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## Kavanaugh clears key Senate hurdle

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WASHINGTON — A deeply divided Senate pushed Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination past a key procedural hurdle Friday, setting up a likely final showdown this weekend in a battle that's seen claims of long-ago sexual assault by the nominee threaten President Donald Trump's effort to tip the court rightward for decades.

The Senate voted 51-49 to limit debate, effectively defeating Democratic efforts to scuttle the nomination with endless delays. With Republicans clinging to a two-vote majority, one Republican voted to stop the nomination, one Democrat to send it further.

Of the four lawmakers who had not revealed their decisions until Friday, Republican Sens. Susan Collins, of Maine, and Jeff Flake, of Arizona, voted yes, as did Democrat Joe Manchin, of West Virginia. Republican Lisa Murkowski, of Alaska, voted not to send the nomination to the full Senate.

Lawmakers might vote differently on the

climactic confirmation roll call, and Collins told reporters that she wouldn't rule out doing so. That left unclear whether Friday's tally signaled that the 53-year-old federal appellate judge was on his way to the nation's highest court. Confirmation would be a crowning achievement for Trump, his conservative base and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

The vote occurred a day after the Senate received a roughly 50-page FBI report on the sexual assault allegations, which Trump ordered only after wavering GOP senators forced him to do so. Republicans said the secret document — which described interviews agents conducted with 10 witnesses — failed to find anyone who could corroborate allegations by his two chief accusers, Christine Blasey Ford and Deborah Ramirez. Democrats belittled the FBI's findings, saying agents constrained by the White House hadn't reached out to numerous other people with potentially important information.

The vote also occurred against a back-

drop of smoldering resentment by partisans on both sides. That fury was reflected openly by thousands of boisterous anti-Kavanaugh demonstrators who bounced around the Capitol complex for days, confronting senators in office buildings and even reportedly near their homes.

On the Senate floor, lawmakers' comments underscored the lingering bitterness.

"What left wing groups and their Democratic allies have done to Judge Kavanaugh is nothing short of monstrous," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said on the chamber's floor before the vote. He accused Democrats of using destructive, unwarranted personal attacks on the nominee and even encouraging the protesters, saying, "They have encouraged mob rule."

Dianne Feinstein, of California, that committee's top Democrat, said Kavanaugh's testimony at last week's Judiciary panel hearing should "worry us all," citing "a hostility and belligerence that is unbecoming" of a Supreme Court nominee.

## Nomination fight energizes GOP for midterms

Associated Press

NEW YORK — On the brink of a political gender war, President Donald Trump's Republican Party is threatening to erode Democrats' enthusiasm advantage as the fiery debate over his Supreme Court nominee enters its final phase.

Political strategists in both parties suggest the GOP's enthusiastic embrace of Brett Kavanaugh despite multiple allegations of sexual misconduct may have shifted the political landscape — at least temporarily — by injecting new energy into the most passionate Republican voters a month before the election. Trump's aggressive defense of Kavanaugh — and more recent attacks against his female accuser — have resonated particularly with white working-class men, who are a shrinking voting bloc nationally but remain a critical segment of Trump's political base.

For now, many men apparently agree with Trump's warning that the surge in women speaking out against sexual vio-

lence in the #MeToo era has created "a very scary time" for men in America.

"Democrats have been trying to destroy Judge Brett Kavanaugh since the very first second he was announced," Trump declared as he rallied voters in Minnesota on Thursday night. He added: "What they're putting him through and his family is incredible."

Energy is everything in midterm elections, which typically draw fewer eligible voters to the polls. And through the first 21 months of the Trump era, Democrats have claimed an undisputed enthusiasm advantage — as evidenced by a slate of special election victories and fundraising successes.

Yet even a small erosion in the so-called enthusiasm gap could make a big difference in the Democratic Party's high-stakes push to wrest control of Congress from the GOP.

The effect is most visible in Republican-leaning states where vulnerable Demo-

cratic senators are running for re-election. Public and private polling in recent days has shifted in the GOP candidate's favor in West Virginia, Missouri, Indiana and North Dakota.

The Kavanaugh debate "is making the two groups of people who are already mad at each other in America even madder. To me, the question is, who is maddest?" said Gary Pearce, a veteran North Carolina Democratic strategist.

Just as Trump benefited from opposition to Hillary Clinton in his 2016 election, the GOP could benefit from opposition to the Democratic Party's handling of Kavanaugh this midterm season.

"This may be energizing the right — especially people who don't like Trump and may not have been motivated to vote," Pearce said. "This is the substitute for Hillary."

The Supreme Court clash has already attracted a surge of new campaign cash for both parties.

# Trump OKs new anti-terrorism strategy

By CLAUDIA GRISALES

*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Thursday approved a new national strategy for counterterrorism to protect the country against future terrorist attacks.

It is the first effort to update former President Barack Obama's counterterrorism strategy released in 2011.

White House officials announced the plan, saying it was more comprehensive than previous approaches, focuses more on ideology-driven terrorists and incorporates new ways of battling related attacks.

"I am committed to protecting the United States and its interests abroad from the threat of terrorism," Trump said Thursday in a White House statement. The strategy "will help protect our great nation, enhance our national security, and guide our continued effort to defeat terrorists and terrorist organizations that threaten the United States."

In June 2011, then-White House official John Brennan announced a new Obama national strategy for counterterrorism, which focused on the U.S. campaign against al-Qaida and its affiliates.

