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## Mattis stresses diplomacy on DMZ visit

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PANMUNJOM, South Korea — With North Korean soldiers watching his every move, the U.S. defense secretary pressed for diplomacy with the communist state on Friday but insisted it must stop provocations and abandon its nuclear weapons program.

Jim Mattis also expressed solidarity with South Korea during a visit to the Demilitarized Zone that divides the peninsula, accusing the North of threatening others with a “catastrophe.”

“I’m here today to reinforce the United States’ ironclad commitment to the South Korean people,” he said, standing just a few feet away from the Military Demarcation Line that separates the two countries in the truce village of Panmunjom.

With his South Korean counterpart beside him, Mattis said “we stand shoulder to shoulder with you, with your soldiers and with your people in confronting the threat posed by the Kim Jong Un regime.”

Several North Korean soldiers stood guard or filmed him from the other side in the Joint Security Area. A tour group

that appeared to include foreigners also observed the scene from the top balcony of North Korea’s main building there.

Within hearing range of the North Koreans, Mattis accused the regime of oppressing its people “in the pursuit of nuclear weapons and means of delivery in order to threaten others with catastrophe.”

South Korean Defense Minister Song Young-moo also warned North Korea against using nuclear and ballistic missiles, saying “if it does, it will face retaliation by the strong, combined force of South Korea and the U.S.”

Mattis later visited Observation Post Ouellette, where he saw the barren no man’s land, a 2.5-mile-wide, 150-mile-long buffer zone dotted with land mines and lined with barbed wire.

The former Marine general was meeting with South Korean officials this weekend for security talks on their long-standing alliance and how to deal with Pyongyang ahead of a planned visit by President Donald Trump next month.

Tensions have risen sharply during the past year and a half as North Korea increased the pace of its nuclear weapons

program with the stated goal of developing a missile that could target the U.S.

Trump, meanwhile, has made a series of bellicose statements including a warning that he’ll “totally destroy” the North if forced to defend the U.S. or its allies.

Mattis, who also met with President Moon Jae-in on Friday, has said he supports measures to achieve a diplomatic solution but military action remains on the table.

During his DMZ visit, however, he stressed support for Secretary of State Rex Tillerson’s efforts to use punishing economic sanctions and international pressure to get the North back to the negotiating table.

“North Korean provocations continue to threaten regional and world peace,” said Mattis, who was making his second trip to South Korea as defense secretary. “Our goal is not war, but rather the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.”

Mattis arrived in Seoul earlier Friday and planned to co-chair a security meeting on Saturday with the South Korean defense minister focusing on the long-standing alliance between the two countries and the crisis with North Korea.

## Misconduct persists despite DOD’s ‘zero-tolerance’ vow

*USA Today*

WASHINGTON — Despite more than 500 cases of serious misconduct — many involving sexual harassment — among its most senior officers and officials during the past four years, the Pentagon maintained Thursday that it has “zero tolerance” for such behavior.

For decades, Pentagon officials have used the term “zero tolerance” after eruptions of scandals involving sexual assault and harassment. Yet in each of the past four years, military investigators have documented at least 100 instances of misbehavior among generals, admirals and senior civilians, including instances of sexual assault and harassment.

Recent cases include an Air National Guard one-star general who sexually harassed three subordinates, playing with the hair of one woman and kissing her, touching another’s legs and grabbing the waist of

a third woman and inviting her to his room, according to a Pentagon Inspector General report. In another instance, a Navy admiral was reprimanded for looking at pornography on his government computer.

A USA Today investigation this week revealed that from 2013 through 2016, senior officers and officials had been found to have committed 508 instances of misbehavior, about half of them for personal misconduct and ethical violations. The Pentagon keeps a running tally, but it does not study why the trends persist, the paper found. The military also closed an office tasked by former Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel with determining the scope of the problem without any conclusions reached.

The military’s problems with sexual harassment coincide with scandals in Hollywood, industry and the media.

Despite those findings and the continuing stream of substantiated misbehavior

among senior officials, Pentagon Press Secretary Dana White said Thursday that Defense Secretary Jim Mattis “has been very clear that he has zero tolerance for harassment and misconduct.”

White acknowledged the problems persist, and that the military could improve, but said that cases are investigated and perpetrators are punished.

“Again, we have a zero tolerance about it,” White said. “But then you also find that a lot of times, people have also been held accountable for their actions.”

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., scoffed at the zero-tolerance pledge, saying the Pentagon “can’t be trusted to police itself.” Gillibrand, a member of the Armed Services Committee, renewed her call for the military to create a separate corps of prosecutors to handle sex crimes rather than to continue to allow military commanders the discretion over the cases.

# Niger hearing signals more cooperation between Hill, Pentagon

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WASHINGTON — Several senators walked away Thursday from a closed hearing on the deadly Niger attack saying they were pleased with the amount of information shared so far in a sign of increasing cooperation from the Pentagon.

The hearing came more than three weeks after the Oct. 4 ambush in Niger that killed four U.S. soldiers and amid heightened concerns from Congress that the Pentagon wasn't forthcoming about what happened.

Several senators declined to discuss specifics from Thursday's meeting since some of the information shared was classified. On behalf of the Pentagon, Robert Kareem, assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, and Maj. Gen. Albert Elton II, Air Force deputy director for special operations and counterterrorism, were slated to testify.

