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Apparent insider attack kills American

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S. servicemember in Afghanistan was killed and another was wounded in an apparent insider attack in Kabul on Saturday, two weeks after a Taliban infiltrator shot and wounded an American general in Kandahar.

The two servicemembers were evacuated to Bagram Air Field, where the wounded servicemember is undergoing medical treatment and is in stable condition, Resolute Support said in a statement.

Initial reports say a member of the Afghan security forces is responsible for the attack, the

statement said. Afghan security forces members immediately killed the attacker.

The attack occurred at the Kabul Military Training Center early Saturday afternoon, said Nasrat Rahimi, deputy spokesman for the Afghan Ministry of Interior.

The attack ended with an Afghan commando dead, although Rahimi declined to comment on whether this commando was a suspect in the killing.

The name of the servicemember who was killed will be released pending notification of next of kin.

Another insider attack on Oct. 18 in Kandahar killed much-revered police chief Gen. Abdul

Raziq and a local intelligence chief. The attack wounded Army

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Smiley, commander of NATO forces in southern Afghanistan, who has been sent to the U.S. for treatment.

The Kandahar attack was part of a monthslong Taliban infiltration operation targeting Raziq, the region's strongman and a key U.S. ally. Insider attacks in recent months also claimed the lives of a Czech soldier and U.S. Army Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Bolyard, a member of the 3rd Squadron, 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade.

There have been 56 reported insider attacks among the Af-

ghan forces this year, according to a government watchdog group. These attacks have left 121 dead and wounded within the Afghan forces.

U.S. and Afghan forces have stepped up efforts to reduce insider attacks by improving training and force-protection procedures and increasing screening of current Afghan troops and recruits, according to a July report to Congress titled "Enhancing Stability and Security in Afghanistan."

The enhanced screening measures resulted in the removal of more than 400 Afghan commandos from the force as of May, according to the report.

Unease spreads as active-duty troops arrive at border

Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — As the first active-duty military troops sent to the U.S. border with Mexico installed coils of razor wire on a bridge and a riverbank Friday, a sense of unease spread across Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

President Donald Trump's portrayal of a border under siege by drug smugglers and other criminals is at odds with what residents in towns along the 1,954-mile divide with Mexico see in their daily routines, with U.S. border towns consistently ranking among the safest in the country.

Some Valley residents question the need for a large military presence and fear it will tarnish the area's image. And some are afraid of violence if and when the caravan of Central American migrants that the troops have been sent to confront reaches the U.S. border.

While the southern tip of Texas is the busiest corridor for

illegal crossings, border agents make many arrests far from public view, on uninhabited banks of the Rio Grande and on nearby dirt paths and roads lined by thick brush.

"I feel safer here than when I go up to bigger cities," lifelong Rio Grande Valley resident Emmanuel Torres said Friday while working at a coffee shop in Brownsville, the region's largest city, with about 200,000 people.

Torres, 19, said the area feels "a lot like family," and he worries the military presence will fuel outsiders' perceptions of a dysfunctional border.

"People that don't live here are just going to create a bigger negative image," Torres said.

When Trump pledged this week to send up to 15,000 troops to the border in response to the slow-moving caravan of migrants, he unnerved the economically struggling region of 1 million people that stretches over flat, sun-drenched citrus

groves and farms of cotton, sugar cane and vegetables.

The Pentagon said more than 3,500 troops have been deployed to staging bases along the border, including about 1,000 Marines in California. Still, there were only about 100 troops at the border on Friday, working at and near a bridge leading to McAllen, Texas, the Rio Grande Valley's second-biggest city, with about 140,000 people.

More than a dozen military members in fatigues were at the northern bank of the river, below the bridge, laying concertina wire. Other soldiers erected wire barriers on the bridge's pedestrian paths.

The largest caravan traveling through Mexico is still weeks away from the U.S. border, and migrants have given no indication where they might cross. The Rio Grande Valley is the shortest route from Central America but also one of the most dangerous.

The troops are being sent in

what has been described as a support role, helping border agents. But Trump said he told the military that if troops face rock-throwing migrants, they should react as though the rocks were rifles.

"It's all preparation in anticipation of the caravan," said Manuel Padilla Jr., the Border Patrol's Rio Grande Valley sector chief. "We're hoping that these people do not show up at the border. They're not going to be allowed in."

Conchita Padilla, a volunteer at the Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, said she believes the U.S. has the right to defend its borders. But she also said she is frightened by the troops because she doesn't know what they will do or how they will react to the caravan.

"My worry is that if they fight each other, there might be innocent people in the way that are suffering consequences," said Padilla, 66. "We are just praying that they go in peace."

Most Tyndall missions to return in months

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WASHINGTON — Tyndall Air Force Base will see the return of most of its missions within three months, the Air Force announced Friday, as the Florida base recovers from damage left behind by Hurricane Michael.

Nine of the 14 missions will be back at Tyndall within one to three months, according to a news release from Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla. All but 500 airmen will return to the base, the Air Force said.

“(Air Force) Secretary (Heather) Wilson assured me today that we will rebuild Tyndall,” Nelson said Friday in the prepared statement. “Tyndall is critical to our nation-

al security and will take a long-term commitment to fully restore the base.”

