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## Trump to tout US-Philippines alliance

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CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines — President Donald Trump is expected to tout the importance of the U.S.-Philippines alliance while in the country for a summit of Asian leaders, a State Department official told a group of mostly pro-Trump veterans here over the weekend.

“The U.S. remains fully committed to its alliance with the Philippines,” Michael Klecheski, deputy chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Manila, told those marking Veterans Day on Saturday at Clark Veterans Cemetery. “That’s the message that Trump will bring with him.”

The president arrived in the country on Sunday evening to start the final leg of an Asia tour that has taken him to Japan, South Korea, China and Vietnam. He was scheduled to attend a dinner that evening celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Association of South-

east Asian Nations, or ASEAN.

On Monday, he’ll celebrate the 40th anniversary of U.S.-ASEAN relations and will hold several meetings with Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte and other leaders.

Trump originally was scheduled to depart Manila on Monday but added a day to the visit so he could participate in the summit more fully.

Relations between the longtime allies cooled last year after U.S. officials criticized Duterte’s sweeping anti-drug crusade. Thousands have died in the extrajudicial killings of both drug dealers and users, and Duterte told reporters last year he would be “happy to slaughter” 3 million

The Filipino strongman responded to the criticism by calling President Barack Obama a “son of a whore” and vowing to seek closer ties with China and Russia. He also cut bilateral military training and called for the departure of U.S. special operations forces from his country.

However, American help for Philippine troops battling Islamic militants in the southern city of Marawi and an end to public criticism by U.S. officials — Trump has praised Duterte’s handling of the drug crisis — appears to have led to a thaw. Duterte said last month the dispute is “water under the bridge” and promised to be “friendly” to the U.S.

During Saturday’s Veterans Day ceremony at Clark, Maj. Gen. Arnold Mancita, who leads the Philippine Air Force’s Air Logistics Command, thanked the U.S. for providing weapons during the Marawi siege.

It took 12,000 Filipino troops about five months to free the city of 200,000 people on the southern island of Mindanao from 1,000 extremists who had pledged allegiance to ISIS. They were defeated with the help of the Philippine Air Force’s FA-50 Fighting Eagle jets, which dropped 500-pound bombs onto the enemy, said soldiers in Marawi.

When planes ran low on am-

munition during the fight, the U.S. sent bombs from Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, Mancita said.

Troops in Marawi last week also credited U.S. training and intelligence for helping them defeat the insurgents.

“The U.S. is very proud that we were able to help fight the scourge of terrorism [in Marawi],” Klecheski told the veterans at Clark.

Most veterans there were ready to give Trump a warm welcome, according to their speeches and comments at Saturday’s Veterans Day ceremony.

Neil McAuliffe, 70, a retired Army noncommissioned officer living in nearby Angeles City, said he was excited about the president’s visit.

“He’s the type of person we need — a person who will get things done and honors veterans,” he said.

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## New Army fitness test to have strength, power events

By MARTIN EGNASH

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — After almost 20 years of evaluating approaches to fitness, the Army will introduce a new, combat skill-centered fitness test in 2020.

The lead time gives the Army a chance to assess a pilot program while giving soldiers around the world time to modify their existing fitness regimes.

“The Army has been talking about doing this for a long time, but with an end date in mind we know this is for sure coming up,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Micheal Sutterfield, of U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria.

Grading is likely to go through many changes before 2020, but Sutterfield said that enough progress has been made that

soldiers can begin planning for this type of test safely.

“There is a big difference in the mindset of what these two tests measure,” Sutterfield said. “The Army (physical fitness test) is a great test to measure someone’s overall fitness. But the (combat readiness test) measures explosive power, strength and the kind of fitness a soldier would need in combat.”

The CRT will be as minimally gender specific as possible, Sutterfield said. “It’s everyone’s job to be combat-ready,” he said.

It consists of the following six events, encompassing a variety of muscle movements:

■ **Deadlift:** A weighted bar is lifted off

the ground. The more weight lifted, the higher the score.

■ **Standing power throw:** The soldier lifts a weighted ball off the ground and throws it behind them. The score is measured by distance thrown.

■ **T-push-up:** A push-up, except the arms are extended to make a “T” shape at the bottom of the movement.

■ **Leg tuck:** The soldier hangs from a bar and bring the knees up to the midsection.

■ **Spring/drag/carry:** The soldier simulates sprinting into combat, then drags and carries another soldier out of the area.

■ **2-mile run:** This is the same, but is expected to be more difficult after completing the earlier events.

## Mass graves found in Iraq could hold up to 400 bodies

Associated Press

KIRKUK, Iraq — Iraqi security forces have found mass graves that could contain up to 400 bodies in an area recently retaken from Islamic State, an Iraqi official said Sunday.

The bodies of civilians and security forces were found on an abandoned base near Hawija, a northern town retaken in early October, said Rakan Saed, Kirkuk's governor. He didn't say when authorities will start exhuming the bodies from the mass graves.

Khalaf Luhaibi, a local shepherd who led troops to the site, said ISIS used to bring captives to the area and shoot them dead or pour oil over them and light them on fire. The area was strewn with torn clothing and what appeared to be human bones and skulls.

Iraqi forces have driven ISIS from nearly all the territory it

once controlled. Authorities have already uncovered several mass graves in other newly liberated areas.

