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## ISIS promises al-Baghdadi retribution

*The Washington Post*

When Islamic State finally broke its silence about the killing of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, it did so with a 1,200-word communique that included Koranic verses, florid tributes and one very specific warning: Americans would pay for the death of the terrorist group's leader.

"Do not get too joyful or arrogant," said the statement issued Thursday by ISIS's al-Furqan media outlet. Referring to the group's newly appointed chief, it added, "Someone has now come to make you forget the horrors [that you already] have seen, and the cups of bitterness that you have tasted."

The statement was a more formalized version of a threat that has been echoed dozens of times in the past week on social media platforms used by Islamic State supporters around the world. With words, and sometimes doctored images and illustrations, the militants have vowed to exact revenge for al-Baghdadi's death on October 26 at the hands of U.S. Special Forces operators in northwest Syria.

While such threats are a common feature of Islamic State propaganda, the recent statements reflect what some analysts say is an especially intense reaction to how

Baghdadi's death was presented to the world. President Donald Trump's characterization of Baghdadi as a "dog," and his description of the terrorist's "whimpering" in his final moments have been cited repeatedly in online chat rooms used by the group's supporters.

In the days since the operation, Pentagon leaders have said they were unable to confirm Trump's depiction of al-Baghdadi, who detonated a suicide vest after he was discovered in a tunnel, killing himself, several adults and at least two children, officials say.

Although al-Baghdadi's death was a heavy blow, it also appears to have provided the Islamic State's followers, at least temporarily, with both a cause and a "rallying cry" that has "energized the jihadi world" after months of relative quiet following the collapse of the group's self-proclaimed caliphate, said Steven Stalinsky, executive director of the Middle East Media Monitoring Service, a Washington nonprofit organization that monitors social media platforms used by extremist groups.

"It is prompting calls for revenge and attacks, which unfortunately will lead to at least attempts at attacks," Stalinsky said. "Jihadis around the world are now galvanized, on the alert, and have something

concrete to focus on."

Whether significant attacks are more likely to happen is unclear, as the terrorist group has a mixed record on carrying out its threats. In past years, the Islamic State's warnings of pending attacks during Ramadan were followed by a campaign of bloody strikes in Middle Eastern and European cities. But more recently, the group was unable to carry out a highly specific threat to disrupt last year's World Cup games in Moscow.

"ISIS doesn't have any new capabilities it didn't have a week ago," said Rita Katz, founder of the Maryland-based SITE Intelligence Group, which tracks Islamist groups' online activity. She said, however, that al-Baghdadi's death and the naming of his successor "has certainly energized the ISIS community." ISIS is a common acronym for the Islamic State.

Even after losing its holdings — the self-proclaimed caliphate that in 2015 occupied a swath of territory the size of Britain — the Islamic State retains between 14,000 to 18,000 fighters in Iraq and Syria alone, according to a Pentagon report earlier this year. That doesn't include affiliated organizations scattered across a dozen countries from North Africa to South Asia to the Far East.

## Northrop's B-2 upgrades run late, over budget

*Bloomberg*

Upgrades to help America's aging B-2 bomber fleet detect and evade the improving air defenses of rivals China, Russia and Iran are running almost three years late and over budget.

The service now estimates it will take until at least until September 2024 before eight of the U.S.'s 20 stealth bombers are upgraded to have an initial combat capability, according to an Air Force statement. That's 33 months later than the timetable established in 2016, when the project started, according to a program document submitted with this year's budget request and the statement.

The cost of the upgrade program has increased about 11%, or \$285 million, since

last year, to \$3 billion, according to the Air Force's fiscal 2020 Selected Acquisition Report.

The latest delay is being driven by an 18-month slip, to late 2020, in certifying key software that was supposed to have occurred in June. The software must be certified before flight testing. Northrop Grumman Corp., the original B-2 contractor, is also the prime contractor on the next-generation B-21 bomber, so the company's performance has drawn particular Pentagon scrutiny.

"An aggressive software development, coupled with software development manpower challenges, resulted in lower-than-anticipated" progress, said Capt. Cara Bousie, an Air Force spokeswoman.

The service will declare the upgrade has

achieved initial combat capability after the Global Strike Command, which operates the B-2, "has received the new system and has the ability to employ and maintain it," she said.

First used in 1999 over Kosovo, the B-2 is the only combat aircraft that can carry America's heaviest non-nuclear bomb, the 30,000-pound GBU-57 "bunker buster." The upgrade program is supposed to be a key example of the "increased lethality" and prowess in penetrating enemy air space called for in the Trump administration's National Defense Strategy and by General David Goldfein, the Air Force chief of staff. But the delays challenge a mantra of the Trump-era Pentagon to develop and deploy systems "at the speed of relevance."

# Lawyer: Immigration policies hurt recruiting

By CAITLIN M. KENNEY  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — Policy changes by the Defense Department during the last few years have made the process of applying for U.S. citizenship more arduous for service members than civilians, and it's deterring people from enlisting, an immigration attorney told House lawmakers.

Margaret Stock, an immigration attorney and retired lieutenant colonel from the Army Reserve, testified at a hearing about working with service members who have struggled to gain citizenship under Defense Department immigration policies.