Tyndall, about 12 miles east of Panama City, took a direct hit from Hurricane Michael, a Category 4 storm, on Oct. 10. The base suffered significant damage to most of its buildings and infrastructure, including to roofs, downed power lines and trees.

Most of the base’s estimated 55 F-22 Raptor aircraft were able to move to other bases before the storm, and several of them were damaged when they were left in hangars at the base because they were in various states of maintenance.

Tyndall has been the main training site for the Air Force’s F-22 Raptors pilots.

The F-22s from the 95th Fighter Squad-

ron that were able to leave and their personnel will relocate and resume operations at three locations: Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii. The aircraft were moved because of insufficient infrastructure at Tyndall to resume their operations, according to the Air Force.

It has not been decided whether the F-22s will return to Tyndall permanently, Wilson told reporters Friday in a conference call, Military.com reported.

Other Tyndall units will move to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, including the 43rd and 2nd Fighter Squadrons’ F-22 Fighter Training and T-38 Adversary Training units.

Trump sticks to familiar turf on trips

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is in the final stretch of a 44-city blitz for the mid-term elections, but the America he’s glimpsed from the airport arrivals and his armored limousine is hardly a reflection of the nation as a whole.

The president has mostly traveled to counties that are whiter, less educated and have lower incomes than the rest of the United States, according to Census Bureau data. It’s a sign that he is seeking to galvanize the same group of voters that helped carry him to victory in 2016.

Trump has largely eschewed the big metropolises for smaller cities. He has been to Tampa, Nashville, Cleveland and Houston — where the arenas could accommodate his crowds. But he’s primarily been jet-setting to smaller places such as Elko, Nev. (population 20,078). Or, Mosinee, Wisc. (population 4,023). Or, Belgrade, Mont. (population 7,874).

Since March, Trump has crisscrossed the country like a salesman with a set territory. The majority of his trips have been to just nine states. They are Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Florida, Missouri, Montana, Indiana, West Virginia and Nevada.

Trump won eight of those states in 2016, but not Nevada. And this year, seven of them feature a major Senate race with a Democratic incumbent. The former casino magnate has visited one city twice for the midterms: Las Vegas.

Here is a portrait of the America that the president is seeing:

■ **Lower incomes:** Trump has journeyed to counties where it’s slightly more of a struggle to reach and stay in the middle class.

Out of his scheduled rallies, 74 percent are in counties with median incomes that fall below the national level. But he’s brought tidings of a

49-year low unemployment rate and accelerated economic growth to places that mostly lag the median U.S. household income of \$55,032.

In September, Trump went to Wheeling, W.Va. The typical household income in the county surrounding Wheeling is \$41,986, or about \$13,000 below the national level. The metro area has lost 818 jobs in the 12 months that ended in August, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. And for West Virginia, coal mine jobs have declined this year after a hiring bump in 2017.

“Your state is booming like never before,” Trump told the crowd in Wheeling. “And our great coal miners are back to work.”

Trump has visited a few affluent counties. He stopped by Rochester, Minn., where incomes are high because of the presence of the world-renowned Mayo Clinic. And during a special congressional election in August, the president campaigned in Delaware County, Ohio, where the median household income of \$94,234 is just shy of being double the national average.

■ **Fewer college degrees:** Just 18.1 percent of the adults in Elko County, Nev. hold a college degree. That’s compared to 30.3 percent nationwide. Of the 43 places Trump is visiting, 28 have a below-average share of college graduates.

Elko’s economy is unique because it relies on mining gold, instead of the office and health care jobs that often require a college diploma. The county has five active gold mines, according to the Nevada Commission on Mineral Resources. This makes it something of an outlier in a country where mining metal ore accounts for 0.03 percent of all jobs.

Trump went to Elko in part to help push for the re-election of Republican Sen. Dean Heller, who is in a tight race against Democratic Rep. Jacky Rosen.

Judge won’t halt case on Trump Hotel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge denied the Justice Department’s efforts to halt legal proceedings in a case accusing President Donald Trump of violating the U.S. Constitution — opening the door for Trump’s critics to soon gain access to financial records related to his Washington, D.C., hotel.

Trump has been fighting multiple lawsuits that argue that foreign representatives’ spending money at the Trump International Hotel is a violation of the Constitution’s emoluments clause, which bans federal officials from accepting benefits from foreign or state governments without congressional approval.

In a sally to prevent the case moving on to legal discovery — which would potentially unearth financial records such as Trump’s income tax returns — Justice Department lawyers had asked Maryland-based U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte to put the case on hold while they appeal his decision to a higher court in Richmond, Va.

That effort failed.

Judge: Ga. must fix 'exact match' voter law

BY ELI ROSENBERG

The Washington Post

Georgia must change its procedures to make it easier for some people flagged under the state's restrictive "exact match" law to vote, a federal judge ruled on Friday, dealing a blow to Republican gubernatorial candidate and Secretary of State Brian Kemp.

The "exact match" law flags voter registrations that are found to have discrepancies, such as a dropped hyphen, with other official identifications. Potential voters are allowed to settle the discrepancy by providing proof of identity.

