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Manafort, Gates targets of Russia probe

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WASHINGTON — Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election revealed its first targets Monday, with a former campaign adviser to President Donald Trump admitting he lied to the FBI about his contacts with Russians. Separately, Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and a former Manafort business associate were indicted on felony charges of conspiracy against the United States and other counts.

The guilty plea by former adviser George Papadopoulos marked the first criminal count that cites interactions between Trump campaign associates and Russian intermediaries during the campaign. The developments ushered Mueller's sprawling investigation into a new phase with felony charges and possible prison sentences for key members of the Trump team.

Court papers also revealed that Papadopoulos was told about the Russians possessing "dirt" on Democrat Hillary Clinton in the form of "thousands of emails" on April 26, 2016, well before it became public that the Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta's emails had been hacked.

Papadopoulos has been co-operating with investigators, according to court papers, a potentially ominous sign for others in the Trump orbit who might be implicated by his statements.

The White House declined to comment on the details of the Papadopoulos plea. Trump's Twitter account also was silent on the plea.

However, the president quickly tweeted about the allegations against Manafort, saying the alleged crimes were "years

Indicted associates face stiff penalties

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and Manafort's business associate, Rick Gates, face decades in federal prison and millions of dollars in potential fines if convicted on all counts in a sprawling federal indictment unsealed Monday.

Manafort potentially faces up to 80 years in prison, according to a review of the federal charges and the relevant statutes by The Associated Press. Gates, who also worked for the Trump campaign, faces up to 70 years.

Here is a summary of the charges encompassed in the 31-page indictment and the potential penalties:

■ Count one. Conspiracy against the United States. Both men are charged with conspiring together and with others to knowingly and intentionally defraud and commit crimes against the United States between 2006 and 2017. If found guilty of this count, each potentially faces up to five years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

■ Count two. Conspiracy to launder money. Both men are charged with conspiring together and with others to transfer funds from outside the United States to and through places inside the country without properly disclosing the transactions or paying required federal taxes. Penalties for this count include up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine of either \$500,000 or twice the monetary value of the property involved in the transaction, whichever is greater.

■ Counts three through six. Failure to file reports of foreign bank and financial accounts. The indictment alleges that for each calendar year between 2012 and 2015, Manafort failed to disclose to the U.S. Treasury Department that he had a financial interest in and authority

over bank accounts in a foreign country involving more than \$10,000. Penalties include up to 10 years in federal prison for each of the four counts and fines of up to \$100,000, or up to 50 percent of the total value of the transactions, for each of the four years encompassed in the counts.

■ Counts seven through nine. Failure to file reports of foreign bank and financial accounts. The indictment also alleges that between 2012 and 2014, Gates failed to disclose that he had a financial interest in and authority over bank accounts in a foreign country involving more than \$10,000. Penalties include up to 10 years in federal prison for each of the four counts and fines of up to \$100,000, or up to 50 percent of the total value of the transactions, for each of the four years encompassed in the counts.

■ Count 10. Unregistered agent of a foreign principal. Prosecutors allege that both men failed to register with the U.S. attorney general as foreign agents of the government of Ukraine, the Part of Regents and former President Viktor Yanukovich between 2008 and 2014. Penalties include up to five years in federal prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

■ Count 11. False and misleading statements under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The indictment alleges that both men made multiple false statements to federal officials in relation to their failure to register as foreign agents of the Ukrainian government. Penalties include up to five years in federal prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

■ Count 12. False statements. Prosecutors allege that between November 2016 and February 2017, Manafort and Gates conspired together and caused others to make false statements and conceal crimes against the United States. The penalty for this count is up to five years in prison.

ago" and insisting there was "NO COLLUSION" between his campaign and Russia.

He added, as he has a number of times recently, "Why aren't Crooked Hillary & the Dems the focus?????"

Papadopoulos' plea occurred on Oct. 5 and was unsealed

Monday. In court papers, he admitted lying to FBI agents about the nature of his interactions with "foreign nationals" who he thought had close connections to senior Russian government officials. Those interactions included speaking with Russian intermediaries who were at-

tempting to line up a meeting between Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin and offering "dirt" on Clinton.

The court filings don't provide details on the emails or whom Papadopoulos may have told about the Russian government effort.

2 SEALs under suspicion in slaying of Green Beret

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Two Navy SEALs are under suspicion in connection with the death of a Green Beret operating in the western African nation of Mali, where authorities say Staff Sgt. Logan J. Melgar was strangled in a June 4 attack.

Melgar, 34, was found dead in his hotel room in Mali's capital of Bamako. Military medical examiners determined the cause of death was "homicide by asphyxiation," The New York Times reported, citing unnamed military sources.

Soon after the incident, two Navy SEAL Team 6 members were whisked out of the country and put on administrative leave while military law enforcement carries out its probe, the Times reported.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service, which was unavailable Monday for immediate comment, is now leading the investigation. U.S. Africa Command confirmed Monday that an investigation is ongoing.

Melgar was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group out of Fort Bragg, N.C., the same unit as the team involved in an Oct. 4 ambush in Niger, where four soldiers died. The group is responsible for many of AFRICOM's special operations missions on the continent.

The Army Criminal Investigation Command led the case until it transferred authority last month to NCIS. No charges have been filed, military officials told the Times.

Court bars Trump's ban on transgender troops

WASHINGTON — A federal court in Washington is barring President Donald Trump from changing the government's policy on military service by transgender people.

