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## Intervention in SEAL case raises concerns

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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Mark Esper declared that President Donald Trump ordered him to stop a disciplinary review of a Navy SEAL accused of battlefield misconduct, an intervention that raised questions about America's commitment to international standards for battlefield ethics.

Esper's comments on Monday were the latest twist in the case of Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher, which led to a conflict between Trump and armed services leaders over military discipline. The dispute peaked over the weekend with the firing of Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer.

Gallagher was acquitted of murder in the stabbing death of an Islamic State militant captive but convicted by a military jury of posing with the corpse while in Iraq in 2017. Esper initially favored allowing the Navy to proceed with a peer

review board which could have resulted in Gallagher losing his SEAL status, but he said he was obliged to follow Trump's order.

Still, Esper also directed the Pentagon's legal office to review how service members are educated in the laws of armed conflict and trained to wartime behavioral standards.

"I can control what I can control," Esper told reporters when asked whether Trump sent the right message to U.S. troops by intervening to stop the Gallagher review. "The president is the commander in chief. He has every right, authority and privilege to do what he wants to do."

In yet another twist to the Gallagher saga, Esper also made an extraordinary accusation against Spencer. Esper said Spencer had gone behind his back last week to propose a secret deal with the White House in which Spencer would fix the outcome of the Gallag-

her review. Esper said this was a violation of the military chain of command and said Spencer acknowledged his misstep.

Through a Navy spokesman, Spencer declined requests for comment on Esper's allegation. However, in a letter to Trump on Sunday, he said he could not in good conscience follow an order that he believed would undermine the principle of good order and discipline in the military — suggesting he had been ordered to stop the peer review process for Gallagher.

Trump began to get involved in the Gallagher case in the spring after Bernard Kerik, a former business partner to Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, became an advocate for the family and made appearances in conservative media.

The SEAL also changed his defense team to include Marc Mukasey, a lawyer for the Trump real estate company.

The president has tweeted in

support of Gallagher, praising the sailor's service and saying the case was "handled very badly from the beginning."

Earlier this month, Trump restored Gallagher's rank, which had been reduced in his military jury conviction.

Trump also pardoned two soldiers — a former Army special forces soldier set to stand trial next year in the killing of a suspected Afghan bombmaker in 2010 and an Army officer who had been convicted of murder for ordering his soldiers to fire on three unarmed Afghan men in 2012, killing two.

Beyond the Spencer firing, the Gallagher case has raised questions about the appropriate role of a U.S. president in matters of military justice. Esper said Trump had a constitutional right to intervene, but others worry that such actions undermine the credibility of American claims to be a leader in ethical and lawful behavior on the battlefield.

## Pick to lead Navy is ambassador, retired rear admiral

The Philadelphia Inquirer

President Donald Trump's latest nominee to lead the U.S. Navy is a retired rear admiral and the current ambassador to Norway.

Trump announced early Monday that he was nominating Kenneth Braithwaite to replace the ousted Richard Spencer. Spencer was fired by Defense Secretary Mark Esper for allegedly offering to allow a Navy SEAL convicted of a war crime to retire at his current rank.

Originally from Michigan, Braithwaite graduated from the Naval Academy in 1984 and

served as a naval aviator in Hawaii, where he flew anti-submarine missions in the Western Pacific and Indian oceans.

Braithwaite left active duty in 1993 and entered the Naval Reserve, in which he served until retiring in 2011, according to Wikipedia. Braithwaite worked as chief public affairs officer at the Navy Yard in Philadelphia in 1990.

He commanded the Naval Reserve Fleet Combat Camera Atlantic at Naval Air Station in Willow Grove, Pa., and provided support in Guantanamo Bay and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He became a rear admiral in 2007, according to Wikipedia.

During the 1990s, Braithwaite served as a borough councilman in Ridley, Pa. He also worked for Sen. Arlen Specter from 1997 to 2000 as a state director.

In 2007, he became senior vice president of Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania and the head of the Delaware Valley Healthcare Council, a regional group representing full-service hospitals. In that capacity he was a spokesman on various issues confronting hospitals and health care providers.

He was nominated to be ambassador to Norway in November 2017.

In an address to Congress that year, Braithwaite thanked his wife, Melissa, and two children, Grace and Harrison. He also paid homage to his former boss.

"As Sen. Arlen Specter told me so many years ago when I worked for him, that the reason we serve is to ensure that our children and our children's children inherit the same great country that we received from those who went before us," he said.

"After 31 years in the uniform of our nation, I intend, with your approval, sirs, to once again do all I can to uphold that sacred responsibility."

# Indo-Pacific head: Regional protests echo the US' vision

BY WYATT OLSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

The demands of protesters in Hong Kong echo the values of America's vision of a "free-and-open Indo-Pacific," the U.S. military's top commander in the Pacific said Saturday.

"I think some of the challenges you're seeing in Hong Kong today are reflective of the attributes and values that are represented in that free and open vision — that nations in the region want free societies, freely elected officials and the freedom to protect their own sovereignty and feel like they're free from coercion," Adm. Philip Davidson, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, said during a question-and-answer session at the Halifax International Security Forum in Nova Scotia, Canada.

"I think it's the role of the Indo-Pacific command — with-

in the military space — to help advance that vision for the whole of the region," he said in a video of the talk posted online by the U.S. Defense Department.