But the state's procedures under Kemp, whose office oversees elections, stipulated that those who had been flagged as potential noncitizens be cleared first by a deputy

registrar when seeking to vote. In October, a coalition of civil rights groups sued him.

U.S. District Judge Eleanor Ross ruled Friday that the procedures were likely to result in the violation of voting rights for a large group of people and needed to be halted immediately. She said Kemp's restrictions raised "grave concerns for the Court about the differential treatment inflicted on a group of individuals who are predominantly minorities."

The preliminary injunction she issued required the state to change its procedures immediately to allow those flagged, some 3,100 individuals, to prove their citizenship more easily, with a U.S. passport or similar documentation and only to a poll manager. It also signaled that the coalition of civil rights groups that brought the case against Kemp would likely suc-

ceed should the lawsuit continue.

"With respect to Tuesday's election, we deem this a total victory in our fight against Secretary of State Brian Kemp's exact match scheme," said Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. "Our goal in filing this lawsuit was to ensure that no eligible voter was unfairly denied the right to vote because of this discriminatory voter-suppression effort."

Kemp was also ordered to issue a news release explaining how those flagged for potential citizenship issues could still vote by proving their citizenship, as well as offering a phone number for them to call with any questions.

The race between Kemp and Democrat Stacey Abrams has drawn wide national attention.

Supreme Court allows census trial to go ahead

BY MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is allowing a trial over the decision to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census to go forward over the Trump administration's objection.

The justices issued a brief order Friday rejecting the administration's request to postpone the trial, set to begin Monday in New York.

More than a dozen states and big cities, among others, have sued over Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross' decision to add a citizenship question to the census for the first time since 1950.

The lawsuits argue that Ross acted improperly and that the question will discourage immigrants from participating, diluting political representation and federal dollars for states that tend to vote Democratic.

The administration has said the question will allow the Justice Department to enforce the Voting Rights Act more effectively.

The justices recently blocked the questioning of Ross in ad-

vance of the trial but allowed other preparations to continue. The judge in the case, U.S. District Judge Jesse M. Furman, said evidence suggests that Ross may have opted to add the question before asking the Justice Department to seek it.

He also cited proof Ross had overruled Census Bureau staff who concluded that adding it was very costly and would harm the census count. "Most significant, the court found reason to believe that Secretary Ross had provided false explanations of his reasons for, and the genesis of, the citizenship question," Furman said.

Last month, Ross, in a Justice Department filing, said he now remembers speaking with former senior White House adviser Steve Bannon last year about adding a citizenship question to the census. He also recalled discussing it with Attorney General Jeff Sessions in the spring of 2017 and at other times, Justice Department lawyers wrote in the filing.

Ross had previously testified under oath that he was unaware of discussions between himself and anyone in the White House on the subject.

States set records for early voting turnouts

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Associated Press

ATLANTA — More than 30 million Americans have cast early ballots ahead of Tuesday's midterm elections, eclipsing the 2014 early totals nationally and suggesting a high overall turnout for contests that could define the final two years of President Donald Trump's term.

At least 28 states have surpassed their 2014 early votes. And perhaps even more indicative of the unusual enthusiasm this midterm cycle, some states are approaching their early turnout from the 2016 presidential election.

Here's a glimpse at some of the highlights:

■ **Massive turnout:** The 30.6 million ballots includes data from 48 states, with several of those still collecting absentee ballots and welcoming in-person early voters. The total early vote in 2014 was 28.3 million in an election where more than 83 million Americans voted. That was a low turnout (about 36 percent) even by usual standards of a midterm, when there's an

expected drop off from presidential elections.

■ **Unusual booms in states:** It's one thing to see Virginia more than doubling its 2014 early turnout. Voters there showed their intensity last year in their governor's race, with record absentee ballot requests and returns and a solid turnout for both parties.

But then there's Tennessee. The state has settled firmly into Republican-dominated territory. In 2014, there wasn't a single statewide race that received national attention or a truly competitive House election.

But with an open Senate seat thanks to the retirement of Republican Bob Corker, voters are more than eager this year. Through Thursday, early turnout was 217 percent of what it was in 2014. It's even approaching early turnout from 2016, at 80 percent of that presidential-year mark.

■ **Dems lead early ballots:** In states that require party registration, Democrats have cast 41 percent of the early ballots, compared to 36 percent for Republicans.

N. Korea threatens to resume developing nuclear weapons

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea—North Korea has warned it could revive a state policy aimed at strengthening its nuclear arsenal if the United States does not lift economic sanctions against the country.

The statement released by the Foreign Ministry on Friday evening said North Korea could bring back its “pyongjin” policy of simultaneously advancing its nuclear force and economic development if the United States doesn’t change its stance. The North stopped short of threatening to abandon ongoing nuclear negotiations with Washington.

Still, it accused Washington of derailing commitments made by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump at their June summit in Singapore to work toward a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula.

It was the first time the North said it could potentially resume weapons tests and other development activities since Kim signaled a new state policy in April.

In an interview with Fox News’ Sean Hannity on Friday, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he plans to talk next week with his North Korean counterpart, apparently referring to senior North Korean official Kim Yong Chol.