Trump announced in an August memo that he intended to reverse course on a 2016 policy that allowed troops to serve openly as transgender individuals. He said he would order a return to the policy prior to June 2016, under which servicemembers could be discharged for being transgender.

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly wrote Monday that transgender members of the military who had sued over the change were likely to win their lawsuit.

From The Associated Press

Bergdahl judge: No sentence limit over Trump comments

By COREY DICKSTEIN
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FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl still faces life in prison for walking off his post in Afghanistan despite President Donald Trump's disparaging comments about the former Taliban captive, a military judge ruled Monday.

The judge, Army Col. Jeffery Nance, ruled Trump's Oct. 16 comment endorsed the negative comments that he repeated along the campaign trail but ultimately did not interfere with Bergdahl's ability to receive a fair sentence. Nance determined Army officials involved in the case — including himself — were not swayed by them. However, the judge said he would consider the president's comments as "mitigating evidence" as he determines "an appropriate sentence in this case."

"I am the sole sentencing authority in this case," Nance said on the third day of Bergdahl's sentence hearing at Fort Bragg, N.C. "I am completely unaffected by any opinions President Trump may have about Sgt. Bergdahl."

Bergdahl, 31, has pleaded guilty to charges of desertion and misbehavior before the enemy, admitting he endangered his fellow troops when he walked of Observation Post Mest in Paktika province, Afghanistan, in June 2009.

Defense attorneys initially had sought dismissal of Bergdahl's court-martial

when they filed a motion Oct. 17, arguing Trump's statement the day before endorsed his campaign-trail comments about the soldier and amounted to unlawful command influence. But last week, they instead asked Nance to limit Bergdahl's maximum punishment to no punishment or at least no confinement.

Nance on Monday described some 60 comments that Trump, then a presidential candidate, made about Bergdahl as "conclusory, condemning and disparaging." But he declined to cap Bergdahl's sentence, ruling an impartial, disinterested observer would not believe the president's comments had interfered in the case. Trump on several occasions referred to Bergdahl as a "dirty, rotten traitor" and opined the soldier should be shot or returned to the Taliban. He also promised his supporters that he, himself, would review the case if elected and Bergdahl went unpunished.

On Oct. 16, Trump was asked about Bergdahl's case by a reporter and said: "I think people have heard my comments in the past." It was the first time that Trump as president had mentioned the soldier publicly.

The judge is scheduled to sentence Bergdahl this week following defense witness testimony expected to outline Bergdahl's mental health problems and the extensive torture that he faced from Taliban-linked captors.

Navy ship, 2 rescuees arrive in Japan

Associated Press

WHITE BEACH NAVAL FACILITY, Japan — Two women from Hawaii who were adrift on a storm-battered sailboat in the Pacific for months set foot on solid ground Monday at a U.S. Navy base in southern Japan.

The USS Ashland rescued Jennifer Appel and Tasha Fuiava and their two dogs about 900 miles southeast of Japan and brought them to America's White Beach Naval Facility after waiting for a typhoon to pass.

The two women, sporting USS Ashland knit shirts, were standing with the commanding officer and others high on the bridge as the ship docked. They later spoke to reporters on the flight deck before clearing customs and walking down metal

stairs to the dock.

They had left Honolulu on May 3 aboard Appel's 50-foot vessel, the Sea Nymph, for what was supposed to be an 18-day trip to Tahiti. Storms flooded the engine, destroying the starter, and damaged the mast so badly that they couldn't harness enough wind power to stay on course, they said.

They were thousands of miles in the wrong direction when a Taiwanese fishing vessel found them. Towing the sailboat damaged it further, but Appel said she paddled over to the Taiwanese vessel on a surfboard and made a mayday call. The Ashland, which happened to be in the area to avoid a storm, traveled 100 miles and found them the next day, said the ship's commanding officer, Cmdr. Steven Wasson.

Taliban says US hostage is gravely ill

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KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban say the health of an American they are holding hostage is “deteriorating rapidly” and that they will not be responsible for his death if the U.S. does not meet their demand to release imprisoned militants.

Kevin King and his Australian colleague, Timothy Weeks, both of whom taught at the American University in Kabul,

were kidnapped at gunpoint in August 2016 as their vehicle left the campus.

King has heart and kidney complications and his condition has “exponentially worsened,” the Taliban said in a statement Monday.

“We have periodically tried to treat and care for him but since we are facing war conditions and do not readily have access to health facilities we are unable to deliver complete treatment,” the Taliban said, adding that King had been losing consciousness frequently.

If King dies, the Taliban said they “will not be held responsible due to the fact that the opposition does not want to bring an end to the issue.”

The American University in Kabul called for King and Weeks’ release in a statement on its website Monday. It said that the school’s leaders, faculty and students “are deeply saddened and disturbed to receive the news” of King’s deteriorating health.

King and Weeks, the statement said, “came to Afghanistan to teach Afghan youth and

contribute to building a peaceful Afghanistan. They have done no harm to anyone.”

Earlier this year, the Taliban released a video of King and Weeks in which they pleaded for the release of Taliban prisoners in exchange for their release.

The Taliban-affiliated Haqqani Network is suspected of holding the pair.

Days after their capture last year, Navy SEALs led a raid in eastern Afghanistan to rescue the hostages, but they were not found.