U.S.-backed Iraqi forces have driven the extremists from nearly all the territory they once controlled, with some fighting still underway near the western border with Syria.

On Saturday, Iraq's prime minister announced an operation to capture a patch of territory on the western edge of the country near the border with Syria. Hours later, the Iraqi Defense Ministry announced capturing the Romana area, saying the troops will head to the nearby town of Rawa.

According to Ahmed al-Asadi, a spokesman for the Shiite-majority paramilitary forces, Rawa is the last Iraqi town held by ISIS. The militant group still controls some scattered small villages in mainly desert areas.

## Bahrain says militants linked to Iran targeted oil pipeline

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — An explosion ripped through a pipeline belonging to Bahrain's state-run oil company and sent flames shooting up into the night sky, with officials on Saturday blaming the blast on an attack by militants guided by Iran.

No one was injured in the explosion late Friday night near the village of Buri and no militant group immediately claimed the blast. However, it potentially opens a new front in the low-level insurgency plaguing Bahrain since its 2011 Arab Spring protests.

The explosion damaged cars and nearby buildings, forcing firefighters to evacuate those close to the flames in Buri, just outside the capital, Manama.

Authorities later extinguished the blaze on the pipe-

line belonging to the state-run Bahrain Petroleum Co.

Bahraini Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa said in a statement that the blast was "the latest example of a terrorist act performed by terrorists in direct contact with, and under instruction from, Iran." He did not say what caused the explosion, nor did he name any suspects.

Bahraini Foreign Minister Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa later tweeted that the explosion had targeted a pipeline running between the island nation and neighboring Saudi Arabia, which provides financial and security support to the kingdom.

This "is a dangerous Iranian escalation aimed at terrorizing citizens and damaging the world's oil industry," the minister tweeted.

## Floodgates open for Trump's DOD picks

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Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Even as Sen. John McCain began his battle against brain cancer in July, the Arizona Republican and powerful chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee was quietly waging another kind of war.

That month, President Donald Trump's Pentagon nominees going before McCain's committee came to a screeching halt, triggering a more than three-month drought for the effort. The committee didn't hear from another slate of new candidates for top military posts until this month.

McCain later would reveal he was battling the Pentagon and the administration for more transparency on a number of military issues, and was holding the line on nominees facing potential conflicts of interest because of defense industry backgrounds.

"The reason these nominations have not been acted on as rapidly as possible is because failures of communication between this committee and the Pentagon, which is a shame, since I have known them for many, many years," McCain told a new group of Pentagon nominees during a Nov. 2 hearing — the first such meeting since July. But "we intend to move your nominations through as soon as possible. We need you to get to work."

In early October, McCain said he was holding Pentagon nominations hostage as a result of a disconnect between Congress and Pentagon administration officials. McCain railed that the officials, including longtime friend Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, were not forthcoming on several major concerns, including two deadly Navy ship collisions last summer, a change in war strategy in Afghanistan under loosened rules of en-

agement and the ambush last month in Niger that killed four American soldiers.

By late October, the committee saw a turn of events, with several public and closed hearings on the Navy ship collisions, war strategy and Niger. A threat of a McCain subpoena on the Niger ambush triggered a personal Capitol Hill visit among Mattis, McCain and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

"The war is morphing," Graham said after the Mattis meeting.

McCain and other Armed Services Committee members subsequently said they were pleased with the new level of cooperation from the Pentagon and would lift the holds.

The committee advanced three additional nominations to the Senate floor as it heard from four more Trump nominees. The Senate committee approved by voice vote Robert Behler to be director of operational test and evaluation, Thomas Modly to serve as undersecretary of the Navy and James Geurts to be assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition.

This month, the Armed Services Committee is poised to hear from 17 nominees — close to the same number who testified before the panel in the first seven months of Trump's presidency.

By November, the administration had filled 17 of 54 primary Pentagon senior politically appointed positions, according to the Partnership for Public Service, a nonpartisan Washington think tank.

The administration officially has nominated 24 to Pentagon posts, but has yet to name 13 nominees for other vacant positions. But plenty of key positions remain without named candidates. Key vacancies include the Pentagon's top lawyer, an inspector general and an assistant secretary for manpower and reserve affairs.



# Services held for 1st time since attack

Associated Press

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas — Hundreds of people were expected to gather in the tiny town of Sutherland Springs on Sunday to worship with surviving members of a local church where a shooting rampage left more than two dozen people dead.

Members of the First Baptist Church were to hold a church service for the first time since a gunman opened fire inside the small church a week earlier.

Initial plans called for gathering at a community center that could house a few dozen people. When organizers realized about 500 people were planning to attend, the service was moved outside to a baseball park where organizers set up hundreds of folding chairs under a large white tent.

The front three rows were reserved for First Baptist Church members and their families. A steady rain fell while churchgoers filed in.

Church representatives also plan to eventually open a public memorial inside the church, where 26 empty chairs have been placed. Authorities have put the official death toll at 26 victims because one of the 25 people killed was pregnant. Church officials have said the building will likely be demolished.

On Saturday, about 100 people gathered outside the town's community center to commemorate Veterans Day and to honor the shooting victims, nearly half of whom had ties to the Air Force.

