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7th Fleet ships transit Taiwan Strait

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The Navy sailed two Japan-based ships through the Taiwan Strait on Monday amid ongoing tensions over freedom of navigation in the western Pacific and political strains over trade with China.

“Earlier today, the USS Curtis Wilbur and USS Antietam conducted a routine Taiwan Strait transit in accordance with international law. The ships’ transit through the Taiwan Strait demonstrates the U.S. commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific,” Army Col. Rob Manning, a Pentagon spokesman, told reporters Monday.

The ships sailed from south

to north along the waterway separating mainland China from Taiwan, according to a CNN report.

Two U.S. defense officials also told CNN that multiple Chinese warships followed the Yokosuka-based 7th Fleet ships at a safe distance.

China considers Taiwan a province of the mainland, and officials have stated over the years that the democratic island’s continued self-rule cannot continue indefinitely. Taiwan receives support and defense funding from the U.S. in line with a 1979 bilateral agreement.

Although the U.S. and most nations consider much of the 110-mile Taiwan Strait to be

international waters, transiting there has long been a source of tension for Beijing. In 1996, China conducted a series of missile tests near a small, Taiwan-controlled island as a show of strength after Beijing’s government accused Taiwan of independence sentiments in the run-up to a presidential election on the island.

In response, the U.S. sent two aircraft carrier groups through the Taiwan Strait. Since that time, China has modernized its naval forces rapidly and has begun its own carrier program. China also has constructed artificial islands atop submerged reefs in the South China Sea and has placed weapons and aircraft onto them. Chinese

ships have used force and coercion to prevent access to islands in the region claimed by smaller nations, U.S. officials have said repeatedly.

In July, the Navy sent the 7th Fleet destroyers USS *Mustin* and USS *Benfold* into the straits for what Pacific Fleet officials described as a “routine transit.” The transit was the first since July 2017.

The operations also come as Beijing and Washington spar over billions of dollars in recently announced tariffs. The U.S. has also accused China of engaging in cyberattacks against the U.S. government and businesses.

Report: NATO soldier killed in apparent insider attack

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Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — A servicemember from NATO’s Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan was killed Monday in an apparent insider attack, the second deadly shooting of friendly forces in recent days believed to be carried out by Afghan servicemembers.

Two other soldiers were wounded in the incident, which occurred in the western Herat province, the international coalition said in a statement.

“Initial reports indicate the attack was committed by a member of the Afghan security forces,” the statement said.

Officials did not disclose the nationalities of the servicemembers or any further details. However, Army Col. Rob Manning, a Pentagon spokesman, said the soldier killed in the attack was not an American. He did not provide any information about the two injured servicemembers.

Additional information will be released by the servicemembers’ national authori-

ties, the statement said.

The U.S., Italy, Albania, Lithuania, Slovenia and Ukraine all are active in western Afghanistan, according to the Resolute Support website.

The attack comes less than a week after an Afghan bodyguard shot and injured the top U.S. commander based in southern Afghanistan, Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey D. Smiley, and also killed two top Afghan leaders in the province. Manning confirmed Monday that Smiley was shot. His injury first was reported by The Washington Post on Sunday after the U.S. military chose not to disclose a general officer was among the wounded.

Manning also defended the military’s choice not to disclose Smiley’s injury immediately other than to announce an American servicemember was among the injured in the incident.

Decisions to release the identities of wounded personnel rest with the military services and commanders on the ground — in last week’s case, top American commanders in Afghanistan.

“In this instance, the unit on the ground,

U.S. (Forces-Afghanistan) and Operation Resolute Support, determined they were not going to release the name of the wounded,” Manning told reporters at the Pentagon. “We’ve never been in the business of releasing the name of the wounded. We defer to either the service or the unit on the ground. We did not divert from policy on that.”

Gen. Scott Miller, the top U.S. officer in Afghanistan, also attended the meeting where the attack occurred but was unharmed.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack and indicated Miller and slain Kandahar police Chief Gen. Abdul Raziq were the intended targets. But Manning on Monday said Miller had determined he was not likely one of the targets of the attack.

In the first half of this year, Afghan forces saw a rise in the number and lethality of insider attacks as NATO advisers pushed Kabul to require screening of all Afghan military and national police personnel.

There were at least 47 insider attacks as of June, up from 38 in the first half of 2017. The number of Afghan troops killed or wounded in such attacks increased by 50 percent, the Pentagon reported.

UNC, Koreas to disarm border village

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SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S.-led United Nations Command, North Korea and South Korea agreed Monday to remove weapons and guard posts from a jointly patrolled area this week, according to the defense ministry in Seoul.

The decision, made during a second round of trilateral talks in the truce village of Panmunjom, is a major step toward implementing an inter-Korean military pact reached last month.

The ministry also said the Koreas have finished removing land mines from the area, which is the heart of the heavily fortified border that has divided the peninsula since the 1950-53 Korean War ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

Seoul and Pyongyang have moved forward with initiatives aimed at improving

relations despite little progress in diplomatic efforts to rid the North of its nuclear weapons.

The longtime rivals agreed in September to withdraw weapons and guard posts from the Joint Security Area in Panmunjom and to replace them with 35 unarmed guards from each side.

That was part of a wide-ranging military agreement aimed at reducing tensions in the border area, including the creation of a no-fly zone.