“A lot of work remains, but I’m confident that we will keep the economic pressure in place until such time as Chairman Kim fulfills the commitment he made to President Trump back in June in Singapore,” Pompeo said.

The North Korean Foreign Ministry statement, released under the name of the director of the ministry’s Institute for American Studies, said the

“improvement of relations and sanctions is incompatible.”

“The U.S. thinks that its oft-repeated ‘sanctions and pressure’ leads to ‘denuclearization.’ We cannot help laughing at such a foolish idea,” it said. The ministry described the lifting of U.S.-led sanctions as corresponding action to the North’s “proactive and good-will measures,” apparently referring to its unilateral suspension of nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missile tests. Following a series of nuclear and missile tests last year, Kim shifted to diplomacy when he met with Trump between three summits with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who lobbied hard to revive nuclear diplomacy.

However, the North has been insisting that sanctions should be lifted before any progress in nuclear talks.

UN agency urges open access for Yemen aid

Associated Press

CAIRO — The regional chief of the U.N. children’s agency said Saturday that Yemeni authorities are making it difficult to deliver much-needed humanitarian aid and warned that impeding relief efforts could plunge the country into famine.

Geert Cappelaere told The Associated Press in an interview from Yemen that recent U.S. calls for a cease-fire are imperative to ending the nearly four-year war, which pits a Saudi-led coalition against Iran-aligned rebels known as Houthis.

He visited the Red Sea port city of Hodeida and the rebel-held capital, Sanaa, over the past two days as clashes and airstrikes intensified. He said both the internationally recognized Yemeni government and Houthi rebels “are not enabling us to do our work as fast as we should.”

Cappelaere said he can’t bring the best nutrition experts to the country because of delays in granting visas and that aid agencies face bureaucratic impediments that delay the import of supplies.

He criticized authorities with “other interests” for creating delays in the arrival and distribution of supplies, without elaborating.

Most aid agencies operate in Houthi-held areas where they face movement restrictions. The rebels manipulate aid distribution by providing lists of beneficiaries and sometimes divert aid to their supporters.

Cappelaere’s visit came shortly after the United States called for the cease-fire within 30 days. He said the situation is deteriorating, with millions unable to meet their basic needs.

Yemen has been at war since March 2015, when Houthis occupied northern Yemen, forcing the government into exile.

Erdogan: Khashoggi killing ordered by ‘highest levels of the Saudi government’

The Washington Post

ISTANBUL — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, writing in The Washington Post on Friday, said that the order to kill journalist Jamal Khashoggi “came from the highest levels of the Saudi government” and that “certain Saudi officials” were trying to cover up the crime.

“Our friendship with Riyadh, which goes back a long time, doesn’t mean we will turn a blind eye to the premeditated murder that unfolded in front of our very eyes,” Erdogan wrote in an article for The Post’s Global Opinions section. He concluded, in part, by saying, “We must reveal the identities of the puppetmasters behind Khashoggi’s killing.”

He did not name the officials he believes are covering up information nor offer new evidence for high-level Saudi

involvement.

Erdogan’s comments, which coincided with the one-month mark since Khashoggi’s killing in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, were his most direct attack yet on the Saudi government and its de facto leader, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. As other Middle Eastern states, including Israel, have come to Saudi Arabia’s defense in recent weeks, Turkey has relentlessly demanded answers from the Saudi government. In the face of those demands, Riyadh has offered shifting accounts of how Khashoggi was killed.

This Turkish campaign has invited speculation about whether Erdogan is aiming to sideline Mohammed, whose regional policies have clashed with Turkey’s interests and whom Erdogan is said to personally dislike.

While the Turkish leader did not implicate Mohammed in

the killing, he also did not mention the crown prince by name — even as he absolved Mohammed’s father, King Salman, of any responsibility.

“I do not believe for a second that King Salman, the custodian of the holy mosques, ordered the hit on Khashoggi,” Erdogan wrote. “Therefore, I have no reason to believe that his murder reflected Saudi Arabia’s official policy.”

Saudi Arabia has acknowledged that Khashoggi, a Post contributing columnist, was killed by Saudi agents inside the consulate but has insisted that they were acting outside the state’s authority. Saudi authorities have arrested 18 people, and five officials have been fired, including two of Mohammed’s top aides, the government said. It has not elaborated on what connection, if any, the pair had to Khashoggi’s death.

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Cleveland landlord gets 6-month jail sentence

OH CLEVELAND — A man dubbed one of the city's most notorious landlords was sentenced to six months in jail.

Housing Court Judge Ron O'Leary sentenced Graig Brown Thursday, also ordering him to pay fines and to complete community service. The Plain Dealer reported Brown was convicted of failure to file a certificate of disclosure.

Authorities said Brown long eluded answering in court for nine criminal housing court cases involving his properties or more than a dozen civil cases and judgments he owes to former tenants.

Worker drowns in landfill retention pond

ND WISHEK — A man drowned in a retention pond while working at a landfill in McIntosh County.

Sheriff's officials said the 66-year-old man was doing chemical testing at the Jahner Landfill pond near Wishek when he fell in and drowned Wednesday afternoon.

