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Google finds ads Russia bought on YouTube, Gmail

The Washington Post

SAN FRANCISCO — Google for the first time has uncovered evidence that Russian operatives exploited the company's platforms in an attempt to interfere in the 2016 election, according to people familiar with the company's investigation.

The Silicon Valley giant has found that tens of thousands of dollars were spent on ads by Russian agents who aimed to spread disinformation across Google's many products, which include YouTube as well as advertising associated with Google search, Gmail and the company's DoubleClick ad network, the people said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss matters that have not been made public. Google runs the world's largest online advertising business, and YouTube is the world's largest online video site.

The discovery by Google also is significant because the ads do not appear to be from the same Kremlin-affiliated troll farm that bought ads on Facebook — a sign that the Russian effort to spread disinformation online may be a much broader problem than Silicon Valley companies have unearthed so far.

Google previously downplayed the problem of Russian meddling on its platforms. Last month, Google spokeswoman Andrea Faville told *The Washington Post* that the company is "always monitoring for abuse or violations of our policies, and we've seen no evidence this type of ad campaign was run on our platforms."

Nevertheless, Google launched an investigation into the matter as Congress pressed technology companies to determine how Russian operatives used social media, online advertising and other digital tools to influence the 2016 presidential contest and foment discord in U.S. society.

Google declined to provide a comment for this story. The people familiar with its investigation said the company is looking at a set of ads that cost less than \$100,000 and that it is still sorting out whether all the ads came from trolls or whether some originated from legitimate Russian accounts.

Study: Russians targeting troops, vets on social media

The Washington Post

Russian trolls and others aligned with the Kremlin are injecting disinformation into streams of online content flowing to American military personnel and veterans on Twitter and Facebook, according to an Oxford University study released Monday.

The researchers found fake or slanted news from Russian-controlled accounts are mixing with a wide range of legitimate content consumed by veterans and active-duty personnel in their Facebook and Twitter news feeds. These groups were found to be reading and sharing articles on conservative political thought, articles on right-wing politics in Europe and writing touting various conspiracy theories.

In some cases, the disinformation reached the friends and families of military personnel and veterans as well, the researchers said. But it was not always clear who was creating the content. Twitter, for example, makes it easy for users to hide their true identities.

"The social networks mapped over Twitter and Facebook include both genuine accounts created by U.S. military organizations, by service personnel and veterans themselves, and by groups seeking to influence those users," the report says. "Some of the accounts are managed by known trolls or are pro-Putin accounts sharing significant amounts of Russian-oriented content."

The report by Oxford's Project on Computational Propaganda, which has been studying ways that fake news and propaganda reached Americans during the 2016 election and its aftermath, is the first in which the group sought to explore the spread of disinformation on both Twitter and Facebook, and also how links are shared back and forth across those platforms.

Facebook and Twitter both declined to comment on the report, advance copies of which were shared with the companies by the researchers.

To examine the kind of information that reaches military personnel and veterans,

the researchers analyzed content between April 2 and May 2 on Twitter, including popular hashtags such as #GoArmy or #Iraq to determine what users of these hashtags posted. In some cases, said Philip Howard, an Oxford professor who co-authored the report, known Russian trolls were using those hashtags to draw attention to content they were promoting.

The researchers also tracked information on several military-themed websites and used the traffic to those sites — along with the Twitter data — to determine what Facebook accounts promoted similar content on publicly available pages. That yielded maps of online interaction showing, for example, that accounts that linked frequently to veterans and military issues also in many cases linked to content related to Russia.

The kind of information shared by and with veterans and active-duty personnel span a wide range, with liberal political content also common, though not as common as conservative political content. The online military community, the researchers found, also shared links about sustainable agriculture, mental health issues such as addiction and conspiracy theories.

No one subject dominated the online content flowing among these communities, but the largest individual categories dealt with military or veteran matters. Russian disinformation was a smaller, but significant and persistent, part of the overall information flow.

"The very idea that there's aggressive campaigns to target military personnel with misleading content on national security issues is surprising. It's disappointing," Howard said. "Because they're opinion leaders, they get more attention from governments and people who spread misinformation."

The other authors of the report, titled "What is the Audience for VetOps: Social Media Operations Against U.S. Military Personnel and Veterans," were John Gallacher, also of Oxford, and Vlad Barash and John Kelley, of Graphika, which uses social media data to analyze online relationships and influence.

US-backed forces eye final Raqqa push

Associated Press

BEIRUT — U.S.-backed fighters in northern Syria are preparing for a final offensive on neighborhoods still held by Islamic State in the city of Raqqa, a spokesman for the group said Monday.

Mustafa Bali, of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, told The Associated Press that the battle is expected to last between seven and 10 days. The extremists still have hundreds of fighters in the city that was once their de facto capital.

The Kurdish-led forces launched an offensive against ISIS in Raqqa in early June under the cover of airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition. The Kurdish-led group has captured 80 percent of the city, leaving ISIS in control of parts of the Raqqa's center and north.

"The Syrian Democratic Forces are reinforcing positions ahead of the final

attack on the city of Raqqa," Bali said by telephone Monday, speaking from northern Syria.

He added that no time has yet been set for the attack, dismissing reports in some media that the "final offensive" had started. Bali said the main battles are expected to take place around the Al-Aswad Football Stadium, where ISIS fighters used to hold detainees.