"Maybe this will start the healing process that will get Sutherland Springs and Wilson

County to put this horrific tragedy behind us and look to the future," county Judge Richard Jackson, his voice breaking, told the crowd, which included first responders and law enforcement officers.

Jackson, the county's top administrator, thanked the first responders and others who rushed to First Baptist Church in the aftermath of the Nov. 5 shooting, which also wounded about 20 people. What they saw there will affect them the rest of their lives, Jackson said.

Sutherland Springs is about 30 miles southeast of San Antonio and not far from several military posts, including Lackland Air Force Base. The Air Force's chief of staff, Gen. David Goldfein, said 12 of those killed were either members of the Air Force or had family ties to it.

## Allegations against Roy Moore roil US evangelical ranks

Associated Press

For many evangelicals, fiery Alabama politician and Judge Roy Moore has been a longtime hero. Others have sometimes cringed at his heated rhetoric and bellicose style.

Now, as Moore's Republican U.S. Senate campaign is imperiled by allegations of sexual overtures to a 14-year-old girl when he was in his 30s, there's an outpouring of impassioned and soul-searching discussion in evangelical ranks.

Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said Alabama voters face a potentially wrenching task of trying to determine if the allegations — Moore has emphatically denied them — are credible.

According to the Pew Research Center, 49 percent of Alabama adults are evangelical Protestants. For some of them, the Moore allegations echo the quandary they faced last year, wrestling over whether to support Donald Trump in the presidential race despite his crude sexual boasts.

The Rev. Robert Franklin, professor of moral leadership at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, said The Washington Post's report about the Moore allegations represents a test of "moral consistency" for evangelicals.

For Moore himself, Franklin suggested there were "classic evangelical remedies" such as confession, prayer and remorse and isolation.

"Election to higher office is not one of them," Franklin wrote.

Although Trump won 80 percent of the white evangelical vote in his presidential victory, his candidacy exposed and hardened rifts among conservative Christians about partisan politics, the personal character of government leaders and the Gospel. Surveys by the Public Religion Research Institute found that the percentage of white evangelicals who said they still trusted the leadership of a politician who commits an immoral act rose from 30 percent in 2011 to 72 percent last year.

## Trump waffles on issue of election meddling by Russia

Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — President Donald Trump tried to have it both ways Sunday on the issue of Russian interference in last year's presidential race, saying he believes the U.S. intelligence agencies when they say Russia meddled and Russian President Vladimir Putin's sincerity in claiming that his country did not.

"I believe that he feels that he and Russia did not meddle in the election," Trump said of Putin at a news conference in Hanoi with Vietnam's president. "As to whether I believe it, I'm with our agencies. As currently led by fine people, I believe very much in our intelligence agencies."

The CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded that Russia meddled in the 2016 election to help Trump defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton. A special counsel's examination of potential collusion between Moscow and Trump campaign aides so far has led to indictments against Trump's former campaign chairman and another top aide for crimes unrelated to the campaign, and to a guilty plea from a Trump foreign policy adviser.

Multiple congressional committees also are investigating.

Trump commented on the

Russia election issue for the second straight day Sunday, shortly before he arrived in the Philippines, the final stop on a five-country trip to Asia, to attend a pair of international summits. Trump and Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte were seated together at a gala dinner Sunday in Manila celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, sponsor of one of the summits. The two planned more formal talks on Monday.

Duterte has come under fierce criticism from human rights groups for overseeing a violent drug war complete with extrajudicial killings. Trump has praised Duterte's handling of his nation's drug problems and was not expected to publicly challenge Duterte on human rights.

Questions about whether Trump believes the assessment about Russian election meddling have trailed him since January, when he said for the first time, shortly before taking office, that he accepted that Russia was behind the election-year hacking of Democrats that roiled the White House race.

Trump told reporters traveling with him to Hanoi on Saturday that Putin had again vehemently denied the allegations.

# Catalans urged to vote out separatists

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy urged Catalans on Sunday to oust separatists from their regional parliament in an early election he has called for Dec. 21.

Rajoy told members of his conservative Popular Party in Barcelona that “we want a massive turnout to open up a new period of normalcy.”

Rajoy’s visit to Catalonia’s main city was his first to the northeastern region since he used extraordinary powers to stifle its secession push.

After Catalonia’s Parliament voted Oct. 27 in favor of declaring independence, Rajoy responded by firing its government, dissolving its parliament and calling the early election.

Spain’s Constitution says the nation is “indivisible.”

“It’s urgent to return a sense of normality to Catalonia and do so as soon as possible to lower the social and economic tensions,” Rajoy said Sunday. “The threat of the separatists is destructive, sad and agonizing. Secessionism has created insecurity and uncertainty.”

Polls show a tight race ahead in Catalonia between separatists and those who want the region to remain a part of Spain. In Brussels on Sunday, those favoring independence for Catalonia rallied near the European Union quarter.

Rajoy’s conservative Popular Party has won three national elections in Spain since 2011, but it won less than 10 percent of the vote in Catalonia’s regional election in 2015.

It continues to poll behind several other parties in the region, including the pro-business Citizens and the Social-

ists, which are both against secession.

Rajoy defended his decision to temporarily take over running the region under the Constitution, which allows central authorities to intervene in regions whose officials have gone outside the law. Catalonia’s separatists, and even some moderates, have criticized the measures as heavy-handed.