"There's still some questions that are out there. But it was an excellent briefing," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which hosted Thursday's hearing. "We got a lot of good information. And it's progress. We expect more, but this is what we've been asking for."

One week ago, a frustrated McCain threatened to issue a subpoena for more information on the Niger attack.

The next day, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis made an impromptu visit to Capitol Hill to visit behind closed doors with McCain and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

"We have a commitment from Gen. Mattis to be regularly updated, to be regularly consulted," McCain said Thursday.

That also could mean McCain will lift his hold on several Pentagon nominations in

exchange for more information from defense officials, he said. But the senator stopped short of saying which ones, only that he would lift "some" holds.

But still, many questions remain in the Niger attack. Among them: Why did it take 48 hours to find the body of Army Sgt. La David Johnson?

"I emerge with more questions than answers, and there needs to be a full investigation," said Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn. "I need to be able to look families in the eye and explain what our mission is, what mistakes were made in this incident ... who made them and why."

On Oct. 4, a roughly 40-person U.S.-Nigerien patrol that included 12 U.S. soldiers on a mission in Niger came under assault by militants in southwest Niger near its border with Mali. The Pentagon has described the potential attackers as a local, self-radicalized group aligned with Islamic State.

A fight ensued, resulting in the deaths of Johnson and Army Staff Sgts. Bryan C. Black, Jeremiah W. Johnson and Dustin M. Wright. They were assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. Two other U.S. soldiers were injured in the ambush, and five Nigerien troops were killed.

Blumenthal said Thursday that public hearings are needed to assess why the United States has roughly 6,000 troops stationed in Africa and to reassess U.S. strategy, tactics and resources there. An investigation into the attack is underway and could take 30 days before any findings are released.

McCain and other senators who emerged from Thursday's meeting also said the fight against ISIS is shifting and moving to West Africa.

# Iraqi PM suspends move to retake land

*Associated Press*

BAGHDAD — Iraq's Prime Minister on Friday issued a 24-hour suspension of the movement of troops who are deployed in Iraq's north to bring territory held by Kurdish forces back under federal control.

The order was given to "prevent clashes and bloodshed between the sons of one nation," Haider al-Abadi said in a written statement.

The announcement follows conflicting reports from the U.S.-led coalition that a cease-fire had been reached between Kurdish forces and troops deployed by Iraq's central government.

After initially announcing a cease-fire, the coalition said the statement was incorrect but added that talks were ongoing.

Escalating tensions between Irbil and Baghdad erupted in violence earlier this month following a controversial referendum on independence held by the Kurds in September.

Clashes broke out when federal forces retook the disputed city of Kirkuk and other areas outside the autonomous Kurdish region that the Kurds had seized from Islamic State.

ISIS conquered those areas after sweeping across the country in 2014. Most of the Kurdish forces withdrew without a fight after Iraqi troops moved in, but reports of low-level clashes continued and tensions remained.

The Kurdish referendum on support for independence was held in September in the three provinces that make up the Kurds' autonomous zone, as well as in a string of territories claimed by Baghdad but at the time controlled by Kurdish forces.

Al-Abadi demanded the annulment of the vote and the transfer of border control and other infrastructure to federal forces.

Kurdish officials offered this week to "freeze" the results of the vote, but al-Abadi rejected the offer Thursday.

# Officer cites religious beliefs in disciplinary action case

*Albuquerque (N.M.) Journal*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An Air Force colonel who refused to sign a certificate of appreciation for a retiring master sergeant's same-sex spouse says he was wrongly disciplined for following his religious beliefs.

Col. Leland Bohannon was relieved of command and a letter was sent by a superior officer recommending against his promotion after an Equal Opportunity complaint against him was substantiated. A religious liberties group is now demanding the reversal of the decision.

In May, Bohannon, then the

commander of the Air Force Inspection Agency headquartered at Kirtland Air Force Base, was asked to sign certificates for a retiring master sergeant, including a "certificate of spouse appreciation," according to an appeal letter to the Air Force from First Liberty Institute sent on Oct. 5.

The certificate is one traditionally given to the spouses of retiring military members; it is not legally required to be given and is not an official document.

Bohannon did not sign the certificate for the master sergeant's same-sex spouse, as it conflicted with his religious beliefs.



# US Navy rescues women, dogs lost at sea

Associated Press

HONOLULU — A planned voyage from Hawaii to Tahiti aboard a small sailboat didn't start off well for two Honolulu women. One of their cellphones washed overboard and sank into the deep blue water on their first day at sea.

From there, things got worse. Much worse. About a month into their trip, bad weather caused their engine to lose power. Their mast was damaged. And then, as they drifted across thousands of miles of open ocean, their water purifier stopped working.

But the two sailors, accompanied by their dogs, were resourceful and prepared with more than a year's worth of food, and after more than five months of being lost in the vast Pacific Ocean, sending out daily distress calls that no one heard, they were rescued by the U.S. Navy on Wednesday about

900 miles southeast of Japan — thousands of miles off course.

The USS Ashland rescued the women after a Taiwanese fishing vessel spotted their crippled vessel Tuesday and alerted the U.S. Coast Guard, the Navy said in a statement released Thursday.

The women, identified by the Navy as Jennifer Appel and Tasha Fuiava, both of Honolulu, lost their engine in bad weather in late May but believed they could still reach Tahiti using their sails.

"They saved our lives," said Appel through the Navy release. "The pride and smiles we had when we saw (U.S. Navy) on the horizon was pure relief."