The loss of Raqqa would be another major blow to ISIS, which has suffered significant setbacks during the past year, including the loss in July of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city and the biggest that the extremists ever held.

The battles have been ongoing for weeks in Raqqa. SDF fighters and Syrian government forces also are marching in the eastern province of Deir el-Zour, the last stronghold for ISIS in eastern Syria.

Backed by Russian airstrikes, Syrian troops and their allies have been pushing along the western bank of the Euphrates River while SDF fighters are moving along the eastern bank. There have been concerns about a clash between the U.S.-backed fighters and President Bashar Assad's forces.

Meanwhile, Turkey's military said Monday that Turkish troops moved into Syria's northwestern Idlib province the previous day as part of an operation to enforce a "de-escalation" zone that was internationally agreed earlier this year.

The Turkish troops crossed into Syrian territory on Sunday to begin "reconnaissance activities" in Idlib, a statement from Ankara said. It did not say how many troops were involved, but added that the force would create "observation points" in the region.

Red Cross scaling back over attacks in Afghanistan

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The International Committee of the Red Cross announced on Monday that it soon will close two offices in Afghanistan's northern Faryab and Kunduz provinces and also will reduce its activities in Balkh province following deadly attacks on its staff in the north.

Since last December, the attacks have killed one foreign and six Afghan staff members of the ICRC, while three workers have been abducted. Those abducted were released later.

Last month, physiotherapist Lorena Enebral Perez, 38, a Spanish national, was fatally shot inside an ICRC rehabilitation center by a patient in Balkh. Her killing has particularly shaken the organization.

Physical rehabilitation was one of the ICRC's first activities in Afghanistan, starting in Kabul in 1988, according to the organization, which now has seven centers across the country. The seven centers manufacture more than 19,000

artificial legs, arms and other orthopedic devices each year and treat hundreds of thousands of patients, according to the ICRC.

"The ICRC has been directly targeted in northern Afghanistan," said Monica Zanarelli, head of delegation for the ICRC in Afghanistan. "These incidents have affected not only the ICRC in Afghanistan, but the organization as a whole."

After intensive discussions with the organization's headquarters in Geneva, the ICRC reached the conclusion that "there is no other choice but to drastically reduce presence and activities in Afghanistan, in particular in the north of the country," Zanarelli said at a news conference in the capital, Kabul.

There are at least 120 international and 1,800 local staff members of the ICRC working in Afghanistan and the downsizing will include both national and international staff members, Zanarelli said.

Iraqi VP warns of 'civil war' over Kurdish-held Kirkuk

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi Vice President Ayad Allawi warned on Monday there could be a "civil war" over the Kurdish-administered city of Kirkuk if talks over Kurdish independence are left unresolved.

Allawi, in an interview with The Associated Press, urged Kurdish leader Masoud Barzani, as well as Iraq's central government and its Iranian-backed militia forces, to show restraint and to resolve their disputes over the oil-rich city.

The head of the Asaib al-Haq militia, Qais Khazali, warned worshippers in a sermon Sunday that Iraq's Kurds were planning to claim much of north Iraq, including Kirkuk, for an independent state after Iraq's Kurds voted for independence in a controversial but nonbinding referendum two weeks ago.

He said it would be tantamount to a "foreign occupation," according to remarks reported by the Afaq TV channel, which is close to the state-sanctioned militia.

Allawi, a former prime minister, said any move to enter Kirkuk by the country's Popular Mobilization Front militias, which include the Asaib al-Haq, would "damage all possibilities for unifying Iraq" and open the door to "violent conflict."

"The government claims they control the Popular Mobilization Forces. If they do, they should restrain them rather than go into a kind of civil war. And there should be a restraint on Masoud Barzani and the Peshmerga not to take aggressive measures to control these lands," Allawi said.

Kirkuk was included in the September referendum even though it falls outside the autonomous Kurdish region in the country's northeast. The ethnically mixed city has been administered by Kurdish forces since 2014, when government forces fled from advancing Islamic State militants.

Barzani held the referendum over the strong objections of Baghdad, Ankara and Tehran, enraging leaders in the regional capitals.

Mattis scolds Congress on DOD budget

By COREY DICKSTEIN
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis scolded U.S. lawmakers for their inability to pass a Pentagon budget without spending caps so American armed forces can prepare to battle adversaries around the globe that are gaining strength and becoming more dangerous.

During his keynote address Monday to the Association of the United States Army's annual meeting in Washington, Mattis urged lawmakers to reach an agreement that would fund the Pentagon to Oct. 1, 2018, beyond the \$549 billion limit imposed by the Budget Control Act of 2011. He urged Congress do that before Dec. 8, when the Defense Department's current stopgap

budget runs out of money.

"I am among the majority in the country that believes our nation can afford survival, and I want the Congress back in the driver's seat of budgetary decisions, not in the spectator's seat of automatic cuts," Mattis said. "I have great confidence in the U.S. Congress, but I have no confidence in automatic, mathematical budget cuts."

The Pentagon is operating with funding amounts near what it was allotted for fiscal year 2017, which was about \$593 billion. President Donald Trump in May proposed a total Pentagon budget of about \$639 billion for fiscal year 2018, which started Oct. 1. Some lawmakers in Congress have called for budgets in excess of \$700 billion. But those options would require

repeal of the budget caps imposed by Budget Control Act of 2011, which includes automatic across-the-board spending cuts if Congress exceeds those limits.