Sheriff Laurie Spitzer said the man was alone at the time and was self-employed. He was not been identified.

Sex offender allowed to coach Little League

VA VIRGINIA BEACH — A registered sex offender was allowed to coach a Little League team in Virginia for the past two years.

The Virginian-Pilot reported a parent of an Aragona Pembroke Little League player recently learned of 44-year-old William Ghormley's status and notified league leaders, who

already knew. League President Carl Bush said Ghormley posed no threat as his offenses didn't involve a minor.

But court records said the offenses involved two female minors, aged 12 and 13. Bush said Ghormley was fired and banned from the league last month when he learned the victims were minors.

Suit blames firms for water contamination

MI PARCHMENT — A federal lawsuit blames two companies for high amounts of toxic industrial chemicals that were found in drinking water of two southwestern Michigan communities over the summer.

The Kalamazoo Gazette reported Detroit firm Liddle & Dubin sued Thursday in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids on behalf of three Parchment residents. It's seeking class-action status and calls for financial compensation and funding to evaluate the health of area residents.

Health officials in July had warned the some 3,000 people who use the Parchment water system to stop drinking tap water. The water source was switched, and they said in late August that tests in Parchment and Cooper Township found acceptable levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, known as PFAS.

Convict blames no haircut for conviction

WI MADISON — A Racine County man convicted of disorderly conduct argued unsuccessfully that he should have been allowed to get a haircut before trial.

The 2nd District Court of Appeals on Thursday upheld convictions against Keith Eggum

for disorderly conduct and felony bail jumping. Eggum had argued that his constitutional right to due process was violated both because he wasn't allowed to get a haircut and because he had "plucked out" half of his mustache and "plucked out his eyebrow" over his right eye.

Eggum argued the jury could have pre-determined his guilt by his "eccentric appearance."

But the appeals court rejected his argument, saying Eggum didn't provide any legal authority to back up his due process violation argument, which the court called "undeveloped."

Police: Girl bit into candy bar with needle

NM ALBUQUERQUE — Police encouraged parents to check their children's Halloween candy after a girl said she bit into a chocolate bar with a sewing needle in it.

Police said the 12-year-old was trick-or-treating at a park Wednesday in northeast Albuquerque. Police noted that the girl's mother said a person in a vehicle was handing out candy there, though it wasn't known if the candy bar with the needle came from that person.

The girl's mother told officers other motorists were giving candy to children at the park, too.

The girl felt a prick from the needle in her mouth after taking a bite at home.

She was taken to a hospital, where she had lab work done. Police say the candy bar's wrapper is being tested for DNA evidence.

Police find stockpile of weapons at man's home

MA SHIRLEY — State Police said a man was arrested after police found dozens of unlicensed firearms

stockpiled in his home.

Police said they seized approximately 47 illegal firearms, 44 homemade silencers and around 35,000 rounds of ammunition from the 62-year-old Shirley man's home. He was arraigned Thursday in Shirley District Court and was ordered held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing next week.

Worker injured by toppling bucket truck

FL HOMESTEAD — Officials said a construction worker was injured when a bucket truck fell over.

The Miami Herald reported that the articulated boom truck toppled Thursday morning in Homestead.

Miami-Dade Fire rescue said the worker was airlifted to a nearby hospital. His condition wasn't immediately reported.

Officials say a small gas leak caused by the 50-foot lift crashing was easily contained and cleaned up.

Mailbox mauler arrested for DUI

MS BILOXI — A man faces felony DUI charges after he ran over seven brick mailboxes, shrubs and then a car in a subdivision.

WLOX-TV reported the man was arrested by Biloxi police Wednesday. Security video shows a white pickup running over a cable television box, hitting a mailbox and then hitting a parked car in a cul-de-sac.

Resident Gail Moon calls the attack "unbelievable" and a "freak thing." The truck's bumper ended up in a debris pile in her yard.

The unnamed man was charged with felony DUI and jailed on \$50,000 bail.

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Rams, Saints nearly mirror each other

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS— Saints coach Sean Payton has seen plenty of road hazards in the nearly 13 years he's lived in New Orleans, a city where streets routinely crack and buckle atop the spongy landscape of drained swamp and marsh.

That could explain the metaphor at the forefront of Payton's consciousness when he described how he sees Sunday's clash with the unbeaten Los Angeles Rams. Although the matchup between the Rams (8-0) and surging Saints (6-1) has the ingredients of a potential NFC title game preview, Payton suggested that he's better served by approaching the game in much the same way he drives around his adoptive home town.

"You see a team coming in here unbeaten, and you know they are in the NFC, and you recognize the significance of the game," Payton said. "But I look at it more from a team perspective. And I look at it more

from, 'Man, this is the next challenge.'

"So we just stare, in this city, at the pothole in front of us. That's the one we got to worry about. Not the ones that are there coming up beyond that," Payton continued. "And this one sits square in the middle of the street."

Rams coach Sean McVay should take the pothole comparison as a compliment. It's clear the 54-year-old Payton admires what the Rams' 32-year-old, similarly offensive-minded head coach has accomplished in just his first season-and-a-half as a head coach.