"The new policies do not make our country safer. They harm military recruiting, they hurt military readiness and

they prevent the United States armed forces from utilizing talented immigrants," Stock said Tuesday at a hearing by the Judiciary Committee subpanel on immigration and citizenship.

The hearing followed recent work by Congress to address a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services policy, which went into effect Tuesday, that changed how military children who did not acquire citizenship at birth or while living in America could gain citizenship while living abroad with a U.S. citizen parent.

Bipartisan bills introduced in the House and Senate recently attempt to help these military children acquire citizenship automatically. One of the bills was introduced by Reps. Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and Doug Collins, R-Ga., the com-

mittee's ranking member.

Service members and veterans can be eligible for expedited process to gain American citizenship during times of conflict, according to USCIS. A U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services program had immigration offices at boot camps and allowed recruits to file for naturalization when they reported for training, according to Stock. Last year, the program ended because of a 2017 Defense Department memorandum that stated service members must serve for at least 180 days before they can apply for expedited citizenship, a period that is longer than their time in training.

Three years ago, service members could take USCIS Form N-426, "Request for Certification of Military or Naval Service," to their local

personnel office to be signed in a matter of minutes, Stock said. The form states the service member is serving honorably and it is required for the expedited process. Now, DoD policy states they must find an officer at the rank of O-6, such as a colonel in the Army, willing to sign the form, which can take months and some service members never get an answer on their naturalization paperwork, Stock said.

"It sends a terrible message," she said. "It's one of the reasons why a lot of [lawful permanent residents] are now contacting me and telling me they've decided not to join the military."

Veterans who do not complete the naturalization process during their service and find themselves in legal trouble after they transition out could face deportation.

## Special ops, military dog in Syrian raid praised

By ROSE L. THAYER  
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A Kansas congressman introduced a resolution Friday to commend the efforts of the U.S. special forces and the military dog who raided a Syrian compound and hunted down Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

Rep. Ron Estes, R-Kan., said the dog, named Conan, should be honored because she has "captured the hearts" of Americans and people around the world.

The U.S. raid on Oct. 26 sent roughly 100 Delta Force soldiers in eight helicopters through hostile territory to the compound about 4 miles south of Turkey's border in the Idlib province in Syria. During the raid, al-Baghdadi had attempted to flee the compound but he was chased into a dead-end tunnel by Conan before the ter-

rorist set off an explosive vest, killing himself and two children and wounding the dog.

"The special operations forces and accompanying military working dog deserve our nation's thanks and respect for taking out one of the world's most dangerous terrorists," Estes said in a prepared statement. "By highlighting the heroic actions of the working dog and the special forces who took down Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, this resolution honors all service members and military working dogs defending and protecting our country around the globe."

Conan and two service members were injured by exposed electrical wires during the explosion that killed al-Baghdadi, The New York Times reported. They have since returned to duty.

## Afghanistan's military sees rise in casualties

*The Washington Post*

KABUL, Afghanistan — As Afghanistan's conflict intensifies, casualties among the country's security forces are continuing to increase, a troubling sign while American and Taliban negotiators look to revive talks toward a peace deal likely to include a withdrawal of U.S. troops from the country.

Casualties among Afghan security forces increased by 5% from June through August compared with the same period last year, according to the U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction's quarterly report, which was released Thursday.

Afghanistan's military has struggled with high casualty rates for years. Last year, the Pentagon described casualties among Afghan security forces as "unsustainable."

The government does not

release the exact number, but in late 2018, President Ashraf Ghani said more than 28,000 members of the Afghan security forces had been killed since 2015.

The persistent high number of casualties comes as American and Taliban negotiators look to resuscitate peace talks that were upended by President Donald Trump in September. A key element of any peace deal is expected to be a withdrawal of U.S. forces, a move that would significantly increase pressure on Afghanistan's military.

The Afghan military also experienced an increase in casualties from "insider" attacks. From June through August this year, attacks on Afghan security forces carried out by their comrades resulted in 87 casualties. This year, 49 "insider" attacks have resulted in 167 casualties.



# Crews battle last Southern Calif. wildfire

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Crews fought a pitched battle against the last remaining large wildfire in Southern California as the stubborn flames threatened nearly 2,000 homes and other buildings.

The fire that erupted on a hilltop northwest of Los Angeles headed for what would be its third day Saturday and firefighters were finding it hard work as shifting winds made the front line a moving target.

The Maria Fire had burned some 15 square miles and prompted evacuation orders for nearly 11,000 people since

it began Thursday evening.

Eastern Ventura, Camarillo, Somis and Santa Paula were at risk, Ventura County fire officials said.

On Friday, a tug of war developed between onshore and offshore winds.

“It has been an uphill battle ever since,” Ventura County Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen said. “As winds shift, we have a whole new fuel bed open up.”

Winds and skin-cracking low humidity were expected to make Saturday another difficult day for firefighters.

Crews battled to keep the flames away from orchards and

farms in the rural area. Three buildings were destroyed.

The cause was under investigation but there was a troubling possibility that an electrical line might have been involved — as such lines have been at other recent fires.