Mattis has made increasing the military's combat readiness and battlefield lethality his No. 1 priority. On Monday, he called on military leaders to ensure they are providing compelling evidence to Congress that full, predictable funding for the Pentagon is a necessity.

"We need everyone to make certain we are laying out the problem in a manner that makes no doubt about what we're asking for to ensure that America's Army is at the top of its game," Mattis said.

That means convincing lawmakers that by providing the

Pentagon additional funding the military will become more deadly. Mattis believes increased lethality would work as a deterrent to the potential foes of the U.S., including Russia, Iran and North Korea.

He told the soldiers gathered at the conference that training to provide Trump with military options to deal with North Korea would help deter the provocative nation from considering an attack on the United States or its allies.

"Right now, we need to be so ready [to] fight ... that everybody in the world wants to deal with Secretary [Rex] Tillerson at the Department of State and not the Department of Defense and the United States Army," Mattis said.

Trump lists immigration demands for DACA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has told congressional leaders that his hard-line immigration priorities must be enacted in exchange for extending protection from deportation to hundreds of thousands of young immigrants, many of whom were brought to the U.S. illegally as children.

Trump's list of demands included overhauling the country's green-card system, a crackdown on unaccompanied minors entering the country, and building his promised wall along the southern border.

Many were policies Democrats have said explicitly are off the table and threaten to derail ongoing negotiations over legislation protecting young immigrants known as "Dreamers." They had been given a reprieve from deportation and the ability to work legally in the country under President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program, which Trump ended last month.

In a letter to House and Senate leaders released Sunday by the White House, Trump said the priorities were the product

of "a bottom-up review of all immigration policies" that he had ordered "to determine what legislative reforms are essential for America's economic and national security."

"These findings outline reforms that must be included as part of any legislation addressing the status of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients," he wrote, adding that: "Without these reforms, illegal immigration and chain migration, which severely and unfairly burden American workers and taxpayers, will continue without end."

Trump announced last month that he was ending the DACA program, but he gave Congress six months to come up with a legislative fix before recipients began to lose their status. Trump suggested at the time that he was eager for a deal, telling reporters, "I have a love for these people and hopefully now Congress will be able to help them and do it properly."

He'd also tweeted that if Congress proved unwilling to find a fix, he would "revisit this issue!" in six months.

Trump had previously said he wanted a DACA deal to include significant money for border

security and eventual funding for his border wall. But the priorities released by the White House went far beyond that.

They included a complete overhaul of the green-card system that would limit family-based green cards to spouses and the minor children of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents as part of an effort to end "chain migration."

The White House also said it wants to boost fees at border crossings, to hire 10,000 more immigration enforcement officers, to make it easier to deport gang members and unaccompanied children, and to overhaul the asylum system. And it wants new measures to crack down on "sanctuary cities," which don't share information with federal immigration authorities, among other proposals.

"These priorities are essential to mitigate the legal and economic consequences of any grants or status to DACA recipients," White House legislative affairs director Marc Short told reporters in a Sunday evening conference call. "We're asking that these reforms be included in any legislation concerning the status of DACA recipients."

NATO: 'We don't want a new Cold War'

Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania — NATO does not want a "new Cold War" with Russia, despite members' concerns about the Russian military buildup close to NATO's border, the chief of the military alliance said Monday.

Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg was speaking at the end of a four-day NATO parliamentary assembly in the Romanian capital, Bucharest.

He mentioned a Russian-Belarus operation in September involving thousands of troops, tanks and aircraft in Belarus, on NATO's eastern edge. The drills included maneuvers designed to hunt down and destroy armed spies.

Still, Stoltenberg said: "Russia is our neighbor. ... We don't want to isolate Russia. We don't want a new Cold War."

He said the 29-member alliance had increased jet patrols in the Black Sea in "response to Russia's aggressive actions in Ukraine."

Nate dumps heavy rain across East Coast

Associated Press

BILOXI, Miss. — Nate slogged its way across the U.S. East Coast on Monday, dumping heavy rains and bringing gusty winds to inland states as a tropical depression, a day after Hurricane Nate brought a burst of flooding and power outages to the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Nate — the first hurricane to make landfall in Mississippi since Katrina in 2005 — quickly lost strength Sunday, with its winds diminishing to a tropical depression as it pushed northward into Alabama and Georgia with heavy rain. It was a Category 1 hurricane when it came ashore outside Biloxi early Sunday, its second landfall after initially hitting southeastern Louisiana on Saturday

evening.

The storm surge from the Mississippi Sound littered Biloxi's main beachfront highway with debris and flooded a casino's lobby and parking structure.

By dawn, however, Nate's receding floodwaters didn't reveal any obvious signs of widespread damage. No storm-related deaths or injuries were reported immediately.

Nate knocked out power to more than 100,000 residents in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida, but crews worked on repairs, and it appeared many of the outages had been restored within 24 hours.

As of Sunday evening, Alabama Power said it had electricity back to more than 64,000 customers and some 36,000 remained without power, while

utilities and cooperatives in Mississippi said it had restored power to more than 21,000 customers who lost power during the storm. In Louisiana, there were scattered outages during the storm, while Florida utilities restored power to more than 37,000 customers.

Mississippi's Gulf Coast casinos got approval to reopen in midmorning after closing Saturday as the storm approached.