"I am a huge fan of Sean's and I have gotten to know him and have a ton of respect for what he has done going on his second year," Payton said of McVay, adding that he "absolutely" makes a point of watching the Rams throughout the season.

"They're a must-watch team," Payton said.

The admiration is mutual when McVay discusses Payton's offense.

"I look at their tape every week, see what they're doing," McVay said. "I also appreciate the aggressive nature that coach Payton comes after people."

"That mindset of never being afraid to fail and always attacking is something that we try to do," McVay added. "It demonstrates a confidence and belief in your players."

Some other story lines surrounding the Rams-Saints showdown, the winner of which will have the inside track to the No. 1 playoff seeding in the conference:

Coach-QB combos

The Saints have been among the NFL leaders in offense since Payton arrived in New Orleans and recruited then-free agent Drew Brees to join him in 2006.

Currently, the Saints rank eighth in yards per game (389.9) and second in points per game (33.4). The Rams offense, with 2016 top overall draft choice Jared Goff under center, rank

second in yards (442.6) and third in scoring (33).

Each team's head coach-QB tandem mirror one another in that Payton and McVay both call offensive plays, putting a premium on their communication and relationship with their quarterbacks. The difference is that Payton and the 39-year-old Brees have been together far longer, and Brees has set prestigious NFL passing records.

"Those guys are two of the best ever to do it together," the 24-year-old Goff said. "Me and Sean (McVay) have a great relationship, and hopefully it'll continue to grow."

Full Kupp

The Rams' biggest lineup addition this week might not be Fowler: They expect to have receiver Cooper Kupp back in uniform after a two-game absence with a knee injury.

The second-year target's presence would be a boon for Goff, who found Kupp for a team-leading 869 yards receiving last season.

Pats' Brady, Packers' Rodgers share mutual admiration

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers are universally regarded as two of the best quarterbacks of their generation.

Brady has spent the better part of his 19 seasons in the NFL eclipsing virtually every milestone set by his predecessors. Along the way, he's captured every major piece of hardware the league has to offer from multiple MVPs to Super Bowl titles, all while remaining at the top of his game at 41.

Rodgers isn't as decorated as Brady, but has been just as celebrated during his 14-year career for a free-wheeling style and an uncanny ability to pull off plays that have been rarely duplicated by his peers.

Between them, they have five

regular-season MVP awards, nine Super Bowl appearances and six Super Bowl rings.

Yet when the Patriots host the Packers on Sunday night, it will mark just the second time that the future Hall of Famers have squared off as starting quarterbacks. Rodgers won the first meeting in 2014 in a game in which they combined for 613 passing yards and four touchdowns in Green Bay's five-point victory at Lambeau Field.

"Tom's been at the top of his game for over a decade," Rodgers said. "Obviously, we play a little bit different style of game, but the stuff that he does well is stuff that over my career I've tried to incorporate into my own game."

"I enjoy competing against great players and obviously Tom is right at the top."

It's similar to how Brady de-

scribes Rodgers.

"What he's done as a quarterback, I think it is inspiring even for me," Brady said. "I watch his game and it makes me want to get out there and practice and improve because I think he's so phenomenal with the way he manages himself in the pocket and his ability to throw the football is unlike anyone probably in the history of the league."

Though he wants to play until he's 45, Brady will presumably retire before Rodgers, leaving the 34-year-old time to narrow the gap between them in career numbers.

But neither is interested in playing the hypothetical game about who the better quarterback is.

"I don't really try to get into the 'what-if' game," Rodgers said. "I'm fortunate to

have been drafted here and sit behind Brett (Favre) for three years. He was obviously drafted late there ... so his chip might have been a little bit bigger than mine starting out his career."

"There's a lot of pride in that legacy part of your career, and I think him and I both feel the same way about our organizations."

Brady also called any similar debate about the greatest quarterback of all-time a fruitless endeavor. Though he knows one name that belongs on his list.

"It's hard to compare positions and eras. It's impossible to answer," Brady said. "I think Aaron is one of the best ever to play the game. He's got every skill you need to be a great quarterback."

Hall runs wild, Panthers top Cavaliers

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Darrin Hall had already had a big night against a team that game-planned to stop him when he put a dazzling cap on it.

Hall ran for 229 yards and three touchdowns, the last a 75-yard burst one play after Virginia had awakened its fans by closing to within 14-13, and Pittsburgh beat No. 23 Virginia for the fourth year in a row, 23-13 on Friday night.

Hall also had a 41-yard scoring run in the first half and a 2-yard run in the third quarter, capping a drive that ended with an injury-depleted Cavaliers defense looking incapable of stopping the bruising 225-pound tailback.

"That's all we do. We just continue to fight, continue to wear down the defense," said Hall, who carried just 19 times.

The 2-yard run capped a 15-play, 84-yard march and gave the Panthers a 14-10 lead and seemed to wear Virginia down.

"Even on short yardage, I was getting 4 yards before I was even touched," he said.

The Panthers (5-4, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) moved into first place in the Coastal Division.

"That's great. That's awesome," left guard Connor Dintino said. "But next week

we've got (Virginia Tech). We've got to go 1-0. That's it. We're not thinking ahead."