The UNC, which is led by Gen. Vincent Brooks, administers the southern side of the JSA and the rest of the Demilitarized Zone, a 2.5-mile-wide, 155-mile-long buffer zone.

Monday's three-hour meeting occurred less than a week after the first trilateral talks.

The three sides "evaluated and confirmed that the destruction of land mines

in the JSA has been completed," the defense ministry said in a statement.

They also agreed to "finish withdrawing firearms and guard posts (from the JSA) by Thursday and to inspect for two days after that," the defense ministry said.

Panmunjom, the site of the signing of the armistice, is the only place in the DMZ where North Korean and U.N. troops face each other. It's well-known for the blue conference buildings that straddle the border, a popular tourist destination.

It has been the site of past violence, including the defection of a North Korean soldier who came under fire from his former comrades as he made a dash to the South last year.

The UNC, which deploys a security battalion in the area, didn't comment on the most recent meeting. But Brooks, who also commands U.S. Forces Korea, has signaled support for the inter-Korean military pact.

Reports: Khashoggi 'body double' later left consulate

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — A man appearing to wear Jamal Khashoggi's clothes left the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul following his killing there, according to a surveillance video, while a member of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's entourage made four calls to the royal's office at about the same time, reports said Monday.

The reports by CNN and a pro-government Turkish newspaper came just a day before Prince Mohammed's high-profile investment summit is to begin in Riyadh and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has promised that details of Khashoggi's killing "will be revealed in all its nakedness."

Meanwhile, Turkish crime scene investigators swarmed a garage Monday night in Istanbul where a Saudi consular vehicle had been parked.

All this yet again adds to the pressure Saudi Arabia faces over the slaying of The Washington Post columnist. The king-

dom's claim on Saturday that Khashoggi died in a "fistfight" met international skepticism and allegations of a cover-up to absolve the crown prince, 33, of direct responsibility.

Turkish media reports and officials maintain that a 15-member Saudi team flew to Istanbul on Oct. 2, knowing Khashoggi would arrive for a document he needed to get married. Once he was inside the diplomatic mission, the Saudis accosted Khashoggi, cut off his fingers, then killed and dismembered the writer, 59, Turkey alleges.

CNN aired surveillance video Monday showing the man in Khashoggi's dress shirt, suit jacket and pants. It cited a Turkish official as describing the man as a "body double" and a member of the Saudi team. The man is seen in the footage walking out of the consulate's back exit with an accomplice, then taking a taxi to Istanbul's famed Sultan Ahmed Mosque, where he went into a public bathroom, changed out of the clothes and left.

Bolton in Moscow as US aims to exit nuke treaty

Associated Press

MOSCOW — U.S. national security adviser John Bolton held talks with top Russian officials Monday after President Donald Trump declared an intention to pull out of a landmark nuclear weapons treaty.

The Kremlin expressed disappointment with Trump's announcement Saturday that the United States would walk away from the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, warned that the U.S. withdrawal from the treaty would "make the world a more dangerous place."

He added that Russia will have to take countermeasures to "restore balance" if the U.S. opts out of the agreement.

Trump alleged that Russia violated terms of the treaty that prohibit the U.S. and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying ground-launched nuclear cruise missiles with a range of 300 to 3,400 miles.

Peskov reaffirmed Moscow's denial of any treaty violations.

"We categorically disagree with the claim that Russia has violated the INF Treaty," he said. "Russia has fully adhered to the treaty's provisions."

He noted that Russia long has voiced concern about what it sees as U.S. violations of the treaty.

U.S. officials have accused Russia of testing and deploying a land-based cruise missile in violation of the treaty. Russia has denied the claim and charged that U.S. facilities in Romania could be modified to house ground-to-ground intermediate-range cruise missiles.

Bolton met with Security Council Chairman Nikolai Patrushev early, and they discussed a broad range of issues. The Security Council said in a statement after the talks that "the parties discussed prospects of developing a dialogue on strategic issues between Moscow and Washington" and noted the importance of maintaining regular contacts.

6 people shot, wounded near Fla. stadium before NFL game

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Six people were wounded in a street shooting blocks from the Florida stadium where the NFL's Houston Texans played and defeated the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday afternoon, authorities said.

Ron Lendvay, director of investigations for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, said several shots rang out about 12:35 p.m. Sunday on a boulevard in the stadium's general area and that five men and one woman were hit by gunfire.

All were rushed to hospitals, and the sheriff's office tweeted that three of the victims were in critical condition. The victims ranged in age from their 20s to their 70s, according to Lendvay.

The shooting broke out before the scheduled 1 p.m. start of play. Lendvay reported no

link to the game, which went on without incident, and said investigators were looking at whether it was gang-related.

The Texans won their fourth consecutive game Sunday, defeating the Jaguars 20-7 to take a one-game lead in the AFC South at the stadium, TIAA Bank Field.

Local media reports cited authorities as saying the shooting had no impact on game day activities, although some fans headed to the game reported hearing the gunfire.

Lendvay told reporters that a shooter fired from the passenger side of a gray, four-door sedan driven by a companion and that the victims were hit outside on the sidewalk near a laundromat.

He said the car immediately drove off and that detectives had been checking surveillance video in hopes of identifying the

vehicle and those involved.

"There were at least two people in the car," Lendvay said. He added that investigators didn't know if any others were in the car and he didn't rule out the possibility of other shooters elsewhere.