Before Nate sped past Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula late Friday and entered the Gulf of Mexico, it drenched Central America with rains that left at least 22 people dead. But Nate didn't approach the intensity of Harvey, Irma and Maria — powerful storms that left behind massive destruction.

The head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency said the four hurricanes that have struck the U.S. and its territories this year have "strained" resources, with roughly 85 percent of the agency's forces deployed.

"We're still working massive issues in Harvey, Irma, as well as the issues in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and now this one," said FEMA Administrator Brock Long.

Nate initially made landfall Saturday evening in Louisiana, but fears that it would overwhelm the fragile pumping system in New Orleans proved to be unfounded. The storm passed to the east of New Orleans, and Mayor Mitch Landrieu lifted a curfew on the city known for its all-night partying.

Italian-Americans push to keep Columbus Day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A movement to abolish Columbus Day and replace it with Indigenous Peoples Day has gained momentum in some parts of the U.S., with Los Angeles in August becoming the biggest city yet to decide to stop honoring the Italian explorer and instead recognize victims of colonialism.

Austin, Texas, followed suit Thursday. It joined cities, including San Francisco, Seattle and Denver, that had previously booted Columbus in favor of Indigenous Peoples Day.

Many Italians who migrated to the U.S. initially had a rough time. In 1891, 11 Italians were lynched in New Orleans by a mob that held them responsible for the death of a local police official.

At the end of the 1800s, Italians began to link themselves more with Columbus. Italian-American businessman and newspaper owner Generoso Pope was among those who worked to get Columbus Day recognized as a federal holiday in 1937.

Indigenous Peoples Day began to gel as an idea in advance of the 500th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage to the Americas.

South Dakota began celebrating Native American Day on the second Monday of October in 1990. Berkeley, Calif., got rid of Columbus Day in favor of Indigenous Peoples Day in 1992.

In Akron, Ohio, a city with few Native Americans and a large Italian-American community, an attempt to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day split the city council along racial lines. Five black members voted to rename the holiday, and eight white members voted against it.

States and municipalities aren't legally bound to recognize federal holidays, though most do. Columbus Day is already one of the most inconsistently celebrated.

Places that choose to replace it with Indigenous Peoples Day may give their own workers or schoolchildren a day off, teach in schools about Native Americans instead of Columbus, issue proclamations or mark it in other ways.

Dove apologizes for 'racist' Facebook ad

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dove is facing heat for a body wash ad showing a black woman taking off her shirt to reveal a white woman, with many social media users calling it racist.

Dove has removed the post from its Facebook page and posted comments on social media Saturday saying it "missed the mark in representing women of color thoughtfully." In an emailed statement Sunday, Dove said the ad, a three-second video clip, "did not represent the diversity of real beauty which is something Dove is passionate about and is core to our beliefs, and it should not have happened ... we apologize deeply and sincerely for the offense that it has caused."

The ad was a gif showing a black woman taking off her brown shirt to reveal a white woman, who then took off her lighter-colored shirt, revealing a woman of color in a slightly darker shirt.

While that post has been taken down, there are screen-

shots from the ad circulating broadly online. One is a group of four images from the ad that show only the black woman turning into the white woman.

Social media users said there were racist implications of a soap ad that showed a black woman transforming into a white woman. Many who criticized the imagery said it suggests black skin is dirty and white skin is clean, and noted there is a historical legacy of racism in soap ads.

"Dove's marketing team is fundamentally racist. A clean body is not a white body. Black bodies aren't systematically dirty," wrote Abigail Sewell, 34, a sociology professor at Emory University in Atlanta, on Facebook. "I've used their products forever, but it's time to move on."

It's not the first time Dove has been criticized for being racially insensitive in an ad. A 2011 ad that showed two women of color and a white woman standing in front of "before" and "after" signs was also criticized.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Group rips fundraiser for suspended officer

PA PHILADELPHIA — Black Lives Matter protesters reportedly cursed at officers outside a police union fundraiser for a white officer who's been suspended after fatally shooting a black man in the back following a traffic stop.

Asa Khalif, one of the group's coordinators, shouted Oct. 1 at police through a bullhorn, "It's a disgrace you're having a party for a murderer."

Union president John McNesby declined comment.

Police commissioner Richard Ross said Officer Ryan Pownall has been suspended and should be terminated later this month.

Police arrest man after robbery at bank

OR PORTLAND — Portland Police said they arrested a serial bank robber dubbed "The Lazy Leprechaun."

KATU-TV reported that officials allege Eric B. Smotherman, 35, robbed the KeyBank on northeast Broadway on Friday afternoon.

He was arrested shortly afterward during a traffic stop, when police spotted a realistic-looking replica firearm in his car.

Smotherman was placed on a U.S. Marshal's hold at Multnomah County Jail on a charge of bank robbery and second-degree theft.

More than 100 animals seized from home

AZ PHOENIX — Maricopa County Sheriff's officials said they seized more than 100 neglected animals

from a home in Buckeye.

They said an animal crimes unit served a search warrant on the property Oct. 2 and found more than 30 dogs that were in a bedroom plus numerous cats that appeared to be ill from a lack of food and water.

Sheriff's investigators say 37 dogs were seized along with 21 cats, 16 pigs, 16 guinea pigs, seven goats, six donkeys, one mule, three horses and six mini-horses plus multiple birds and rabbits.