On Thursday, national security adviser John Bolton called the new plan the "first robust counterterrorism strategy" since 2011. He also said the Trump administration already has taken steps to address terrorists who pose a threat to the U.S.

"We will not focus on a single organization but will counter all terrorists with the ability and intent to harm the United States, its citizens and our interests," Bolton said during a White House briefing with reporters.

In 2011, the Obama administration released a 20-page counterterrorism strategy report when it announced its new plan. However, the Trump White House had yet to release a detailed guide for its new strategy as of Thursday afternoon.

Trump said in his statement that the U.S. has accelerated efforts to defeat terrorists under his leadership and lauded other changes, such as the move in May to pull out of the U.S.-Iran nuclear deal known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

The administration also has supported significant increases in defense spending. The \$716 billion 2019 National Defense Authorization Act and its companion legislation for defense spending authorization were passed into law in time for the start of

the fiscal year Monday.

The new counterterrorism strategy is an important next step, Trump said.

"Working with coalition partners, we have decimated ISIS in Syria and Iraq," he said. "Likewise, I ended United States participation in the horrible Iran deal, which had provided a windfall for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and its proxies, funding Iran's malign activities throughout the world."

The new counterterrorism strategy outlines the approach of the U.S. to counter the increasingly complex and evolving terrorist threats, according to the statement.

The strategy entails pursuing terrorists to their source, isolating them from their sources of support and modernizing tools to fight terrorism, the White House said Thursday in a second statement. It also focuses on protecting U.S. infrastructure, countering terrorist radicalization and recruitment and boosting work with international partners.

"The new strategy builds on lessons learned from past counterterrorism efforts and offers a new path toward strengthening the security of Americans," the statement reads.

## Blackwater founder pushes to privatize Afghan War

*The Washington Post*

More than a year after his plan to privatize the Afghan War was first shot down by the Trump administration, Erik Prince returned late last month to Kabul to push the proposal on the beleaguered government in Afghanistan, where many believe he has the ear — and the potential backing — of the U.S. president.

Prince swept through the Afghan capital last week, meeting with influential political figures within and outside the government of President Ashraf Ghani.

"He's winning Afghans over with the assumption that he's close to [Donald] Trump," said one well-informed Afghan, adding that many of Prince's ideas feed into frustration with and within the Afghan military, particularly given its high ca-

sualty rate.

But Prince also sparked what Ghani, in a statement Thursday, condemned as "a debate" within the country over "adding new foreign and unaccountable elements to our fight."

"Under no circumstances," the statement said, will Afghanistan "allow the counterterrorism fight to become a private, for-profit business."

At the Pentagon, the head of the U.S. Central Command, Gen. Joseph Votel, told reporters that "I absolutely do not agree" with Prince's contention that he could win the war more quickly and for less money with a few thousand hired guns.

In addition to such a plan violating signed agreements with the Afghan government, Votel said, "the most significant downside is that we turn our national interest over to contrac-

tors." Quoting earlier comments by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, Votel said, "I don't think this is a very good strategy."

What has given new life to the plan is a widespread belief in Kabul and Washington that Prince has a willing audience in Trump, who is known to be frustrated with the cost and slow progress of the strategy he adopted a year ago — a belief buttressed by the White House's refusal to reject the idea out of hand.

"We are constantly assessing our strategies, and are open to new approaches that would help us achieve our strategic objectives," a spokesperson for the National Security Council said Thursday in response to questions about whether Prince's proposal was under consideration.

The spokesperson, who cited

White House ground rules in refusing to be named, also noted that Trump said this summer that he was "not reviewing an Erik Prince plan." That comment, in an August interview with Reuters, came the day after Trump national security adviser John Bolton, asked the same question, told ABC News that "I'm always open to new ideas."

Administration officials, and several people familiar with U.S. and Afghan government thinking who spoke on the condition of anonymity about sensitive policymaking, said there was no firm indication that Trump, while clearly impatient about a war he once vowed to win quickly, is prepared to jump ship. But several noted they would not be surprised to wake up one morning to a presidential tweet saying the opposite.

# Votel: US not seeking to go to war with Iran

BY COREY DICKSTEIN

*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — The top American military commander for the Middle East on Thursday warned Iran must curtail “reckless, unsafe and escalatory” actions, such as its ballistic missile strike into Syria earlier in the week.

“[But] I don’t think we’re seeking to go to war with Iran, and I don’t think that’s what we’re focused on,” Gen. Joseph Votel, the U.S. Central Command chief, told reporters at the Pentagon during a teleconference.

Votel joined a chorus of top defense officials who have insisted the roughly 2,000 U.S. troops in Syria remain entirely focused on the ongoing fight against Islamic State. He echoed recent comments made by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis that the

presence of American troops has indirectly impacted forces controlled by Iran in Syria, though U.S. forces there have received no orders to counter Iran.

“By our presence, we offer a deterrent effect there,” Votel said. “So while we don’t have any specific military tasks — our focus remains very strictly on de-ISIS right now — I think we do play an indirect role in supporting our broader pressure campaign against Iran.”

For now, that campaign against Iran remains largely diplomatic and economic. Since the U.S. withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, better known as the Iran nuclear deal, earlier this year, the U.S. has placed strict sanctions on Iran, crippling its economy. On Wednesday, the U.S. announced it also would withdraw from a 1955 “Treaty of Amity” with Iran

after the International Court of Justice upheld Tehran’s charges that some of the sanctions violated that agreement.