"This may be gang-related based on information obtained in the early stages of the investigation," he told reporters Sunday, declining to elaborate.

Some fans told local broadcast outlet News4Jax that they heard shots as they headed to the stadium.

"We had just parked our cars," Vanessa Holmes told the news outlet, adding that she and some family members were walking when it happened. "We heard the shots. We didn't know if we should fall to the ground. We didn't know what to do," she said.

Physicist's possessions to be sold at auction

Associated Press

LONDON — Stephen Hawking was a cosmic visionary, a figure of inspiration and a global celebrity.

His unique status is reflected in an upcoming auction of some of the late physicist's possessions. It includes complex scientific papers, one of the world's most iconic wheelchairs and a script from "The Simpsons."

The online sale announced Monday by auctioneer Christie's features 22 items from Hawking, including his doctoral thesis on the origins of the universe, some of his many awards, and scientific papers.

Thomas Venning, head of Christie's books and manuscripts department, said the papers "trace the development of his thought — this brilliant, electrifying intelligence."

"You can see each advance as he produced it and introduced it to the scientific community," Venning said.

Diagnosed with motor neuron disease at 22 and given just a few years to live, Hawking survived for decades, dying in March at 76.

The auction includes one of five existing copies of Hawking's 1965 Cambridge University Ph.D. thesis, "Properties of Expanding Universes," which carries an estimated price of \$130,000 to \$195,000.

Proceeds from its sale will go to two charities, the Stephen Hawking Foundation and the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

The sale includes a script from one of Hawking's "Simpson's" appearances, a copy of his best-seller "A Brief History of Time" signed with a thumbprint, and a personalized bomber jacket that he wore in a documentary.

The auction is open for bids between Oct. 31 and Nov. 8.

Trans GOP politician struggles with possible Trump redefinition of 'gender'

The Washington Post

Jordan Evans, 27, is a town constable and an elected library trustee in Charlton, Mass.

She's a Republican, as are most of the people in her hometown, a rural community where about 54 percent of voters cast their ballots for Donald Trump in 2016. Evans is also transgender, as are about 1 million other adult Americans, according to rough estimates. Evans is believed to be the lone openly transgender elected Republican — "my cross to bear," as she puts it.

The tension involved in her unusual profile became acute over the weekend, when The New York Times reported that the Trump administration is weighing a move to define gender as strictly biological, denying the very basis of transgender

identity. According to the Wall Street Journal, the scope of the new rules is unclear.

The news drew condemnation from activists and advocacy groups. The American Civil Liberties Union threatened legal action. The National Center for Transgender Equality planned a protest outside the White House.

For Evans, the news was alarming, though not entirely surprising. It's in line, she observed, with the president's attempt to ban transgender troops — an order repeatedly blocked by the courts. The administration has also prohibited officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from using the word "transgender" in official budget documents, as the Post reported in December, and the Department of Health and

Human Services has archived a page that outlined services available for LGBT people.

In February, the government revoked Obama administration protections for transgender students that allowed them to use bathrooms, locker rooms and other facilities that matched their gender identity rather than their sex assigned at birth.

"I'm afraid for people who are younger than me — people who don't have the kind of experiences in the world that I've had. They see this, and they're rightfully terrified."

Evans said the move would be "shortsighted of the administration." The country is growing more accepting of transgender people, she said, as the president is moving the government in the opposite direction.

Australian PM apologizes to child sex abuse victims

Associated Press

SYDNEY — Prime Minister Scott Morrison delivered a formal apology Monday to Australia's victims of child sex abuse, saying the nation must acknowledge their long, painful journey and its failure to protect them.

Morrison's emotional speech given in Parliament before hundreds of survivors followed the conclusion of a Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the nation's highest level of inquiry.

"Today as a nation we confront our failure to listen, to believe, and to provide justice," he said, adding: "We say sorry."

Abuse survivors gathered in Parliament's Great Hall cried, yelled and applauded as Morrison read the apology.

"I believe you, we believe you, your country believes you," he said.

The four-year inquest that delivered its final report in December revealed shocking evidence from more than 17,000 survivors and heard allegations against government, church and private institutions, as well as prominent individuals.

The prime minister said in his speech Monday it was time for Australia to confront key questions.

"Why weren't the children of our nation loved, nurtured and protected? Why was

their trust betrayed?" he said.

Morrison said nothing could be done to right the wrongs inflicted on children.

The lawmakers stood for a minute of silence following the apology, which came with the announcement of government plans to create a museum and research center to raise awareness and understanding of the impacts of child sexual abuse and to ensure the nation does not forget the horrors victims have suffered.

Opposition leader Bill Shorten joined the apology, saying Australia had failed tens of thousands of children, across generations.

"Our nation let you down. Today, we offer you our nation's apology, with humility, with honesty, with hope for healing now, and with a fire in our belly to ensure that our children will grow up safe in the future," Shorten said.

While many survivors and campaigners welcomed the apology, others called for more to be done to address the history of abuse.

Leonie Sheedy, chief executive of the Care Leavers Australia Network, which advocates for those raised in state care, called on the government to remove a charity tax exemption from institutions that are still deciding whether to opt in to the national redress program for victims.

Caravan grows as it makes way through Mexico

Associated Press

TAPACHULA, Mexico — Thousands of Central American migrants hoping to reach the U.S. were deciding Monday whether to rest in this southern Mexico town or resume their arduous walk through Mexico as President Donald Trump rained more threats on their governments.

