana Evansville casino boat June 6-9. Free tours of the ship will be offered.

The ship took part in the 1944 D-Day landings in France and was brought back to the U.S. from Greece in 2001 to be restored.

## Ranchers say eagles are killing livestock

**OR** ASTORIA — Northern Oregon ranchers say they're losing lambs to predation by bald eagles.

The Daily Astorian reported Ben Parker, of Brownsmead, has lost four lambs and suspects the same eagle killed them all.

Wildlife photographer Neal Main said the eagle population has exploded. The raptors were removed in 2007 from the federal Endangered Species Act list and can be found in nearly every Oregon county.

Federal and state officials say predation by bald eagles on the North Coast remains rare. An animal may die in a field from other causes but be found with an eagle eating it.

Killing eagles remains illegal.

## Court OKs 'Borgata Babes' case for trial

**NJ** ATLANTIC CITY — A state appellate court said five cocktail waitresses who sued an Atlantic City casino for gender bias and a hostile work environment can take their case to trial.

The woman initially sued the Borgata casino in 2008, claiming the dress code for the "Borgata Babes" created a culture of humiliation and harassment. They also argued the casino shouldn't be allowed to control how much the waitresses weighed.

The case has been dismissed by a trial court, and has been appealed twice.

The appeals panel decision published Monday found some of the casino's enforced standards included harassment of women for their weight while battling illness or while pregnant. But overall, the weight requirement itself didn't violate New Jersey's anti-discrimination law.

The Borgata declined comment on the ruling.

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# Strategy key for Stanley Cup

Associated Press

BOSTON — Bruce Cassidy didn't mince words or hide behind the secrecy of playoff hockey.

The Boston Bruins coach telegraphed the most important matchup of the Stanley Cup Final on the morning of Game 1. As long as he had the last change and the ability to dictate matchups, his top line of Brad Marchand, Patrice Bergeron and David Pastrnak would play against the St. Louis Blues' red-hot line of Jaden Schwartz, Brayden Schenn and Vladimir Tarasenko.

In the chess match that is every playoff series, Cassidy's first move put Boston down two goals in Game 1. His quick thinking on pulling the plug on that experiment helped the Bruins come back to win 4-2 Monday night with fourth-line forward Sean Kuraly and third-pairing defenseman Connor Clifton the unlikely heroes. Cassidy at times put his fourth line of Kuraly, Joakim Nordstrom and Noel Acciari against the Schenn line with great success.

Almost 80% of teams that win Game 1 have gone on to win the Cup, but how Cassidy,

Blues coach Craig Berube and their teams adjust will have a say in that. Game 2 is Wednesday night.

"We've used Kuraly's line all year against good lines and we decided to go that route," Cassidy said. "It worked out for us tonight and we'll re-evaluate it on Wednesday."

With so much talent, size and skill on each side, there are limitless combinations Cassidy and Berube can tinker with. Depth and some good luck with health got these teams here, and both will be tested in a bruising, stick-snapping, helmetless-hitting series.

Boston has the lead. It's Berube's turn to respond.

"They're going to do good things," Berube said. "They're a good team and they're going to force us into bad situations and things like that, but we need more than we gave tonight."

The Blues have to be satisfied with how they limited Marchand, Bergeron and Pastrnak's scoring chances at even strength, giving up only an empty netter to Marchand. Even the Bruins' power-play goal came with the second unit on the ice. But the Blues know they won't be able to hold down Boston's top line forever, so

the onus is on defensemen like Colton Parayko and Jay Bouwmeester to keep this up.

And the Bruins' biggest stars understand that despite the contributions from unlikely sources, they need to produce.

"We know we have to get better as a line," Pastrnak said.

If Berube prefers power against power, which contributed to goals by Schenn and Tarasenko, he also might need to make some changes to tackle Boston's ability to get goals from its entire lineup.

Kuraly had just two goals in the playoffs coming in and Clifton one, but after the Bruins tilted the ice and dominated from the second minute of the second period on, it seemed a matter of time until goaltender Jordan Binnington cracked.

Binnington was under siege as the Bruins outshot the Blues 30-12 in the final two periods. After stopping 83 of the 85 shots he faced in Games 5 and 6 of the Western Conference final and the first period Monday, he will need to be locked in as the series goes on.

"Stuff's going to happen, you got to handle it," Binnington said. "We'll regroup and prepare for the next game."

## Krug's hit helps lift Bruins

Associated Press

BOSTON — Torey Krug flew down the ice with his helmet off, like his big, bad predecessors on the Boston defense from the days of Eddie Shore and Bobby Orr.

He lined up St. Louis center Robert Thomas and knocked him off his skates, delighting the crowd and sending an unmistakable message to rest of the Blues: The Bruins had woken up from their 11-day layoff, and they were ready to fight for the Stanley Cup.