In a phone call with news media from the Ashland, Appel said they had sent a distress signal for 98 days with no response.

"It was very depressing and very hopeless, but it's the only thing you can do, so you do what you can do," she said, according to

an audio recording of the call.

A group of sharks attacked their boat one night, and a single shark returned a day later, she said.

"Both of them, we actually thought it was lights out, and they were horrific," Appel said. "We were just incredibly lucky that our hull was strong enough to withstand the onslaught."

Asked if they ever thought they might not survive, she said they would not be human if they did not. She credited the two dogs, which she called their companion animals, with keeping their spirits up.

"There is a true humility to wondering if today is your last day, if tonight is your last night," she said.

The women received a medical assessment, food and beds aboard the Navy ship, where they will remain until the next port of call, the Navy said.

## 2,800 JFK files released, hundreds held back

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has blocked the release of hundreds of records on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, bending to CIA and FBI appeals, while the National Archives came out Thursday night with a hefty cache of others.

"I have no choice," Trump said in a memo, citing "potentially irreversible harm" to national security if he were to allow all records to come out now. He placed those files under a six-month review while letting 2,800 others come out, racing a deadline to honor a law mandating their release.

The documents approved for release and made public late Thursday capture the frantic days after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination, during which federal agents madly chased after tips, however thin, juggled rumors and sifted through leads worldwide.

They include cables, notes and reports stamped "Secret" that reveal the suspicions of the era — around Cubans and communists.

They cast a wide net over varied activities of the Kennedy administration, such as its covert efforts to upend Fidel

Castro's government in Cuba.

For historians, it's a chance to answer lingering questions, to put some unfounded conspiracy theories to rest, perhaps to give life to other theories.

Despite having months to prepare for disclosures that have been set on the calendar for 25 years, Trump's decision came down to a last-minute debate with intelligence agencies — a tussle the president then prolonged by calling for still more review.

The delay sparked a round of finger-pointing among agencies and complaints that Trump should have released all records.

Roger Stone, a sometime Trump adviser who wrote a book about his theories on the assassination, urged Trump to review personally any material that government agencies still want to withhold. Trump should at least "spot check" any extensive redactions to make sure agencies are not "dabbling in acts of criminal insubordination," Stone said in a statement.

As for the unreleased documents, Trump will impress upon federal agencies that "only in the rarest cases" should JFK files stay secret after the six-month review, officials said.

In the meantime, experts will be poring through a mountain of minutiae and countless loose threads in search of significant revelations.

In the chaotic aftermath of the assassination, followed two days later by the murder of the shooter, Lee Harvey Oswald, while in police custody, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover vented his frustration in a formerly secret report found in the files. It opened: "There is nothing further on the Oswald case except that he is dead."

But, reflecting on Oswald less than an hour after he died, Hoover already sensed theories would form about a conspiracy broader than the lone assassin.

"The thing I am concerned about, and so is (deputy attorney general) Mr. Katzenbach, is having something issued so we can convince the public that Oswald is the real assassin," he said. He also reported: "Last night we received a call from our Dallas office from a man talking in a calm voice and saying he was a member of a committee organized to kill Oswald."

Hoover said he relayed that warning to Dallas police and was assured Oswald would be sufficiently protected. Oswald was shot dead the next day by

Jack Ruby.

A document from 1975 contains a partial deposition by Richard Helms, a deputy CIA director under Kennedy who later became CIA chief, to the Rockefeller Commission, which was studying unauthorized CIA activities in domestic affairs. Commission lawyers appeared to be probing for information on what foreign leaders might have been the subject of assassination attempts by or on behalf of the CIA.

A lawyer asks Helms: "Is there any information involved with the assassination of President Kennedy which in any way shows that Lee Harvey Oswald was in some way a CIA agent or agent" — here the document ends, short of his answer.

Among the files is a more-than-400-page document that appeared to describe people being monitored as potential threats to Kennedy and his successor, Lyndon B. Johnson.

Officials described one such person this way: "Subject participated in pickets against JFK in 1961. Allegedly trained in guerrilla tactics & sabotage. Considered very dangerous by those who know him. Has visited USA & Cuba. Considered armed and dangerous."

## Trump signs \$36.5B bill on disaster aid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed a \$36.5 billion emergency aid measure on Thursday to refill disaster accounts, to provide a cash infusion to Puerto Rico and to bail out the federal flood insurance program.

The president signed the bill after the Senate sent him the measure earlier this week to help Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico after a devastating string of hurricanes. The funding also will bolster Western states dealing with massive wildfires.

Congress has approved more than \$50 billion in disaster aid this fall, but more money will be needed. The states and Puerto Rico continue to assess the damage from an onslaught of damaging storms.

The measure provides \$18.7 billion to replenish the Federal Emergency Management Agency's accounts, and \$16 billion to allow the flood insurance program to keep paying claims.

Led by the Florida and Texas delegations, Congress will be pressed for additional funding to help homeowners without flood insurance rebuild and to cover damage to water and navigation projects, crops, public buildings and infrastructure.

## Catalonia declares autonomy; Spain clears path for takeover

The Washington Post

BARCELONA — The Spanish Senate gave the central government in Madrid unprecedented powers over Catalonia on Friday just minutes after the breakaway region declared independence, sharply escalating a constitutional crisis in the center of western Europe.