Protests began in June in Hong Kong, a former British colony, over a bill proposed in April to make extradition to mainland China easier. Great Britain turned over Hong Kong to China in 1997, but the city maintained a large degree of autonomy and held onto the judicial system established while a colony.

As the protests grew, the bill was officially withdrawn in October, but for many protesters that was too little, too late. Clashes between protesters and police intensified this month.

A landslide victory for pro-democracy candidates in Sunday's district council elections in Hong Kong seemed to underscore the public's grievance

with how officials have handled the protests and their willingness to cede control to Beijing.

Last week, the U.S. House and Senate approved in nearly unanimous votes the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, which would impose sanctions against Hong Kong and Chinese officials found responsible for human rights abuses, among other provisions.

President Donald Trump has said he might veto the bill.

Asked about the South China Sea, Davidson said that the U.S. Navy's so-called freedom-of-navigation operations there would "continue to pick up as our rotational access into Singapore and our continued basing in Japan allow us."

Last week, two U.S. warships sailed near disputed islands claimed by China and other Southeast Asian nations.

## Conan gets hero's welcome after raid

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — A U.S. military dog that played a starring role in the raid that killed Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi seemed oblivious to the praise that President Donald Trump heaped on it Monday at the White House.

Conan, a Belgian Malinois, seemed much more interested in the head scratches he was getting from Mike Pence, repeatedly looking up at the vice president in search of more attention.

Trump used a slew of adjectives to describe Conan, who was injured when he was exposed to electric wires in the late October raid while chasing al-Baghdadi at the terrorist's compound in northwest Syria. "Incredible." "Ultimate fighter." "Brilliant." "Smart." "Very special." "Tough cookie."

"So this is Conan," Trump said. "Right now, probably the world's most famous dog."

Trump said he bestowed a medal on Conan and presented the dog with a plaque. First lady Melania Trump stood a few feet away. The president said initially Conan was going to be muzzled for the appearance, but Trump said he thought that would put the dog in attack mode.

"He's not in a bad mood today," Trump told dozens of reporters, cameramen and members of TV crews gathered in the Rose Garden. "So you're safe."

Trump said he asked members of the U.S. special forces who met with him Monday if an unarmed man would stand a chance against Conan. He said the special forces members, who could not appear in public, told him "no."

## Lincoln makes port call in Bahrain

BY JOSHUA KARSTEN  
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MANAMA, Bahrain — The roughly 5,000 crew members of the USS Abraham Lincoln arrived at the U.S. naval base in Bahrain on Tuesday after spending more than six months in the Arabian Sea on a deployment shaped by tensions with Iran.

The port visit marks the first break for the crew since May, apart from a couple of stops at the pier in Duqm, Oman.

The Lincoln was on a deployment from Naval Station Norfolk, Va., earlier this year when it was ordered ahead of schedule to the Arabian Sea in response to what then-national security adviser John Bolton referred

to as "troubling and escalatory indications and warnings" from Iran.

Last month, the Navy extended the carrier strike group's mission in the region to allow repairs to be completed on its relief carrier, the USS Harry S. Truman, 2nd Fleet officials told USNI News last week.

The officials confirmed the Lincoln will remain on station until Truman can replace it.

The Lincoln "continues to provide presence in support of regional maritime security," 5th Fleet spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Pete Pagano said in an email Thursday. "We are committed to protecting freedom of navigation and the free flow of commerce."

Pagano declined to discuss

future operations or the port visit.

The Lincoln has operated since May in a small part of the Arabian Sea and Gulf of Oman.

It transited the Strait of Hormuz into the Persian Gulf for the first time last week.

Navy aircraft carriers traditionally sail through the narrow international shipping route when operating in the region, but tensions with Iran had kept the strike group away from the passage.

The USS Boxer was the last large ship to visit Bahrain, with a crew of more than 2,000 sailors and Marines. The July transit made headlines after crew members downed a drone, which U.S. officials said was Iranian.



## Military families attend papal Mass in Tokyo

BY CAITLIN DOORNBOS  
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TOKYO — Pope Francis celebrated Mass before 55,000 people Monday afternoon in Tokyo Dome stadium, kissing babies and greeting the crowd in his “pope mobile” before the service began.

A group of 49 Catholics from the Chapel of Hope at Yokosuka Naval Base, many of whom had never seen the Holy Father in person, chartered a bus to the service, organizer Mia Duhon said.

The Catholic community at Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo held a lottery for tickets and took 25 parishioners to the event, according to the Yokota chapel. Two priests from Yokosuka, one from Misawa Air Base on northern Honshu island and three from Yokota also attended the Mass.

Lt. Cmdr. Ryan de Vera, a public affairs officer at Navy Public Affairs Support Element in Yokosuka, brought his family of five on the trip. As the pope approached his section in the stadium, de Vera took his 1-year-old daughter, Avery, to the edge of the pope’s path to try to have the pontiff kiss her.

The pope passed by Avery but appeared to make eye contact with de Vera, 35, while smiling and waving to the crowd.

“He looked at us!” de Vera exclaimed.

De Vera’s wife, Joy de Vera, said she had never before seen the head of the Catholic Church in person and knew it would be “a great opportunity for our family to see him.”