“Exceptional measures can only be taken when there is no other option, and we adopted them to stop the increasing attacks to peaceful coexistence” in Catalonia, Rajoy said.

“For centuries, centuries, Catalonia and Spain have built a country that is multicultural and diverse, and the separatists won’t be allowed to break the ties that bind us.”

Apart from the Catalonia government takeover, a judge has jailed 10 separatist leaders

while investigating their roles in promoting secession. Catalonia’s deposed president and four former members of his Cabinet have fled to Brussels where they will fight extradition.

Rajoy linked the continued economic recovery of Spain, and especially Catalonia, to the removal of pro-independence parties from power.

More than 2,000 companies have relocated their headquarters from Catalonia due to fears of being cast out of the European Union’s common market in the case of secession. Employment numbers also showed that Catalonia fell behind other parts of Spain in October.

“The instability is slowing Catalonia’s capacity to create jobs,” Rajoy said. “But I say that the recovery of legality and normalcy will help reactivate the economy.”

## Emirates opens air show with purchase of a Boeing

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The biennial Dubai Air Show opened Sunday with hometown long-haul carrier Emirates making a \$15.1 billion buy of Boeing 787-10 Dreamliners as the world’s biggest defense companies promoted their weapons amid heightened tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Other airlines also are taking part, but missing this year is one of the region’s largest long-haul carriers, Qatar Airways, amid diplomatic fallout between Qatar and four Arab nations.

The Boeing announcement came after more than an hour and a half of delays by Emirates amid rumors of a possible Airbus sale involving its A380 aircraft, a major workhorse for the airline.

Journalists asked Emirates CEO and Chairman Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum about Boeing’s European competitor

Airbus, specifically its A350.

“We were comparing the two apples,” he said, but found that the Boeing 787 is “the best option” for Emirates “given its maintenance and so on.”

The Boeing 787-10 typically lists for \$312.8 million. Delivery will begin in 2022. Boeing already has 171 787-10s on order. Among those waiting for the aircraft are Abu Dhabi-based Etihad. Boeing builds the 787 at its plant in North Charleston, S.C., which President Donald Trump visited in February.

The air show comes as the Qatar dispute is in its fifth month with no resolution in sight. Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Bahrain cut ties with Qatar in June over its ties with Iran and its support of Islamist groups, accusing the small Gulf state of supporting extremists, charges it denies. The Arab quartet cut direct flights with Qatar and closed their airspace to Qatari aircraft.

## Turkey calls report of plan to kidnap cleric ‘ludicrous’

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Turkey on Sunday dismissed as “ludicrous and groundless” a report that Turkish officials may have discussed kidnapping a U.S.-based Muslim cleric in exchange for millions of dollars.

On Friday, the Wall Street Journal reported that Special Counsel Robert Mueller was investigating an alleged plot involving former U.S. national security adviser Michael Flynn and his son to forcibly remove Fethullah Gulen and hand him over to Ankara for as much as \$15 million.

Turkey blames Gulen for last year’s failed coup attempt. Gulen denies the claim.

In a statement on Twitter, Turkey’s embassy in Washington reiterated demands that the U.S. extradite Gulen so he can stand trial. The embassy said Turkey has been working with U.S. agencies to provide evidence of Gulen’s culpability

and rejected “allegations that Turkey would resort to means external to the rule of law.”

Turkish officials say they have provided U.S. officials with ample evidence for Gulen’s involvement in the coup that killed 250 people. Nearly 50,000 people are behind bars in Turkey, and more than 100,000 civil servants have been dismissed from their jobs for alleged links to the cleric’s network.

Yet questions remain whether Gulen would receive a fair trial in Turkey.

The Turkish Embassy said the Turkish people find Gulen’s continued refuge in the U.S. “perplexing and deeply frustrating.” Gulen has been living in the U.S. for nearly two decades. He was an ally of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan until a public fallout in 2013 led the government to declare Gulen’s network a terrorist group.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Boy Scout honored for saving fellow Scout

**OH** HARRISON — An Ohio teenager has been awarded one of the Boy Scouts' highest honors for helping save another Scout who was pinned by a fallen tree.

Brandon Klotter, 14, was presented with the organization's National Medal of Merit in the Cincinnati suburb of Harrison on Wednesday. The medal was given to him by Max Kramer, the boy he helped save.

In June, Klotter and Kramer were sleeping in their tent at Camp Michaels in Union, Ky., when a tree fell on Kramer. Klotter gave him first aid and ran about a quarter-mile to get help.

Kramer suffered broken ribs, a lacerated lung and a shattered spleen.

## Two get probation for mishandling corpses

**FL** PANAMA CITY — Court records show the operators of a Florida funeral home have agreed to a year's probation for mishandling human remains.

The Panama City News Herald reported that Gregory Dunphy, 66, and Felicia Dione Boesch, 40, agreed to the penalty after investigators found 16 rotting corpses at the funeral home in August 2016.

The pair operated Brock's Home Town Funeral Home. Charges included misdemeanor counts of unlawful preservation and storage of human remains and mishandling human remains. Investigators said bodies were left in open areas of the funeral home for months and were refrigerated improperly. Most were supposed to be cremated.

## Man charged with stealing police cruiser

**RI** PROVIDENCE — A Rhode Island man accused of stealing a state police cruiser while in custody is facing charges.

State police said Saturday that Donald Morgan, 35, of Providence, is charged with escape from custody and other offenses. He was arrested Friday night.