"I think it gave our team energy, and that's all you're trying to do out there," Krug said after Boston rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat St. Louis 4-2 in Game 1 on Monday night. "Hopefully it gave the guys a boost on the bench."

Sean Kuraly scored to break a third-period tie and assisted on another goal, and Tuukka Rask stopped 18 shots to help the Bruins complete their comeback. Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night.

The Bruins got goals from defensemen Connor Clifton and Charlie McAvoy.

Brad Marchand added an empty netter with about three minutes left, but the unofficial clincher came when Krug got up off the ice after losing his helmet in a tussle with David Perron in front of the Boston net.

"That was awesome," teammate Marcus Johansson said. "That was fun."

Thomas paid the price for Perron making Krug mad, and the Blues weren't all that happy about the hit. Krug did skate a long way — he was catching up to the play — and while St. Louis coach Craig Berube said he didn't see the hit, some of his players took some exception to it.

"You know, you don't want to mess with that guy," Clifton said. "Don't make that guy mad."

## NHL to weigh expanding video review

Associated Press

BOSTON — NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said Monday the league will consider expanded video review after some high-profile missed calls during the playoffs.

During his annual speech prior to Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final, Bettman said general managers will discuss potential expansion of video review next month. He didn't even wait for questions from reporters to address the issue that has been something of a cloud over this postseason.

"The ability to review and parse plays down to the millisecond has become both a blessing and a curse," Bettman

said. "If we are to extend video replay, and we will be looking at that possibility, we must find the right balance when it comes to how much more to use and when to use it without affecting the flow, pace and excitement of our game. ...

"What I can say with absolute certainty is everyone involved is going to take a hard look at this issue in the upcoming months. No one should doubt that we want to get it right."

With Vegas leading 3-0 in Game 7 in the first round, Cody Eakin was assessed a major penalty for a hit on San Jose's Joe Pavelski that the league later told the Golden Knights was not the right call. The Sharks scored four times on the

ensuing major penalty and won 5-4 in overtime.

San Jose also won Game 3 of the Western Conference final after officials missed a hand pass immediately before the overtime winner. A hand pass is not subject to review, and Bettman said he, Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly, director of hockey operations Colin Campbell and director of officiating Stephen Walkom were all unhappy with what transpired.

"What I thought was it would be good if I kept my head from exploding," Bettman said. "It was unfortunate to say the least. It was clearly a missed call and it led to a goal. You don't ever want to see a game decided like that."



# No. 1 Osaka survives scare at French Open

Associated Press

PARIS — The wind was swirling, Naomi Osaka's shots were flying everywhere except where she wanted and her debut as the No. 1 seed at a Grand Slam tournament was not going well. Not well at all.

In the first set of her first match at the 2019 French Open, Osaka didn't even manage to grab a game. How bad was it? Her opponent had zero winners of her own in that set, because every point came via an error off Osaka's racket. In the second set, Osaka was just two points from bidding adieu to Roland Garros.

And yet, somehow, Osaka held it together enough to work her way back into things, overcome all of those many mistakes and stretch her winning

streak at majors to 15 matches by eventually emerging to beat Anna Karolina Schmiedlova of Slovakia 0-6, 7-6 (4), 6-1.

"I can see that I can play against everyone — and she's also just a human," the 90th-ranked Schmiedlova said, "and that I could beat her, definitely."

Clay has never been Osaka's best surface; her power-based style is more suited to hard courts, such as those at the U.S. Open, which she won last September, or the Australian Open, which she won in January to become the first tennis player from Japan to be ranked No. 1.

Her only first-round exit in 13 appearances at majors came at the French Open two years ago. The only 6-0 Grand Slam set she has lost came Tuesday.

Yet after having a career record of 9-11 on clay entering this season, she had been 7-1 on the slow stuff in 2019. She talked about feeling more and more comfortable on the surface and assured everyone that the abdominal and thumb injuries she'd dealt with in recent weeks were no longer any issue.

But nothing seemed right at the outset against Schmiedlova, who has never been past the third round at a major and is now 6-15 in openers.

In her next match, Osaka will face two-time Australian Open champion and former No. 1 Victoria Azarenka.

In other action on Day 3, 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro played Grand Slam tennis for the first time since fracturing his right knee-

cap and moved into the second round at Roland Garros by beating Nicolas Jarry 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

"My main goal is still the knee, my health. And I'm looking forward to (being) 100 percent in the second part of the year," said the No. 8-seeded del Potro, the runner-up to Novak Djokovic at last year's U.S. Open. "Once I get in good shape again, I can be focused on the result, you know, in different tournaments, different surfaces. That's what I want to think about — not only my knee or my wrist or whatever."