The property owner's 11-year-old son was found at the site, and the Arizona Department of Child Safety has an open case involving the boy and was notified.

Prison worker arrested in drug investigation

NE LINCOLN — Nebraska prison officials said a prison employee was arrested on suspicion of bringing drugs into the Nebraska State Penitentiary.

A news release from the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services said the State Patrol arrested Jami Cutshall, 33, on Friday. She was being held in the Lancaster County Jail on suspicion of unauthorized communications with a committed offender, unlawful acts by a corrections employee and sex abuse of an inmate or parolee.

Cutshall's arrest followed the discovery last week that inmates were using K2, a synthetic marijuana. One inmate required outside medical attention related to the drug use.

Attorney tied to cartels gets added prison term

TX EL PASO — A West Texas lawyer serving 16 years in a \$600 million drug money case linked to Mexican

cartels has been sentenced to 10 years for fraud.

Marco Antonio Delgado was sentenced Sept. 29 in El Paso. Delgado in 2016 was convicted of wire fraud, money laundering and engaging in monetary transactions of criminally derived property.

Delgado in 2013 was convicted of drug conspiracy related to a Mexican cartel and was sentenced to 20 years. He appealed and the penalty was changed to 16 years. Half of Delgado's new sentence will be served concurrent to the 16 years, then he must serve five more years.

Sign that welcomes visitors goes missing

FL KEY WEST — Officials in Key West have a mystery on their hands. They want to know who took the sign that welcomed visitors to "Paradise U.S.A."

Residents say they last saw the "Welcome to Key West" sign on the ground after it presumably was knocked down by Hurricane Irma on Sept. 10. The sign at the island's entrance off U.S. 1 features a painted sunset.

It was an \$8,000 gift from the local Rotary Club, whose members just want the sign back, no questions asked.

Officer suffers cardiac arrest during chase

PA DUNCANSVILLE — A 44-year-old Pennsylvania police officer was hospitalized in critical condition after suffering cardiac arrest during a foot chase.

Michael Robison, assistant chief of the Allegheny Township Police Department in Blair County said the officer collapsed during a pursuit on Oct. 1. Robison said other officers gave him CPR and revived

him at the scene. The officer's name was not released.

New Ohio State students to get iPads

OH COLUMBUS — Ohio State University says all of its new undergraduate students will be getting iPads beginning next fall.

The university said it's part of a new collaboration with Apple.

The tech giant and Ohio State will create an iOS design laboratory for the university and will help students learn coding skills and mobile app development.

The school said Apple employees will work at the lab to help with the partnership.

Deputy hurt as vehicle pulls away after a stop

MD PASADENA — A Maryland sheriff's office said a deputy was injured as he tried to handcuff a suspect in a vehicle that sped off, dragging him along.

The Capital Gazette reported the incident happened around 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Pasadena.

The Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office said the deputy spotted a female in the passenger seat of a vehicle who was wanted on multiple warrants. The deputy got one handcuff on the woman before the driver of the car accelerated, pulling the deputy along.

The sheriff's office said the deputy suffered injuries to his head and body and was transported to a Baltimore hospital, where he is recovering.

Authorities said the driver parked the car and he and the woman ran away.

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Judge, Tanaka help Yanks avoid sweep

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Good thing for Masahiro Tanaka and the Yankees that Aaron Judge is 6-foot-7.

Judge reached high and prevented a home run to save Tanaka's seven-inning gem, Greg Bird homered off relief ace Andrew Miller, and New York edged the Cleveland Indians 1-0 Sunday night in Game 3 to extend their AL Division Series.

"He was brilliant," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said about Tanaka. "He gave us everything we needed."

Aroldis Chapman got a five-out save as the wild-card Yankees avoided a three-game sweep by the defending AL champions. With two on in the ninth, Chapman struck out cleanup hitter Jay Bruce before Carlos Santana flied out to end it.

Game 4 is Monday night at Yankee Stadium, with young ace Luis Severino scheduled to start for New York. Cleveland will go with Game 1 winner Trevor Bauer on three days' rest, though there's rain in the

forecast.

"I consider this normal rest for me. I enjoy pitching on short [rest]," Bauer said. "If I could draw it out, personally, this is how I'd pitch every time."

New York got a splendid performance from Tanaka in an old-fashioned October pitching duel with Cleveland starter Carlos Carrasco. Tanaka received a big boost when Judge robbed Francisco Lindor of a two-run homer in the sixth.

Bird came through with the huge hit New York had to have when he connected against Miller leading off the seventh. The first baseman was fired up as he greeted happy teammates in the dugout.

Sidelined by injuries most of the past two seasons, Bird also went deep in Game 2.

"I'm not ready to be done playing and I don't think the rest of the team is," he said.

New York rebounded after blowing a five-run lead Friday during a 13-inning loss in Game 2 that led to heavy criticism of Girardi, booed Sunday night by the home crowd during pre-game introductions.

"Not the first time," Girardi

said, acknowledging it's no fun to hear catcalls. "I kind of expected it."

This was the Yankees' first 1-0 postseason victory since Game 3 of their 2001 ALDS against Oakland, when Derek Jeter's backhanded flip beat Jeremy Giambi to the plate for a crucial, memorable out.