Iraqi leader calls for calm after Kurdish region riots

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq’s prime minister on Monday called for calm in the self-ruled northern Kurdish region after rioting the previous night following the Kurdish regional president’s decision to effectively step down.

In his statement, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said the central government is closely monitoring what he described as “attempts to create chaos and disorder” in Irbil and Dahuk, two cities in the Kurdish region.

On Sunday, Kurdish leader Masoud Barzani told the regional parliament in a letter read to lawmakers that he would not seek re-election after last month’s controversial Kurdish independence referendum that he had spearheaded sparked a crisis with Baghdad and neighboring countries.

As the Kurdish regional parliament was discussing Barzani’s request to have his powers dissolved, dozens of his supporters rioted outside, apparently angry over the developments and trying to express their support for him.

The protesters broke into the assembly and attacked lawmakers and journalists until police subdued them.

The September referendum

has left the Iraqi Kurdish region increasingly isolated. Within weeks, a backlash from the vote revealed Barzani had miscalculated. The Kurdish forces lost nearly half of the territory they had controlled during the war against Islamic State.

The region’s airspace was closed to international commercial flights, Turkey threatened the use of military force and both Tehran and Ankara threatened to close border crossings vital to the land-locked region.

Barzani, in a televised speech Sunday, addressed the Kurdish region, his first appearance since the crisis erupted.

He blamed the central government in Baghdad, which had dismissed the Kurdish vote as illegal, accusing it of escalating tensions. He also lambasted rival Kurdish political parties and said they were guilty of “treason,” referring to Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, which had allegedly struck a deal with Baghdad to withdraw Kurdish forces from the disputed oil-rich city of Kirkuk, retaken by Iraqi forces earlier this month.

Barzani’s request, which was approved by the regional parliament late Sunday, was to distribute his presidential powers among the Kurdish prime minister, the Kurdish parliament and the judiciary.

UN: Aid has reached Damascus suburbs

Associated Press

BEIRUT — The U.N. in Syria said it has delivered emergency food assistance to 40,000 people trapped in a government siege in the suburbs of the capital, Damascus.

The U.N.’s humanitarian agency says it was able to reach the eastern Ghouta suburbs on Monday, with the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, but that the relief does not cover even an eighth of the estimated 350,000 people in need.

Food supplies have withered in eastern Ghouta since the government retook two neighborhoods in Damascus that were used to smuggle goods to the rebel-packed suburbs in May.

Syrian President Bashar Assad’s government routinely blocks aid convoys from reaching areas opposed to its rule. The last convoy to reach Ghouta arrived one month ago.

On Sunday, Doctors Without Borders, the medical charity also known as MSF, said that fighting between Iraqi forces and Kurdish fighters near the border threatened the delivery of aid to half a million newly displaced citizens in northeastern Syria.

Scattered clashes have

erupted in recent weeks as Iraqi forces have retaken disputed territory from the Kurds, part of a crisis sparked by last month’s Kurdish vote for independence. Federal forces have sought to regain control of the country’s borders from forces loyal to the Kurdish regional government.

The Fishkhabur crossing is the only gateway for residents, aid workers and journalists to enter northeastern Syria. A nearby crossing, used for commercial traffic, was closed last Thursday due to fighting in Iraq.

U.S. officials said the fighting has also hindered the movement of military equipment and supplies in Syria and Iraq, where Iraqi, Kurdish and other allied forces are battling Islamic State.

A Kurdish official on the Syrian side of the border said access for aid workers and journalists has not been affected. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters.

“If the border between Syria and Iraq closes for humanitarian aid, the millions of already vulnerable people will no longer have access to critical medical care,” MSF said in a statement.

Storm cuts power to 1.2M in Northeast

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — A severe storm packing hurricane-force wind gusts and soaking rain swept through the Northeast early Monday, knocking out power for more than 1.2 million people and forcing hundreds of school closures in northern New England.

Some utilities warned customers that power could be out for a few days.

National Weather Service meteorologist Joe Dellicarpini said there were reports of downed trees and power lines around the region and roads that were impassable in spots due to flash flooding.

The New England area appeared to get the brunt of the storm, which brought sustained winds of up to 50 mph in some spots, with a gust of 82 mph reported in Mashpee on Cape Cod in Massachusetts.

In southern New England, Electric utilities National Grid and Eversource combined were reporting more than 300,000 customers without power in Massachusetts as of about 7 a.m. Monday. About 152,000 Eversource customers were without power in Connecticut, while United Illuminating reported about 5,700 customers in the dark. National Grid had more than 140,000 customers without

power in Rhode Island.

Maine and New Hampshire also got pounded. The Portland International Jetport in Maine recorded a wind gust of 69 mph, and the Amtrak Downeaster service canceled a morning run due to downed trees on the tracks.

In Maine, about 240,000 power outages were reported and downed trees closed a number of streets. More than 200,000 customers were without electricity in New Hampshire, where hundreds of school districts canceled classes Monday and others delayed openings.

"We need about 24 to 48 hours to really get a good handle on

what the scope of the damage is," Seth Wheeler, a spokesman for New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, told WMUR-TV. "We'll be making restorations along the way, but this is going to be a multiple-day event."

He added, "I think if you're without power at this time, you should expect to remain without power, possibly for a number of days."

The same storm system also caused problems earlier Sunday in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. About 44,000 total were without power in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, where the worst of the storm had moved out by 8 a.m.