After blaming the Democrats for "weak laws" on immigration a few days earlier, Trump said via Twitter on Monday: "Every time you see a Caravan, or people illegally coming, or attempting to come, into our Country illegally, think of and blame the Democrats for not giving us the votes to change our pathetic Immigration Laws!" He apparently sees the caravan as a winning issue for Republicans a little over two weeks ahead of midterm elections.

In another tweet, he blamed Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador for not stopping people from leaving their countries. "We will now begin cutting off, or substantially reducing, the massive foreign aid routinely given to them," he wrote.

It was clear though that more migrants were continuing to join the caravan.

The migrant caravan, which started out more than a week ago with fewer than 200 participants, has drawn additional people along the way and it swelled to an estimated 5,000 Sunday after many migrants found ways to cross from Guatemala into southern Mexico as police blocked the official crossing point.

Later in the day, authorities in Guatemala said another group of about 1,000 migrants had entered that country from Honduras.

In interviews along the journey, migrants have said they are fleeing widespread violence, poverty and corruption in Honduras.

Migrants received help Sunday from sympathetic Mexicans who offered food, water and clothing. Hundreds of locals driving pickups, vans and cargo trucks stopped to let them clamber aboard.

Jesus Valdivia, of Tuxtla Chico, Mexico, was one of the many who pulled his pickup over to let 10 or even 20 migrants hop in at a time, sometimes causing vehicles' springs to groan under the weight.

"You have to help the next person. Today it's for them, tomorrow for us," Valdivia said, adding that he was getting a valuable gift from those he helped: "From them we learn to value what they do not have."

Hurricane Willa aims for Mexico

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Forecasters say Hurricane Willa has grown rapidly into an "extremely dangerous" near-Category 5 storm in the eastern Pacific, on a path that could smash into Mexico's western coast between Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta in coming days.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said early Monday that Willa could "produce life-threatening storm surge, wind and rainfall over portions of southwestern and west-central Mexico beginning on Tuesday." It predicted that Willa could become a Category 5 hurricane later Monday morning, generating life-threatening surf and rip conditions.

A hurricane warning was posted for Mexico's western coast between San Blas and Mazatlan. Tropical storm warnings were raised from Playa Perula to San Blas and north of Mazatlan to Bahia Tempehuaya. The center said Willa is expected make

landfall late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

Willa had maximum sustained winds of 155 mph early Monday and was centered about 195 miles south-southwest of Cabo Corrientes. It was moving to the north at 5 mph.

Hurricane force winds extended out 25 miles from the storm's core and tropical storm force winds were up to 90 miles out.

The hurricane center said 6 to 12 inches of rain should fall — and some places could see up to 18 inches — on parts of Mexico's western Jalisco, western Nayarit and southern Sinaloa states, raising the danger of flash flooding and landslides in mountainous areas.

Farther to the south, Tropical Storm Vicente weakened but was still expected to produce heavy rainfall and flooding over parts of southern and southwestern Mexico.

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WWII Museum gets education pledge

LA NEW ORLEANS — A San Francisco foundation has promised the National World War II Museum \$2 million to expand its Holocaust education.

The museum said the Taube Foundation's pledge will pay for lectures, movie screenings, partnerships, research and personal accounts of the Holocaust, ensuring "public remembrance of the atrocities that led to the genocide of more than six million Jews."

The new Taube Family Holocaust Education Program's formal launch will be Thursday.

Retiree may be fined for butterfly garden

FL PENSACOLA — A retired teacher who started a butterfly garden in the yard of her Panhandle home might be subject to homeowners' association rules against breeding animals.

WEAR-TV reported Krissa White started her a butterfly garden six years ago. Her front yard has butterfly-friendly plants and trees.

Earlier this month she received a letter of final notice from her homeowners' association, saying it was against the community rules to have any animals bred or raised on a lot except for dogs, cats or other household pets for noncommercial purposes.

According to the letter, White could be fined \$25 every day.

Man allegedly stole trailers of soybeans

IN WINCHESTER — Eastern Indiana police said a man allegedly stole a semi and two trailers loaded with soybeans and then sold

the grain for about \$17,000.

The Randolph County Sheriff's Department said the 55-year-old man was arrested Friday. The Star Press reported the man hasn't been formally charged but faces preliminary charges that include theft in excess of \$50,000.

Capt. Tom Pullins said the man allegedly stole a semi-tractor trailer loaded with soybeans from a Randolph County farmer in June.

He said surveillance video shows the same stolen semi was used to steal another soybean-filled trailer from a Randolph County business in September.

Artist's design will be on Apollo 11 coins

ME BANGOR — A Maine artist's Apollo 11 design will be on commemorative U.S. coins.

The Bangor Daily News reported Belfast artist Gary Cooper won a U.S. Mint competition marking the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission.

Cooper said he remembered watching the lunar landing and watching astronaut Neil Armstrong take his first step on the moon. Cooper's design features Armstrong's footprint in the lunar dust.

His design will be on four coins: a \$5 gold coin, a silver dollar coin, a half-dollar clad coin and a \$1 silver proof coin.

US seeks to recover painting Nazis stole

NY NEW YORK — The U.S. government wants a federal judge to facilitate returning a painting stolen by the Nazis during World War II to the heirs of a renowned Jewish art collector.