“I told my kids that this was a special opportunity to see him and that one day, when they grow up, they can tell their kids that they were able to see him,” de Vera said.

The theme of the Mass was “protect all life,” with the first reading chosen from Genesis to reflect the message that God created life in his image.

“We are called to be a community that can learn and teach the importance of accepting ‘things that are not perfect, pure or distilled, yet no less worthy of love,’” Francis said in his homily, according to a translation from Spanish. “Is a disabled or frail person not worthy of love? Someone who happens to be a foreigner, someone who made a mistake, someone ill or in prison: Is that person not worthy of love?”

## Seoul: North drill broke pact

BY KIM GAMEL  
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SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea sent a strong protest Tuesday to the North over a live-fire artillery drill, the latest sign of deteriorating relations between the two countries amid stalled nuclear talks.

North Korea said Monday that leader Kim Jong Un ordered the drill during an inspection of a military unit on Changrin islet, which is just north of the disputed maritime border off the peninsula’s western coast.

State-run media didn’t give a date for the drill.

South Korea’s Defense Ministry said it occurred Saturday, which also was the ninth

anniversary of a deadly attack by the North. On Nov. 23, 2010, North Korea shelled the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong, killing four people.

Seoul made clear in its protest messages that the artillery fire Saturday violated a military pact signed by the two countries last year in a bid to ease tensions, according to ministry spokeswoman Choi Hyun-soo. Choi said the complaint was lodged via an inter-Korean military communication line, according to the Yonhap News Agency.

“We strongly urge the North to fully abide by the agreement and stop making such moves,” she told reporters, adding that North Korea had not yet responded.

## Pardoned major wants medal back

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY  
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First hailed a hero, then stripped of his Silver Star and charged with murder only to be pardoned by the president, Maj. Mathew Golsteyn now wants his medal and Special Forces tab restored.

“We’re trying to get back what he had,” said Golsteyn’s lawyer, Phillip Stackhouse. “There’s a letter sitting with the secretary of the Army right now.”

Golsteyn, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and former Green Beret, also wants the Silver Star he was awarded in 2010 to be upgraded to the Distinguished Service Cross, the military’s second-highest honor.

The upgrade had been approved but not awarded before an investigation into whether Golsteyn committed a crime in Afghanistan in killing an Afghan man he suspected of being a Taliban bomb-maker.

Whether Golsteyn regains his honors may depend on how involved President Donald Trump, who pardoned Golsteyn two weeks ago, becomes in the case.

“What the president has told Matt is he’s allowed everything as though this never happened,” Stackhouse said in a phone interview.

Golsteyn was awarded the Silver Star for his actions with the 3rd Special Forces Group during the 2010 battle of Marjah, where he repeatedly braved enemy fire, launched a mission to find enemy marksmen, aided a wounded Afghan soldier and coordinated airstrikes, the award citation states.

Around the same time, he also shot and killed the Afghan man who had been released from custody.

The Army has said Golsteyn disclosed the shooting during a CIA polygraph test while applying for a job in 2011. But there wasn’t sufficient physical evidence to prosecute him, and

Golsteyn’s men, including two who had helped him burn the body, refused to speak against him.

In 2015, the Army reprimanded him, took away his Silver Star and removed him from the Special Forces. He wasn’t charged with murder, but then-Army Secretary John McHugh said he’d “demonstrated a lack of honorable conduct.”

Stackhouse said the reason the Army charged Golsteyn last year was an interview the soldier gave on Fox News in 2016 while discussing rules of engagement, when Golsteyn admitted to the killing.

His court-martial was to be held in December before Trump’s intervention.

Last year, Trump said in a tweet that he was reviewing Golsteyn’s case. In October, he tweeted again about the former Green Beret, saying, “We train our boys to be killing machines, then prosecute them when they kill!”

Golsteyn’s efforts to regain his tab follow the tumult over Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher’s effort to retain his Navy SEAL trident pin.

Gallagher was accused in 2017 of killing a teenage Islamic State prisoner in Iraq and committing other war crimes. In July, he was demoted and had his pay cut after a military jury convicted him on just one count — posing for a photo with the corpse of the young ISIS fighter.

After Trump restored Gallagher’s rank earlier this month, Navy Secretary Richard Spencer said the service would review whether Gallagher should be kicked out of the SEALs.

But Trump objected, and Spencer was fired by Defense Secretary Mark Esper. Gallagher got to keep his pin.

Asked about Golsteyn’s status, Esper told The Washington Post on Monday that he was still focused on the Gallagher case and would “take this one step at a time.”

# Ex-White House lawyer ordered to testify

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge has ordered former White House counsel Donald McGahn to appear before Congress in a setback to President Donald Trump's effort to keep his top aides from testifying.

The outcome could lead to renewed efforts by House Democrats to compel testimony from other high-ranking officials, including former national security adviser John Bolton.

Not even the Republican president's closest aides who receive subpoenas from Congress can "ignore or defy congressional compulsory process, by order of the President or otherwise," Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson wrote on Monday in

ruling on a lawsuit filed by the House Judiciary Committee.

"Stated simply, the primary takeaway from the past 250 years of recorded American history is that Presidents are not kings," Jackson wrote. "This means they do not have subjects, bound by loyalty or blood, whose destiny they are entitled to control."