The U.S. also has accused Iran of illegally smuggling weapons to groups it backs in the civil wars in Yemen and Syria.

Votel charged the Iranians have moved “lethal capabilities” into Syria that threaten neighboring nations.

Last month, national security adviser John Bolton, who has long been an Iran hawk, insisted American troops would remain in Syria until Iran withdrew its military forces and the proxy forces that it commands there. Those groups have operated, along with the Russian military, to bolster the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad in a civil war that has raged for seven years.

## Nobel Peace Prize honors fight against sexual violence

*The Washington Post*

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Friday to two people who have brought attention to ending sexual violence against women in armed conflict.

Denis Mukwege, a Congolese gynecologist treating victims of gang rape, and Nadia Murad, an Iraqi Yazidi who has spoken about her own suffering at the hands of Islamic State, are both witnesses to the way in which the abuse of women so often stems from conflict.

Mukwege has treated thousands of victims of gang rape from his hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Murad has become an outspoken activist about sexual slavery and human trafficking. What they have in common is that they both have lived in parts of the world where it is particularly dangerous to be a woman.

“We want to send out a message of awareness that women, who constitute half of the population in most communities, actually are used as a weapon of war — and that they need protection,” said Berit Reiss-Andersen, chairwoman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

Protecting women and holding perpetrators accountable

is a “prerequisite for lasting peace,” she added.

The 2018 award also nods at a broader global theme about the treatment of women and their willingness to confront injustices.

Murad was living in northern Iraq when in 2014 ISIS fighters set on her village, killing several hundred — burying them in mass graves — and abducting many of the young women. While held captive by ISIS, Murad was handed off among militants and was raped repeatedly. She escaped after three months, posing as the wife of a Sunni man who risked his life to help her. In 2016, she was named as a United Nations “goodwill ambassador” on the issue of survivors of human trafficking.

Mukwege, 63, founded Panzi Hospital in 1999, just as eastern Congo was overtaken by a new wave of violence that became infamous for its brutality, particularly toward women. Militias from Congo, Rwanda and Uganda tore across eastern Congo for the better part of a decade, raping and pillaging.

Panzi Hospital was where tens of thousands of rape victims went for treatment.

## Senator: VA misses deadline to inform of access to care

BY NIKKI WENTLING

*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — A senator who championed legislation earlier this year to increase access to mental and behavioral health care for veterans with other-than-honorable discharges is worried the word isn’t getting out to the thousands of veterans now eligible for care they were previously denied.

The Honor Our Commitment Act, approved as part of large appropriations bill in March, requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans with mental health screenings and care, even if they received other-than-honorable discharges. Veterans who served in combat zones or areas of hostilities, worked as drone operators in combat zones or experienced sexual abuse or assault are eligible.

The law required the VA to inform eligible veterans of the change by Sept. 18 — 180 days after the bill passed. Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., who introduced the measure, said he’s unaware of any efforts the VA has made to spread the word.

In a letter to VA Secretary Robert Wilkie on Tuesday, Murphy said he’s inquired with the VA multiple times about it

and received no response.

“Our priority needs to be providing needed care to the veterans who have earned it, and I am gravely concerned that the department’s apparent failure to notify them in accordance with the law puts them at increased risk for mental and behavioral health problems,” Murphy wrote.

Some lawmakers and advocates of veterans have long argued that servicemembers with other-than-honorable discharges, known as bad paper, in many cases were released unjustly from the military because of mental health issues. Their discharge status prevents them from getting certain VA benefits.

Kristofer Goldsmith, who has an other-than-honorable discharge and advocates for others in the same situation, said in March that Murphy’s measure “marks a major shift towards justice for those veterans who have for so long been denied it.”

On Thursday, Goldsmith said it’s “extremely frustrating” the VA hasn’t reached veterans to let them know of the change.

“I’m glad the VA opened up services to veterans with other-than-honorable [discharges], but right now, it seems like VA is doing it in name only,” he said.

## Murder suspect caught after days on lam in Tenn.

Associated Press

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — A multiple-murder suspect was captured Friday after a dayslong search involving helicopters and dogs in rugged terrain.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol announced that Kirby Gene Wallace, 53, was taken into custody after the search narrowed to a heavily wooded area of Stewart County where caves and other hiding places abound.

In a tweet, the highway patrol credited Henry County Sheriff Monte Belew and Henry County Corporal Stacey Bostwick for the arrest.

Wallace faces multiple charges after being accused of attacking a couple and setting their house on fire, killing the wife and seriously injuring the husband. He's also accused of fatally shooting a man Monday and stealing his truck.

The search forced nearby schools to go on "soft lockdown" and bus routes were canceled to keep children safe as area residents were warned to stay inside.

# Koreas hold high-level discussions in Pyongyang

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The Koreas held a high-level meeting in North Korea's capital on Friday to discuss the implementation of agreements from a summit last month between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in.

The meeting in Pyongyang involved South Korea Unification Minister Cho Myoung-gyon and senior North Korean official Ri Son Gwon, chairman of the North Korean agency that deals with inter-Korean affairs. Details of the discussions weren't immediately available.