U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman announced the effort Friday.

He wants to give back the 1639

painting by Salomon Koninck to the heirs of Jewish art collector Adolphe Schloss. The painting is titled "A Scholar Sharpening His Quill."

Berman said the Old Master painting was stolen by the Nazis in France and taken to Adolf Hitler's personal headquarters in Munich.

Authorities say the painting resurfaced in November 2017 when a Chilean art dealer tried to sell it through a New York-based auction house. The FBI seized it, but a court order is required to return it to the Schloss family.

Sailing Hall of Fame to move to Rhode Island

MD ANNAPOLIS — The National Sailing Hall of Fame will officially leave Maryland for Rhode Island, barring any last-minute discoveries.

The Capital reported the board of directors voted 17-9 to proceed with its deal to purchase space in Newport's historic Armory Building.

The hall plans to spend about \$4 million in total, including installing exhibits. It has a lease on a state-owned building in Annapolis until 2020 but hadn't been successful in building a museum.

Cajun Navy replaces Scouts' stolen gear

SC GILBERT — A South Carolina Boy Scout troop discovered its trailer holding thousands of dollars' worth of camping gear was stolen, and the Louisiana Cajun Navy stepped in to help.

WLTX-TV reported an assistant scoutmaster with Gilbert Troop 60, Rocky Sharpe, said it was devastating to learn the trailer was stolen.

In a Facebook video posted Oct. 16, the Cajun Navy says

"God has put us in a position to rectify this situation."

It says the Cajun Navy met up with the troop that night to provide camping gear, camping stoves, propane tanks, bug spray, food, drinks and American flags.

Social media fuels false jaguar rumor

OH AKRON — A routine drill at an Ohio zoo turned to panic after someone misheard chatter on a police scanner and believed a jaguar had escaped from the Akron Zoo.

People turned to social media to say the jaguar named Bella was on the loose and Akron's police SWAT team had responded along with zookeepers armed with tranquilizers. The Akron Beacon Journal reported that was not true and the reported escape was just a drill to train for potential animal escapes.

During the drill, the role of an escaped ferocious creature was played by a zookeeper carrying a picture of a jaguar and mimicking the movements of the cat.

'Brazen Botanist' gets jail for plant thefts

MA SALEM — A Massachusetts man who police dubbed the "Brazen Botanist" after he was captured on a surveillance camera stealing plants from a porch has pleaded guilty.

The Salem News reported that Joseph Gardner, 43, was sentenced to one year in jail.

Police said a man was seen on a doorbell camera taking hanging plants from a Salem home around 1:30 a.m. on May 16.

Tips to police lead them to Gardner's girlfriend's home, where they found two of the three missing plants.

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Sandy Koufax, Jackie Robinson and the Boys of Summer. Ted Williams to Yaz and the Impossible Dream.

Manny Ramirez. Pedro Martinez. Bill Buckner.

Fenway Franks and Dodger Dogs. Ebbets Field, the Green Monster. "Sweet Caroline" or "I Love L.A."

Yet for all their rich history — dating back to Babe Ruth on the mound — the Boston Red Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers have rarely crossed paths heading into this World Series. Only once before in October, and that was more than a century ago.

In fact, Clayton Kershaw has never even pitched at Fenway Park.

Consider this: Going into Game 1 on Tuesday night, the Dodgers have beaten the Red Sox in Boston just one time.

That came on June 12, 2004. And guess who scored and drove in a run for the Dodgers during that 14-5 romp?

Alex Cora, now the rookie manager of the Red Sox. One of his teammates that afternoon? Dave Roberts, ready to lead Los Angeles into its second straight Fall Classic.

"Two storied franchises, that draws more interest," Red Sox second baseman Ian Kinsler said Sunday.

Roberts is sure to draw a big cheer when the teams line up for pregame introductions. He's still a fan favorite in Boston for his daring stolen base that sparked an unprecedented comeback from a 3-0 deficit against Mariano Rivera and the rival Yankees in the 2004 AL Championship Series.

The Red Sox went on to end their 86-year title drought by sweeping St. Louis in the World Series, boosted by Big Papi, Pedro and Manny. Starting this week, Boston will try for its fourth title in 15 seasons.

"I'm looking forward to going back to Fenway. Obviously for me personally, I have a lot of fond memories of the Red Sox and Fenway Park," Roberts said. "To be wearing another uniform going in there playing for a World Series championship is going to be special for me."

This also marks the first time

both Series managers have played for each team.

MVP candidate Mookie Betts and the Red Sox posted a team-record 108 wins, a big payoff for the team with the top payroll in the game. Boston pushed past New York in the AL Division Series and then quickly dispatched the defending champion Astros in the ALCS.

A tremendous right fielder, Betts might move to second base when the Series shifts to Dodger Stadium. That would be to make room for slugger J.D. Martinez when the Red Sox lose their designated hitter slot.

Boston opened as a slight betting favorite over Los Angeles.

"That's the best team in the game right now. We respect that," Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen said. "But know that we're good."

Chris Sale is set to pitch the opener for the Red Sox. He recently spent a night in the hospital because of a stomach illness, and no doubt watchful eyes will be on the lefty ace.

Los Angeles is aiming for its first championship since Kirk Gibson, Orel Hershiser and Tommy Lasorda brought home the crown in 1988.