Morgan was being taken to court Thursday and was left alone and handcuffed in the cruiser at the time he is accused of stealing it. The cruiser later was found abandoned.

Two Cumberland, R.I., residents have been charged with harboring Morgan at their residence.

## Preteen and her team break record for slime

**CT** FAIRFIELD — A Connecticut preteen and her team of volunteers have broken the Guinness World Record for the most amount of slime made at one time.

The Connecticut Post reported Madison Greenspan, 12, of Fairfield, and about 100 volunteers made 13,820 pounds of the stuff. They beat the previous world record by almost 3,000 pounds.

## Cops: Nude man enters home, tries on clothes

**FL** NEW SMYRNA BEACH — Authorities said a naked Florida man burst into a woman's home, ran around inside and then tried on some of her clothes before he was arrested.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported that Joseph Vaglica, 40, was jailed on \$25,000 bail.

Police said Vaglica entered the woman's home through the garage door Tuesday and then ran through the kitchen. The woman ran to her stepson's house next door and called 911.

Investigators said Vaglica went into a bedroom and tried on the woman's clothes and then ran outside. He was rolling in the yard with police arrived.

## Ex-substitute teacher gets jail time for film

**OH** COLUMBUS — An Ohio judge has refused to vacate the 90-day jail sentence of a substitute teacher fired after showing Spanish-class students at a Columbus high school a film with graphic sex and violence.

The Columbus Dispatch reported Sheila Kearns' sentence for disseminating matter harmful to juveniles was deferred while she appealed her March 2015 conviction. Franklin County Judge Charles Schneider on Tuesday upheld the sentence.

Kearns, 61, showed several East High Spanish classes "The ABCs of Death" in April 2013. She told investigators she didn't review the film beforehand, thought it had Spanish language scenes and had her back to the screen.

## Court: Judge's trial nap doesn't warrant retrial

**IL** OTTAWA — An Illinois appeals court has ruled that a judge falling asleep during a murder trial doesn't warrant a retrial.

The Illinois Appellate Court panel in Ottawa said Whiteside County Judge Jeffrey O'Connor's alleged nap was harmless as long as he wasn't sleeping during crucial evidence or motions during Nicholas Sheley's 2014 trial for four killings in Illinois and Missouri.

O'Connor allegedly fell asleep while the lights were dim and security camera footage was being played for the jury. O'Connor denied the allegations.

Sheley, who is serving a life sentence, sought a new trial because he alleged that O'Connor repeatedly napped.

## Romance novel model guilty of robberies

**CT** HARTFORD — A romance novel cover model from California has pleaded guilty to robbing a bank and a convenience store in Connecticut.

The Greenwich Time reported David Byers, 35, of San Diego, entered a guilty plea in Hartford on Tuesday. Prosecutors said Byers robbed a Chase Bank twice and a Citgo gas station in Greenwich in April before leading police on a cross-country manhunt.

Police said he evaded officers in Pennsylvania and Arizona before his arrest in San Diego in May. Authorities believe Byers also was responsible for a series of robberies in New York.

## Police supervisor held on drug violations

**TN** MOUNTAIN CITY — A Tennessee police supervisor is accused of exchanging and using drugs while on duty.

The Johnson City Press reported Mountain City police Lt. Ronald Shupe, 44, was arrested Monday and jailed without bond in Jonesborough.

A criminal complaint filed Tuesday said Shupe is charged with two counts, including possession with the intent to distribute oxycodone. The charges stem from an undercover operation.

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# Auburn shakes things up, routs Georgia

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Kerryon Johnson and the Auburn Tigers delivered an emphatic statement to the rest of the Southeastern Conference: Don't forget us.

The 10th-ranked Tigers emerged from the shadows of the nation's top two teams, riding Johnson and a smothering defense to a 40-17 victory over No. 2 Georgia on Saturday.

With Johnson running for 167 yards and catching a 55-yard touchdown pass from Jarrett Stidham, Auburn (8-2, 6-1 Southeastern Conference) remained in Western Division and potentially playoff contention after snapping a three-year losing streak to one of its top rivals. The Bulldogs (9-1, 6-1) came in with the top spot in the playoff rankings and could get a rematch if Auburn can beat No. 1 Alabama in two weeks.

The first go around wasn't pretty for Georgia. The Tigers held Nick Chubb, Sony Michel and the SEC's top ground game to

46 yards, 233 below their season average.

As Auburn coach Gus Malzahn said, "They seized the moment."

"We have a great opportunity right now, and our goal was to win the SEC championship," Malzahn said. "Here we are, Nov. 11, and we're right in the middle of it. And all the dreams we have are still alive."

Johnson ran 32 times and caught two passes for 66 yards. Stidham threw for 214 yards and three touchdowns, all of 30-plus yards. He also ran for a 7-yard score.

"We knew we had a great team, but we had to go out and prove it," Johnson said. "We did that today and that's something we can hang our hat on."

Georgia special teams blunders helped set up three Auburn touchdowns, including a roughing the penalty flag in the first half. The Bulldogs fumbled away a punt return and had a 15-yard personal foul penalty in the third quarter when Auburn pulled away with two touchdowns.