Judge's grab was the big defensive play Sunday. With a runner on first in a scoreless game, Lindor lofted a sixth-inning drive toward the short right-field porch at Yankee Stadium. Judge backed up to the wall and barely needed to jump to extend his glove above the fence and make the catch, just to the right of the auxiliary scoreboard.

"Who better to reach up there and grab it than him?" Bird said.

The sellout crowd of 48,614 roared and Judge flashed a bright smile. It was the first time the rookie slugger had robbed an opponent of a home run and the first time Lindor had ever been so denied, according to ESPN Stats & Info.

"I had to do something," said Judge, who is 0-for-10 with eight strikeouts in the series.

"I wasn't obviously making any contact at the plate, so you've got to make an impact on the game somehow and luckily I was able to do it on defense."

Tanaka tipped his cap in appreciation and held Cleveland down until he was done. The right-hander, beaten 3-0 by Dallas Keuchel and the Houston Astros in the 2015 AL wild-card game, struck out seven, walked one and allowed three hits.

He whiffed three of his first four batters and was aided by two double plays.

"That's the best performance that I've seen from him," Girardi said.

The biggest test for Tanaka came in the fourth, after Jason Kipnis' one-out triple glanced off the thumb of Judge's glove in deep right field and rolled away.

Tanaka beared down and fanned No. 3 batter Jose Ramirez and Bruce, then turned to shout and slapped his mitt in excitement.

"I came here to pitch in these type of games," Tanaka said through a translator.

DH Ramirez powers Red Sox past Astros

Associated Press

BOSTON — Hanley Ramirez waved a "Believe in Boston" flag during pregame introductions, drawing cheers from a Fenway Park crowd fearful of a second straight postseason sweep.

Then he gave the Red Sox exactly what they wished for: more October baseball.

"I just tried to wake everybody up," Ramirez said after delivering four hits and three RBIs to lead the AL East champions to a 10-3 victory over the Houston Astros in Game 3 of the AL Division Series on Sunday.

"I think that's my job: Find a way to come through in big situations," the designated hitter said. "It's the playoffs. It's go time."

David Price pitched four scoreless innings after another Boston starter faltered, and 20-year-old Rafael Devers hit the go-ahead homer to help the Red Sox snap a five-game postseason losing streak.

Mitch Moreland had three of Boston's 15 hits — matching its combined total from

Games 1 and 2, a pair of 8-2 losses. Jackie Bradley Jr. hit his first postseason homer, a three-run shot in a six-run seventh that put the game away.

Early trouble: Carlos Correa homered for the Astros as they took a first-inning lead for the third straight game. Up 3-0 with two on and one out in the second, Houston chased Doug Fister and Joe Kelly retired George Springer before Josh Reddick hit a long fly ball to right field that Mookie Betts caught at the top of the short wall to end the inning.

"It would have been a great spot for us to get another three runs and big momentum for us. And that seemed to be big momentum for those guys," Reddick said. "They come up after that and they take the lead. So I just wish the park was a little bit shorter."

Red Sox relief: Kelly pitched the third, and then Price scattered four hits and a walk while throwing 57 pitches in his longest outing since July. Since going to the bullpen in September after missing most of the season with elbow problems,

Price has made seven straight scoreless appearances.

"He's a machine. He's a competitor. And when he's on the mound he's going to give everything he has," Ramirez said. "That's him. That's his attitude. And that's why he's here."

Early trouble II: Astros starter Brad Peacock escaped the second inning with a 3-1 lead despite loading the bases with nobody out, but he ran into bigger trouble in the third.

After Peacock struck out Boston's No. 3 and 4 hitters, Andrew Benintendi and Betts, Moreland doubled and scored on Ramirez's line drive over left fielder Marwin Gonzalez's outstretched glove. Francisco Liriano gave up Devers' two-run homer to right that gave Boston a 4-3 lead — its first in 44 postseason innings dating to Game 1 of the 2016 ALDS.

Peacock allowed three runs and six hits. Liriano got just one out while allowing one run and two hits for the Astros, who have never swept a postseason series.

QB Rodgers, Packers knock off Cowboys

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott, Ezekiel Elliott and the Dallas Cowboys already have as many losses as they did last season. And it's only Week 5.

While Elliott leaped over the top for a fourth-down conversion before Prescott scored a go-ahead touchdown with 1:13 left, they just left too much time for Aaron Rodgers. The Green Bay quarterback pulled off another late comeback, just like in the divisional playoff win nine months ago to end the Dallas duo's rookie season.

"It's a little bit difficult to think about," Elliott said after the 35-31 loss Sunday that

dropped the Cowboys to 2-3. "We're still confident. We know what we can do."

For now, Prescott and Elliott have lost consecutive regular-season games for the first time and the Cowboys go into their bye week with a losing record.

They won a division title with an NFC-best 13-3 record last season and to match that would have to win their last 11 games — they did win a franchise-record 11 straight after dropping the 2016 opener.

"There's a lot that you can build on," veteran tight end Jason Witten said. "Certainly, the foundation was laid last year, but it's a new year, you've got to re-establish it."

The Packers (4-1) rallied from a 21-6

deficit after Prescott threw TD passes on the first three Dallas drives. There were five lead changes in the fourth quarter, the first on Jordy Nelson's 10-yard TD catch from Rodgers.

Green Bay has won seven of its last eight against Dallas. The latest was sealed when Rodgers led a 75-yard drive that took just 62 seconds and ended with Davante Adams' 12-yard catch with 11 seconds left.