A year after dropping Game 7 at home to Houston, Justin Turner and the crew with the third-highest payroll beat Colorado in a tiebreaker for the NL West title, chased Atlanta in the NLDS and topped Milwaukee 5-1 on Saturday night in Game 7 for the pennant.

"It doesn't matter how you get there. But to get to come back and go back from last year, it's unbelievable," Kershaw said. "Where we came from this year, it's a testament to these guys, man. It's a great group. We're excited."

New to the power-packed Dodgers this season is star shortstop Manny Machado, acquired in a July trade with Baltimore. Boston fans are plenty familiar with him — his late slide last year injured longtime Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia, and led to a tense situation at Fenway with Sale throwing behind Machado.

Soon as they see him, Red Sox rooters might even take

up the familiar chant of "Beat LA!"

It's been heard for years in Boston, albeit in a different arena. That's what Celtics fans echoed during the Larry Bird-Magic Johnson rivalry. Fitting, maybe, the former Lakers star is a part-owner of the Dodgers.

On the basketball court, Los Angeles and Boston are certainly intertwined with championships on the line, going all the way back to the days of Bill Russell, Elgin Baylor, Bob Cousy and Jerry West.

On the diamond, not so much for these formidable franchises.

They first tangled for real in the 1916 World Series. The Babe pitched all 14 innings — in a tidy 2 hours, 32 minutes — as Boston beat Brooklyn 2-1 in Game 2. Though Fenway opened four years earlier, the game was played at Braves Field, home of the city's NL franchise, because it held more people.

The Red Sox wound up winning in five games. Back then, the Dodgers weren't really the Dodgers. They were known by a collection of nicknames, and were often called the Robins because of popular manager Wilbert "Uncle Robbie" Robinson. And Ruth later coached for them.

Over the years, the teams went their own ways, on and off the field.

The Dodgers proudly broke baseball's color barrier when Jackie Robinson played in 1947. The Red Sox were the last team in the majors to have a black player, in 1959 with Pumpsie Green.

Decades later, the teams made history together. They drew an announced crowd of 115,300 — the largest ever for a baseball game — for an exhibition at the Coliseum in 2008 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Dodgers' move to Los Angeles.

Overall, the Red Sox are 8-7 against the Dodgers since interleague play began in 1997. Boston hasn't hosted LA since 2010, and the teams haven't squared off since 2016.

Briefly

Former NFL star Carruth out of jail

Former NFL wide receiver Rae Carruth was released from prison Monday after serving more than 18 years for conspiring to murder the mother of his unborn child.

The Carolina Panthers' 1997 first-round draft pick was released from Sampson Correctional Institution in Clinton, North Carolina, after completing his sentence of 18 to 24 years.

Carruth did not speak to reporters as he left prison. There was a smattering of applause when he got into a white SUV and was whisked away. He was taken to an undisclosed location.

The 44-year-old was found guilty of orchestrating a plot to kill Cherica Adams on Nov. 16, 1999, in Charlotte, North Carolina, to avoid paying child support. Adams was shot four times while driving her car but managed to make a 911 call that helped implicate Carruth.

Adams went into a coma and died less than a month later after the shooting.

The child she was carrying, Chancellor Lee Adams, was delivered by emergency cesarean section but suffers from permanent brain damage and cerebral palsy.

Rondo, Ingram, Paul suspended for brawl

LOS ANGELES — Lakers teammates Brandon Ingram and Rajon Rondo and Chris Paul of the Rockets were suspended without pay Sunday for an on-court fight, with Paul taking the heaviest financial hit.

Ingram was suspended four games, Rondo will sit out three games and Paul two games. The NBA handed down the punishments a day after the incident in the fourth quarter at Staples Center.

The penalty was costliest to Paul, who has the highest salary of the trio and was fined a total of \$491,782. Paul is president of the NBA Players' Association.

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NFL roundup

Saints edge Ravens after missed PAT

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — In a matchup between the league's highest-scoring offense and top-ranked defense, the New Orleans Saints and Baltimore Ravens played to a near draw.

New Orleans didn't come close to matching its average of 36 points, and the Baltimore defense finally wilted in the second half — thanks to the stellar play of Saints quarterback Drew Brees.

At the end of New Orleans' 24-23 victory, players from both teams had plenty of reason to feel good about how they performed.

Everyone except Justin Tucker.

Tucker was 222 for 222 on conversion kicks until he shanked one to the right with 24 seconds remaining and overtime seemingly waiting for these two evenly matched teams.

"I can't tell you exactly what happened," Tucker said, "but at the end of the day I feel like I cost us the game."

The missed kick gave Brees his first career victory over the Ravens, the only team he had not defeated. He joins Brett Favre and Peyton Manning as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to beat every club.

Brees threw his 500th TD pass to help the Saints (5-1) extend their winning streak to five. Manning, Favre, Tom Brady and now Brees are the only members of the 500 club.

Joe Flacco went 23 for 39 for 279 yards for Baltimore (4-3) and fashioned a wonderful late drive to put the Ravens just an extra point away from overtime.

Panthers 21, Eagles 17: Cam Newton tossed a 1-yard touchdown pass to Greg Olsen with 1:22 left and the Carolina Panthers overcame a 17-point deficit in the fourth quarter to beat host Philadelphia.

Julius Peppers sacked Carson Wentz, forcing a fumble on

fourth down from the Panthers 14, to seal the victory.