McGahn was a star witness in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, and Democrats wanted to question McGahn about possible obstruction of justice by Trump. That was months before the House started an impeachment inquiry into Trump's effort to get Ukraine to announce an investigation of former Vice

President Joe Biden.

The administration filed a notice of appeal early Tuesday and asked Jackson to put her ruling on hold during the appeal.

"This decision contradicts longstanding legal precedent established by Administrations of both political parties," White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said. "We will appeal and are confident that the important constitutional principle advanced by the Administration will be vindicated."

William Burck, an attorney for McGahn, said the former White House counsel will comply with the subpoena, absent a court-imposed stay.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.,

the Judiciary Committee chairman, said he hoped McGahn would "promptly appear before the committee."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi released a statement calling Jackson's decision "yet another resounding ruling that the Administration's claim of 'absolute immunity' from Congress's subpoenas has no basis in the law or our democracy, and must immediately cease."

The White House has argued that McGahn and other witnesses have "absolute immunity" from testifying. Such immunity "simply does not exist," Jackson wrote in a 118-page ruling.

Jackson is an appointee of President Barack Obama.

## California wildfire forces thousands from their homes

Associated Press

GOLETA, Calif. — A wildfire burning Tuesday on Southern California mountains north of Santa Barbara forced as many as 6,300 people from their homes, but an approaching storm offered hope that the flames would be doused, authorities said.

The fire was a threat to an estimated 2,400 structures, Santa Barbara County fire spokesman Mike Eliason told KEYT-TV.

The National Weather Service said rain was expected to reach the area by midnight.

The fire started about 4 p.m. Monday in Los Padres National Forest as winds gusted up to 30 mph.

By Tuesday morning it was estimated at more than 6 square miles with no containment. No homes had been lost and there were no injuries, Eliason tweeted.

The fire was mainly burning through dry, brushy canyons and ridges of the Santa Ynez Mountains but evacuations were ordered in populated foothill areas.

A 1990 wildfire in the same

area destroyed more than 400 homes.

Firefighters were told during a morning briefing that the area had not received any rain in 180 days and vegetation was ready to burn, as was demonstrated by the fire's exponential growth in its early hours.

The firefighters were cautioned that roads into the rugged area may be too narrow for their engines and that many residents had not left.

The arrival of an expected low pressure system and its accompanying rain also posed hazards ranging from shifting winds to debris flows from steep mountainsides, the firefighters were told. As much as an inch of rain was expected in the area, and crews were warned to not drive across flowing water.

The dangers of the cycle of fire and flood is a raw memory in the region.

In January 2018, a downpour on recently burned slopes just east of Santa Barbara unleashed massive debris flows that devastated the community of Montecito, destroying homes and killing 23 people.

## Woman attacked, killed by wild hogs outside Texas home

The Washington Post

A woman caring for an elderly couple was found dead outside their home in rural Texas early Sunday after she was attacked by wild hogs, according to officials.

The fatal attack is one of the few deaths to occur as an explosion in the population of feral hogs, an invasive species, causes widely reported destruction around the United States, and particularly in Texas.

The caregiver, Christine Marie Rollings, 59, was scheduled to visit her clients in Anahuac at her regular time of 6 a.m., but when she never arrived, one of the homeowners went outside and discovered Rollings' body between her car and the front door, the Chambers County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

Officials were initially unsure of what killed Rollings, though investigators early on suspected an animal attack, Sheriff Brian Hawthorne said in a news conference Monday. Medical Examiner Selly Rivers, in neighboring Jefferson

County, later ruled the cause of death as "exsanguination due to feral hog assault," or that Rollings bled to death as a result of the attack.

"In my 35 years, I will tell you it's one of the worst things I've ever seen," Hawthorne told reporters.

The home of the couple Rollings cared for sits on roughly 12 acres of land 50 miles east of Houston, Hawthorne said. He told reporters investigators believe Rollings arrived around 6 a.m., when it was still dark — and when feral hogs are typically out.

Hawthorne told reporters there were details of the case he did not want to discuss out of respect for the families involved, but he did note that Rollings had been caring for her clients — an 84-year-old and his 79-year-old wife — for about a year and a half.

Rollings' family described her as having dedicated her life to helping people, according to ABC 13 in Houston. Rollings is survived by an adult daughter and two adult grandchildren.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Thousands of gallons of milk spill on road

**NY** SANDY CREEK — A tractor-trailer overturned and spilled about 7,200 gallons of milk onto a highway in upstate New York.

State police said the Sunday crash occurred near Sandy Creek on Interstate 81 when a truck carrying milk rolled over on an exit ramp.

Police said the milk truck's driver noticed a vehicle parked on the shoulder of the ramp and lost control. The driver was pulled from the vehicle and taken to Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse with non-life-threatening injuries.

## Liquor distributor hit over delivery delays

**MI** LANSING — A major Michigan liquor distributor is taking heat for delays in getting booze to customers.

Republic National Distributing acknowledged the problems and said it may take many more days to fix things. Joe Gigliotti said there's no liquor shortage — it's all in the warehouse.

The distributor consolidated operations in Livonia, causing problems for months. Gigliotti told state regulators Friday that it "seemed to overload the system."