The two votes — one for independence, one to restore constitutional rule — came in dueling sessions of parliaments in Barcelona and Madrid.

The central government easily won permission to take over control of Catalonia. Meanwhile, secessionists in Catalonia faced bitter recriminations from Catalan foes who called the move for nationhood a coup and a historic blunder a month after a referendum that backed a split from Spain.

The widening impasse has left little middle ground in Spain for possible compromises and has spilled over to the European Union, whose leaders fear another internal crisis after major upheavals such as Britain's exit from the bloc and the financial meltdown in Greece.

Immediately after the vote for independence, Donald Tusk, the president of the European Council, tweeted, "For EU nothing changes. Spain remains our only interlocutor. I hope the Spanish government favours force of argument, not argument of force."

Tusk's remark mirrors fears in Catalonia that the Spanish government will employ po-

lice and harsh tactics to take back control of the newly declared republic.

The final ballot was 70-10 in favor of the declaration of independence in the Catalan parliament, where 55 deputies declined to vote, showing the deep divisions.

"We have won the freedom to build a new country," tweeted Oriol Junqueras, Catalonia's vice president.

Earlier in Madrid, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy urged the Senate to grant the central government extreme powers to establish control over Catalonia.

After the Senate invoked the never-before-used Article 155 of Spain's 1978 constitution, the central government could move swiftly to remove the Catalan president, to suspend his ministers and to assume authority over the region's public media, police and finances.

Rajoy told the Senate that his government had tried repeatedly to rein in the secessionists in Catalonia. He scoffed at Catalan President Carles Puigdemont's repeated offers of "dialogue" to end the impasse.

"The word 'dialogue' is a lovely word. It creates good feelings," Rajoy said. "But dialogue has two enemies: those who abuse, ignore and forget the laws, and those who only want to listen to themselves, who do not want to understand the other party."

Rajoy urged the Senate to approve Article 155 "to prevent Catalonia from being abused."

## Rebel GOP lawmakers send message on budget

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bloc of GOP House lawmakers from high-tax states mustered a show of force Thursday that nearly sank the Republican budget setting up a major overhaul of the tax system, the party's prime political goal and economic promise.

The rebellious lawmakers, from states such as New York and New Jersey, oppose the targeting of a prized deduction in the tax plan pushed by President Donald Trump and Republican congressional leaders.

The lawmakers insist the elimination of the federal deduction for state and local taxes would hurt many of their constituents and would subject them to being taxed twice.

The breakaway bloc isn't a solid bloc, though. Its members have widely differing definitions of what's best for their constituents' economic interests and who makes up

the middle class.

The razor-thin 216-212 vote in the House for the budget allows Republicans to begin work on a follow-up, \$1.5 trillion tax cut and move it through Congress without fear of blocking tactics by Democrats.

Among the 20 Republicans who bucked their party to oppose the budget measure were 11 lawmakers from New York and New Jersey who had supported the plan earlier this month but now registered their unhappiness over the imperiled state-local deduction.

A fevered series of meetings in recent weeks with top Republican leaders failed to produce a compromise to mollify the rebels. They began huddling anew minutes after the budget vote.

"We stood firm ... to let them know we're not kidding," said Rep. John Katko, R-N.Y., a "no" vote on the budget.

Rep. Steve Scalise, the House Republican whip, promised to keep negotiating with the breakaway lawmakers: "We're committed to working with them to try to fix it."

"Obviously, it's complicated," Scalise said. "It all deals with how people, especially in the middle class and upper-middle class, are going to be able to still benefit from our tax-cut plan."

Rep. Lee Zeldin, R-N.Y., said the Republicans were given assurances that "there's change coming."

Other fractures among the Republicans over taxes also persist. A battle over tax-deferred contributions to 401(k) retirement savings accounts has broken open, and GOP tax writers have yet to lock down dozens of crucial details on tax rates and preferences. Also, Republicans could drop efforts to fully repeal taxes on multimillion-dollar estates.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Farmers help harvest after neighbor's death

**WI** MILTON — Neighbors came to help with the harvest after a 76-year-old farmer in southern Wisconsin died at home with corn still standing in his fields.

The Janesville Gazette reported that Milton farmers gathered to help Jeff McNally harvest the family's crops following his father's death.

Tom McNally died Oct. 16. Besides serving in the U.S. Army and studying at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Tom McNally spent his whole life farming.

Jeff McNally said the family has about 500 acres of corn and soybeans. The high-moisture corn is used to feed the McNally family's cattle, but it dries out the longer it stays in the field.

## Drug lab head expected to plead guilty to theft

**MD** MILLERSVILLE — The former manager of a Maryland police lab is expected to plead guilty to charges she stole prescription drugs dropped off at police stations.

The Capital in Annapolis reports that Annette Box, 48, of Pasadena is scheduled for a plea hearing in December in Anne Arundel County. Box had been the manager of the county police force's drug lab.

She was arrested in December 2016 after authorities said she was taking prescription opioids out of drop boxes placed at police stations for the public to safely dispose of unused medications.

Court records show that since her arrest, Box is now facing an additional charge of misconduct in office.

Box's attorney declined comment to the newspaper.

## New cop cars can make traffic signals green

**PA** PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Police Department is getting a new fleet of patrol vehicles that include a feature any motorist stuck at a traffic light would envy.