"What made it so lopsided was the un-

characteristic penalties," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said.

Ryan Davis returned a punt 26 yards into Georgia territory, with the flag pushing Auburn even closer to the goal line. Then Davis took a screen pass 32 yards for a touchdown to make it 30-7. Darius Slayton made a 42-yard scoring grab earlier, rolling into the end zone.

The Bulldogs added a touchdown in the final minutes. Chubb gained just 27 yards on 11 carries with a 1-yard touchdown on the opening drive. Michel ran nine times for 21 yards.

Jake Fromm was 13 of 28 passing for 184 yards and a late touchdown pass. Smart said Auburn "whipped" the Bulldogs at the lines of scrimmage.

"Humility is always a week away, and I think this team will answer and respond the right way," he said. "We've got some good leaders in that room, and they want to improve on what they just showed."

## Hurricanes blast Irish Late TD lifts Alabama

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Miami is getting championship rings when this season is over.

Maybe, just maybe, the biggest kind.

The Hurricanes sent two very clear messages to the College Football Playoff committee Saturday night — that they're worthy of being a national title contender and that Notre Dame is not. Travis Homer ran for 146 yards, DeeJay Dallas had a pair of touchdown runs and No. 7 Miami dominated No. 3 Notre Dame 41-8 to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 14 games.

"I never would have predicted what happened," Miami coach Mark Richt said of the rout. "But it happened."

Malik Rosier threw for a touchdown and ran for another for the Hurricanes (9-0, No. 7 CFP), who forced four turnovers for the fourth consecutive week and handed the Irish their second-worst loss in the history of the Miami-Notre Dame series. Only the 58-7 Miami romp in 1985 was more decisive.

"We didn't see this coming," Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly

said. "Obviously, we felt we were prepared to play at a high level. We did not."

And it came on the day that Miami clinched its first trip to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game. The Hurricanes wrapped up the Coastal Division title about an hour before kickoff when Virginia's loss to Louisville went final, giving Miami a berth against Clemson in the ACC title matchup on Dec. 2 at Charlotte.

"It's a tremendous win," linebacker Shaquille Quarterman said. "It's a tremendous moment."

Alize Mack caught a 14-yard pass from Brandon Wimbush for the lone touchdown for Notre Dame (8-2, No. 3 CFP), which hadn't played a road game against the Hurricanes since 1989.

"We are back," former Florida governor and Miami fan Jeb Bush tweeted during the game.

The swagger sure seems like it's back.

"Say whatever you want about us," Miami wide receiver Braxton Berrios said. "But at the end of the day, we're going to make you respect us."

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Mississippi State brought the all-out blitz. Alabama's Jalen Hurts never flinched.

Throwing two perfect passes with less than a minute remaining, the sophomore quarterback carved through Mississippi State's defense and helped deliver a precarious victory for the top-ranked Crimson Tide on Saturday night.

Hurts hit DeVonta Smith for a 26-yard touchdown pass with 25 seconds remaining to lift Alabama over No. 18 Mississippi State 31-24 and save the Tide's undefeated season. On the play before the touchdown — and facing a 3rd-and-15 — Hurts found Calvin Ridley over the middle for a 31-yard gain, just a split-second before Mississippi State's defense crushed the pocket.

"We did a good job of staying together, being one and staying cool and calm," Hurts said. "We did enough."

Alabama (10-0, 7-0 SEC, CFP No. 2) won its 10th straight game against Mississippi State, but this one was

much more difficult than most of the others.

Tide coach Nick Saban wasn't particularly pleased with parts of his team — especially on defense — but he was relieved it responded well to some adversity.

"Sometimes you need hard," Saban said. "If we're going to beat really good teams, if we're going to compete, we've got to learn how to compete in close games where every play counts. Where you've got to play every play for 60 minutes."

Alabama's defense has been dominant for most of the season, but several injuries at linebacker throughout the season finally appeared to take a toll. Mississippi State's power running game gained 172 yards, but in the end Alabama was able to slow the Bulldogs down.

"It hurts," said Mississippi State quarterback Nick Fitzgerald, who threw two Hail Mary attempts to no avail in the closing moments. "It doesn't matter who we lost to or how much we lost by, we lost a game we should have won."

## Academies

# Perry lifts Navy past SMU 43-40

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Coach Ken Niumatalolo was confident Malcolm Perry could provide a spark after Navy played listlessly over the past couple of games.

The versatile sophomore rewarded him with a breakout performance.

Perry ran for 282 yards with four touchdowns in his first start at quarterback, and backup kicker J.R. Osborn hit an 18-yard, game-winning field goal as time expired to give the Midshipmen a 43-40 victory over SMU on Saturday.

“Emotional game against a good SMU team that is playing really, really well,” Niumatalolo said. “Our kids found a way to win. Just really proud of them.”

Perry was originally recruited as a quarterback but converted to slotback in the spring. Starting quarterback Zach Abey was active after suffering a shoulder injury last week against Temple, but Perry got the nod to run the triple-option offense and that proved to be a wise decision for Navy (6-3, 4-3 American Athletic Conference).

Perry had the third most rushing yards in school history before leaving late in the fourth quarter with an ankle sprain. His status is uncertain.

“I felt we needed a spark,” Niumatalolo said about starting Perry. “It was my decision.”