The South Korean delegation arrived in Pyongyang on Thursday for peace talks and to celebrate the anniversary of a 2007 summit between the Koreas. Ri, who in the past has been described by South Korean counterparts as hot tempered, expressed irritation after Cho arrived a few minutes late for the meeting.

"You had the chairman of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Country waiting in the hallway like he has nothing to do," Ri said, loudly, when Cho arrived, according to pool reports. Cho laughed and blamed a wristwatch that was set 30 minutes late.

During their most recent summit in Pyongyang last month Kim and Moon said they

agreed to reduce the conventional military threat between them and hold another summit in Seoul, possibly within the year. North Korea also said it might dismantle its main Nyongbyon nuclear complex if the United States takes unspecified corresponding measures.

In addition to government officials, the South Korean delegation includes lawmakers, civic and religious leaders and the son of late South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun, who participated in the 2007 summit with North Korea's then-leader Kim Jong Il, the father of current ruler Kim Jong Un.

The South Koreans took part earlier Friday in a joint celebration marking the anniversary of the 2007 summit, where the participants issued a statement that included a vague call for a denuclearized Korean Peninsula and urged more cross-border exchanges and cooperation between the rivals.

The Koreas in past months have held a flurry of talks, including three summits, amid a global diplomatic push to resolve the nuclear standoff with North Korea. The North has also used its diplomacy with Seoul to get to Washington, resulting in a June summit between Kim and Trump in Singapore.

## Immigrants laud ruling that lets protected status stay

Associated Press

BOSTON — When Sudanese immigrant Hiwaida Elarabi learned the U.S. government was ending the temporary protected status that allowed her to live and work in the country legally for two decades, she sold off the restaurant that had been her life's dream.

Terrified to return to Sudan and unable to fathom a life without proper legal documents, Elarabi, 55, was one of hundreds of thousands of immigrants who got temporary relief after a federal judge blocked the Trump administration from moving ahead with its plans.

"This is a good day," Elarabi said Thursday. She now works for a university in Massachusetts after obtaining her master's degree in bioinformatics. "I was stressed I might also lose my position at the university as well as my legal status in this country."

Elarabi is one of some 300,000 immigrants from Sudan, El Salvador, Haiti and Nicaragua who for now will keep their tem-

porary protected status, known as TPS, under the ruling. It's granted to citizens of countries ravaged by natural disasters or war and lets them live and work in the U.S. until the situation improves back home.

U.S. District Judge Edward Chen in San Francisco granted a request late Wednesday to block the administration's plans. He found there is evidence that "President [Donald] Trump harbors an animus against non-white, non-European aliens which influenced his ... decision to end the TPS designation."

The ruling cited Trump's 2015 campaign speech in which he characterized Mexican immigrants as drug dealers and rapists, his call to bar Muslims from entering the U.S. and his vulgar reference to African countries during a White House meeting about immigration in January. It is the latest in a series of rulings that have slowed the administration's effort to crack down on immigration. Federal courts also pushed back against the administration's travel ban on several mostly Muslim countries

and the separation of immigrant parents and children at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Justice Department spokesman Devin O'Malley said the ruling "usurps the role of the executive branch."

"The Justice Department completely rejects the notion that the White House or the Department of Homeland Security did anything improper," he said in a statement.

It wasn't immediately clear what the process would be to extend immigrants' temporary status. The issue is expected to be addressed in court later this month.

El Salvador has the largest number of immigrants with temporary status. In January, the Trump administration said it would end the program for the country in September 2019 because progress had been made to recover from a devastating 2001 earthquake.

In March, immigrant advocates sued on behalf of those with the status from El Salvador and from the three other countries who also were told their programs were ending.

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Potential house buyer finds decomposing body

**GA** MACON — Authorities in Georgia say a man's decomposing body has been found in an abandoned Macon house by a man looking to buy the property.

Bibb County Deputy Coroner Lonnie Miley told The Telegraph that Arthur Williams was dead for at least six days prior to being found. The man found Williams' body Wednesday afternoon and called authorities, who Miley said are investigating this as a "suspicious death."

Coroner Leon Jones said Williams was wearing a medical alert bracelet emblazoned with his name. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is set to conduct an autopsy.

### Officer collapses during robbery investigation

**MI** DETROIT — Authorities say a Detroit police officer collapsed at the scene of a shooting-and-stabbing investigation after possibly coming into contact with horse tranquilizer.

The Detroit News reported police responded Wednesday night after a man was robbed, shot and stabbed. Police said the man had horse tranquilizers and when a hazardous materials crew responded to make sure the drug was cleaned up, an officer fainted. No one else was sickened.

WDIV-TV reported the wounded man had walked into a store after being attacked. WXYZ-TV reports the HAZMAT crew removed material from the store.

The newspaper said the officer was taken to a hospital in stable condition. Police said the wounded man was hospitalized in temporary serious condition.

### Man accused of biting golfer's finger indicted

**MA** BROCKTON — A Massachusetts man accused of biting off the finger of another golfer during a brawl at a public course has been indicted by a grand jury.

The indictment of Derek Harkins, 46, on charges of mayhem and assault and battery moved the case to Superior Court, where he potentially faces more serious penalties.

Police said two foursomes were at Southers Marsh Golf Club in Plymouth in August when one complained the other was cheating and too slow.

During the fight, a 57-year-old man had the tip of a finger bitten off. It couldn't be re-attached.