Another top man, No. 5 Alexander Zverev, struggled before edging John Millman 7-6 (4), 6-3, 2-6, 6-7 (5), 6-3 in 4 hours, 8 minutes.

## UCLA gets top seed for NCAA baseball tourney

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Pac-12 baseball champion UCLA won each of its series for the first time in program history, didn't lose a midweek game and ended the regular season on a 10-game winning streak.

The Bruins (47-8) were rewarded for their remarkable consistency Monday with the No. 1 national seed in the NCAA Tournament.

"We have a terrific conference. We believe it's the No. 1 conference in the country from top to bottom," UCLA coach John Savage said. "The competitiveness they were challenged with all season, we stepped up, and we definitely feel we're prepared for the next part of the season."

The 64-team tournament opens Friday in 16 regionals. Winners advance to eight best-of-three super regionals. Those winners move on to the College World Series in Omaha.

The No. 2 seed is Vanderbilt (49-10), which has won 22 of its last 23 games and is the first

team to sweep the Southeastern Conference regular-season and tournament championships since it did so in 2007.

Behind UCLA and Vanderbilt are Georgia Tech (41-17), Georgia (44-15), Arkansas (41-17), Mississippi State (46-13), Louisville (43-15) and Texas Tech (39-17).

The top eight seeds play at home for super regionals if they win their regionals.

Seeds nine through 16 are Oklahoma State (36-18), East Carolina (43-15), Stanford (41-11), Mississippi (37-25), LSU (37-24), North Carolina (42-17), West Virginia (37-20) and defending national champion Oregon State (36-18-1).

The selection committee sprung two surprises, picking Georgia Tech as the No. 3 national seed even though the Yellow Jackets didn't win the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season or tournament titles and giving TCU an at-large bid even though the Horned Frogs (32-26) are No. 59 in the RPI.

## Buckner, forever linked to World Series blunder, dies

Associated Press

Bill Buckner was an All-Star and batting champion, a gritty gamer who was welcome on any team.

A reliable fielder, too.

But a little grounder forever changed his legacy.

Buckner, who made one of the biggest blunders in baseball history when he let Mookie Wilson's trickler roll through his legs in the 1986 World Series, died Monday. He was 69.

"He deserved better," former Dodgers teammate Bobby Valentine tweeted.

Buckner died after a long battle with Lewy body dementia, his family said in a statement. The disease causes Alzheimer's-like symptoms along with movement and other problems.

Buckner made his major league debut as a teenager, played until he was 40 and amassed 2,715 hits. Yet for all he accomplished, it was his October error at first base that fans always remembered.

Trying for their first crown since 1918, the Boston Red Sox led the New York Mets 5-

3 going into the bottom of the 10th inning in Game 6 at Shea Stadium. The Mets tied it with two outs, then Wilson hit a roller up the first base line that got past a gimpy Buckner, a mis-play that let Ray Knight rush home from second base with the winning run.

The Red Sox lost 8-5 in Game 7, and their World Series drought continued until they won the championship in 2004.

"You can look at that Series and point fingers in a whole bunch of different directions," Buckner said a decade ago. "We did the best we could to win there and it just didn't happen and I didn't feel like I deserved" so much blame.

Over time, Buckner became pals with Wilson.

"I was saddened to hear about Bill's death," Wilson said in a statement. "We had developed a friendship that lasted well over 30 years. I felt badly for some of the things he went through. Bill was a great, great baseball player whose legacy should not be defined by one play."

# Bellinger homers, nails 2 runners in win

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Cody Bellinger is not only producing runs for the Los Angeles Dodgers, he's preventing opponents from scoring them.

The slugger hit his 19th homer and threw out two runners from right field, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 9-5 victory over the New York Mets on Monday.

"It was a fun day," said Bellinger, who leads the NL with seven outfield assists. "You don't have many opportunities to affect a game from both sides, so when you do it is special."

In a marquee pitching matchup between Cy Young Award winners Jacob deGrom and Clayton Kershaw, the teams combined for 14 runs and 32 hits. Kershaw (5-0) allowed three runs and 10 hits in six innings.

Bellinger's throw to get Carlos Gomez at third and complete a double play in the eighth might be one of the plays of the year. Gomez tagged up when J.D. Davis' bases-loaded fly ball was caught by Bellinger 30 feet in front of the warning track. He fired perfectly on the fly to third baseman Justin Turner, who applied the tag just before Gomez's hand touched the bag — stopping a run from scoring.

"You're going to see that on highlights for the next 30 years. They're going to be playing that over and over," Mets manager Mickey Callaway said. "They played great defense tonight. When you swing the bats like they do and play great defense, they are going to be tough to beat."

The Mets got four of their first five hitters on base but took themselves out of a big first inning when Michael Conforto was cut down at home on a great throw from Bellinger while trying to score from second on Todd Frazier's single.