The Panthers' Eric Reid and Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins exchanged words and were separated before the coin toss. The two men have history going back to last year when Reid left The Players Coalition, which was co-founded by Jenkins. Reid and Jenkins are both fighting for the same cause — social and racial injustice — but have disagreed over how to do it. Reid recently called the coalition "an NFL funded subversion group" and he strongly supports his friend, Colin Kaepernick.

Reid also got into it with Zach Ertz after tackling Wentz following a handoff in the first quarter. Both guys received personal foul penalties.

Buccaneers 26, Browns 23 (OT): Chandler Catanzaro kicked a 59-yard field goal, the longest ever in overtime, with 1:50 remaining for host Tampa.

Redeeming himself after missing an extra point, as well as a 40-yard field goal on the final play of regulation, Catanzaro's kick barely made it over the crossbar to end Tampa Bay's three-game skid and hand the Browns (2-4-1) a NFL record-tying 24th consecutive road loss.

Redskins 20, Cowboys 17: Redskins linebacker Ryan Kerrigan's strip-sack of Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott was recovered for a touchdown by Preston Smith with just under five minutes left and host Washington held on when a last-second field-goal attempt by Brett Maher went off the left upright.

What would have been a 47-yard kick became a 52-yarder when Louis-Philippe Ladoceur was called for a snap infraction.

Chiefs 45, Bengals 10: Patrick Mahomes threw for 358 yards and four touchdowns, Kareem Hunt finished with three scores and host Kansas

City rebounded from its first loss to throttle Cincinnati.

Mahomes was 28-for-39 with his only big mistake an underthrown interception, though the Chiefs (6-1) were already so far ahead of Cincinnati (4-3) by that point it didn't really matter.

Mahomes spread the wealth, too, connecting with eight targets. Tyreek Hill had seven catches for 68 yards and a touchdown, and Demetrius Harris had the other scoring grab for Kansas City.

The Bengals' Andy Dalton was held to just 148 yards passing with a touchdown and an interception by the NFL's worst defense. Joe Mixon managed 50 yards rushing on 13 carries.

Rams 39, 49ers 10: Todd Gurley scored three touchdowns and Jared Goff threw two TD passes as the visiting Rams took advantage of four takeaways and a blocked punt.

The Rams (7-0) intercepted C.J. Beathard twice and recovered two fumbles to give them seven straight wins to open the season for the first time since 1985. The Rams began 6-0 for three straight seasons in 1999-2001 before losing the seventh game.

Patriots 38, Bears 31: Tom Brady threw for three touchdowns and the visiting Patriots hung on when Kevin White got stopped at the 1 on a 54-yard pass from Mitchell Trubisky.

About four or five defenders swarmed White after he leaped to haul in that long heave, preventing him from crossing the goal line while preserving the fourth straight win for New England.

The Patriots (5-2) also got two special teams touchdowns and came out on top even though they were missing Rob Gronkowski.

The five-time Pro Bowl tight end missed the game because of ankle and back injuries.

Texans 20, Jaguars 7: Blake Bortles fumbled on host Jacksonville's third play of each

half, leading to 10 points and his benching.

The Texans (4-3) won their fourth consecutive game thanks to those two turnovers and took a one-game lead in the AFC South.

Lions 32, Dolphins 21: Kerryon Johnson rushed for 158 yards and the visiting Lions repeatedly mounted long scoring drives.

Matt Stafford was 18 for 22 for 217 yards and two touchdowns. Detroit had 457 total yards and 248 on the ground, with scoring drives covering 64, 85, 75, 65, 75, 63 and 44 yards.

Chargers 20, Titans 19: Adrian Phillips broke up Marcus Mariota's pass attempt, the Titans' second try for a 2-point conversion after a defensive penalty on the first attempt, and the Chargers held on in London.

It was the fourth consecutive victory for the Chargers (5-2), who weathered the absence of running back Melvin Gordon (hamstring) and relied upon their defense to pull out the win.

Vikings 37, Jets 17: Kirk Cousins threw two touchdown passes, Latavius Murray ran for two scores, and the visiting Vikings pulled away in the second half for their third straight victory.

Vikings wide receiver Adam Thielen became the fifth player in NFL history to get at least 100 yards receiving in seven consecutive games, catching nine passes for 110 yards and a touchdown.

Colts 37, Bills 5: Andrew Luck threw four touchdown passes and Marlon Mack had his first rushing scores of the season.

The host Colts (2-5) snapped a four-game losing streak and finally won their 300th game since moving to Indianapolis from Baltimore in 1984. Adam Vinatieri scored five points to move within five of breaking Morten Andersen's NFL career record (2,544).

NHL roundup

Lightning overwhelm Blackhawks

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CHICAGO — The Tampa Bay Lightning sure lived up to their name — and reputation as one of the NHL's quickest teams.

Brayden Point had a goal and two assists and the Lightning peppered the Chicago Blackhawks with 33 shots in a three-goal second period in a 6-3 victory Sunday night.

The 33 shots are the most in the NHL in a period since 1997-98, when shots by period became an official statistic.

"We had a lot of low plays, a lot of rebounds that were probably racking up some shot totals," coach Jon Cooper said. "And everything was hitting the net. You need a lot to go right for something like that to happen. That's why it doesn't happen very often."