Harkins told police others were on top of him and he wanted them to get off. His lawyer said "things aren't always what they seem."

### Man fined for post advertising moose meat

**AK** BETHEL — A Bethel man has been fined \$100 for advertising the sale of moose meat on Facebook, an action illegal under Alaska law.

KYUK-AM reported Arnold Lupie, 36, did not appear for his court hearing this week in Bethel, but Alaska Wildlife Trooper Walter Blajeski recommended the fine amount that was accepted by the court.

Blajeski cited Lupie last month after seeing the Facebook post that advertised bags of moose ribs for \$25 each.

Lupie did not respond to KYUK's message requesting comment. He previously said that he didn't know the sale of big-game meat was illegal.

### Woman held after part of man's ear bitten off

**ID** CALDWELL — A southwestern Idaho woman authorities say bit off part of her boyfriend's ear during a dispute has been taken into custody.

Jennifer Mae Johnson, 39, of Caldwell, was being held in the Canyon County Jail on Thursday on a felony count of mayhem and for a parole violation.

Authorities tell KTVB-TV that police arrived at a Caldwell home Tuesday morning to find a man bleeding from his left ear. The man reported he was sitting on a sofa in a garage when Johnson bit off part of his ear and spit it out.

Police said they found blood on the sofa and in an RV behind the home where the couple live.

Johnson told police she had been asleep all evening and had not seen her boyfriend.

### Funeral director gets probation over pictures

**PA** EAST STROUDSBURG — A Pennsylvania funeral director who took photos of corpses to gross out her friends and relatives has been spared a prison term.

Angelielgha Stewart was sentenced Wednesday to 10 years of probation after she pleaded guilty to 16 counts of abuse of a corpse. She also was barred permanently from working in the funeral industry.

The sentence was imposed after several people spoke about being devastated by the photos taken of their loved ones.

Authorities have said Stewart took pictures of one corpse during an organ-harvesting process and others of a decomposing corpse. Some of the corpses were in caskets; some were not.

### Zoo: Polar bear to move for potential breeding

**OH** POWELL — A zoo in central Ohio says an 18-year-old polar bear will be arriving at the facility this fall to be introduced to twin polar bear sisters for potential breeding.

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium says it will be welcoming a male polar bear named Lee from the Denver Zoo.

Zoo officials say Lee will need to complete a mandatory quarantine period before being introduced to 11-year-old twin sisters Aurora and Anana.

The zoo says there are only 44 polar bears in North American zoos.

### 2 kids hurt as bounce pillow takes flight

**NE** LINCOLN — Two young children are recovering from injuries they sustained when a bounce pillow took flight at a pumpkin patch near Lincoln.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported that a 2-year-old boy and his 5-year-old sister were on the jumping pillow about 6 p.m. Wednesday at JK's Pumpkin Patch when strong winds tore it from its anchors.

Raymond Fire Safety Officer Nick Monnier said the bounce pillow was lifted more than 30 feet into the air by wind gusts. The girl was thrown about 30 feet, but the boy was wrapped up inside the pillow and was carried more than 100 feet.

Lancaster County Sheriff's deputy Scott Gaston said the boy's injuries were more serious than the girl's. She suffered a broken arm.

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# Ryu delivers Game 1 win for Dodgers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dodgers made a surprising and much dissected decision to start Hyun-Jin Ryu over Clayton Kershaw in Game 1 of the NL Division Series.

Swell choice.

The South Korean left-hander pitched seven dominant innings and Los Angeles launched three home runs to beat the Atlanta Braves 6-0 on Thursday night.

Ryu delivered in his first postseason start since 2014. He allowed four singles — all with two outs — struck out eight and walked none.

“He was in control. There was a lot of soft contact,” Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. “He was doing what he wanted to do. It was good to see, and we needed that one.”

The only slip Ryu made was

when he mistook the second out of the fourth inning for the last out and started walking toward the dugout. He laughed upon realizing the gaffe.

The 31-year-old Ryu missed 3½ months of the season with a groin strain and returned Aug. 15 to post a 1.88 ERA in 522/3 innings.

“When he came back we weren’t sure who we were going to get,” teammate Enrique Hernandez said. “It seemed like he didn’t miss a beat.”

Dodgers great Sandy Koufax was among those who gave Ryu a standing ovation as he walked to the dugout after his final pitch.

“I’m happy that I was able to keep my promise that I would go full-throttle from the get-go,” Ryu said through a translator.

Ryu even collected his first career postseason hit with a

single in the fourth.

The Dodgers set franchise and National League records by hitting 235 homers during the regular season, and their tear continued with three more to begin their playoffs. The defending NL champions actually were outhit 6-5 by Atlanta, but the Braves only got singles.

“I don’t really feel like there’s anyone on this team that’s going up there trying to hit a home run,” said Max Muncy, who had a three-run shot with two outs in the second. “It’s just a result of us having a good approach and good at-bats. I feel like a lot of the home runs we’ve had have come off of long at-bats, working the counts and wearing the pitcher down.”

The Braves have lost eight straight series openers in the postseason. They haven’t won a Game 1 since 2001 when they

went on to sweep Houston in the NLDS.

Rookie Ronald Acuna Jr. struck out twice and went 0-for-4 as the Baby Braves were blanked. This was Atlanta’s first playoff appearance since 2013, when they lost to the Dodgers in four games.