The department announced Monday it will receive 150 new patrol vehicles. They come equipped with technology that allows an officer to trip a traffic signal and change it to green when the car's emergency lights are on. The police cars also will come with ballistic shields on the doors and windows.

The department will receive 100 of the vehicles by mid-December and will get the remaining 50 by March. They will include sedans, SUVs and patrol wagons.

## Prosecutors: Mom told of son's slaying boast

**OH** CLEVELAND — Prosecutors in Cleveland say the mother of a man charged with killing a teenage girl he'd recruited to rob a bank contacted police after learning her son had bragged about the slaying.

Cleveland.com reported an assistant county prosecutor told jurors during opening statements Tuesday that gang member Kiechaun Newell, 20, killed Breanna Fluitt, 17, because he and another suspect feared she would identify them after a surveillance photo captured her robbing a bank in August 2016.

Prosecutors said Newell killed the teen at the request of Jeffrey Doss, 23, who awaits trial. Newell and Doss face aggravated murder charges in Fluitt's slaying.

One of Newell's attorneys cautioned jurors that three teens

suspected of being with Newell during the slaying received plea deals in exchange for their upcoming trial testimony.

## Man cuts hole in roof of shop to steal weapons

**MI** ROSEVILLE — Police say a man cut a hole in the roof of a suburban Detroit gun shop and made off with an undetermined amount of firearms.

Officers in Roseville responded Tuesday morning following a report of a possible break-in at Peters Indoor Range and Gun Shop. The police department says the break-in took place about 6:30 a.m. and the suspect got into the building through the roof.

Police say it's not known whether anything other than an unknown amount of firearms was stolen. Investigators said the man acted alone in the break-in.

Tips are being sought from the public in the case.

## Writer works to fix spelling on GI's grave

**ME** STOCKTON SPRINGS — A Maine writer has rallied a community to help fix a spelling error on the gravestone of a soldier stationed in the state in the 1800s.

Children's book author Angeli Perrow said she was doing research for a book and found out about Sgt. Leopold Hegyi, an ordnance sergeant who was the caretaker of Fort Knox, in Prospect, during the late 1800s. WABI-TV reported that Perrow found Hegyi was buried in Stockton Springs.

She said she also saw his name was misspelled as "Heygi" on the gravestone that had no dates of birth or death.

The author said she reached out to the Friends of Fort Knox organization, which says it is

funding a new headstone.

## Police: Burglar caught after coming back

**NJ** JERSEY CITY — New Jersey police say a burglar got caught after he went back to steal more from a store he robbed earlier in the night.

The Jersey Journal reported the burglar was arrested Tuesday after breaking into a Jersey City Family Dollar twice early that morning. Jersey City police said officers responded to the store after an alarm sounded after 1 a.m.

They found the burglar walking south with two buckets full of deodorants. He attempted to flee but was quickly apprehended.

Surveillance video shows the burglar originally stole headphones in the first break-in, but later returned to steal the deodorants.

## Woodpecker vandalizes cars in neighborhood

**GA** SNELLVILLE — Authorities say a pesky woodpecker has been breaking car mirrors in Georgia.

WSB Radio reported over a dozen cars in a Snellville neighborhood were damaged last week. Snellville police took several written reports and stepped up patrols before receiving a tip about the likely suspect.

The police department said in a Facebook post that a witness observed a pileated woodpecker breaking her car mirror in the neighborhood. Authorities say they'll continue their patrols, although they believe that the case is solved.

WSB Radio reported some residents are covering their mirrors with bags to prevent any further damage.

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# Buckeyes scheming to stop Barkley

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Urban Meyer is as prone to hyperbole as any football coach, but everything he says about Penn State tailback Saquon Barkley just might be true.

The Ohio State coach made a bold statement or two this week about the Heisman Trophy front-runner, who is the first Penn State player ever to gain 3,000 career rushing yards and 1,000 career receiving yards. The big junior likely will become the school's all-time leading rusher by the end of the season. Strong and quick, he makes defenses jittery trying to account for him on every play. Just ask Michigan.

"I'd be careful to say this, but he's as good an all-purpose running back as we've seen," Meyer said. "And that's 30 years (in coaching). No disrespect (intended) for the great running backs. You have different ways of bottling up great running backs. It's hard, especially this guy, really hard."

Part of the problem, he said, is that Penn State uses Barkley

in imaginative ways to create "matchup nightmares" for the defense.

For example, on the Nittany Lions' second play from scrimmage last week, Barkley took a direct snap, faked a handoff to quarterback Trace McSorley, cut left while linebackers followed McSorley and romped untouched through Michigan defenders for a 69-yard touchdown. He ran for another score and also caught a TD pass in the 42-13 Penn State win.

Now it's Ohio State's turn to figure out how to stop Barkley. No. 2 Penn State visits the No. 6 Buckeyes on Saturday amid the hoopla that ESPN's College GameDay always brings to town. There is a revenge story line, too. Last year, No. 2 Ohio State went to Happy Valley and was knocked off its perch by then-unranked Penn State 24-21.

The Buckeyes were stunned. This year, there is no lack of respect. Ohio State is coming off a bye week, so Meyer and Co. got to watch Barkley pad his Heisman resume on TV Saturday night.

Buckeyes defenders say the predictable things about stopping Barkley — know where he is all the time, maintain gap discipline, hit him hard when possible.

"Always be aware of where he's at, know where he is every play, every down," Buckeyes linebacker Jerome Baker said. "That's just pure respect."