Puerto Rico ending \$300M contract with energy company

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The head of Puerto Rico's power company said Sunday the agency is canceling its \$300 million contract with Whitefish Energy Holdings amid scrutiny of the tiny Montana company's role in restoring the island's power system.

The announcement by Ricardo Ramos came hours after Gov. Ricardo Rossello urged the utility to scrap the deal for Whitefish's help in rebuilding the electrical system from the damage inflicted by Hurricane Maria.

"It's an enormous distraction," Ramos said of the controversy over the contract. "This was negatively impacting the work we're already doing."

The current work by Whitefish teams will not be affected by the cancellation and that work will be completed in November, Ramos said. He said the cancellation will delay pending work by 10 to 12 weeks if no alternatives are found.

Ramos said he had not talked with Whitefish executives about his announcement. "A lawsuit could be forthcoming," he warned.

Whitefish spokesman Chris

Chiamas told The Associated Press that the company was "very disappointed" in the governor's decision, and said it would only delay efforts to restore power.

He said Whitefish brought 350 workers to Puerto Rico in less than a month and it expected to have 500 more by this week. Chiamas said the company completed critical work, including a project that soon will lead to a half-million people in San Juan getting power.

"We will certainly finish any work that (the power company) wants us to complete and stand by our commitments," he said.

Roughly 70 percent of the U.S. territory remains without power more than a month after Maria struck on Sept. 20 as a Category 4 storm with winds of up to 154 mph. Ramos said Sunday that the total of cost of restoring the system would come to \$1.2 billion.

The cancellation is not official until approved by the utility's board. Ramos said it would take effect 30 days after that.

Ramos said the company already has paid Whitefish \$10.9 million to bring its workers and heavy equipment to Puerto Rico and has a \$9.8 million payment pending for work done so far.

Trump expected to tout US-Japan ties

BY TYLER HLAVAC
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — President Donald Trump will reaffirm America's commitment to the Asia-Pacific and build support for a tough line on North Korea during a trip to Japan, experts told Stars and Stripes on Monday.

Trump is scheduled on Sunday to begin his first presidential trip to Japan, where he plans to meet Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, U.S. and Japanese service-members, and the families of Japanese citizens abducted by North Korea.

Trump will aim to "put a stake through the heart" of debates about his commitment to America's allies in Asia during the trip, said Brad Glosserman, a visiting American professor at Tokyo's Tama University.

Japanese authorities will be listening to see if Trump repeats U.S. assurances that it will defend Japanese control of the Senkaku Islands, which are also claimed by China and Taiwan. They'll also be hoping for a mention of U.S. nuclear capabilities, Glosserman added.

Toshihiro Nakayama, a pro-

fessor at Tokyo's Keio University, told reporters at the Foreign Press Center Japan that his country is concerned about a nuclear-armed North Korea and the rise of China.

Trump's trip will be a chance for him to lay out his approach to the region, which has been unclear due to State Department vacancies, he said.

"This is going to be the first occasion for him to demonstrate his Asian policy and view on Asia," he said.

Trump's decision to withdraw from the Trans Pacific Partnership trade agreement was a setback for U.S.-Japan relations. However, the Asia-Pacific region is too important to the U.S. economy to be ignored, Nakayama said.

Glosserman said Trump will likely raise the issue of the U.S. trade deficit and there could be discussion of U.S. energy exports to Asia.

Nakayama said the U.S. will look to bolster the alliance with Japan because it has few options in the region, stating the U.S.-Philippines alliance is unstable and that South Korea is occupied dealing with North Korea.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Crane overturns at home, traps operator

NJ WEST ORANGE — Authorities said a crane overturned as its operator was attempting to remove a large tree at a home in New Jersey, trapping the operator for about 30 minutes.

The accident occurred about 4 p.m. Friday in West Orange.

The operator was working in the yard when the crane flipped onto its side, taking down several branches and some power lines. It also hit part of a nearby house, damaging the roof.

The operator suffered a broken leg and was being treated at a hospital. His name has not been released.

Air Force retracts Santa tweet, asserts he's real

ND MINOT — The U.S. Air Force says its tweet declaring Santa Claus “isn’t real” was just a bluff, part of a threat to steal Christmas from two feuding bases.

Minot Air Force Base, N.D., and Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., jostled on Twitter about which fleet was better. KFGO radio reports the official Air Force account responded that if the bases couldn’t get along, Santa would “bring you nothing this year because he isn’t real!” After the tweet generated widespread ridicule, the Air Force reversed itself. It declared Santa in fact “is real” and that the previous message was just an attempt to get the bases “in line.”

Researchers ID possible new frog species

ID NAMPA — Northwest Nazarene University in Idaho is now home to two rare frog species, one of which may be previously undiscovered.

The Idaho Press-Tribune reported that customs authorities in Hong Kong had confiscated the crowned and fringe-limbed tree frogs, and officials were looking for an institution to house them.

University biologist John Cossel studies amphibians and applied for the university to host the frogs. When the amphibians arrived in July, they discovered one was not a shaman fringe-limbed, as they were told. They researched the frog and could not find a matching species. Cossel said they plan to continue researching, and they hope one day to be able to name the new species.

Veterans organization robbed twice in 2 days

CT WATERTOWN — A Connecticut veterans organization said it was burglarized twice in two days as thieves made off with a vending machine and raffle money.