Some retailers have driven to the warehouse to get their liquor. The commission has logged more than 800 complaints in November.

## Police say stalking suspect tracked car

**TN** NASHVILLE — A man is accused of planting a tracking device in the car of a woman he has been court-ordered to avoid.

The Tennessean reported

Barry Bryant Kelley, 45, was arrested Thursday on charges including felony stalking.

Court records say the victim became increasingly worried about being tracked because Kelley was following her everywhere.

Last week, her car was searched by two dealership employees who found a tracker. The employees briefly left and returned to find Kelley searching the car. Records say he fled when confronted.

Court records detail years of stalking, kidnapping and domestic violence cases against Kelley.

## Book checked out 70 years ago is returned

**WA** VANCOUVER — Elaine Wilk was a reader until the end, filling her home over the years with books stacked high in her personal library.

But perhaps one nondescript red book should have caught Wilk's attention sooner: a copy of "Mrs. Miniver" by Jan Struther, checked out and overdue from the now nonexistent Vancouver High School library by more than 70 years.

Kasia Wilk, Elaine Wilk's daughter, came across the novel while downsizing her mother's expansive collection. Elaine Wilk died in 2011.

Kasia Wilk returned the book, shipping it to Fort Vancouver High School, which traces its roots to the old Vancouver High.

## Carcass of whale recovered for study

**OR** NEWPORT — The carcass of a giant blue whale that's been submerged off the Oregon coast for more than three years is being hauled to the surface so

it can be reassembled, studied and put on public display.

Oregon State University said Friday that the dead whale washed ashore near Gold Beach, Ore., in 2015. It's rare for a blue whale to wash ashore intact, as the creatures can be the length of two school buses.

Scientists removed 58 tons of its flesh and then placed the bones in the water off Newport so scavengers could pick them clean.

The university said the 365 bones were brought back to land Thursday. The skeleton's reassembly will take a year.

## Alternative found for frog dissections

**FL** NEW PORT RICHEY — No frogs were harmed in the making of a Florida high school's science class.

J.W. Mitchell High School in New Port Richey began using synthetic frogs for educational dissections Nov. 20. Pasco County Superintendent Kurt Browning said it's the first school in the world to use the technology.

The lives of real frogs are being spared at a cost of \$150 per synthetic frog. Tampa-based developer SynDaver received funds from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to help create the "SynFrog."

SynDaver said the fake frogs are made of water, fibers and salts and can be reused.

PETA said 3 million frogs are killed for classroom use each year.

## 2 charged after 2 horses found dead

**IL** MARENGO — Authorities said two people have been charged with animal cruelty after two horses were

found dead and five others severely malnourished in northern Illinois.

McHenry County Animal Control officers were verifying vaccine records at a dog breeding operation in Marengo when they discovered the horses.

The Hooved Animal Rescue & Protection Society was contacted and found two dead miniature horses that appeared to have starved. Five malnourished horses were also found Friday. They were taken to a facility for treatment and are expected to recover.

The McHenry County Sheriff's Department said Sunday that two men were charged with cruelty to animals and violating animal owner duties.

## Police seek man who tried to snatch baby

**NY** NEW YORK — A drunken man tried repeatedly to yank a baby in a stroller away from a mother before the woman escaped into a dollar store and called New York City police, who are seeking the public's help tracking the man down.

Blanca Aucanshala, 28, told the Daily News the stranger was urinating on a nearby car when she left her babysitter's home in Queens on Thursday evening with Kayla in a stroller. The man grabbed her from behind and tried to pull the stroller away.

"He asked me three times" for the baby, Aucanshala said, "and I told him to back away because I would not give him my daughter."

A bystander stepped in and scared off the man. But he soon came back and followed the mother into a store where she dashed to the back and called police. He ran off as sirens approached.

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# Jackson leads Ravens to rout of Rams

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lamar Jackson strengthened his Most Valuable Player case in his “Monday Night Football” debut, leading the fearsome Baltimore Ravens to another blowout win.

Jackson matched his career high with five touchdown passes and ran for 95 yards in another splendid all-around performance, and the Ravens routed the Los Angeles Rams 45-6 on Monday night for their seventh consecutive victory.

Mark Ingram rushed for 111 yards and a TD and caught a scoring pass while the Ravens (9-2) became the fourth team in the 21st century to score touchdowns on its first six drives in a game. With Jackson operating almost flawlessly at the controls, Baltimore embarrassed a previously solid Rams defense by racking up 480 yards with its evolving brand of high-octane football.

“We’re clicking on all cylinders right now,” Jackson said. “It’s OK, but we’re trying to

win the Super Bowl.”

The Ravens’ 22-year-old quarterback went 15-for-20 for 169 yards while constantly making smart decisions with his arm and his feet. He hit Willie Snead with his fifth TD pass with 14:43 to play and took the rest of the night off.

Snead and Marquise Brown had two TD catches apiece for the Ravens, whose winning streak is their longest since they won seven straight to close the 2000 season on the way to their first Super Bowl title. At 9-2, the Ravens have matched their best start since 2012, which ended in their second Super Bowl championship. Baltimore has outscored its last three opponents 135-26.

“I’m proud of the guys,” coach John Harbaugh said. “They come to practice, they work hard, and they’re locked in. I feel like they’re on a mission, and it’s one mission at a time.”