**Army 21, Duke 16:** Chalk up another milestone for Army coach Jeff Monken.

Ahmad Bradshaw scored on an 18-yard run, Javhari Bourdeau returned a blocked punt for a touchdown, and Army beat mistake-prone Duke to finish the season unbeaten in six games at Michie Stadium.

It’s the first Army team to be perfect at home

in a season since 1996. That the victory came on Veterans Day and two years after Duke had embarrassed the Black Knights 44-3 on their home turf made it that much more special.

“Just a fantastic day to be able to represent the Army and the way we did,” said Monken, in his fourth season at West Point. “I think that’s the best thing that we can do on this day is play like we did, with a lot of toughness and a lot of grit.”

“It wasn’t perfect, but in the end it was good enough. I’m really, really proud of our team.”

Army (8-2), fresh from a dominating 21-0 victory at Air Force, has won six in a row.

**Wyoming 28, Air Force 14:** Josh Allen paved the way for Wyoming’s latest win, and his teammates closed it out after he went down with an injury.

Allen passed for one touchdown and ran for another before being sidelined, and Wyoming’s stout defensive play helped it weather the loss of its quarterback in a win over host Air Force.

The Cowboys (7-3, 5-1 Mountain West) scored 21 of their points, including Kellen Overstreet’s 9-yard touchdown run that capped the scoring with 8:51 remaining, off three Air Force (4-6, 3-3) turnovers. Allen completed 8 of 11 passes for 70 yards, including a 17-yard scoring pass to Jared Scott before being injured early in the third quarter. He also had a 2-yard touchdown run.

“We felt confident we were going to win with or without Josh,” said Wyoming running back Trey Woods, who ran for a touchdown and helped set up the Cowboys’ final score. “Having him on our team is a big plus, but when he’s not out there we know we can win it for him.”

## Top 25 roundup

# Coach K, Duke win 1,000th

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Make it another K for Coach K — with all of these coming at Duke.

Mike Krzyzewski became the first men’s Division I coach to win 1,000 games at one school Saturday night when his top-ranked Blue Devils beat Utah Valley 99-69 behind 24 points and 10 rebounds from freshman Marvin Bagley III.

Grayson Allen added 18 points for Duke (2-0) while three other freshmen also had big nights: Trevon Duval had 15 points and 12 assists, Gary Trent Jr. added 17 points and Wendell Carter Jr. had 12.

After the game, the Duke players donned T-shirts with the “Coach 1K” logo that also adorned signs given to the fans at Cameron Indoor Stadium and former Duke star Shane Battier hugged his college coach during the postgame ceremony that marked the milestone.

**No. 14 Notre Dame 72, DePaul 58:** At Chicago, T.J. Gibbs scored 21 points to lead Notre Dame in the season opener for both teams.

Bonzie Colson had 18 points and 13 rebounds and Matt Farrell added 15 points for the Irish. Eli Cain and Tre’Darius McCallum scored 14 points apiece for DePaul. Max Strus added 11 points and Devin Gage had 10.

**No. 22 Saint Mary’s 85, Saint Francis (Pa.) 68:** Calvin Hermanson scored 24 points and sparked a pair of big runs with his three-point shooting for host Saint Mary’s.

Jock Landale had 13 points and eight rebounds, Evan Fitzner added 10 points and Emmett Naar scored eight with a career-high 12 assists to help Saint Mary’s to its 16th consecutive season-opening win. Jamaal King had 15 points, Isaiah Blackmon scored 12 and Keith Braxton added 10 for the Red Flash.

# No. 5 Sooners top No. 8 TCU

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Baker Mayfield used his tried-and-true November formula of making spectacular plays and taking advantage of his running game to claim yet another big win.

Mayfield threw three touchdown passes, Rodney Anderson had 290 yards from scrimmage and four touchdowns, and No. 5 Oklahoma rolled past No. 8 TCU 38-20 on Saturday night to take sole possession of first place in the Big 12.

Mayfield improved to 9-0 in November during his Oklahoma career, with seven of those victories coming against ranked opponents. He said the best is ahead because the Sooners are built to play at this time of year.

“We haven’t even hit our peak yet,” he said. “We’re playing well right now. We’re getting better at the right time of the year and that’s pretty

scary for the other teams out there. It’s good for us right now.”

Mayfield strengthened his Heisman Trophy resume by passing for 333 yards and rushing for 50 against a TCU defense that entered the night ranked sixth in the nation in scoring defense and total defense. He did it in front of a crowd of 88,308, the largest home crowd in school history.

“He was a little amped up early,” Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. “He missed a couple of throws that he normally makes. He was really special in scramble situations, and then really settled in there mid-first quarter, and really in the second quarter.”

Anderson ran for 151 yards and two touchdowns and caught five passes for 139 yards and two scores for the Sooners (9-1, 6-1 Big 12, No. 5 College Football Playoff).



## NBA roundup

## Harden's 38 propel Rockets past Grizz

Associated Press

HOUSTON — James Harden scored 38 points to lead the Houston Rockets to a 111-96 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Saturday night.

After suffering two losses to Memphis in the first two weeks of the season, the Rockets finally solved their shooting woes against the Grizzlies.

In their previous two meetings, Memphis held the Rockets to 90 and 89 points, the only two times the Rockets have been held under 100 points this season, and Houston's lowest two scoring efforts ever under head coach Mike D'Antoni.