"When you've got 12 (Rodgers) back there, it allows you to be a little more calm," Adams said. "You know he's going to take full control of the offense, take full control of the game. He orchestrated a beautiful drive there."

Roundup

Hunt leads way as Chiefs take down Texans

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rookie Kareem Hunt continues to pile up yards and help the Kansas City Chiefs keep winning.

Hunt had 29 carries for 107 yards on Sunday night as the Chiefs (5-0) remained undefeated with a 42-34 win over the Houston Texans.

"It's a great feeling," he said. "I love winning and the biggest thing is to get a win."

It was the fourth 100-yard rushing game for Hunt, who was drafted in the third round out of Toledo. He needs one more to tie Joe Delaney's franchise rookie record of five set in 1981.

Hunt leads the NFL with 609 yards rushing. He's the first Chiefs rookie to have 600 yards rushing since Christian Okoye finished with 660 in 1987.

Colts 26, 49ers 13: After blowing a 14-point lead in the final eight minutes of regulation and surviving an interception in scoring position in overtime, Marlon Mack's 35-yard run set up Adam Vinatieri for a 51-yard field goal which gave host Indianapolis a victory over San Francisco.

Vinatieri made four field goals to move into second on the NFL's career list, one ahead of Gary Anderson (538).

Chargers 27, Giants 22: Philip Rivers threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Melvin Gordon with 2:58 to play and San Diego rallied to beat host New York in a game worthy of two teams that started the year 0-4.

The touchdown pass was Rivers' third of the game and came three plays after Kyle Emanuel had a sack, forced fumble and recovery against Eli Manning at the Giants 11-yard line. It also came four plays after Odell Beckham Jr. was knocked out of the game.

Jaguars 31, Steelers 9: At Pittsburgh, Telvin Smith and Barry Church returned a pair of Ben Roethlisberger's interceptions for touchdowns.

Jacksonville (3-2) beat the Steelers for the first time in a decade by relying heavily on the NFL's top-ranked pass defense. The Jaguars picked off Roethlisberger five times in all and sacked him twice. Rookie Leonard Fournette ran for 181 yards and two TDs for the Jags, who are over .500 after five games for the first time since 2010.

Eagles 34, Cardinals 7: Carson Wentz threw a career-best four touchdown passes and host Philadelphia continued its impressive start.

Carson Palmer and Arizona's one-dimensional offense were held to 279 yards. The

Cardinals (2-3) have alternated losses and wins since Week 1.

Dolphins 16, Titans 10: Jay Cutler finally silenced the boobirds with a fourth-quarter touchdown pass, and host Miami overcame another dismal offensive showing.

The Titans (2-3) played without quarterback Marcus Mariota, who was inactive because of a left hamstring injury. Replacement Matt Cassel went 21-for-32 for 141 yards and was sacked six times.

Panthers 27, Lions 24: Cam Newton showed he was very focused on football, throwing three touchdowns to help visiting Carolina build a lead big enough to hold off Detroit.

The Panthers (4-1) scored 24 straight points after trailing 10-3 early in the second quarter. Detroit rallied, but could not stop Newton on his last drive.

Bengals 20, Bills 16: At Cincinnati, A.J. Green had a hand in three turnovers that kept it close, but the receiver also pulled off a 77-yard touchdown and another long catch that set up a score.

After losing their first three games, the Bengals (2-3) have salvaged their season by getting the ball to their playmakers at decisive moments. Green's 47-yard catch set up a 5-yard TD run by Joe Mixon that put

Cincinnati ahead to stay in the fourth quarter.

Jets 17, Browns 14: Josh McCown came back to Cleveland and beat the team that cut him, throwing two touchdown passes and leading the surprising Jets over the winless Browns, who benched rookie QB DeShone Kizer and fell to 1-20 under coach Hue Jackson.

Ravens 30, Raiders 17: Joe Flacco hit Mike Wallace on two deep passes to spark Baltimore's struggling offense, and the Ravens got a fumble return for a touchdown by Jimmy Smith to beat short-handed host Oakland.

The Raiders (2-3), playing without injured star quarterback Derek Carr and two key cornerbacks, played from behind all game as Smith returned Jared Cook's fumble 47 yards for a TD that made it 14-0 just 3:50 in.

Seahawks 16, Rams 10: Russell Wilson passed for 198 yards and a TD, and Earl Thomas forced two of host Los Angeles' five turnovers.

Jimmy Graham scored late in the first half in a defense-dominated win for the Seahawks (3-2), who shut out the NFL's highest-scoring offense in the second half of their second straight win over their NFC West rivals.

Rangers' Lundqvist shuts out Canadiens

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Henrik Lundqvist bounced back after getting roughed up the previous night and helped the New York Rangers get their first win of the season.

The veteran goalie stopped 34 shots for his 62nd career shutout to lead the Rangers to a 2-0 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Sunday night.

Lundqvist was stellar in getting his 406th career win one night after getting pulled after giving up five goals in the first period of an 8-5 loss at Toronto. He is now one away from tying Glenn Hall for ninth place on the NHL's career wins list.

"I felt like we played more our style where it's more in control and we use our speed when there's an opportunity for it," Lundqvist said. "And for me, every period a couple extra saves were enough. It was not like I needed to make eight, nine big ones. It was a couple extra here and there, and the rest, the guys took care of it."