It's not that complicated if you listen to defensive end Tyquan Lewis.

"Just be disciplined and hit him," he said.

"He can do it all," Baker said. "He can block, he can run, he can jump over you, he can jump through you. Me personally, I just love to watch him play. I'm definitely excited to play against him."

Excited may not be the first word that comes to defensive coordinator Greg Schiano's mind. He calls Barkley "a once-in-10-year guy."

"When he changes direction, he goes from zero to 60," Schiano said. "He's something."

Barkley against Ohio State's deep, talented defensive line will be an intriguing matchup.

The Buckeyes are holding opponents to an average of just under 3 yards per carry. Defensive end Sam Hubbard said line coach Larry Johnson — a former Penn State assistant whose son Larry Jr. is a former All-American running back at the school — takes personal pride in stopping elite ball-carriers.

"That's something he's been preaching, and we have a big challenge," Hubbard said. "(Barkley) is a special player, makes his offensive line look great just finding any holes, making opportunities where there are none."

Keying on Barkley is difficult because Penn State also has a smart, dual-threat quarterback in McSorley (1,879 passing yards, 14 TDs), who ran for three scores himself last week against Michigan. Then there's Mike Gesicki, the 6-foot-6 tight end and former prep volleyball standout adept at out-jumping defensive backs to catch balls McSorley tosses up for grabs.

"The biggest challenge," Baker said, "is so many weapons."

## No. 20 Stanford scores late to edge Oregon State

Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Stanford survived without Bryce Love, but just barely.

Keller Chryst threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to JJ Arcega-Whiteside with 20 seconds left to give the No. 20 Cardinal a 15-14 come-from-behind victory over Oregon State on Thursday night.

Love, the nation's leader with an average of 198.1 yards rushing per game, tweaked an ankle against Oregon on Oct. 14. The Cardinal (6-2, 5-1 Pac-12) announced that Love would sit out about 90 minutes before the start of the game in Corvallis.

Harrison Phillips recovered an Oregon State fumble to get the ball with 2:30 left. Stanford went for it on fourth-and-10

on the Oregon State 40, with Chryst hitting Kaden Smith with a 25-yard pass to keep the drive alive.

Chryst found Arcega-Whiteside with the fade in the end zone but the 2-point conversion failed. Oregon State got the ball back but the Cardinal intercepted Oregon State quarterback Darell Garretson's hurl from the Stanford 44 with 3 seconds left.

Arcega-Whiteside said Stanford practices the play every day.

"Whenever we have free time, we're always catching fade balls," he said. "So, when they called the fade, there was no sense of panic, no sense of nervousness, because we practice those every day, on and on and on and on. And we com-

plete them every day."

The Beavers (1-7, 0-5) were playing the second game since the school parted ways with head coach Gary Andersen. Interim coach Cory Hall was the cornerbacks coach.

"Yes, you could say Bryce Love wasn't there, but like I've been telling people, one player does not make a team," Hall said, adding that Oregon State's effort shows that "Beaver football is changing. This is evidence of it."

After the defenses dominated the first quarter, Stanford opened the scoring with Jet Toner's 40-yard field goal. On Oregon State's ensuing drive, Garretson's keeper put the Beavers up 7-3.

Stanford recovered Garretson's fumble at the Oregon

State 16 but wasn't able to get closer and settled for Toner's 33-yard field goal to head into halftime down 7-6.

Stanford was flagged for roughing Garretson on the Beavers' first series of the second half. On the same play, Cardinal cornerback Alijah Holder left the game with an apparent knee injury and inside linebacker Joey Alfieri was ejected from the game for targeting.

The Beavers went on to cap the drive with Thomas Tyner's touchdown run to go up 14-6.

The mistakes continued for Stanford on the next possession, when Oregon State's Omar Hicks-Onu intercepted Chryst's pass. But the Beavers missed a 52-yard field-goal attempt that would have extended their lead.

# Flacco hurt in Ravens' lopsided victory

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — As a reward for going three days between games, the Miami Dolphins and Baltimore Ravens now get an extended break before returning to action.

Boy, can they use it.

The Dolphins (4-3) have to find a way to get their offense moving, and they have to decide whether to use Jay Cutler or Matt Moore at quarterback.

The Ravens (4-4) can only hope quarterback Joe Flacco uses the time off to recover from the concussion he received in a 40-0 win over Miami on Thursday night.

In the midst of one of his best performances of the season, Flacco was hit high by Kiko Alonso while sliding at the end of an impromptu run near the end of the second quarter.

Flacco's helmet flew off his head, and the 10-year quarterback appeared wobbly as he struggled to his feet.

Flacco initially was placed in concussion protocol, and by halftime was ruled out.

"Joe had a concussion and a cut ear," coach John Harbaugh said. "They were stitching it up without any anesthesia, so he's a tough dude. That's as much as I know."

The coach hopes that tough dude is ready to play on Nov. 5, when Baltimore faces Tennessee on the road.

Miami, meanwhile, was looking for so much more from Moore in his first start of the year. Subbing for the injured Cutler (ribs), Moore went 25-for-44 for 176 yards.

If Cutler is healthy on Nov. 5, he will likely start against Oakland.

Some things we learned about the Ravens and Dolphins:

**A bit too simple:** With a team that's been held scoreless twice in five weeks and a fill-in quarterback, Miami coach Adam Gase has tried to simplify the offense for the Dolphins.