**Bucks 98, Lakers 90:** Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 33 points to help host Milwaukee overcome Lonzo Ball's triple-double for Los Angeles.

Ball became the youngest player in NBA history to record a triple-double, finishing with 17 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds. At 20 years and 15 days, he bested LeBron James by four days to become the youngest to accomplish the feat.

**Cavaliers 111, Mavericks 104:** Kevin Love had 29 points and 15 rebounds and Kyle Korver scored all 13 of his points in the fourth quarter to help visiting Cleveland beat Dallas.

LeBron James, averaging 36 points in November, had just 19, but two came on an emphatic dunk with 1:08 to play that put Cleveland up 104-100.

**Nuggets 125, Magic 107:** Jamal Murray scored a career-high 32 points, Will Barton had 26 points and nine rebounds — both season bests — and host Denver beat Orlando.

Nikola Jokic had 12 points and 17 rebounds for his eighth double-double of the season and also added eight assists for the Nuggets.

**Warriors 135, 76ers 114:** Kevin Durant returned from missing one game with a leg injury to finish with 29 points, leading Golden State past visiting Philadelphia for its sixth straight win.

**Pelicans 111, Clippers 103:** DeMarcus Cousins had 35 points and 15 rebounds and Anthony Davis added 25 points and 10

rebounds to help New Orleans beat visiting Los Angeles.

**Spurs 133, Bulls 94:** Pau Gasol had 21 points and 10 rebounds and short-handed host San Antonio beat Chicago, setting a season high in points despite missing a third of their roster Saturday night.

**Knicks 118, Kings 91:** Kristaps Porzingis returned after a one-game absence to score 34 points, and Courtney Lee added 20 in host New York's victory over Sacramento.

**Suns 118, Timberwolves 110:** Devin Booker and T.J. Warren scored 35 points apiece and Phoenix snapped a five-game losing streak by beating visiting Minnesota.

**Wizards 113, Hawks 94:** Bradley Beal scored 19 points and host Washington forced Atlanta into a season-worst 24 turnovers.

**Jazz 114, Nets 106:** Donovan Mitchell scored 26 points, including four in the final minute, to lead Utah past visiting Brooklyn.

## NHL roundup

## Forsberg lifts Predators over Penguins in SO

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In a city that appreciates an impressive debut performance, new Nashville Predators center Kyle Turris produced quite a first game Saturday night.

Turris scored a goal, added an assist and led all Predators centers in ice time to help Nashville beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-4 in a shootout. It was the first game in a Predators uniform for Turris, who was acquired from Ottawa last week in a three-way trade.

The only thing Turris didn't do was score on his shootout attempt, but that didn't matter in the end. Filip Forsberg and Kevin Fiala scored shootout goals for the Predators, and Nashville goalie Pekka Rinne allowed only Sidney Crosby to score in the shootout.

The meeting was the second

of the season for the two teams who met last season in the Stanley Cup Final. The Penguins won the first contest 4-0 in Pittsburgh on Oct. 7. Pittsburgh was last in Music City on June 11, when the Penguins beat the Predators in Game 6 to capture the Stanley Cup.

**Senators 4, Avalanche 3:** Mike Hoffman scored two goals to help Ottawa beat Colorado for a sweep of their two regular-season games in Sweden.

Mark Stone and Johnny Oduya also scored for Ottawa, which trailed 3-2 after two periods. Defenseman Erik Karlsson had two assists, giving the captain 17 points in 11 games this season.

Oduya, a Stockholm native, drove a slap shot by Jonathan Bernier at 7:01 of the third, tying it at 3 and delighting the crowd of more than 13,000. Hoffman got the game-winning goal on a

one-timer on a power play with 6:37 left.

**Wild 1, Flyers 0:** Jason Zucker scored his sixth goal in three games and Devan Dubnyk made 32 saves for his second straight shutout, leading visiting Minnesota to the victory.

**Rangers 4, Oilers 2:** Rick Nash scored twice, leading host New York to its season-high sixth straight win.

**Islanders 5, Blues 2:** John Tavares scored early to start New York's three-goal first period, Thomas Greiss stopped 35 shots and the Islanders beat host St. Louis.

**Maple Leafs 4, Bruins 1:** Mitch Marner and James van Riemsdyk each had a goal and an assist, Curtis McElhinney stopped 38 shots and visiting Toronto beat Boston to complete a sweep of a home-and-home series.

**Blackhawks 4, Hurricanes**

**3 (OT):** Brandon Saad scored at 1:44 of overtime, and visiting Chicago got a sorely needed victory on the road.

**Jets 4, Coyotes 1:** Patrik Laine scored in his fifth straight game, Steve Mason stopped 29 shots and visiting Winnipeg rallied from an early hole.

**Canadiens 2, Sabres 1 (OT):** Max Pacioretty scored at 3:08 of overtime, sending host Montreal to the win.

**Blue Jackets 2, Red Wings 1:** Jack Johnson scored in the ninth round of the shootout, lifting Columbus to the road win.

**Devils 2, Panthers 1:** Cory Schneider made 32 saves to help host New Jersey stop a four-game slide.

**Sharks 5, Canucks 0:** Logan Couture and Chris Tierney each scored twice to help host San Jose keep up its dominance over Vancouver.