Southern California Edison said Friday that it re-energized a 16,000-volt power line 13 minutes before the fire erupted in the same area.

Edison and other utilities up and down the state shut off power to hundreds of thousands of people this week out of concerns that high winds could cause power lines to spark and

start fires.

SCE will cooperate with investigators, the utility said.

The fire began during what had been expected to be the tail end of a siege of Santa Ana winds that fanned fires that destroyed buildings and prompted mass evacuations across the region.

Red flag weather warnings of extreme fire danger had been expected to expire Friday evening but forecasters extended them to 6 p.m. Saturday for valleys and interior mountains of Ventura and Los Angeles counties, citing the withering conditions.

## No arrests in California Halloween shooting

Associated Press

ORINDA, Calif. — A woman who rented a San Francisco Bay Area home where five people were killed in a Halloween party shooting lied to the owner, saying she only wanted to keep family members away from the smoke of a wildfire, according to police and a person with knowledge of the transaction.

Witnesses described hearing gunfire and seeing chaos erupt as some 100 terrified partygoers fled the home Thursday

night in Orinda, a quiet and wealthy suburb about 15 miles from San Francisco that has seen only two previous killings this century, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

No arrests had been made and there was no immediate word on a motive for the attack. Two guns were found at the property, authorities said.

Three people, all from the Bay Area, died at the scene and a fourth died at the hospital, authorities initially said. The Contra Costa County Sheriff's

Office identified them Friday evening as Tiyon Farley, 22, of Antioch, Omar Taylor, 24, of Pittsburg, Ramon Hill Jr., 23, and Javin County, 29. The sheriff's office identified a fifth victim, Oshiana Tompkins, 19, of Vallejo and Hercules, late Friday night, saying she died at a local hospital.

Other people were wounded by gunshots or injured in the panic that followed, authorities said.

The party apparently was advertised on social media. One

attendee said he was enjoying the music and watching people dance when he heard shots and people started running.

The screaming seemed to last forever, said Devan, who asked that his last name not be used because he feared for his safety.

“Everybody started running, scrambling,” he said. “People were just collapsing and friends were helping friends. It was a scary situation and then as everyone is panicking and stuff, there were more shots.”

## Juvenile charged in shooting of 7-year-old trick-or-treater

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A 15-year-old boy was charged Friday night with attempted murder in the suspected gang-related shooting of two people on Chicago's West Side, including a 7-year-old girl out trick-or-treating in a bumblebee costume when she was shot in the neck and critically injured.

The shooting Thursday night was another grim example of children in the city being caught in the crossfire while doing normal activities like walking down the street, sitting

on a porch or laughing with friends inside a house. A day before Halloween, an earlier shooting of a child resurfaced in the news when a jury acquitted a man who was charged with first-degree murder in the 2014 death of an 11-year-old girl who was shot while inside a house at a slumber party.

Investigators think the 7-year-old girl was shot in a gang-related attack. The man believed to be the target was a 30-year-old shot in the hand, police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

The 15-year-old was charged

with two counts of attempted murder and two counts of battery through discharge of a firearm, police said in a news release Friday night. He was taken into custody and interviewed earlier Friday.

The Chicago Tribune reported police believe the gunman is a member of the Gangster Two-Six gang and was targeting a member of the Latin Kings.

The girl was trick-or-treating as a group of males chased a man down the street in the Little Village neighborhood. Someone in the group opened fire, police said.

The shooter had on a mask like the one the character Jason wears in the “Friday the 13th” movies, Guglielmi said, adding that investigators had found a gun that might be the weapon used in the shooting.

The girl was shot in the lower neck and rushed to a hospital in critical condition, according to Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford. She was in critical but stable condition Friday, Guglielmi said.

The wounded man, who was shot in his left hand, was taken to a hospital in good condition.

# Trump uses inquiry to boost Mississippi's GOP support

Associated Press

TUPELO, Miss. — President Donald Trump lashed out Friday at Democrats for a vote this week formalizing the House impeachment inquiry as he urged rallygoers in Mississippi to send a message to Washington by voting Republican in the state's upcoming gubernatorial race.

Democrats are "disgracing themselves and bringing shame upon the House of Representatives," Trump charged. "They've been plotting to overthrow the election since the moment I won."

Trump was in Mississippi trying to shore up support for Republican Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves, who is locked in a tight race to replace term-limited Republican Gov. Phil Bryant in next week's off-year election. The race between Reeves and Democratic Attorney General

Jim Hood for the open seat is considered the state's toughest governor's race in nearly a generation.

Trump cited the impeachment inquiry as a reason that voters in Mississippi should cast their ballot for Reeves. He expressed surprise that the race appears close but added, "We're going to send a signal by sending a terrific new Republican governor to Jackson."

Even though the state's Democratic nominee for governor lost by 34 percentage points four years ago, Democrats in this conservative Deep South state think they have a shot this time with Hood. Hood, who is serving his fourth term as attorney general, has been elected by wide margins in his previous races and is currently the only Democrat to hold statewide office.