Brady Skjei scored on a fortunate bounce in the first period and Mika Zibanejad got his fourth of the season in the third to help the Rangers improve to 41-12-4 in games following a loss dating back to Dec. 22, 2015.

"When we made some mistakes, Hank came up with the right saves at the right time," Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said. "That's what we need from our goaltender, that's what we needed from our team."

Montreal had two goals disallowed earlier in the opening period. The first was taken away after a video review when officials determined forward Andrew Shaw kicked the puck into the net 6:24 into the game. A couple of minutes later, Vigneault challenged another Montreal score for goaltender interference and officials determined Canadiens captain Max Pacioretty made contact with Lundqvist on the play.

Truex Jr. gets 2nd playoff win

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Standing next to his car in victory lane, in this season he never thought possible, Martin Truex Jr. struggled with his emotions.

He raced to his career-best sixth victory on Sunday at Charlotte Motor Speedway, and this win is worth an automatic slot in the next round of NASCAR's playoffs. He's clearly the driver to beat in this championship race, and the reality of how close it really is seemed somewhat surreal.

Then he thought about his partner, Sherry Pollex, who has ovarian cancer and chemotherapy scheduled for Monday. She couldn't come to the race, partly because her weakened immune system makes crowds too risky for her.

He choked on his words, his voice heavy as he tried not to cry.

"I couldn't hold it in anymore," he said. "Sherry, I was thinking about her because she's not here, and I know she really wanted to be. I thought about winning this first race of the round, the pressure coming off. Just a lot of things, I guess. I was wore out. I just lost it for a minute."

"There's a lot going on. It just shows how much this stuff means to us. We put everything into this, everything we have."

Truex gave Toyota yet another victory in NASCAR's playoffs — the manufacturer is 4-for-4 so far — on a humid day at Charlotte. Truex has two wins in the playoffs and this one was the first time in this format that Toyota has won a race in this round of postseason.

"Just a total team effort," Truex said. "Every single guy, every guy on this team just did a perfect job today and I can't be more proud of them and at this time of the year is just when you want it to happen. You dream about days like today. I don't know if we had the best car, but we damn sure got it in victory lane."

Kyle Busch, winner of the last two playoff races, wrecked early in the race yet completed it in a damaged race car. Complaining most of the 500 miles of being overheated, he needed immediate medical attention when he climbed from his car.

Busch laid in the grass, packs of ice were placed on his chest, and a stretcher was brought to him. Once he felt strong enough, he stood and walked to an ambulance. He received oxygen to treat a high carbon monoxide level.

"I felt like I was having a heat stroke," Busch said.

The humidity drained several drivers, including Truex, who had to catch his breath after taking the checkered flag.

"Seeing him after the race, how whipped he was, was kind of a shock," crew chief Cole Pearn said.

Truex won in overtime after two late cautions created extra laps and forced Truex to hold off fellow Toyota driver Denny Hamlin on a pair of restarts.

Chase Elliott finished second for the second

consecutive week and sixth time in his career. He nearly won for the first time in the Cup series a week ago, but Busch ran him down and passed him for the win with one lap to go.

Harvick was third and Hamlin finished fourth. Like his teammate Busch, Hamlin was drained after the race. His firesuit was soaked with sweat stains and he needed to eat a banana to recover.

"You usually can tell hydration level from my suit," Hamlin said. "Any time it has white streaks all over it, I'm spent pretty good. I feel pretty bad, no doubt about it."

Playoff standings: The bottom four in the standings headed into Talladega are Matt Kenseth, Brad Keselowski, Ryan Blaney and Ricky Stenhouse. But, it could have been much worse for Stenhouse, who was all over the board Sunday until he solidly cracked the top-15 late in the race.

But, Stenhouse was busted for speeding on a late pit stop and had to restart 20th. He had to scramble in the closing laps to finish 13th.

"We thought if we could be 15th to 10th it would be a good day for us," he said. "It would be nice to run top-10 all race here, but we struggled up and down."

Lug nut controversy: Jimmie Johnson was fourth when he headed to pit road under a Lap 280 caution. When crew chief Chad Knaus noticed a missing lug nut, Johnson slowed his exit from the pit box.

That technically counts as servicing the car outside the pit box, which warrants a one-lap penalty. But NASCAR did not punish the champion.

NASCAR spokesman Kurt Culbert said Johnson's stop was completed, and teams could work outside the stall if an unsecured lug nut was discovered after the stop. By stopping and backing up, NASCAR felt Johnson's team essentially had served its own penalty.

Larson's long day: His 10th-place finish gave no indication of how good Kyle Larson was at Charlotte. He seemed to be as good as Truex late in the race, but an awful pit stop — his tire carrier tripped and fell — dropped him to 12th. Larson still worked his way into the top-four, but he was hit by Kurt Busch late in the race and the damage took him out of contention for racing for the victory.

Earlier in the race, Larson missed his pit box and the gaffe knocked him to 31st in the field. But he clawed his way through traffic and had worked his way into the top five by the end of the first stage.

"I felt like we've been better than (Truex) the past two weeks," Larson said. "Last week was probably the first time in a long time he hasn't been the most dominant. And then, he definitely wasn't dominant today. I felt like I had a car to win. I made a mistake on pit road early. We rebounded from that. And then we had a costly mistake late and somewhat rebounded, but then those last two restarts didn't go my way."