Frank Trosky, quartermaster of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5157 in Waterbury, said it’s unclear how much money was taken. He told the Republican-American that the vending machine, which dispenses pull-tab gaming tickets, was worth \$5,000 and can hold up to \$1,800. The machine later was found in pieces. Trosky said the post fixed a broken door after the machine was stolen Oct. 15 but it was smashed in again the next day, when the raffle money was found to be missing.

Cause of rumblings that shook ground probed

NJ TRENTON — Officials are trying to determine the cause of some reported rumblings that shook areas of southern New Jersey.

Residents in several counties reported hearing booms or feeling the ground shake early

Wednesday.

The U.S. Geological Survey didn’t report any earthquake activity in New Jersey. And National Weather Service officials said there’s “nothing weather-related” that would cause the booms. Officials said sonic booms have been caused in the past by military planes doing supersonic drills along the east coast, but it wasn’t immediately clear if that’s what happened.

Dog killed in fire had survived 2 hurricanes

PA PHILADELPHIA — A Philadelphia animal shelter said one of two dogs killed when a restaurant fire spread to a pet store recently had arrived from Puerto Rico after surviving two hurricanes.

Saved Me, a no-kill shelter that partners with a local pet store, said in a Facebook post that Yogi was about 4 years old. The shepherd mix was flown to Philadelphia after the shelter he was in was destroyed by Hurricane Maria.

The second dog, a Chihuahua mix named Precious, had been taken from a hoarding situation in Bowling Green, Ky.

The fire at Bridget Foy’s started in the basement early Wednesday and quickly spread. Officials said the dogs at the adjacent pet store died of smoke inhalation.

Police plan surprise for fallen officer’s son

KS KANSAS CITY — Police in Kansas City are planning a surprise for a fallen officer’s oldest son who was bullied at school.

KMBC-TV reported that Officer Mitch Kelchen, from Anamosa, Iowa, was killed in a car crash during Labor Day weekend when another driver crossed the center line. At Kelchen’s funeral, his oldest

son collected business cards from the officers who came to honor his father. Another student ripped them up at school.

Now Kansas City police are collecting business cards from all over the U.S., and a fine art store has offered to frame the cards for free.

12-foot alligator captured on beach

FL VERO BEACH — Trappers have captured a 12-foot alligator on a Florida beach.

Treasure Coast Newspapers reported the reptile was spotted the night of Oct. 22 near the Mooring Yacht & Country Club on Vero Beach. Trapper Justin Morrison said the alligator appeared worn out from trying to get past the waves. He tied up the animal’s limbs and covered its eyes. He said Florida rivers are filled with alligators, but it’s rare to find one on a beach.

The Indian River County Sheriff’s Office said the alligator will be relocated.

College student hit by firetruck sues city

OH DAYTON — An Ohio college student who was run over by a firetruck while riding a bicycle is suing the city of Dayton.

The Dayton Daily News reported that Quinton Kane suffered serious injuries in the collision two years ago. The University of Dayton student was riding in a bike lane when the firetruck making a non-emergency run didn’t yield and struck him while turning into a parking lot. Dayton fire officials said at the time that there were three firefighters and one fire lieutenant aboard the emergency vehicle.

The lawsuit filed this month seeks at least \$25,000.

From wire reports

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Astros take Series lead after slugfest

Associated Press

HOUSTON — When the winning run finally came sliding across home plate on Alex Bregman's single, more than five unforgettable hours after the first pitch, a frantic Carlos Correa sprinted toward his Houston Astros teammates in the middle of the diamond.

Arm in the air, pure elation all over his face.

A last indelible image from a World Series classic filled with them.

Correa, Jose Altuve and the Astros kept hammering away in a wild slugfest that no one saw coming, rallying against Clayton Kershaw and edging the Los Angeles Dodgers 13-12 in 10 thrilling innings Sunday night for a 3-2 lead.

"I feel like I'm going to have a heart attack out there," Correa said.

In a tension-filled game of monster momentum swings at pulsating Minute Maid Park, the last one belonged to Bregman. With the packed crowd still standing well past midnight, the 23-year-old third baseman hit an RBI single with two outs off Kenley Jansen.

"The best game ever, for

sure," Correa said.

Wacky and whacky with seven home runs, this perhaps topped Toronto's 15-14 win over the Phillies in 1993 as the craziest World Series showdown ever.

Exhilaration and exhaustion, spread over 5 hours, 17 minutes.

"Yeah, five-hour game, but it doesn't matter. I can play a 10-hour game if we are going to win," Altuve said.

Now, with both bullpens worn down, the teams get a day to recover. Game 6 will be Tuesday night at Dodger Stadium, where Justin Verlander will try to clinch the Astros' first championship and Rich Hill hopes to save Los Angeles' season.

Altuve, Correa, Yuli Gurriel, George Springer and Brian McCann homered for Houston, the highest-scoring team in the majors this season.

Cody Bellinger and Yasiel Puig went deep for the Dodgers, who scored three times in the ninth to make it 12-all.

"It's hard to put into words all the twists and turns in that game," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said.

"These are just two really

good teams, just throwing haymakers at each other trying to outlast each other," he said.

Silent when ace Dallas Keuchel got crushed, the orange-clad fans erupted over and over as the Astros sent balls careening all around — and out of — the park.

Yet on another night of Home Run Derby in the Year of the Home Run, no lead was safe.