The rally came a day after Democrats voted to formalize

the investigation into whether Trump abused his office and compromised national security when he asked the president of Ukraine to investigate one of his political rivals. Aggrieved and feeding off the energy of the crowd, Trump repeatedly defended himself against what he called the "deranged impeachment witch hunt" and accused Democrats of doing anything to take him down and invalidate the results of the 2016 election.

Still, Trump insisted — despite polling to the contrary — that the investigation is helping him politically and will hurt Democrats come 2020, telling the crowd that "we've never had greater support than we have right now."

"While we're creating jobs and killing terrorists," he said, "the Democrat Party has gone completely insane."

## President's main home moved from NY to Fla.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump will follow in the well-trod path of many other septuagenarian New Yorkers who have been drawn to Florida's year-round warmth, sunshine and low taxes.

Trump tweeted late Thursday that he will make Palm Beach, Fla., his permanent residence after leaving the White House, rather than returning to Trump Tower in New York. The move also safely ensconces Trump in the glitzy world of Palm Beach and away from the protests of solidly Democratic Manhattan.

Trump, who was born in New York and whose developer-turned-reality-star persona was honed there, said the city "will always have a special place in my heart!" But he complained that he had been "treated very badly by the political leaders of both the city and state" despite paying "millions of dollars in city, state and local taxes each year."

"In the end it will be best for all concerned," he tweeted.

The New York Times reported that Trump had filed "declaration of domicile" paperwork changing his "predominant and principal home" to his Mar-a-Lago resort.

The move was met with derision by many New York Democrats, including the city's mayor, Bill De Blasio, who tweeted his "deepest condolences to the good people of Florida."

And New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo bid Trump "good riddance" in a statement. The Democrat added, "It's not like Mr. Trump paid taxes here anyway. He's all yours, Florida."

Florida Democratic Party Chairman Terrie Rizzo responded with a statement detailing the organization's drive to counter Trump in 2020.

"He is not the first person to move to Florida to retire," Rizzo said.

## Beto O'Rourke drops presidential bid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Beto O'Rourke, the former Texas congressman, announced Friday that he was ending his Democratic presidential campaign, which failed to recapture the enthusiasm, interest and fundraising prowess of his 2018 Senate bid.

Addressing supporters in Iowa, O'Rourke said he made the decision "reluctantly" and vowed to stay active in the fight to defeat President Donald Trump. "I will be part of this and so will you," he said.

O'Rourke was urged to run for president by many Democrats, including supporters of former President Barack Obama, who were energized by his narrow Senate loss last year in Texas.

O'Rourke, 47, struggled to

replicate that model in the presidential primary, and both his polling and his fundraising dwindled significantly in recent months.

"We have to clearly see, at this point, that we did not have the means to pursue this campaign successfully and that my service will not be as a candidate, nor as a nominee of this party for the presidency," O'Rourke said.

O'Rourke's decision comes as the Democratic primary enters a critical stretch. With three months until the kickoff Iowa caucuses, polls consistently show a trio of candidates leading the way: former Vice President Joe Biden, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, with Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Ind., showing strength in Iowa, as

well. Lower polling candidates face difficult questions about whether they have the money to sustain a campaign through the first primary contests.

O'Rourke entered the race as the feel-good, dynamic candidate who had the ability to appeal to both Republicans and Democrats and work across the aisle in Washington.

The former congressman struggled to articulate a consistent vision and messaging as a presidential candidate.

He spent several weeks trying to build his campaign around climate change, calling global warming the greatest existential threat the country had ever faced. But as the excitement over his candidacy began to fade, O'Rourke was forced to stage a "reintroduction" of his campaign to reinvigorate it.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Girl in stable condition after fireworks blast

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — Police said an 11-year-old girl was in stable condition after she was injured by a fireworks blast in Philadelphia.

Police said the girl was playing with fireworks in a home when one went off. She was taken to Jefferson University Hospital and listed in stable condition. Officials said she would be taken to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Police reported damage to the second-floor room and the drywall where the girl was playing with fireworks.

## Bear in 2018 biologist attack was relocated

**MT** LIBBY — A grizzly bear that attacked a wildlife biologist in 2018 was recently trapped and relocated after it was caught trying to get into a barn south of Libby.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks regional spokesman Dillon Tabish said the bear was relocated because this was the first time it had gone after food in a populated area. The 460-pound bear was captured on Oct. 11, radio collared and released in the Cabinet Mountains.

Tabish told The Western News the May 2018 encounter with grizzly researcher Amber Kornak didn't count as a strike against the bear because it acted naturally in defending itself.

## Man attacked woman with crowbar at stop

**NY** DANUBE — New York state police said a man attacked a woman with a crowbar at a Thruway rest stop after she took a photo of him talking on his cell phone while

driving.

Police said Michael E. Severin, 59, of Jordan was driving a tractor-trailer on the highway in central New York when he almost hit another tractor-trailer. A woman who was a passenger in the other vehicle photographed Severin talking on his phone.

Police said Severin followed the other vehicle to the Indian Castle service area where he attacked the woman and destroyed her cell phone with a crowbar.