With 738 rushing yards in the last two games, they seem to be hitting their stride.

"We did it the old fashioned way, running the football for 250 yards," coach Pat Narduzzi said. "Darrin Hall was a beast."

Bryce Perkins threw for 205 yards and a touchdown for Virginia (6-3, 4-2, No. 23 CFP), but Pittsburgh never allowed him to get on track in the running game and sacked him five times for 46 yards in losses. The Cavaliers' three-game winning streak was snapped.

"We got him a couple times in the backfield. That's the first thing," Narduzzi said of Perkins, who has three 100-plus-yard games this season but finished with minus 7 yards. "Put pressure on him and force him to have to make some throws or make some decisions."

Pittsburgh trailed 10-7 at halftime, but used the drive that lasted 8:40 to go ahead. The Panthers converted four third downs on the march and Hall finished it with runs of 18 and 2 yards as the Virginia defense, which lost three starters during the game, began to wear down.

After being limited to 24 plays in the first half, the Panthers ran 21 in the third quarter alone, mostly grinding on the ground.

"I don't think anything changed" from the first half to the second half, Virginia linebacker Jordan Mack said. "They were just executing at a high level and lack of execution from us."

The Cavaliers drove for Brian Delaney's second field goal, bringing the crowd alive, but Hall quieted them with his long scoring burst.

Foot loose: The Panthers special teams botched a pair of extra point tries, but converted one when a penalty gave them a do-over. Narduzzi said placekicker Alex Kessman was not to blame, and he clinched the victory with a 53-yard field goal, his fourth from 50 or more yards this season and the sixth of his career.

The Takeaway: Pittsburgh: The Panthers are very much a power running team, but Darrin Hall especially has break-away speed, too, as he showed on his long scoring runs. With tailbacks Hall and Qadree Ollison each weighing in at 225 pounds, their bruising style wore Virginia down during two long possessions to begin the second half.

Virginia: The Cavaliers need to find more offensive weapons to employ when teams focus great attention on Perkins, Olamide Zaccheaus and Jordan Ellis. Terrell Jana's 42-yard touchdown catch more than doubled his receiving yardage for the season.

College football roundup

Tate's 5 TD passes lead Arizona past Colorado

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Khalil Tate beat Colorado with his legs last year in a record-setting performance.

The Arizona quarterback took down the Buffaloes with his arm in the rematch.

Tate threw for career-high 350 yards and five touchdowns after setting an FBS rushing record against Colorado a year ago, lifting Arizona to a 42-34 victory over the Buffaloes Friday night.

"Khalil ran around and threw it up in the air, and their guys came down with it on long, delayed plays," Colorado coach Mike MacIntyre said. "Those are tough to stop."

Arizona (5-5, 4-3 Pac-12) struggled early while falling

into a 10-0 hole, then scored on its next eight possessions.

Tate orchestrated the rally.

Arizona's junior quarterback ran all over Colorado a year ago, setting an FBS record for a quarterback with 327 yards rushing. He used his legs to buy time and beat the Buffaloes with his arm this time, completing 17 of 22 passes, including a pair of touchdowns to Shawn Poindexter.

"Our offense, we haven't been as good the past few games and we knew we had to step up," Tate said. "The defense has been doing what they're doing and we knew we needed to improve."

J.J. Taylor provided balance to the Wildcats' offense, running for 192 yards on 40 carries

to send Colorado (5-4, 2-4) to its fourth straight loss.

Steven Montez threw for 343 yards and three touchdowns, but had a late interception for the Buffaloes.

Once considered a front-runner in the Pac-12 South, Colorado now must win one of its final three games just to become bowl eligible.

Arizona is clicking on offense at just the right time, moving within a game of becoming bowl eligible in its first season under Sumlin.

Middle Tennessee State 29, Western Kentucky 10: Chaton Mobley set a school freshman record with 198 rushing yards and the host Blue Raiders beat the Hilltoppers.

Brent Stockstill was 24-for-42

passing for 228 yards and two touchdowns for MTSU (6-3, 5-1 Conference USA), which is off to its best start in league play since joining in 2013. The Blue Raiders are 19-3 in their last 22 home conference games.

Penn 20, Cornell 7: At Ithaca, N.Y., Ryan Glover threw for 131 yards and a touchdown and the Quakers beat the Big Red to claim the Trustees' Cup trophy.

Karekin Brooks had 71 yards rushing and a touchdown for Penn (6-2, 3-2 Ivy League). Brooks took a direct snap in the wildcat formation and scored from 6 yards out early in the third to give Penn a 10-7 lead. It was his first touchdown in the past four games after seven rushing TDs in his first 52 carries of the season.

NBA roundup

Thunder rout woeful Wiz, win 4th straight

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Continuing their turnaround from a terrible season start, the Oklahoma City Thunder picked up their fourth consecutive victory by beating the struggling, booed-at-home Washington Wizards 134-111 behind Russell Westbrook's 23 points and 12 assists Friday night.

From 0-4 to 4-4, the Thunder are clicking right now, led by Westbrook, who missed the first two games after a procedure on his right knee and sat out the final quarter of the rout at Washington.