Puig lined a two-run shot in the ninth, the record 22nd homer in a single Series, and Chris Taylor's two-out single off Chris Devenski tied it.

"I think this whole series has been an emotional roller coaster," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "It's the two best teams playing for a championship. And these are two teams that play 27 outs."

More than that, in fact.

Houston posted its second extra-inning victory of the Series, adding to its 7-6, 11-inning comeback win in a dramatic Game 2.

With two down in the 10th, Jansen hit McCann on the hand with a pitch and Springer walked.

Bregman, who homered off Jansen in Saturday night's loss, lined the next pitch over short-

stop to score pinch-runner Derek Fisher, who slid home ahead of the throw from left fielder Andre Ethier.

"We're up 3-2, baby," Bregman said.

Out of nowhere, the Astros climbed out of a four-run hole against Kershaw and then erased two more deficits later in the game, tying it each time on a homer.

Correa leaped and twirled after launching a two-run drive that made it 11-8 in the seventh. Much later, he hurdled the dug-out railing the moment Bregman lined his winning single.

Bellinger hit a three-run drive in the fifth that made it 7-4 and seemed to swing things back in the Dodgers' favor. By the end of the mayhem on the mound, it was a mere afterthought.

Each team had 14 hits, eight for extra bases, and both used seven pitchers.

"Man, I'm mentally exhausted right now," Bellinger said.

The Astros (13) and Dodgers (9) topped the Series mark for homers, set when Barry Bonds and the Giants lost to the Angels in seven games in 2002.

Beleaguered bullpens eager for day to rest

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Nobody needs a day off in this World Series more than those run-down relievers.

Brandon Morrow has pitched in all five games for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He had never pitched three straight days before talking himself into a wild Game 5, then allowed a tying home run on his first pitch. He left without getting an out and the Houston Astros suddenly ahead by three runs.

Morrow has given up three home runs in the postseason after not allowing any in 45 regular-season appearances.

"It's not just the amount of games you play, but emotional investment and the incredible focus that everybody has," he said. "It wears on you mentally, and that kind of mental focus kind of wears on you physically. So yeah, it's a grind. Guys are fatigued, but not tired, if that makes sense."

After a 162-game regular season plus an-

other month of high-pressure games in the playoffs, they're not done yet.

Game 6 is Tuesday night, after both teams travel back to the West Coast.

Houston never even used struggling closer Ken Giles in its 13-12 win in Game 5, which ended early Monday morning after each team employed seven pitchers in 10 innings over nearly 5½ hours. The loser was Kenley Jansen, the Dodgers' All-Star closer who had already blown a save in Game 2 — matching his total during the entire year to date.

Taxing bullpens and top relievers in the postseason is certainly not a new phenomenon. Look no further than last year's World Series. Look no further than last year's World Series.

For the first time ever in 2016, not a single starter recorded an out after the sixth inning of any game — and that Series went the full seven games.

Astros manager A.J. Hinch has said

Giles will get the ball again in this Series but hasn't specified in what role after the righty with 100 mph heat was tagged for five runs over 1⅔ innings in his two World Series appearances. Giles lost Game 4 after taking over in the ninth in a 1-1 tie that turned into a 6-2 Dodgers win.

Houston relievers have combined for a 5.94 ERA in the postseason.

Morrow has pitched in all but one of the Dodgers' 13 postseason games, but Los Angeles had not planned to use him Sunday.

"He called down and said that he felt good," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "So in the seventh inning, you can't turn him down."

On the mound for the fifth time in six days, Morrow wasn't his usual sharp self.

"There wasn't quite as much life as I've had on the ball," he said. "Velocity is one thing, it was a tick down, but if you have life on it, then you can still get away with some pitches."

Hardaway, Knicks top Cavs

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — After the Cavaliers' fourth loss in five games, LeBron James is turning to the calendar for comfort.

"What month is this for me? October? I'm not about to go crazy over it right now. It's too long of a season. I've been a part of this way too many times," James said after Sunday night's 114-95 loss to the New York Knicks.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 34 points, Kristaps Porzingis had 32 and the Knicks won for the second time after losing their first three games.

Cleveland, which was blown out by Orlando at home and lost to Brooklyn during this stretch, fell below .500.

"Tonight's loss and the last couple are unacceptable," coach Tyrone Lue said.

"Guys are scoring at will against us," James said. "Our defense is pretty bad right now."

Courtney Lee scored on a drive and hit a three-pointer, helping the Knicks make it 103-88. New York took its largest lead, 114-93, in the final minute.

"It's nice to finally beat the Cavs for the first time in my career," Porzingis said. "Hopefully we can be in the playoffs where that really matters."

Hardaway came in shooting 27 percent in four games

but scored 24 points in the first half. He was 11-for-19 from the field and hit five of 10 three-pointers.

"I did a lot more attacking," Hardaway said. "I took the threes when they were there. Seeing one go down opens up a lot."

Pistons 115, Warriors 107: Avery Bradley scored 23 points, Reggie Jackson had 22 and Detroit handed defending NBA champion Golden State its second home loss of the season.

Tobias Harris hit a three-pointer for Detroit with 1:27 remaining that all but sealed it after Kevin Durant fueled a late Warriors rally.

The Warriors lost only twice at Oracle Arena in both their 2015 championship year and again in the 73-win season that followed, and then just five times at home on the way to another title last season.