## Former postal worker helped rob mail truck

**CA** LOS ANGELES — A former U.S. Postal Service worker is going to federal prison for helping rob Los Angeles-area mail trucks of nearly \$240,000.

William Crosby of Inglewood was sentenced to 11 years in prison and ordered to pay restitution.

Prosecutors said Crosby arranged for his half-brother and others to rob two postal trucks at gunpoint and steal a container of cash from a third in 2017 and 2018.

Under a plea agreement, Crosby said he used his job as a supervisor to identify trucks carrying cash from the sale of money orders and Postal Service merchandise.

## Mother who left baby may not be charged

**PA** BETHLEHEM — An eastern Pennsylvania prosecutor said he will recommend dismissal of charges against a woman authorities said handed her 1-month-old baby to a bus driver and walked away in tears.

Northampton County District Attorney John Morganello said that Ashley Walters,

26, "clearly has some mental health issues." He said she had displayed combative and erratic behavior and would be involuntarily committed for treatment.

Walters was charged with child endangerment after authorities said she boarded a bus in Bethlehem, placed her son on the farebox and told the driver to call police because "this was her son that she can't take care of."

## Rescuers pull trapped dog from dam

**WV** BLUEFIELD — Officials pulled off a creative rescue of a malnourished German shepherd that was stuck in a West Virginia dam.

The Bluefield Daily Telegraph reported that an animal control officer said the dog had probably been trapped in the Ada dam for several days before the rescue.

The effort began when a 911 call came in for an injured and skinny dog in the spillway.

Rescuers couldn't get into the dam, and its tall, steep walls made it impossible for the dog to climb out. So officials used a rope to lower a trap baited with food into the spillway.

After about 2½ hours, the dog finally went into the trap and the rescue workers brought him to a shelter.

## Zoo announces birth of kudu, death of another

**DC** WASHINGTON — The Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington announced the birth of one lesser kudu and the death of another.

The Washington Post reported the male calf was born Oct. 14, just weeks after its grandmother died. Citing a news release, news outlets reported the

zoo said the healthy calf may make his public debut this fall.

The calf was born to a kudu named Rogue, who was the daughter of a kudu named Shirley. The 9-year-old Shirley died after what the zoo described as complications during the birthing process.

## Bulldozer rescues manatee stuck in sand

**GA** SAVANNAH — Georgia wildlife officials used a bulldozer to help rescue a manatee that got stuck in sand near Savannah.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources said the large manatee was navigating a manmade shortcut between rivers near Savannah when it got stranded at low tide. That's because the cut is being filled by the Army Corps of Engineers to create wetlands.

The state agency posted video online that shows wildlife workers keeping the manatee wet until a bulldozer plows a trench that allows river water to reach the animal. Workers then roll the manatee onto a stretcher and guide it to deeper water.

## Deer crashes through school bus windshield

**MA** DARTMOUTH — Police said a deer went crashing through the windshield of a Massachusetts school bus, sending four students and the driver to the hospital.

Dartmouth police Detective Kyle Costa said the students and the driver suffered "very minor" injuries in the crash.

He says a car hit the deer first, launching it through the bus's windshield.

The deer was killed.

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# Perry leads Midshipmen in rout of Huskies

Associated Press

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Quarterback Malcolm Perry and Navy have inserted themselves into the mix for a New Year's Six bowl game.

Perry ran for 108 yards and two touchdowns and threw for 165 yards and another score Friday night in leading the Midshipmen to a 56-10 rout of UConn on national television.

It was the fifth straight 100-yard rushing game for the senior, who eclipsed 1,000 yards rushing for the third consecutive season.

The win keeps the Midshipmen (7-1, 5-1 American) within striking distance of undefeated No. 15 SMU in the AAC West Division, with games against Notre Dame and the Mustangs on the horizon.

"We haven't done much yet," said Perry. "We've got some great competitors coming up in a few weeks. All we've done so far is put ourselves in a great position."

Perry scored on his first carry, spinning past the line of scrimmage and going 58 yards down the numbers on the right side of the field. He also had a 58-yard touchdown pass in the first half, hitting sopho-

more receiver Mychal Cooper down the middle. It was one of just six passes thrown by Perry, who completed three of them, all for more than 30 yards.

"He walks around like he's a plebe; the most humble kid," said Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo. "But back to back to back thousand yards rushing and we're not over yet. He's doing great things running our offense."

Freshman Jack Zergiotis threw for 205 yards and a touchdown for UConn (2-7, 0-5), but had three turnovers, including two first-half interceptions that led to Navy scoring drives, including the Cooper touchdown. His first pick set Navy up on a 49-yard drive that ended with a 13-yard run up the gut by Jamale Carothers. The sophomore fullback added touchdown runs of 23 and 6 yards in the second half.

The Huskies were still in the game with a first down on Navy's 2-yard line and less than a minute to play in the first half. But Jacob Springer Jr. forced a Zergiotis fumble on third down and the Midshipmen led 28-10 at intermission.

"When you have the opportunities that we had in the first half and don't take ad-

vantage of them, it makes it hard to try and come back," said UConn coach Randy Edsall. "We just didn't play very well."

Navy finished with 573 yards of offense, including 408 on the ground.