The problem with that is, it's become too easy for the defense to recognize what's going on.

"One hundred percent, that's what it is," Gase said. "That's what happens when you cut it back like that: It becomes a little easier to defend. We got to start doing something right."

**Squashing the run:** The Ravens came into the game dead last in the NFL in run defense after going a league-record 21 straight seasons holding teams to less than 4 yards per carry.

Opponents were averaging 4.2 yards per carry, and Balti-

more was determined to put a stop to that.

"That's not what we're about, giving up a bunch of yards in the running game," Harbaugh said. "They took it personally. I'm sure they did."

The Ravens allowed the Dolphins only 45 yards on 19 carries, a 2.4-yard average.

**An easy fix?:** In a lot of ways — communications issues, the inability to stop the run, not pressuring the opposing quarterback — the Dolphins defense has only itself to blame for its shoddy performance.

Accepting responsibility for the self-inflicted wounds and eliminating them is where defensive end Cameron Wake thinks Miami's turnaround must start. "As much as that's frustrating, that's probably the easiest thing to fix," he said.

## Astros' rainbow uniforms have become fan favorite

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Once mocked, now fashionable, those rainbow jerseys of the Houston Astros are back in full bloom at the World Series.

The Astros weren't sporting them Friday night for Game 3 against the Los Angeles Dodgers. But they've become a fan favorite decades after they debuted, and Minute Maid Park undoubtedly will be peppered with the out-of-the-box style.

Count model Kate Upton in that crowd. She liked the bright colors so much, she recently wore them on the field while celebrating with her fiancé, Astros ace Justin Verlander.

No surprise, in fact. The man who designed them said the team was looking to play to a certain demographic.

"We were trying to appeal to women," recalled Jack Amuny, who turns 80 next month.

The revolutionary pattern was introduced in 1975 and the Astros wore a version with only minor tweaks until 1986. From the start, it caught the eyes of the baseball world: The pull-over jersey featured various

hues of red, orange stripes and yellow stripes, plus a navy blue star to the left of center.

They didn't have an official name — while rainbows seem to be the most popular way to describe them, they're also referred to as tequila sunrise because of the cocktail that features a similar color scheme.

Nolan Ryan pitched his fifth no-hitter in them, Mike Scott and Larry Dierker also threw no-nos in the gear.

Though they haven't been the team's uniforms for more than 20 years, they're Houston's go-to throwback. The Astros have worn them 10 times since 1999, including on June 24 when Lance McCullers came off the disabled list and pitched.

"That's an iconic jersey for us, for the Astros organization," McCullers said Thursday. "Nolan, Scott, a lot of guys when you think of Astros baseball, you think of those guys, and that jersey."

There certainly weren't always such warm feelings about them. When they were released, some called the outfits the ugliest uniforms in the history of baseball.

Amuny, the freelance graphic designer who created the design for ad agency McCann Erickson, didn't exactly brag about his role in their inception.

"I got a lot of criticism about it and there was a lot of snickering," he said.

Amuny, who lives in suburban Houston, didn't receive much guidance when he began the project.

"My assignment was to design something different and I had no restrictions," he said.

Since this was the early 1970s, all the work was done by hand, with Amuny cutting strips of paper and lining them up in a sequence of hues from light to dark.

"I'm a very conservative person and I was doing something that was really wacko in that no other major league team had a uniform where the top was a different color than the bottom," he said. "So I think that was a little off. I was just trying to do something that was bright."

He also said the team hoped to attract more female fans with the uniform redesign.

"The Astros I don't think at

that time had a real good team and they were trying to fill that dome," Amuny said of the almost 68,000-seat Astrodome.

And for the record, Amuny didn't get rich off the celebrated style.

"Back then I was charging about \$50 an hour, so it couldn't have been a whole lot of money."

Not that he feels badly about that.

"It comes down to the satisfaction and the enjoyment of designing something that worked. That's the big kick I get out of it," he said.

Among those who liked the look was Steve Sax, a rookie with the Dodgers when they faced the rainbow-wearing Astros in the playoffs in 1981.

"I played for two franchises that had a lot of tradition, the Dodgers and the Yankees, and we didn't have uniforms like that," he said this week at Dodger Stadium. "No one did. That wide band and all those colors, that was very '70s and '80s. I know some people made fun of those Astro uniforms. I thought they were kind of cool."



## NBA roundup

# Boston tops Milwaukee

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Bucks wanted to play a game in the aging arena where the team got its start to celebrate the franchise's half-century in existence.

Al Horford and the Boston Celtics spoiled the party.

Horford had 27 points and nine rebounds, held league scoring leader Giannis Antetokounmpo in check for long stretches and sank back-to-back three-pointers late in the third quarter as the Celtics beat the Bucks 96-89 on Thursday night.

"He was great on both ends of the floor," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "He guarded Giannis a large part of the night and I thought did a great job on him and then he obviously hit the big 3s."

Kyrie Irving added 24 points and seven assists for Boston, which avenged a loss to Milwaukee in Boston earlier this month.

Antetokounmpo had 28 points. Khris Middleton and Malcolm Brogdon added 15 apiece.

**Pelicans 114, Kings 106:** DeMarcus Cousins immediately scored after winning the opening tip and never stopped on the way to 41 points and 23 rebounds, and the emotional big man dominated his old team to rally visiting New Orleans past Sacramento in his highly anticipated return.