Klay Thompson scored 29 for Golden State and became the 11th player in franchise history to eclipse 9,000 career points. Durant wound up with 28 points.

Bucks 117, Hawks 106: At Atlanta, Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 33 points, Khris Middleton had 27 and Milwaukee cruised to the victory.

Antetokounmpo also had 11 rebounds and five assists. He went 14-for-21 from the field, scoring from all over the floor

while helping Milwaukee to its third win in its past four games.

Pacers 97, Spurs 94: Victor Oladipo made a three-pointer with about 10 seconds left, lifting host Indiana to a rare win against San Antonio.

Oladipo finished with 23 points and five assists, and Domantas Sabonis set career highs with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

Hornets 120, Magic 113: Kemba Walker had 34 points and 10 assists, and host Charlotte snapped Orlando's three-game win streak.

Walker was 15-for-25 from the field.

Dwight Howard had a season-high 22 points against his former team, eight of those coming off alley-oop dunks.

Wizards 110, Kings 83: John Wall scored 11 of his 19 points in the first quarter and finished with nine assists, helping the Wizards to the road win.

Bradley Beal added 15 points on 6-for-11 shooting for Washington after being fined \$50,000 by the NBA earlier in the day for his role in a fight with Draymond Green of the Golden State Warriors on Friday.

Nuggets 124, Knicks 111: At New York, Jamal Murray scored 26 points, Nikola Jokic had 21 points and 14 rebounds, and Denver earned its second straight victory.

Jets rout Penguins

Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — A blowout win over the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions was more important to Blake Wheeler than his own outstanding performance.

Wheeler scored three of Winnipeg's five first-period goals and added an assist in the third as the Jets routed Pittsburgh 7-1 on Sunday night.

"It's all about getting two points. I think we've got every guy pushing in that direction," he said.

Brendan Lemieux scored his first career goal for Winnipeg at 12:20 of the third. The son of Claude Lemieux made his NHL debut Oct. 20 after being called up from the Manitoba Moose of the AHL.

"It feels great," he said. "Obviously, really fortunate to have been able to get one and really excited. Every day I'm up here has been a blessing and I'm just trying to run with it."

Ducks 4, Hurricanes 3 (SO): Corey Perry scored the only goal in a shootout to lift visiting Anaheim over Carolina.

Flames 2, Capitals 1: Sean Monahan scored the tiebreaking goal 9:09 into the third period and Calgary edged Washington to break a four-game home losing streak.

Kyle Busch to race for Cup title after overtime victory

Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — There should be no confusion about the intensity of NASCAR's playoffs after Sunday's show at Martinsville Speedway.

Chase Elliott could have won, same for Brad Keselowski, and Denny Hamlin, too.

It was Kyle Busch, though, who punched his ticket into NASCAR's championship race with a victory in overtime of a race that turned wild very, very quickly and ended with a multicar accident after Busch took the checkered flag.

Busch moved Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Hamlin out of his way to earn a spot in next month's championship race at

Homestead-Miami Speedway for the third consecutive year. He won the series title in 2015.

"We weren't the best all day, but we put ourselves in the right spots there at the end," Busch said. "There was kind of chaos ensuing and none of it was our fault, we just came out on the right end of the stick."

Keselowski was in position to win when Joey Logano developed a tire problem with about 10 laps remaining in regulation. Had his Team Penske teammate pitted under green to fix the tire, Keselowski likely would have coasted to the victory and earned the spot in the finale.

Instead, Logano spun and brought out a caution.

Keselowski was moved out of the way by Elliott after a restart, and Hamlin then spun Elliott out of the lead with two laps remaining in regulation. Elliott wrecked, chased Hamlin down on the cool-down lap to show his displeasure, and the drivers had a heated exchange after they climbed from their cars.

It was a disastrous result for Elliott — from potential race winner to 27th, lowest of the eight remaining playoff drivers.

I got punted from behind and wrecked in Turn 3 leading the race," Elliott said. "I don't know what his problem was. It was unnecessary and I hadn't raced him dirty all day long."

Eagles earn 6th straight win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Carson Wentz tossed two touchdown passes, Jalen Mills had a pick-6 and the NFL-leading Philadelphia Eagles beat the winless San Francisco 49ers 33-10 on a sloppy, rainy Sunday.

The Eagles (7-1) overcame a slow start on their way to a sixth straight win. The 49ers are 0-8 for the first time in franchise history.

Wentz was 18 of 32 for 211 yards and one interception. He threw a 53-yard TD pass to Alshon Jeffery and 1-yard TD pass to Zach Ertz. He leads the NFL with 19 TD passes, most by an Eagles quarterback through eight games.

C.J. Beathard shoveled a 21-yard TD pass to Matt Breida and finished 17 of 36 for 167 yards with two interceptions in his second career start.

The Eagles punted on six of their first eight possessions before opening it up in the third quarter.

Steelers 20, Lions 15: JuJu Smith-Schuster scored on a 97-yard touchdown pass from Ben Roethlisberger late in the third quarter and the Steelers forced the host Lions to turn the ball over on downs twice.

The AFC North-leading Steelers (6-2) go into their bye week with a three-game winning streak.

Detroit (3-4) was coming off its bye and lost a third straight and fourth in five games.

Seahawks 41, Texans 38: Russell Wilson hit Jimmy Graham for an 18-yard touchdown with 21 seconds left, his second TD catch of the fourth quarter.