Jared Goff passed for 212 yards with two interceptions and Todd Gurley rushed for just 22 yards for the defend-

ing NFC champion Rams (6-5), who took the worst loss of their three seasons under coach Sean McVay.

Los Angeles hadn’t lost by more than 21 points in its first 43 games under McVay, whose once-prolific offense had another embarrassing performance with just 111 yards in the first three quarters before finishing with 221. The Rams failed to score a touchdown for the second time in three games, and Goff didn’t throw a TD pass in November.

“We didn’t do nearly enough to be competitive,” McVay said. “It was impressive. When you sit there and watch and see (Jackson) up close and personal — on third down with his operation to find completions and making plays with his legs — I can see why they are talking about him being MVP.”

In the Coliseum’s first Monday night game since the Rams’ epic 54-51 win over Kansas City last November, the Rams gave up one more point than they had allowed in their previous four games combined.

The Rams also were among the NFL’s best offensive teams for the previous two seasons, but they’ve lost that status this year while Baltimore has ascended to dominance.

“I’m not surprised” by the size of the Ravens’ victory, Ingram said. “We respect every opponent, but if we execute and do what we do, we’ll be successful.”

The Ravens scored on their opening drive for the seventh time already this season when Jackson lofted an easy TD pass to Brown, who spent a year playing community college ball in nearby Santa Clarita. Brown got his second TD from 18 yards out on Baltimore’s second drive, and Ingram capped a 75-yard march with an 11-yard TD run on the third.

Baltimore got the ball back with only 1:55 left in the first half, but that was plenty for Jackson, who went 9-for-9 in the first half. He hit Snead with a 7-yard TD pass with 12 seconds left, and Rams fans booed their team off the field down 28-6.

## Diaz says ‘arrogance’ the reason for ‘Canes’ struggles

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami football is supposed to have swagger. It is part of the Hurricanes’ DNA, passed on from generations to the next and fueled by things like the memories of national championships, being a pipeline to the NFL, even now gaudy gimmicks like the Turnover Chain.

They even have a saying for it: “It’s a ‘Canes thing, and you would not understand.”

These days, apparently, it’s the ‘Canes themselves who do not understand.

Any sniff of success this year by the Hurricanes has been quickly snuffed out by something going haywire, the most damning example of that being a 30-24 loss on Saturday night to FIU — the school eight miles from Miami’s campus that will have bragging rights for a good

long time. Miami came into the weekend feeling it was starting to roll, having won three straight games.

Oops.

“Unacceptable,” Miami first-year coach Manny Diaz said.

For the 15th time in 16 years, Miami won’t get to the 10-win mark. For the 16th time in 16 years since joining the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Hurricanes won’t be league champions. That being said, Diaz has not lost the confidence of his boss — even now, after one of the most humbling losses in the program’s history.

“The light is always brighter here,” Miami athletic director Blake James told The Associated Press. “Whether it’s in good times or in bad times, at the University of Miami there’s always just a little more attention and I think that plays through to what Manny was touching

on.

“As I’ve said all along, I think Manny has a great understanding of our program. I think he has an understanding of what it’s going to take to get our program competing for ACC and national championships and I’m confident he’s taking the steps that need to be done to get us back to that point.”

Diaz likes to call this era “The New Miami.”

It’s definitely not the old Miami.

It’s more like the same old Miami.

The Hurricanes are 6-5 going into this weekend’s regular-season finale at Duke. A second-tier bowl game likely awaits them. A winning record is not guaranteed yet. They will almost certainly spend the entire season outside of the AP Top 25, the first instance of that since 2015.

There have been 46 schools ranked for at least one week this season. Among those who haven’t been ranked: North Carolina, Georgia Tech and FIU — teams that beat Miami this year. Miami was a 14-point favorite over Virginia Tech (unranked at the time) and lost, an 18-point favorite over Georgia Tech and lost, and was a 21-point favorite over FIU and lost.

“You want that standard. You want to be at a place where that is the standard,” Diaz said. “What I find that troubles us at times, and I think it got us this past week, is when things get good around here — and a three-game winning streak shouldn’t be ‘good’ — but even that, when the sun does come out here, I think our team picks up on the natural arrogance that we have. And I’m guilty of that as well.”



## College basketball roundup

## Virginia Tech upends No. 3 Michigan St.

Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Landers Nolley II peeled off a screen and, without hesitation, let a three-pointer fly from the wing. The ball dropped, giving Virginia Tech the cushion it needed to hold off No. 3 Michigan State.

One big shot, one massive victory for the Hokies.

Nolley hit that crucial three-pointer in the final minute and scored 22 points, helping Virginia Tech outlast the Spartans 71-66 at the Maui Invitational on Monday.

"They believed in me," Nolley said. "And I hit the shot."

Virginia Tech (6-0) had low expectations — at least outside the program — in coach Mike Young's first season in Blacksburg, picked to finish 14th in the Atlantic Coast Conference preseason poll.

The Hokies grinded through a back-and-forth second half before going up 10 with 4½ minutes left. Michigan State fought back to pull within one, but Nolley responded with a

three for a 68-64 lead with 47 seconds left.

Virginia Tech made just enough free throws down the stretch to earn a spot in Tuesday's semifinal against Dayton.