And even though OKC was the team playing on the sec-

ond night of a back-to-back, it looked a lot fresher and more active than Washington, which was coming off a two-day break and finally got to see new center Dwight Howard return from a sore backside to make his debut. Howard had 20 points on 7-for-8 shooting, three rebounds and four fouls in 23 minutes.

The Wizards have lost four games in a row to drop to 1-7. Bradley Beal scored 27 points, and John Wall had 19 points and nine assists, but Washington's pair of All-Star guards also combined for 12 turnovers.

Rockets 119, Nets 111: Chris Paul had 32 points, 11

assists and seven rebounds, Carmelo Anthony added a season-high 28 points and visiting Houston snapped a four-game losing streak.

Pacers 107, Bulls 105: Victor Oladipo had 25 points and 14 rebounds, and Darren Collison made a tiebreaking jumper with 17.8 seconds left to help Indiana beat host Chicago.

Knicks 118, Mavericks 106: Allonzo Trier scored a career-high 23 points and New York handed host Dallas its sixth straight loss.

Grizzlies 110, Jazz 100: Mike Conley scored a season-high 28 points to lead visiting

Memphis past short-handed Utah.

Clippers 120, Magic 95: Lou Williams was perfect on five three-point attempts and scored 28 points to lead Los Angeles past host Orlando.

Raptors 107, Suns 98: Kawhi Leonard scored 19 points and visiting Toronto used a 14-2 fourth-quarter run to finally put away pesky Phoenix.

Warriors 116, Timberwolves 99: Kevin Durant had 33 points, Stephen Curry added 28 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and host Golden State beat Minnesota to win its seventh straight.

NHL roundup

Luongo makes 32 saves as Florida wins in Finland

Associated Press

HELSINKI — Roberto Luongo was just happy to finally be back on the ice for the Florida Panthers.

"It's just nice to be back part of the team," Luongo said. "It's never fun to be on the sideline watching the game. I put in a lot of work and I'm happy I was able to play a game."

Returning from a knee injury that sidelined him since the season opener, the 39-year-old Luongo stopped 32 shots to help Florida beat the Winnipeg Jets 4-2 on Friday night for a two-game split in the Finnish capital.

"That was huge for us," Florida coach Bob Boughner said. "Watching him play so composed after being off for a month, he is a big reason why we won the game tonight."

Luongo was hurt Oct. 6 against Tampa Bay.

Luongo stopped all 17 shots in the final period as the Jets pressed.

"He gives us a lot of confidence and he's telling us what to do, talks a lot on the ice and off the ice," said captain Aleksander Barkov, who is Finnish.

Keith Yandle and Evgeni Dadonov had a goal and an assist each for the Panthers. Mike Hoffman and Frank Vatrano also scored a goal apiece and Jonathan Hu-

berdeau added two assists. The Panthers overcame an early 2-1 deficit for their first regulation victory and third overall win in the first 11 games.

"Our start wasn't very good, actually it was pretty awful, our start," Boughner said. "They tested him (Luongo) early and he was really good and I think that gave us time to get feet underneath of us and start rolling a little bit. That's what good goalies do, they make the saves at the right time."

Coming off a hat trick Thursday night in Winnipeg's 4-2 victory, Finnish star Patrik Laine scored again in front of a capacity crowd of 13,500 at Hartwall Arena. Nikolaj Ehlers also connected, and captain Blake Wheeler had two assists.

Yandle broke a tie on a power play with 26 seconds left in the second period, driving a slap shot past goalie Connor Hellebuyck.

Hoffman tied it on a power play at 4:59 of the second.

Vatrano scored off a turnover midway through the third.

Coyotes 4, Hurricanes 3 (OT): Michael Grabner scored 1:17 into overtime to lift host Arizona to its fifth straight win.

Brad Richardson, Brendan Perlini and Nick Cousins scored first-period goals for a 3-0 lead that Arizona gave up in the third period.

However, Grabner put in Clayton Keller's

pass for the victory in the extra period.

Alex Goligoski assisted on Arizona's first three goals, a short-handed goal, a power-play goal and a 5-on-5 score before the first period had ended. Goligoski and Richardson have scored at least one point in four straight games.

Jordan Martinook scored against his former team midway through the second period, and Andrei Svechnikov and Jordan Staal scored late in the second for the Hurricanes. Petr Mrazek had 21 saves for the Hurricanes.

Canucks 7, Avalanche 6 (OT): Derek Pouliot scored with 22 seconds left on the clock in overtime, on rookie Elias Pettersson's third assist and fifth point of the game, to lift host Vancouver to its third straight win.

Petterson's second goal of the night tied the score with 36 seconds remaining in regulation, just 1:01 after Nathan MacKinnon second of the game gave the Avalanche a 6-5 lead.

Brock Boeser also scored twice, and Loui Eriksson and Markus Granlund had the other goals for Vancouver in a game neither team led by more than one goal. Jacob Markstrom stopped 23 shots.

Sheldon Dries, Ian Cole, Alexander Kerfoot and Nikita Zadorov also scored for Colorado, which completed an 0-2-1 trip.