Down 38-34 with 1:39 left and out of timeouts, Wilson took host Seattle 80 yards in barely a minute. He hit Paul Richardson for 48 yards on a jump ball to start the drive, found Tyler Lockett for 19 yards, and drilled a strike to Graham for the winner.

Wilson finished 26-for-41 for a career-high 452 yards and four TDs. He hit Richardson for two TDs and found Graham on a 1-yard TD pass with 5:41 left.

Deshaun Watson was nearly

the equal of Wilson, throwing for 402 yards and four touchdowns. But the rookie couldn't come up with a final answer and was intercepted by Richard Sherman with 7 seconds left on a desperation throw.

It was a stunning performance by Watson against one of the best defenses in the NFL — and an even better final rally by Wilson. Watson threw touchdown passes of 59 and 20 yards to Will Fuller, 2 yards to Lamar Miller, and a wide receiver screen that DeAndre Hopkins took 72 yards for a score with 5:01 left to give Houston a 38-34 lead.

Cowboys 33, Redskins 19: Ezekiel Elliott ran for 150 yards and two touchdowns and the visiting Cowboys took advantage of a blocked field goal return and three turnovers.

Playing in a driving rainstorm that made it difficult to hold onto the ball, let alone throw it, Dak Prescott completed 14 of his 22 passes for 143 yards for Dallas (4-3). Elliott carried the ball 33 times, scored twice for the second consecutive game, and surpassed 100 yards for the third week in a row.

Patriots 21, Chargers 13: Tom Brady passed for 333 yards and a touchdown for New England, and Stephen Gostkowski added four field goals.

It was the fourth straight victory for the host Patriots (6-2). The loss snapped a three-game win streak for the Chargers.

Los Angeles (3-5) got on the board first when Melvin Gordon found a seam on the outside and rumbled down the sideline for an 87-yard touchdown run. But the rest of the game was marked by Los Angeles' mistakes and inability to move the ball offensively.

Bills 34, Raiders 14: Rookie linebacker Matt Milano scored on a 40-yard fumble return on a rain-slick field, and the host Bills forced four turnovers.

Tyrod Taylor threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Andre Holmes and also scored on a 1-yard run for Buffalo. LeSean McCoy had a season-best 151 yards rushing and also scored on a

48-yard run.

The Bills improved to 4-0 at home for the first time since winning their first five home games of the 1995 season.

And Buffalo improved to 5-2, matching its best start during a 17-year postseason drought — the longest active streak in North America's four major professional sports.

Falcons 25, Jets 20: Matt Ryan threw two touchdown passes and the visiting Falcons slipped and slid to victory on a soggy field.

Fumbled snaps, dropped passes and a big-time drenching had both squads trying to find their footing, but the Falcons (4-3) steadied themselves just enough to snap a three-game skid — all to other AFC East teams.

Austin Hooper and Mohamed Sanu each caught touchdown passes from Ryan, who finished 18-for-29 for 254 yards. The Falcons quarterback had lots of trouble with the weather, fumbling four snap exchanges from center Alex Mack and losing two.

Saints 20, Bears 12: Drew Brees completed 23 of 28 for 299 yards against a Bears defense that ranked sixth in pass defense for the host Saints' fifth straight win.

Mark Ingram and Alvin Kamara each ran for touchdowns for New Orleans (5-2). Ingram finished with 99 yards from scrimmage, including 75 on the ground, but his two late fumbles kept the Bears in the game into the final minutes. Kamara had 76 yards from scrimmage, 48 receiving.

Bengals 24, Colts 23: Lineman Carlos Dunlap batted Jacoby Brissett's pass into the air, grabbed the ball and ran 16 yards to the end zone for a game-turning touchdown.

The defensive end excels at swatting away passes — he led NFL linemen last season — and changed the game with his third career score.

Panthers 17, Buccaneers 3: Carolina's defense didn't allow a TD for the second straight week, helping the Panthers snap a two-game losing streak.

Texans take knee over comment

Associated Press

SEATTLE — All but 10 members of the Houston Texans took a knee during the national anthem Sunday, as the vast majority of the team protested the owner's "inmates running the prison" comment.

The Texans had indicated there would be some type of protest following the comments by owner Bob McNair. It came prior to the Texans' wild 41-38 loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

"I'm never going to force anyone to do anything they don't feel comfortable with. I think we all felt the same way on Friday," said Houston left tackle Duane Brown. "As far as the demonstration went, some people didn't feel quite comfortable (kneeling) and some people did, but we all supported each other. That was what was important. I don't think that anyone looks at anyone differently for what they stood for or didn't stand for."

All of the team's black players appeared to take a knee. At least one white player — Ben Heeney — also knelt.

The players who remained standing were: LB Brian Peters, P Shane Lechler, long snapper Jon Weeks, FB Jay Prosch, T Breno Giacomini, C Nick Martin, C Greg Mancz, TE Ryan Griffin, QB Tom Savage and G Xavier Su'a-Filo, who is of Samoan descent.

It was the first time the Texans had participated in a protest this season. The Texans stood with their arms locked before kickoff on Sept. 24 in New England, the weekend when 200 players around the league protested following President Donald Trump's criticism.

McNair issued two apologies attempting to explain his comments after a story in ESPN The Magazine revealed that he said "we can't have the inmates running the prison" during a meeting of NFL owners about players protests.

Brown said McNair met with the players but that it went "not too well."