**Clippers 104, Trail Blazers 103:** Blake Griffin made a three-pointer as time expired and visiting Los Angeles remained unbeaten by beating Portland.

**Bulls 91, Hawks 86:** Lauri Markkanen scored 11 of his 14 points in the second half, including a key three-pointer with 48.5 seconds left, and host Chicago beat Atlanta for its first win of the season.

**Grizzlies 96, Mavericks 91:** Marc Gasol had 25 points and 13 rebounds, Mike Conley added 22 points and host Memphis held on to beat Dallas.

## NHL roundup

# Kings' Quick shuts out Montreal

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Jonathan Quick stopped 40 shots for his 46th career shutout, Adrian Kempe and Tyler Toffoli scored 11 seconds apart in the first period and the Los Angeles Kings beat the Montreal Canadiens 4-0 on Thursday night.

Anze Kopitar and Kurtis MacDermid also scored for the Western Conference-leading Kings (8-1-1), who beat the Canadiens 5-2 last week in Los Angeles.

The Canadiens (2-7-1) thought their goal-scoring woes were behind them when they beat Florida 5-1 on Tuesday night, but the bad luck and worse shooting were back in force as they outshot Los Angeles 40-27. It was Quick's second shutout this season and came in his 500th career game.

Quick, the 72nd overall draft pick in 2005 who led the Kings to Stanley Cups in 2012 and 2014, improved his career record to 266-168-54.

**Penguins 2, Jets 1 (OT):** Phil Kessel's 300th career goal at 1:07 of overtime lifted host Pittsburgh over Winnipeg. Kessel, who also scored the overtime winner against Edmonton on Tuesday, became the 18th American-born player to reach 300 career goals and the second active behind Minnesota's Zach Parise.

Kessel stripped Patrik Laine of the puck at his own blue line and went the other way on a breakaway. Kessel, with nine points in his last seven games, snapped a wrist shot between the pads of Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck for the winner.

Conor Sheary scored his fifth for the Penguins, who won for the fifth time in six games. Pittsburgh has won seven of nine since losing the first two games of the season.

**Rangers 5, Coyotes 2:** Pavel Buchnevich scored twice and added an assist, rookie Boo Nieves had three assists to lead host New York past winless Arizona for just its third victory of the season.

Michael Grabner had two goals, Chris Kreider also scored and Ondrej Pavelec stopped 27 shots for New York.

The Rangers shook up their line combinations and played with a traditional lineup consisting of 12 forwards and six defensemen for the first time in a week. It helped them beat Arizona for the eighth straight time, dating back to March 24, 2014.

**Lightning 3, Red Wings 2:** Steven Stamkos and Nikita Kucherov became the seventh set of teammates in NHL history to start the season with point streaks of at least 11 games, leading surging Tampa Bay past visiting Detroit.

Kucherov got his 12th goal in the first period, and setup Stamkos' power-play goal from the low left circle that put Tampa Bay (9-1-1) up 2-1 at 6:22 of the third.

The duo also tied Martin St. Louis' team season-opening point streak set in 2009-10.

Tampa Bay's Andrei Vasilevskiy made 29 saves in his 100th NHL game and 50th win (50-33-8).

**Bruins 2, Sharks 1:** Danton Heinen scored both goals and Anton Khudobin made 36 saves to lift host Boston past San Jose.

Joe Thornton scored for the Sharks, who went 1-for-6 on the power play. They had a chance in the final two minutes after Brandon Carlo went off for slashing and got three shots while creating havoc in front of Khudobin but couldn't capitalize.

**Panthers 7, Ducks 3:** Radim Vrbata recorded his seventh career hat trick to lift host Florida past Anaheim.

Evegenii Dadanov scored two goals and Vincent Trocheck and Aleksander Barkov each had a goal and two assists for the Panthers while Owen Tippett, the youngest player in the NHL at 18, scored his first career goal.

**Hurricanes 6, Maple Leafs 3:** Josh Jooris scored twice, Teuvo Teravainen had a three-point night and visiting Carolina beat Toronto. Victor Rask scored midway through the second period to give Carolina the lead and Brock McGinn and Jooris added insurance goals in the third.

Elias Lindholm and Teravainen also scored for the Hurricanes, who ended a two-game losing skid.

**Senators 5, Flyers 4:** Jean-Gabriel Pageau had a goal and two assists, Erik Karlsson added two assists and host Ottawa held off Philadelphia.

The Flyers appeared to score midway through the third period but after a coach's challenge the goal was reversed due to goaltender interference.

Less than a minute later, Tom Pyatt scored at 10:33 to give the Senators a 5-2 lead before Ivan Provorov and Sean Couturier cut that lead to 5-4 with goals three minutes apart later in the period.

**Wild 6, Islanders 4:** Eric Staal had a goal and assist, and Luke Kunin and Zack Mitchell each scored their first NHL goals to lead host Minnesota past New York.

Staal scored short-handed to cap a three-goal first-period burst for Minnesota in 7:26. He later assisted on Kunin's tally as the rookie became the first player in Wild history to score short-handed for his first NHL goal, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

**Oilers 5, Stars 4:** Matt Benning scored the tiebreaking goal with 2:27 remaining and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins had two goals as host Edmonton finally found its offensive touch in a win over Dallas.

**Canucks 6, Capitals 2:** Sven Baertschi had two goals and an assist to lead host Vancouver to its fourth straight win.