Two innings later, Bellinger hit a solo homer off deGrom to

put the Dodgers up 2-1.

The Dodgers nailed two runners at home plate and had three outfield assists.

"The arm strength is one thing, but the arm accuracy is another. We saved ourselves an inning of baseball with those plays," manager Dave Roberts said.

Chris Taylor and pinch-hitter Kike Hernandez also homered for the Dodgers, who have won 10 of 12. Kenley Jansen entered with the bases loaded and pitched 1<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scoreless innings for his 15th save.

Davis and Adeiny Hechavarria each hit a two-run homer for the Mets.

## MLB roundup

# Arcia, Brewers stop Twins' streak at 6

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins have built the best record in the major leagues, fueled by a massive power surge.

Their six-game winning streak was stopped, fittingly, by the Milwaukee Brewers with a big swing from Orlando Arcia.

Arcia drove in three runs, including a go-ahead homer in the eighth inning, before Josh Hader struck out Miguel Sano on three pitches with two runners aboard Monday night to preserve a 5-4 victory for the Brewers.

"I was just trying to find a way to get the runner over, and thankfully I was able to get my hands through and get good contact on the ball," Arcia said through a translator.

The Twins, who fell to 19-7 in May, had a one-run decision for the first time in 11 games. They outscored their opponents 53-16 during their six-game streak.

"Even when you play pretty well, you're not going to win every game, especially when you run into a good, talented team," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said.

**Red Sox 12, Indians 5:**

Sandy Leon hit a three-run homer off Oliver Perez after the Indians reliever caused an odd stoppage asking for new footwear. J.D. Martinez homered twice and host Boston beat Cleveland.

Jackie Bradley Jr. added two RBI doubles for the Red Sox, who have won 18 of 26.

**Athletics 8, Angels 5:** Jurickson Profar and Josh Phegley homered off former Oakland starter Trevor Cahill and the host Athletics rolled to their 10th straight win.

Albert Pujols hit his 642nd career homer for the Angels.

**Marlins 3, Nationals 2:** Jose Urena pitched seven solid innings, Washington's bullpen blew another lead behind ace Max Scherzer and visiting Miami beat the Nationals to avoid a four-game sweep.

After Scherzer went six innings and left leading 2-1, Tanner Rainey allowed the tying run in the seventh for the Nationals' 11th blown save, matching the Chicago Cubs for most in the majors.

**Yankees 5, Padres 2:** Clint Frazier, Brett Gardner and Gary Sanchez homered, Manny Machado was booed and greeted with chants of "Over-rated!" in

his first visit to New York since free agency and the Yankees beat San Diego for their eighth win in nine games.

New York used Chad Green as an opener for the third time, and he struck out the side in the first. David Hale (1-0) allowed two runs and three hits over the next four innings for his first win since 2015.

**Astros 6, Cubs 5:** Gerrit Cole tied a season high with 12 strikeouts in six solid innings and host Houston reached Cole Hamels early and held on for a win over Chicago.

Anthony Rizzo hit a two-run homer in the first inning, but Cole (5-5) dominated after that, allowing two singles and striking out 10 in the next five innings.

**Rockies 4, Diamondbacks 3 (11):** Raimel Tapia singled in the winning run in the 11th inning to give host Colorado another dramatic victory.

Ian Desmond set up Tapia's clutch swing with a double that hit the top of the right-field fence and bounced into play. On the next pitch, Tapia hit a grounder through the middle for his second career game-ending RBI.

**Rays 8, Blue Jays 3:** Yonny Chirinos was pulled after five no-hit innings and host Tampa

Bay beat Toronto.

Chirinos (6-1) made his 11th appearance and fifth start this season. Oliver Drake relieved to begin the sixth and gave up a leadoff single to Luke Maile. Five Rays relievers completed a four-hitter.

**Pirates 8-1 Reds 5-8:** Jose Iglesias hit his first career grand slam off Mitch Keller in the right-hander's major league debut, and host Cincinnati routed Pittsburgh for a split of their day-night doubleheader.

Derek Dietrich and Yasiel Puig added back-to-back homers in the seventh.

The Pirates rallied to win the opener, going ahead to stay when Bryan Reynolds hit a tiebreaking, two-run triple off David Hernandez (1-3) in a four-run eighth. Starling Marte followed with a homer that made it 8-4.

**Mariners 6, Rangers 2:** Daniel Vogelbach hit a mammoth two-run homer in the seventh inning, Kyle Seager drove in his first run of the season and host Seattle beat Texas to snap a six-game losing streak.

**Orioles 5, Tigers 3:** Renato Nunez and Jonathan Villar homered, and host Baltimore benefited from several miscues by skidding Detroit.