Nikita Kucherov and Victor Hedman each had a goal and assist, and Anthony Cirelli and Yanni Gourde also scored as Tampa Bay fired a team-record 55 shots. Ryan Callahan added an empty-netter with 2:05 left.

Blackhawks rookie Alexandre Fortin scored his first NHL goal to tie it late in the first, but the Lightning took charge with their speed and exploited Chicago mistakes to skate away with the win.

Sabres 4, Ducks 2: Rasmus Ristolainen scored a tiebreaking power-play goal early in the third period, and visiting Buffalo overcame a two-goal deficit to complete a Southern California sweep.

Kyle Okposo and Jeff Skinner scored 1:28 apart in the second period to even it before Ristolainen ripped a rising slap shot through traffic and past former Sabres goalie Ryan Miller for his first goal of the season.

Flames 4, Rangers 1: Johnny Gaudreau and Garnet Hathaway each scored twice, backup goalie David Rittich made 44 saves and Calgary beat host New York.

Racing roundup

Elliott earns second win in three races

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Chase Elliott first had to figure out how to win at NASCAR's top level. Now that he's got that handled, the son of 1988 champion Bill Elliott is chasing a title of his own.

Elliott won at Kansas Speedway on Sunday for his second victory in three races, cementing himself as a title threat late in a season in which mighty Hendrick Motorsports has lagged. He needed 98 career starts and maybe a dozen near-misses before he finally closed out his first Cup victory.

The breakthrough victory 11 events ago sparked Elliott's performance in NASCAR's playoffs, the second round bookended by a pair of Elliott victories. Elliott opened the round with a win at Dover and closed it with the Kansas victory.

"We're going to keep the hammer down," Elliott said. "I feel like we are among those guys that you have to beat, and I think that is all you can ask for."

Elliott is the only Hendrick driver and single Chevrolet representative in the round of eight. Hendrick teammate Jimmie Johnson, a seven-time champion, was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs and Alex Bowman was knocked out Sunday.

Also eliminated Sunday were Team Penske teammates Ryan Blaney and Brad Keselowski, both winners in the first round of the playoffs, and Kyle Larson.

Larson needed to win to make it into the third round and was frantically chasing Elliott in the closing laps but settled for third. He was docked 10 points by NASCAR earlier this week for an infraction at Talladega, his team lost two appeals of the penalty and he was in a must-win situation at Kansas.

"I'm actually glad that nothing stupid took us out of the playoffs this year — we had that battery come out at Dover a couple years ago, blew up an engine here last year," Larson said. "I would have liked to have made it into the next round, but I'm glad (elimination) wasn't anything other than just us not performing where we needed to be that kept us out of the next round."

Advancing into the third round of the playoffs were Elliott, Kyle Busch, Kurt Busch, Martin Truex Jr., Kevin Harvick, Clint Bowyer, Aric Almirola and Joey Logano.

Raikkonen earns first victory since 2013

AUSTIN, Texas — Kimi Raikkonen's second stint with Ferrari has been long on frustration and short on victories.

That finally changed Sunday at the U.S. Grand Prix where the Finnish driver earned his first win in five years, while a good enough day from Ferrari and a late block from Red Bull's Max Verstappen denied Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton a fifth career Formula One championship.

A former world champion with Ferrari, Raikkonen hadn't won after his return to the team in 2014 while teammate Sebastian Vettel fought Hamilton for the championship the last two seasons.

Raikkonen's last win was with Lotus at the season-opening Australian Grand Prix in 2013. He'd driven his Ferrari to three second-place finishes this season before Sunday's victory.

For Hamilton, a rare defeat means his fight with Vettel for the championship continues to next weekend at the Mexican Grand Prix. Hamilton finished third and Vettel was fourth to stretch Hamilton's championship lead 70 points with three races left.

NBA roundup

Nuggets get by Warriors

Associated Press

DENVER — Juancho Hernangomez's swooping right-handed swat was precisely the right stuff to help the Denver Nuggets stay unbeaten.

Turns out, this high-scoring Nuggets team can play a little defense, too.

Hernangomez blocked a tying layup from behind just before the buzzer and the Nuggets held off the Golden State Warriors 100-98 on Sunday night.

Trailing by 13 points in the fourth quarter, the Warriors rallied and had a chance to tie it in the closing seconds. Stephen Curry drove down the lane and passed to big man Damian Jones, who had his shot rejected by Hernangomez.

"Huge," said Gary Harris, who finished with 28 points.

The Nuggets improved to 3-0, Denver's best start since the 2009-10 squad led by Carmelo Anthony and Chauncey Billups began 5-0.

Hawks 133, Cavaliers 111: Trae Young had 35 points with 11 assists — the best line for a first-year player since Steph Curry in 2010 — and Atlanta dropped host Cleveland to 0-3 as it re-adjusts to life without LeBron James.

Clippers 115, Rockets 112: Montrezl Harrell led a fourth-quarter charge by the Clippers' reserves with 17 points, and host Los Angeles defeated Houston.

Harrell and the bench helped the Clippers erase a four-point deficit late in the third, with Luc Mbah a Moute's three-pointer giving them the lead for good.

Kings 131, Thunder 120: Iman Shumpert scored 26 points and Sacramento beat host Oklahoma City to spoil Russell Westbrook's season debut.

Westbrook missed the preseason and the first two regular-season games with inflammation in his right knee. He had 32 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists in 35 minutes after averaging a triple-double the past two seasons.