Joc Pederson’s leadoff shot in the bottom of the first rattled Mike Foltyniewicz in his postseason debut.

“If you don’t have your fast-ball command, they’re going to spit on a lot of things, which they did tonight,” Foltyniewicz said.

**Right at home:** Ryu was 5-2 with a 1.15 ERA in nine starts at Dodger Stadium in the regular season. The Dodgers went 7-2 in those games. That’s the lowest ERA among pitchers with 50 or more innings at home, according to STATS.

# Moustakas lifts Brewers past Rockies in 10th

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Extra innings, two outs and the winning run on third in Game 1 of the playoffs.

Short on playoff experience, the Milwaukee Brewers dealt for veteran Mike Moustakas over the summer to produce in just this kind of spot.

Good deal.

Moustakas scored MVP front-runner Christian Yelich with a two-out single in the 10th inning, and the Brewers bounced back to beat the Colorado Rockies 3-2 Thursday in their NL Division Series opener.

After giving up two runs in the ninth that made it 2-all, the Brewers regrouped and soon celebrated. Making their first postseason appearance since 2011, they won their ninth straight game overall.

Moustakas had already produced for Kansas City in October, hitting .304 in the 2015 World Series to help beat the Mets.

He’s doing it again in Milwaukee after being acquired from the Royals in July.

“Being in a postseason a couple years back, it definitely helps,” Moustakas said.

Chants of “Moose!” echoed around Miller Park after the winning hit.

Game 2 is Friday in Milwaukee with Colorado’s Tyler Anderson opposing Jhoulys Chacin, who led Milwaukee with 35 starts this year. He started Monday when the

Brewers beat the Chicago Cubs 3-1 in the NL Central tiebreaker at Wrigley Field.

Yelich hit a two-run homer in the third inning, then opened the 10th with a walk against Adam Ottavino, coming back from an 0-2 count.

Yelich made his postseason debut, though the even-keeled star spoke as if he had been through this before.

“You’re just trying to slow the situation down ... find a way to get on and make something happen, put some pressure on him,” Yelich said of the two-time All-Star third baseman, who had 15 RBIs in 31 postseason games while with the Royals. “And Moose was able to come through there at the end with the huge hit.”

Yelich advanced to second on a wild pitch and came home on Moustakas’ line drive to right field. After almost winning the Triple Crown this year, Yelich got two hits, scored twice and stole a base in his playoff debut.

Josh Hader and the Brewers allowed just one hit over eight innings in a dominant bullpen game and led 2-0 before Jeremy Jeffress gave up three straight singles to open the ninth. Charlie Blackmon grounded an RBI single shortly after his ground-rule double was overruled on replay review, and Nolan Arenado added a bases-loaded sacrifice fly to tie it.

But Colorado couldn’t come through in

extras again after outlasting the Chicago Cubs 2-1 in 13 innings in the NL wild-card game on Tuesday.

“Everybody knows I throw a lot of sliders. In that spot, I wanted to elevate. I wanted to get a little higher than I got it,” Ottavino said. “I think I guessed what he was looking for wrong there.”

Joakim Soria picked up the win in the opener with a scoreless 10th.

**Cold Colorado:** The big-hitting Rockies, meanwhile, are still struggling to find their stroke. After outlasting the Chicago Cubs 2-1 in extra innings earlier in the week, this visit to Miller Park meant them playing in a different city for the fourth time in five days.

“Time will tell, but I think the day off helped yesterday,” skipper Bud Black said. “I think the postseason energizes players.”

**Bullpen day:** With more and more teams relying exclusively on relievers in the regular season, the Brewers tried to take the new-wave approach to a new level in October. Out of the six pitchers who took the mound, only Jeffress allowed any runs.

Corbin Burnes, who tossed scoreless innings in the fourth and fifth, was the only other reliever to allow a hit.

Colorado was 1 of 23 with 10 strikeouts over the first eight innings. They were 3 of 6 in the ninth.

# Patriots' offense returns to form in victory over Colts

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady isn't worried about the shortcomings that the Patriots' offense has displayed so far this season — whether it's turnovers or lack of downfield passing.

His measuring stick for progress is much more simplistic.

"It's really not about those things to me. It's about points," Brady said after New England's 38-24 victory over the Indianapolis Colts on Thursday night.

It was the second straight game the Patriots have scored 38 points. It's also the second consecutive week that it has looked as if Brady and the offense are turning a corner following a lackluster 1-2 start to the season that included a paltry 10-point effort in a loss to Detroit.

"Ultimately we gotta score more points," Brady said. "We scored 38, which is great. But we have more in us."

Buoyed by the return of receiver Julian Edelman from his four-game suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance enhancers, Brady looked like the reigning regular-season MVP for the first time this season.

On a night in which he notched his 500th career regular-season touchdown pass, he spread the ball around to eight receivers and threw for a season-high 341 yards.

He was spot-on from the start, completing his first nine passes on an opening drive that ended with a 1-yard TD pass to Cordarrelle Patterson.

Brady didn't complete more than two passes on an opening drive in any of the team's first four games.

And after an offseason that featured lots of player

departures on the offensive side of the ball, Thursday's victory also highlighted just how many weapons Brady still has at his disposal.

Rookie running Sony Michel came up just two yards shy of his second straight 100-yard game. Tight end Rob Gronkowski broke out of a recent fog with six catches for 75 yards. And recent acquisition Josh Gordon notched his first touchdown — Brady's 500th — showing off his ability as the big-play threat this offense has been missing.