Kevin Mensah had 107 yards rushing for UConn.

## The takeaway

**Navy:** Perry became the second player in Navy history to rush for at least 1,000 yards in three straight seasons, joining Keenan Reynolds, who accomplished the feat in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

"That's somebody I looked up to a lot coming into the recruiting process," said Perry. "We're from the same area. I always used to watch him, and he had a great career. So, to be mentioned in the same sentence is amazing, but that's something I'm going to focus on after the season."

**UConn:** The Huskies' losing streak against American Athletic Conference opponents is now 16. UConn snapped a 22-game losing streak against all opponents from the Bowl Subdivision last week with a win over UMass.

## Briefly

# Carroll: New Seahawks WR Gordon a 'unique talent'

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Wide receiver Josh Gordon has joined the Seattle Seahawks a day after being released off injured reserve by the New England Patriots.

Seattle claimed Gordon off waivers Friday. He joins a crowded receivers group in Seattle, which was already carrying seven receivers on its active roster.

"He's a unique talent," coach Pete Carroll said after practice Friday. "Next week, we'll take a look and see what he looks like. He's done a lot of good stuff and made a lot of good plays. We'll find out more next week. Won't have anything to do with this game."

Gordon was among New England's leading receivers this season, with 20 catches for 287 yards and a touchdown through six games. But he was

placed on injured reserve last week with knee and ankle injuries. His tenure with New England was over a week later.

In other NFL news:

■ Joe Flacco's Denver debut lasted half a season.

The Broncos placed the veteran quarterback they acquired from Baltimore on injured reserve Friday and promoted rookie QB Brett Rypien from their practice squad to back up new starter Brandon Allen.

Coach Vic Fangio said even though Flacco doesn't need surgery on the herniated disk in his neck, he requires six weeks of rest.

## Moustakas, Grandal hit free agent market

MILWAUKEE — Mike Moustakas and Yasmani Grandal declined their mutual options with the Milwaukee Brewers, becoming free

agents.

Moustakas, who turned 31 in September, is a free agent for the third straight offseason after earning \$18.7 million in a pair of one-year deals.

He hit .254 with 35 homers and 87 RBIs this year for the Brewers, earning his third All-Star selection. After starting the season at second base, he moved across the diamond to third when Travis Shaw slumped.

Grandal turned down a \$17.9 million qualifying offer from the NL champion Los Angeles Dodgers last November, then agreed in January to a deal with the Brewers that included a \$16 million salary this year and a \$16 million mutual option for 2020 with a \$2.25 million buyout. Selected for the All-Star team for the second time, he hit .246 and had career bests with 28 homers and 77 RBIs.

## NCAA grants waiver to Washington's Green

SEATTLE — Washington guard Quade Green will be eligible immediately after his waiver was granted by the NCAA.

Green, who started his career at Kentucky, transferred to Washington last January and sat out due to NCAA transfer rules. He was seeking to become eligible for the start of this season rather than missing the first month.

The ruling is a huge boost for the Huskies as Green is expected to be their starting point guard and Washington faces a challenging first month with games against No. 16 Baylor, Tennessee and No. 8 Gonzaga.

Green was a five-star recruit out of high school and averaged 9.3 points in 34 games as a freshman at Kentucky.



# Mets hire Beltran, 42, as new manager

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carlos Beltran, two years removed from his playing career and with no managerial experience, has been picked by the New York Mets to replace Mickey Callaway.

Beltran received a three-year contract which includes a club option for 2023. The Mets announced the move Friday.

A nine-time All-Star during 20 major league seasons, Beltran played for the Mets from 2005-11.

He interviewed to become the New York Yankees' manager after the 2017 season, when Aaron Boone was hired, and spent this season as an adviser to Yankees general manager Brian Cashman.

"At the beginning it's a little bit overwhelming. There's a lot of information that you have to digest," Beltran said after he was interviewed by the Yan-

kees two years ago. "Being a player and being able to play this game for such a long time, I have seen a lot, and I have seen the importance of what players need in the clubhouse."

The 42-year-old Beltran becomes the first minority to fill one of the eight major league manager vacancies this off-season. Those jobs filled are: the Chicago Cubs (David Ross), Kansas City (Mike Matheny), the Los Angeles Angels (Joe Maddon), Philadelphia (Joe Girardi) and San Diego (Jayce Tingler). Pittsburgh and San Francisco remain open.

Callaway was hired by then-general manager Sandy Alderson and led New York to a disappointing 77-85 record in his first season. Brodie Van Wagenen replaced Alderson as GM and proclaimed the Mets favorites to win the NL East. But New York fell to 41-51 with a loss in its first game following the All-Star break and could

climb only to the periphery of the wild-card race before finishing 86-76, third in the division behind Atlanta and World Series champion Washington.

"Congratulations to Carlos. We are thrilled, as we know our passionate fans will be, to have him back in the family," Mets COO Jeff Wilpon said in a statement. "Thanks to Brodie and the entire baseball operations staff on this expansive, diverse and collaborative managerial search process."