"That's a really good player making a big-league play," Young said. "It probably went a long way in getting us out of here with a win."

Michigan State (3-2) trailed 32-28 at halftime after preseason All-American Cassius Winston was limited to eight minutes due to two fouls.

Winston helped spark a late run, but the Spartans couldn't finish it off. Aaron Henry led Michigan State with 18 points and Winston was held to seven on 2-for-8 shooting.

Michigan State has had a rough start to the season. The preseason AP No. 1, the Spartans lost starting guard Joshua Langford to a foot injury before the first game, and a week later, Winston's brother, Zachary, was hit and killed by a train.

**No. 4 Kansas 93, Chami-**

**nade 63:** Devin Dotson scored 19 points, Udoka Azubuike added 15 despite early foul trouble and the Jayhawks cruised to a victory over the Division II Silverswords at the Maui Invitational.

Kansas (4-1) jumped on Chaminade (2-1) with a huge early run and never let up, shooting 55% while making 12 of 29 from three-point range. Kansas scored 36 points off Chaminade's 27 turnovers and had a 50-22 advantage in the paint.

**No. 10 Ohio State 71, Kent State 52:** Kaleb Wesson scored 17 points and the host Buckeyes recovered after a furious second-half rally from the Golden Flashes to pull away.

Ohio State (6-0) led by as many as 17 points early in the second half. But Kent State (5-1) rallied to tie it midway through the second half. Ohio State then answered with 17 straight points to regain control.

**No. 17 Tennessee 58, Chattanooga 46:** Lamonte' Turner had 17 points and 12 assists as

the host Volunteers beat the Mocs to extend the longest active home winning streak in Division I to 30 games.

Tennessee (5-0) hasn't lost at Thompson-Boling Arena since a 94-84 defeat to Auburn on Jan. 2, 2018.

**No. 18 Auburn 84, New Mexico 59:** Samir Doughty scored 19 points to lead the Tigers to a rout of the Lobos in the second game of the Legends Classic in New York.

Auburn improved to 6-0 and was to meet Richmond in the championship game Tuesday.

**No. 20 VCU 78, Alabama State 62:** Marcus Evans scored 25 points and the host Rams closed the first half on a big run in a victory against the Hornets.

Evans had 18 points in the first half, including 10 during the 26-7 burst that gave VCU (6-0) a 46-28 lead. The Rams led by 19 after halftime, and when the Hornets closed within 12 with 9 minutes left, the Rams turned up their defense and scored the next seven points.

## IOC angered by Russia's denials regarding doping

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Condemning Russian state authorities on Tuesday, the International Olympic Committee says their latest cheating attempt in a years-long doping scandal is an insult to the sports world.

"The IOC will support the toughest sanctions against all those responsible for this manipulation," the Olympic body said in a statement.

On Monday, a World Anti-Doping Agency expert panel confirmed a database from the discredited Moscow laboratory that Russian officials were required to hand over in January was tainted with fake evidence, including to incriminate whistleblower Grigory Rodchenkov, the former lab director. Results

of positive doping tests were removed.

The panel recommended Russian athletes should compete as neutrals at next year's Tokyo Olympics and other major events for the next four years, including the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

When the WADA executive committee meets on Dec. 9 in Paris, it will also consider the panel's request for Russia to be banned from hosting sports events such as world championships through 2023, and blocked from bidding for the 2032 Olympics.

"The (WADA) report proves that any manipulation of the data is the sole responsibility of the Russian authorities," the IOC said.

"This flagrant manipulation is an attack on the credibility of sport itself and is an insult to the sporting movement worldwide," the Olympic body said, urging Russia to finally deliver the raw laboratory data.

Evidence from the Moscow lab, which was shuttered four years ago and sealed by state authorities, could prove hundreds of cases of doping and cover-ups implicating Russian athletes in multiple sports.

Handing over the data in January was meant to be Russia's peace offering to help settle years of disputes since November 2015 when WADA investigation reports started detailing a state-backed doping program and systematic cheating to win medals at the 2014 Sochi Winter Games.

Russia's state apparatus pushed back on Tuesday with foreign minister Sergei Lavrov casting calls for new anti-doping sanctions as one more Western effort to sideline his country.

"There are those who want to put Russia in a defensive position accused of pretty much everything in every sphere of international life — conflicts, economics, energy, gas pipelines, arms sales," Lavrov told a news conference in Moscow when asked about the WADA panel's recommendation.

The Russian anti-doping agency, known as RUSADA, has been sharply critical of the state's approach to the issue and said it expects Russia will likely have to accept the consequences.

## NBA roundup

## Raptors hold Embiid scoreless, top Sixers

Associated Press

TORONTO — Joel Embiid returned to Toronto and had another night he'd rather forget.

Pascal Siakam scored 25 points, Fred VanVleet added 24 and the Raptors held Embiid scoreless for the first time in his career in a 101-96 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

"I can't have this type of production," Embiid said. "I would have never thought I would be here talking about zero points in an NBA game, but it is what it is. Some nights you make shots, some nights you don't. Some nights you're hot, some nights you're cold."

It was the first meeting between the teams since Kawhi Leonard's dramatic buzzer beater that bounced off the rim four times before dropping, the winning basket in Game 7 of the second round of the playoffs

in May. Toronto went on to win its first NBA title, before Leonard left for the Los Angeles Clippers.