Edelman's return might have simply been an extra cherry on top an already-decadent cake.

"It was great. There's some things that obviously we have to work on," Edelman said. "But it was good to get out there and catch some rocks and go out there and make some plays and be with the fellas," Edelman said. "I haven't played football in like, 405 days or something like that. It was good to be out there with the crowd rocking. It was awesome. It was amazing. It's great to be back."

**Disappointing start:** While the Patriots are finding their footing, the Colts have lost three straight and slipped to 1-4.

One of the recurring themes has been self-inflicted mistakes, particularly turnovers. Indianapolis had three more on Thursday.

"We're not going to win consistently until we learn how to get out of our own way," Colts quarterback Andrew Luck said. "I think when we look at ourselves, we're going to have to learn how not to lose before we want to give ourselves a chance to win. And so, it's frustrating, the stuff out there. We're all frustrated but I don't think anybody's losing the belief."

## NHL roundup

### Letang lifts Pens in OT

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PITTSBURGH — Kris Letang scored his second goal 1:20 into overtime to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 7-6 victory over the Washington Capitals on Thursday night in Pittsburgh.

Letang beat goalie Braden Holtby with a slap shot from the point on a power play. Letang finished with three points, tying Hall of Famer Paul Coffey for the most by a defenseman in team history with 440.

Jake Guentzel also scored twice, Evgeni Malkin had a goal and two assists, and Derick Brassard and Jamie Oleksiak added goals in Pittsburgh's opener. Matt Murray made 30 saves.

T.J. Oshie scored twice for Stanley Cup champion Washington, coming off a 7-0 home victory over Boston on Wednesday night in the Capitals' opener.

**Bruins 4, Sabres 0:** Jaroslav Halak stopped 32 shots and Boston rebounded from a season-opening shutout to win at Buffalo.

Brad Marchand set up all four goals, scored by captain Zdeno Chara, rookie Ryan Donato, David Pastrnak and Patrice Bergeron on an empty-netter.

**Predators 3, Rangers 2:** P.K. Subban broke a tie early in the third period and Nashville won at New York to spoil Rangers coach David Quinn's regular-season debut.

Jesper Fast and Pavel Buchnevich scored and Henrik Lundqvist had 30 saves for the rebuilding Rangers. They missed the playoffs last spring for the first time in eight years.

**Islanders 2, Hurricanes 1, OT:** Josh Bailey scored a power-play goal 43 seconds into overtime, and visiting New York opened the season by beating Carolina.

Valtteri Filppula also scored as the Islanders began the post-John Tavares era by giving Barry Trotz a victory in his debut with the team and spoiling Rod Brind'Amour's first game behind the Carolina bench.

**Blue Jackets 3, Red Wings 2 (OT):** Artemi Panarin scored midway through overtime, lifting Columbus past host Detroit in the opener for both teams.

Cam Atkinson and Josh Anderson gave Columbus the lead over the first two periods. Rookie Dennis Cholowski and Tyler Bertuzzi tied it for the Red Wings in the second period.

Detroit honored Henrik Zetterberg, whose career is over because of a back ailment, before the game.

**Hawks 4, Senators 3 (OT):** Patrick Kane scored 38 seconds into overtime to push Chicago past host Ottawa in the opener for both teams.

Alex DeBrincat, Jonathan Toews and Brent Seabrook also scored, and Cam Ward stopped 22 shots. Seabrook tied it midway through the third period, with Kane find the defenseman alone in front for a one-timer.

**Avalanche 4, Wild 1:** Nathan MacKinnon had a tap-in goal off a nifty pass from Mikko Rantanen, Semyon Varlamov stopped 20 shots and host Colorado beat Minnesota in the opener for both teams.

Varlamov returned to net after missing the playoffs last season with a knee injury he suffered late in the regular season.

The Avalanche are 15-5-3 in home openers since moving to town from Quebec.

**Stars 3, Coyotes 0:** Devin Shore, Alexander Radulov and John Klingberg scored less than two minutes apart in the second period and host Dallas made Jim Montgomery a winner in his NHL coaching debut.

Ben Bishop stopped all 30 shots for his first season-opening shutout and the 25th of his career.

**Jets 5, Blues 1:** Patrik Laine, Blake Wheeler and Kyle Connor each had a goal and an assist to help Winnipeg win in St. Louis.

**Flyers 5, Golden Knights 2:** Wayne Simmonds scored two goals to lead Philadelphia over host Vegas as the Flyers won their third straight season opener.

## Bowen Sr. testifies in pay-for-play case

NEW YORK — The father of a top college basketball prospect has testified that his son was offered thousands of dollars to play at several major programs.

Brian Bowen Sr. testified Thursday at a federal trial in New York that aspiring agent Christian Dawkins told him he could get \$50,000 to play at the University of Arizona, \$150,000 to go to Oklahoma State or \$100,000 to go to Creighton. He said there was interest from Oregon but he didn't recall a cash offer.

Bowen was testifying at the New York City trial of Dawkins and two other defendants accused of making secret payments to recruits' families.

Prosecutors say Bowen's son ended up signing with Louisville after a deal was struck to pay the family \$100,000. He now plays professionally in Australia.