Beltran will be the fourth current manager born in Puerto Rico, joining Boston's Alex Cora, Toronto's Charlie Montoyo and Washington's Dave Martinez.

He signed a \$119 million, seven-year contract with the Mets in January 2005 and helped them win the NL East in 2006, but he took a called third strike with the bases loaded against Adam Wainwright, ending New York's 3-1 loss to

St. Louis in Game 7 of the 2006 NL Championship Series.

Beltran got into a flap with Mets management in January 2010 when he had surgery on his right knee without their approval. Beltran went to Colorado to be examined by Dr. Richard Steadman, who operated. Assistant general manager John Ricco said at the time the team wanted to discuss Steadman's diagnosis and possibly seek a third opinion but was never given the opportunity.

With New York out of contention in 2011, the Mets traded Beltran to San Francisco that July for pitcher Zack Wheeler.

Beltran finished with a .279 average, 435 home runs, 1,587 RBIs and 312 stolen bases for Kansas City (1998-04), Houston (2004, 2017), the Mets (2005-11), San Francisco (2011), St. Louis (2012-13), the Yankees (2014-16) and Texas (2016).

## Storm the Court scores 45-1 upset in Breeders' Cup

Associated Press

ARCADIA, Calif. — So much for settling the early Kentucky Derby picture.

Next year's outlook is downright fuzzy after a couple of little-known colts challenged each other down the stretch before 45-1 shot Storm the Court staged a stunning neck victory in the Juvenile on opening day of the Breeders' Cup on Friday.

Entries from five-time Derby winner Bob Baffert and Dale Romans faded.

Instead, it was Storm the Court scoring the biggest upset in the Juvenile's 35-year history.

"I'm just so proud of this little horse," winning trainer Peter Eurton said. "He just never stops trying. I knew he was going to fight, but I just didn't know if there was going to be something so strong that he couldn't fight back."

Storm the Court owned a narrow advantage at the head of the lane when Anneau d'Or

ranged up alongside him. Storm the Court never let Anneau d'Or by and gutted out the victory in front of 41,243 fans.

Now Eurton has this winter to consider the Kentucky Derby.

"That's everybody's dream," he said. "It would be a whole lot of fun, I'm sure."

All of the day's 10 races — led by five Cup races for 2-year-olds — went off safely at Santa Anita, where 36 horses have died since December.

A handful of protesters calling for the end of racing in California toted signs outside one of the track's entrances, while industry workers championed their own cause in a gathering a short distance away.

"We're all trying our best to make this the safest sport that we can," Eurton said. "It's unfortunate when any horse passes and zero tolerance is what we're looking for."

Dennis' Moment, the 4-5 Juvenile favorite, stumbled out of the starting gate and trailed the

field before crossing the wire last.

"It was over," said Jason Loutsch, racing manager for Albaugh Family Stables, owner of Dennis' Moment. "We had no chance from the start."

Eight Rings, trained by Baffert, finished sixth.

"When they turned for home, my horse was completely out of it," Baffert said.

Ridden by Flavien Prat, Storm the Court paid \$93.80 to win. He ran 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>16</sub> miles in 1:44.93.

Not since Vale of York won the 2009 Juvenile at 30-1 odds, paying \$63.20, had there been a bigger upset in the Juvenile.

Storm the Court followed in his sire's hoof prints.

Court Vision was a 64-1 shot when he stunned Goldikova to win the BC Mile in 2011, paying \$131.60 — third-highest in Cup history.

Anneau d'Or finished second and Wrecking Crew was third.

European horses were shut

out on Future Stars Friday, when five different jockeys and trainers won. Brothers Irad Ortiz Jr. and Jose Ortiz each earned victories.

Four Wheel Drive was the day's only favorite to win, taking the \$1 million Juvenile Turf Sprint by three-quarters of a length under Irad Ortiz Jr. Sent off at 3-2 odds, the 2-year-old colt paid \$5 to win.

Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien went 0-for-5 on the day.

In other races:

■ Structor won the \$1 million Juvenile Turf by three-quarters of a length under Jose Ortiz for trainer Chad Brown. He paid \$12.60 at 5-1 odds.

■ British Idiom earned a neck victory in the \$1 million Juvenile Fillies for jockey Jose Castellano and trainer Brad Cox. She paid \$7.40 at 5-2 odds.

■ Sharing scored a 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-length win in the \$1 million Juvenile Fillies Turf for jockey Manny Franco and trainer Graham Motion.

## NBA roundup

# Lakers outlast Mavericks in overtime

Associated Press

DALLAS — Anthony Davis started overtime with back-to-back dunks after Danny Green's buzzer-beating three-pointer in regulation, and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Dallas Mavericks 119-110 on Friday night.

LeBron James and young Dallas phenom Luka Doncic had matching triple-doubles, with the 10th of Doncic's career extending the 20-year-old's record for triple-doubles for players under 21. James is third on that list with five.

James had a season-high 39 points with 16 assists and 12 rebounds. The 15-time All-Star converted a three-point play on a layup for a 110-103 lead in overtime.

Doncic finished with 31 points, 13 rebounds and a career-high 15 assists.