Embiid, who was left tearful after that postseason defeat, didn't do much Monday to erase those bad memories.

"Everyone has down games," Sixers guard Ben Simmons said. "No one is Superman. It happened tonight to Jo, but he's going to be good."

Embiid shot 0-for-11 from the field and 0-for-3 at the free-throw line. He finished with a game-high 13 rebounds.

"Defensively, they're everywhere," Embiid said of the Raptors. "They're so long and they make sure they pack the paint."

**Nets 108, Cavaliers 106:** Spencer Dinwiddie hit a fade-away jumper with 1.9 seconds remaining to give visiting Brooklyn its fourth straight victory.

**Thunder 100, Warriors 97:** Chris Paul hit a 19-footer with 36 seconds left to put his team ahead and Alec Burks missed a contested shot in the paint moments later on the other end, sending Oklahoma City to its first road win of the season.

**Bucks 122, Jazz 118:** Giannis Antetokounmpo scored a season-high 50 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for his 17th consecutive double-double to help host Milwaukee rally past Utah for its eighth consecutive victory.

**Lakers 114, Spurs 104:** LeBron James had 33 points and 13 assists, and Los Angeles won in San Antonio for the second time this season.

**Trail Blazers 117, Bulls 94:** Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points in just his fourth game of the season, CJ McCollum added 21 and visiting Portland beat Chicago to snap a four-game losing streak.

**Celtics 103, Kings 102:** Jaylen Brown scored 24 points, Jayson Tatum had 20 and host Boston held off Sacramento despite a career-high 41 points from Buddy Hield.

**Heat 117, Hornets 100:** Bam Adebayo scored 21 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Jimmy Butler also scored 21 points and Miami remained unbeaten at home by topping Charlotte.

**Pacers 126, Grizzlies 114:** T.J. Warren scored 26 points to lead host Indiana past Memphis.

**Timberwolves 125, Hawks 113:** Karl-Anthony Towns had 28 points and 13 rebounds, Andrew Wiggins added 25 points and visiting Minnesota rode three big offensive quarters to rally past Atlanta.

**Pistons 103, Magic 88:** Luke Kennard scored 20 points and Blake Griffin added 17 to lead host Detroit past Orlando.

## NHL roundup

## Ducks put an end to Islanders' point streak at 17 games

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ryan Getzlaf had a goal and an assist, John Gibson made 26 saves for his first shutout this season and the Anaheim Ducks ended the New York Islanders' 17-game point streak with a 3-0 victory Monday night.

The Islanders went 15-0-2 during the longest point streak in franchise history. They hadn't lost in regulation since Oct. 11 against Carolina, but had gone into overtime in each of their previous four games before facing Anaheim. They lost in OT against San Jose on Saturday.

The Ducks put the game away late in the third period when Cam Fowler and Ondrej Kase scored just more than a minute apart. Anaheim ended its three-game losing streak

and a five-game skid at home.

Islanders goalie Thomas Greiss made 20 saves. He was 8-0-0 during the point streak with 233 saves.

**Sharks 4, Kings 3 (OT):** Patrick Marleau scored at 2:35 of overtime to give surging San Jose a win over host Los Angeles.

Timo Meier scored twice and Erik Karlsson had a goal and an assist for the Sharks, who have won nine of 10. Kevin Labanc added two assists, and Martin Jones made 33 saves.

**Blue Jackets 1, Senators 0:** Oliver Bjorkstrand scored 21 seconds into the third period and Joonas Korpišalo earned his second career shutout to lift host Columbus over Ottawa.

The win was the fourth in five games for the Blue Jackets (10-9-4) and it marked their fourth straight at home over Ottawa.

**Flyers 2, Canucks 1:** Jakub Voracek scored midway through the third period to lift host Philadelphia over Vancouver.

Voracek one-timed Justin Braun's pass off the right post and behind goalie Thatcher Demko. Voracek's sixth of the season and second in two games snapped a 1-1 tie.

**Lightning 5, Sabres 2:** Cedric Paquette and Ondrej Palat scored short-handed goals 49 seconds apart in the third period and host Tampa Bay beat Buffalo.

Paquette had a breakaway goal at 8:17, before Palat made it 5-2 on a 2-on-1 break.

**Rangers 3, Wild 2 (OT):** Tony DeAngelo scored 32 seconds into overtime to give host New York a victory over Minnesota that moved goalie Henrik Lundqvist into sole possession of

fifth place on the NHL career wins list.

**Penguins 3, Flames 2 (OT):** Jake Guentzel beat David Rittich on a rush 4:04 into overtime to lift host Pittsburgh over Calgary.

Jared McCann scored his ninth goal and Alex Galchenyuk got his first with the Penguins. Both had a goal and an assist, helping Pittsburgh get a point for the 11th time in 13 games — eight of those 13 have gone to overtime.

**Predators 3, Blues 2 (SO):** Daniel Carr scored the deciding goal in the shootout and host Nashville beat St. Louis.

**Stars 4, Golden Knights 2:** Alexander Radulov had two power-play goals, Esa Lindell scored once and helped kill four penalties, and host Dallas tied a team record with its seventh straight victory.