## WADA 'overwhelmed' with whistleblower info

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — The World Anti-Doping Agency has registered 400 cases after a flood of information from new whistleblowers, and added on Friday it supports a U.S. assessment that a 2016 hack of the agency was perpetrated by the Russian state.

The head of WADA's investigations unit, Guenter Younger, said the agency has been approached by numerous whistleblowers in the wake of Russian doping scandals, which were sparked by insiders revealing widespread doping and cover-ups.

Younger said he was "overwhelmed" with information after WADA opened a whistleblower hotline in March 2017.

Younger said the whistleblowers include "many" Russians, adding, "It was the Russians that took their system down and we as well need to acknowledge that and help them as well, that they can come back as clean athletes."

Younger said that, despite the hack of WADA in 2016, its systems were now secure.

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# 0-4 uncharted territory for Neb.

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LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska's descent from the top of the college football hierarchy is going on two decades, yet those white helmets with the red block "N" remain an iconic piece of the sport's lore.

That might be why the Cornhuskers' 0-4 start is so jarring, and not just to people inside the program and a fan base that has sold out Memorial Stadium every game since 1962.

Nebraska's worst start since 1945 has been a major story line this season, especially after the splashy hire of 2017 national coach of the year Scott Frost, who completed Central Florida's two-year turnaround with a 13-0 record before he returned to his home state and the program he quarterbacked to a share of the 1997 national championship.

The Huskers have lost 14 of their last 18 games, and last weekend they dropped an eighth in a row for the first time in the program's 129-year history. They're listed as 17½-point underdogs for their game at Wisconsin on Saturday night.

Even the coaches who used to get beaten badly and regularly by the Huskers are having difficulty grasping the current state of the Nebraska program.

"I never thought I'd see the day," said Glen Mason, 0-9 against the Huskers as Kansas coach from 1988-96 and now a Big Ten network analyst. "I would have thought they would have been better. Not great, but I thought he would make them better right away."

"Unthinkable. Shocking, really," said R.C. Slocum, whose Texas A&M teams went 1-3 against the Huskers, including a 39-point loss in the 1997 Big 12 championship game.

"It just breaks my heart," said Jim Walden, who was an assistant at Nebraska under Bob Devaney in the early 1970s and went 1-7 against the Huskers as Iowa State coach from 1987-94.

Nebraska ranks fifth all-time in wins, and no team won more from the 1970s through

the '90s under Devaney and Tom Osborne. The Huskers went 309-56-5 for an .842 winning percentage over the three decades, and won all or part of five national championships and 17 conference titles.

Nebraska is 150-87 (.633) since, hasn't won a conference championship since 1999 and hasn't appeared in the final Top 25 in six years.

"Look at every program in the country, they went through some dog days, so to speak," said Kansas State coach Bill Snyder, 5-14 against Nebraska over two stints from 1989-2010. "They'll build their way out of it, and I have great confidence in that. It doesn't surprise me a bit. College football, it's hard to be surprised by anything."

Schools such as Alabama, Michigan, Notre Dame, Penn State and Southern California have endured lean times, but Nebraska's down cycle has been lingering.

Mason, Slocum and Walden said the turning point was the decision by former athletic director Steve Pederson to fire Frank Solich after a 9-3 season in 2003. Solich had played for Devaney, was an Osborne assistant and went 58-19 in six years. Bill Callahan, Bo Pelini and Mike Riley followed.

"I don't think Bill understood the Nebraska program," Mason said. "Right away he talked about changing the recruiting and doing away with the walk-on program. Being a guy who had to compete with Nebraska back in my Kansas days, I was thinking, 'Are you crazy?' That walk-on program was the envy of every program in the country."

Osborne's triple-option offense also gave the Huskers a unique identity that attracted top running backs, and his teams played what Mason called "suffocating" defense. Those days are long gone. Offensive coordinators on the previous three staffs had a penchant for the pass, and since joining the Big Ten in 2011, the Huskers have allowed more than 50 points in nine conference games, including five of the last seven.

Walden said he watches Ne-

braska games regularly and the drop in talent is apparent. Slocum said two factors work against the Huskers in recruiting. High school players don't know much about the Huskers because they've mostly been irrelevant nationally in their young lifetimes. Also, Slocum said, the move from the Big 12 to the Big Ten seven years ago made it more difficult to pull a large number of players out of talent-rich Texas.

None of that is to say Nebraska can't rebound and compete for championships again.

"We need Nebraska to be good," Walden said. "We need teams that are not just the sparkling Ohio States and Alabamas of the world. You need that good ol' Midwest hardcore Nebraska-type mentality to be good. I always felt we were leaders to show the way you could get things done, and not necessarily in a glamorous city or a big school. Nebraska was what we used to call a blue-collar college, a blue-collar football team, and we loved the fact it was a farming community and people loved the school and this team and it was everything to them. I still do believe that's important."

Each of the four former or current coaches interviewed said Frost is the right man for the job because he excelled as a player, succeeded as Oregon's offensive coordinator and UCF's head coach, and knows what it takes to win at Nebraska.

Frost is trying to blend old-school Nebraska principles, such as relentless effort and being the stronger team in the fourth quarter, with the fast-paced spread option offense he brought from UCF.

"He understands what they used to be, and that's the standard he'll set," Mason said. "I don't think he'll take any shortcuts. It might take him a little bit longer than they would have liked, but it's not his fault because he wasn't there when they were making decisions that let that program decay."