Davis had 31 points and eight rebounds. Kristaps Porzingis finished with 16 points and

nine boards after a fast start for the 7-foot-3 Latvian in the best test yet of big-name duos for the young Dallas pair from Europe.

Kyle Kuzma made his season debut for the Lakers with nine points and three rebounds in 19 minutes.

**Nets 123, Rockets 116:** Taurean Prince had 27 points and 12 rebounds and host Brooklyn slowed down James Harden and Houston.

Two nights after scoring a franchise-record 159 points in a victory at Washington, the Rockets couldn't get nearly enough shots to drop after opening an early 15-point lead. They went 12-for-48 from three-point range, with Harden a dismal 2-for-16.

Harden finished with 36 points and eight assists, but he was 10-for-31 from the field. Russell Westbrook added 27 points, eight assists and seven rebounds.

**Spurs 127, Warriors 110:** Patty Mills came off the bench to score 31 points and visiting San Antonio won just hours after Golden State learned it will be without injured star Stephen Curry for at least three months.

The game was an indication of the uphill battle facing Golden State without Curry, who underwent surgery after breaking his left hand Wednesday against Phoenix.

D'Angelo Russell led Golden State (1-4) with 30 points, but couldn't carry the Warriors alone, even with three teammates in double figures.

**Bulls 112, Pistons 106:** Zach LaVine scored 26 points, Otto Porter Jr. added 22 and Chicago overcame a big effort by Derrick Rose against his former team to beat visiting Detroit.

Rose delighted the hometown crowd with 23 points and seven assists. But the Bulls came

away with the win after dropping three in a row while handing the Pistons their fourth loss in five games.

**Kings 102, Jazz 101:** Harrison Barnes scored on an offensive rebound with 2.9 seconds remaining after Nemanja Bjelica's missed three-pointer, and host Sacramento won its first game of the season, snapping a five-game skid.

**Celtics 104, Knicks 102:** Jayson Tatum hit a turnaround jumper with 1.3 seconds remaining and Boston beat visiting New York for its fourth straight win.

**Bucks 123, Magic 91:** Giannis Antetokounmpo had 29 points and 14 rebounds and Milwaukee routed host Orlando.

**Pacers 102, Cavaliers 95:** Malcolm Brogdon had 25 points, eight rebounds and six assists to help injury-depleted Indiana beat Cleveland for its first home victory of the season.

## NHL roundup

# Islanders whip Lightning, extend winning streak to 8

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Since opening the season with three losses in four games, the New York Islanders have been unbeatable, thanks to sheer teamwork. Their latest win was a textbook example.

Anders Lee had a goal and two assists in New York's three-goal third period, and the Islanders beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 5-2 Friday night for their eighth straight win.

Mathew Barzal and Ryan Pullock scored in the second period, Josh Bailey and Derrick Brassard had goals in the third, and Thomas Greiss stopped 33 shots for New York's longest winning streak since a nine-game run in the 1989-90 season.

Yanni Gourde and Ryan Mc-

Donagh scored for Tampa Bay.

**Capitals 6, Sabres 1:** Jakub Vrana scored twice, Tom Wilson had a goal and two assists and host Washington beat Buffalo in a matchup of division leaders.

Brendan Leipsic added his first goal for his new team and assisted on Chandler Stephenson's goal as Washington scored four times in the first 11 minutes of the first period.

**Blues 4, Blue Jackets 3 (OT):** David Perron scored eight seconds into overtime to lift host St. Louis past Columbus.

After the Blues overcame a two-goal deficit to force overtime, Perron scored off a pass from Alex Pietrangolo at the moment St. Louis' power play from Sonny Milano's hooking penalty expired.

**Stars 2, Avalanche 1:** Roope

Hintz scored twice, including a short-handed goal in the second period, and Anton Khudobin made 38 saves in visiting Dallas' victory over Colorado.

The Stars are 5-1 since opening 1-7-1.

**Hurricanes 7, Red Wings 3:** Sebastian Aho had two goals and an assist to lead host Carolina past Detroit.

Andrei Svechnikov, Nino Niederreiter, Martin Necas, Brock McGinn and Teuvo Teravainen also scored to help the Hurricanes win their third straight, all at home.

**Flyers 4, Devils 3 (SO):** Sean Couturier scored in regulation and had the only goal in the shootout to lift visiting Philadelphia past New Jersey.

Joel Farabee scored his first NHL goal, Oskar Lindblom also scored, and Carter Hart made

23 saves for the Flyers.

**Ducks 2, Canucks 1 (OT):** Ryan Getzlaf scored a breakaway goal 2:30 into overtime, and John Gibson made 39 saves to lead host Anaheim.

Jakob Silfverberg scored a short-handed goal in the first period for the Ducks, who improved to 6-1-0 at Honda Center.

**Jets 3, Sharks 2:** Connor Hellebuyck made 51 saves to hold off a furious San Jose attack and Nikolaj Ehlers scored the tiebreaking goal with 1:24 left to give visiting Winnipeg the victory.

Blake Wheeler and Gabriel Bourque also scored for the Jets, but Hellebuyck was the biggest star with Winnipeg spending much of the game hemmed in its own zone.