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Gunman attacks Pittsburgh synagogue

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PITTSBURGH — A shooter opened fire during a baby-naming ceremony at a Pittsburgh synagogue on Saturday, killing several people and wounding six others, including four police officers who dashed to the scene, authorities said.

Police said a suspect was in custody after the attack at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood. A law enforcement official identified the suspect as Robert Bowers and said he is in his 40s. The official wasn't authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

Police said "several" people were killed.

Six were wounded, including the four police officers, said Wendell Hissrich, the Pitts-

burgh public safety director.

"It is a very horrific crime scene. It was one of the worst that I've seen. It is very bad," Hissrich said.

The attack took place during a baby-naming ceremony, according to Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro. It was unknown whether the attack harmed the baby.

The synagogue is located at Wilkins and Shady avenues. The tree-lined, residential neighborhood of Squirrel Hill, about 10 minutes from downtown Pittsburgh, is the hub of Pittsburgh's Jewish community.

Until the suspect was taken into custody, the neighborhood and all synagogues in the city were in a lockdown, with people ordered to remain indoors.

President Donald Trump called the shooting "far more devastating than anyone thought," saying "it's a terrible

thing what's going on with hate in our country."

Trump also said the outcome might have been different if the synagogue "had some kind of protection" from an armed guard and suggested that might be a good idea for all churches and synagogues.

Offering a different take, Pennsylvania Democrat Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat, called the shooting an "absolute tragedy" in a statement that made reference to calls for tighter gun control laws.

"We must all pray and hope for no more loss of life," Wolf said. "But we have been saying 'this one is too many' for far too long. Dangerous weapons are putting our citizens in harm's way."

Michael Eisenberg, the immediate past president of the Tree of Life Synagogue, lives about a block from the building.

He was getting ready for services when he received a phone call from a member who works with Pittsburgh's Emergency Services, saying he had been notified through scanner and other communications that there was an active shooter at their synagogue.

"I ran out of the house without changing and I saw the street blocked with police cars. It was a surreal scene. And someone yelled, 'Get out of here!' I realized it was a police officer along the side of the house. ... I am sure I know all of the people, all of the fatalities. I am just waiting to see," Eisenberg said.

He said officials at the synagogue had not gotten any threats that he knew of prior to the shooting. The synagogue maintenance employees had recently checked all of the emergency exits and doors to make sure they were cleared and working.

DNA, fingerprint, misspellings led to mail-bomb arrest

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Florida man with a criminal history and a fervor for President Donald Trump sent at least 13 mail bombs to prominent Democrats, Justice Department officials said, crediting DNA, a fingerprint match and misspellings for the key break in a case that spread fear of election-season violence with little precedent in the U.S.

Cesar Sayoc, 56, of Aventura, Fla., faces five federal charges in connection with a mail bomb plot that spurred a weeklong, coast-to-coast investigation that continued even after he was taken into custody Friday as investigators scrutinized additional suspicious packages intended for Democrats.

Sayoc will make his first

court appearance next week, where additional details may be revealed about a motive. In the meantime, Attorney General Jeff Sessions suggested that politics may have played a role and noted that Sayoc appeared to be a "partisan." Those who saw him in the Florida neighborhood, unmistakable in a white van plastered with Trump's image and political stickers, described him as unsettling and troubled.

Sayoc's social media profiles portray a deeply disaffected conservative who trafficked in online conspiracy theories, parody accounts and name-calling. He called a Florida school shooting survivor a "fake phony," peddled theories about George Soros, the billionaire political donor targeted by a

package bomb, and denigrated other Democrats who were later the intended recipients of explosive packages.

Sayoc's arrest Friday was a major breakthrough in the nationwide manhunt following the discovery of the explosive devices — none of which detonated — addressed to prominent Democrats and other frequent targets of conservative ire, including former President Barack Obama, former Vice President Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton and the cable network CNN. On Friday, new packages addressed to New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and former National Intelligence Director James Clapper were intercepted — both similar to those containing pipe bombs discovered earlier in the week. Investiga-

tors in California scrutinized a package sent to Democratic Sen. Kamala Harris, her office said, and one sent to Tom Steyer, a billionaire businessman who has campaigned for months for Trump's impeachment.

The mail bombs, coming shortly before major midterm elections, sparked a heated national conversation about the hard-edged political climate and Trump's role in fanning the flames. The president has branded the media the "enemy of the people" and hurled harsh, personal insults at others targeted in the plot.

Speaking to reporters Friday evening before leaving for a political rally in North Carolina, Trump said he knows Sayoc supported him but that he himself "bears no blame."

Mattis says Khashoggi's death threatens stability in region

BY JOHN VANDIVER
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U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Saturday that the killing of a Saudi journalist in Turkey threatens “regional stability” and those responsible will be held accountable, but he stopped short of delivering a direct rebuke of Saudi Arabian leaders.

“I will continue consulting with our president and secretary of state as they consider the implications of this incident within our broader strategic framework,” Mattis said, adding that the U.S. “will be taking additional measures” as needed.

Mattis’ comments Saturday came during an international forum in Bahrain, where regional leaders are gathered for talks about security matters.

The killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a columnist for the Washington Post,

in Istanbul earlier this month has roiled the Kingdom and raised questions about whether the killing could alter the U.S. strategic relationship with its longtime ally.

So far, the U.S. has delivered mixed messages. U.S. officials have revoked visas of Saudis suspected in the killing and warned of sanctions, but President Donald Trump has expressed ambivalence about cutting arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, heir apparent to the Kingdom, has been blamed by many in Washington for directing the killing. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said, “Nothing happens in Saudi Arabia without MBS (the crown prince) knowing it.”

Mattis said while the investigation continues, the U.S. sees its relationship with Saudi Arabia as longstanding and that “our respect for the Saudi

people is undiminished.” Still, respect “must come with transparency and trust,” he said.

“Failure of any nation to adhere to international norms and the rule of law undermines regional stability at a time when it is needed most,” Mattis said.

Mattis’ comments came during the Manama Dialogue, a forum organized by the International Institute for Strategic Studies. During his keynote speech, much of Mattis’ focus was on Iran and its “outlaw regime.”

Mattis blamed Iran and its proxies as the main culprits for instability stretching from Yemen to Syria and Iraq. He also said diplomacy has been unproductive over two U.S. administrations.

“Eventually we have to look reality in the eye,” Mattis said. Arms control must be “more than words on paper.”

UN inspects guns that Navy seized

Associated Press

ABOARD THE USS JASON DUNHAM, Persian Gulf — The huge pile of rusting AK-47 assault rifles is tucked into a corner below the deck of the USS Jason Dunham, serving as a grim reminder of how hard it is to catch weapons smugglers believed to be trafficking arms into Yemen.

On Thursday, U.N. inspectors boarded the American guided-missile destroyer to examine the more than 2,500 guns the crew seized in late August and determine if suspicions are true that the weapons originated in Iran.

U.S. officials have long accused Iran of smuggling arms across the waters to Yemen’s Shiite Houthi rebels, who have held Yemen’s capital, Sanaa, since September 2014. But they have only managed to seize a handful of weapons caches in recent years, underscoring the difficulties in tracking down arms smugglers working the vast waters around Yemen.

“It’s one big traffic corridor,” Vice Adm. Scott Stearney, commander of U.S. 5th Fleet, told reporters Thursday. “It’s not blocked, and it’s not just lines on a map that people don’t penetrate.”

Stearney declined to say if he thought Iran was responsible for the shipment, but he said the U.N. inspectors were experts on illicit weapons from Iran, Yemen and Somalia.

The USS Jason Dunham on patrol in the region noticed large bags being transferred from a dhow about 70 miles off the coast of Yemen and into a smaller skiff. A dhow is a traditional ship that commonly sails the waters of the Persian Gulf region. The Navy ship intercepted the skiff and, after talking to the crew on board, determined they were smuggling weapons.

Saudi GM: Outcry over writer ‘hysterical’

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia’s top diplomat said Saturday that the global outcry and media focus on the killing of a Saudi journalist earlier this month has become “hysterical” as he urged the public to wait for the results of an investigation before ascribing blame to the kingdom’s top leadership.

Jamal Khashoggi, a Washington Post columnist critical of Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, was killed by Saudi agents at the kingdom’s consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2.

“This issue has become fairly hysterical,” Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir said. “I think people have assigned blame on Saudi Arabia with such certainty before the investigation is complete.”

Some of those implicated in Khashoggi’s killing are close to Prince Mohammed, who is the kingdom’s heir apparent. His condemnation of the killing as “heinous” and “painful” has so far failed to ease suspicions that such a high-level operation could have been carried out without his knowledge.

Al-Jubeir addressed the mounting skepticism

around the crown prince’s alleged involvement. He was speaking in response to questions from Western journalists at an annual conference of international officials, including U.S. Defense Secretary James Mattis, in Bahrain.

“We have made clear that we are going to have a full and transparent investigation, the results of which will be released. We have made it very clear that those responsible will be held responsible,” he said, adding that the kingdom has also put in place mechanisms to ensure this does not happen.

“We’re trying to uncover what happened. We know that a mistake was committed. We know that people exceeded their authority and we know that we’re investigating them,” he said.

But he cautioned that “investigations take time. Unfortunately, there has been this hysteria in the media about Saudi Arabia’s guilt before the investigation is completed,” he said.

Turkey alleges a 15-member hit squad was sent to Istanbul to kill the journalist, a onetime Saudi insider who became an outspoken critic of Prince Mohammed in columns.

Lawmakers seek release of Iraq War study

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
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Two lawmakers are pushing for the release of a two-year old study on how the Army prosecuted the Iraq War.

The candid history was intended to be released while its lessons were still relevant but former officials say it became mired in reviews and infighting amid concerns it might make the Army look bad.

Commissioned in 2013 by former chief of staff Gen. Ray Odierno, "The United States Army in the Iraq War" is an unclassified history of more than 1,300 pages charting U.S. involvement in the conflict, which cost more than 4,400 American lives between 2003 and 2011. But few outsiders had heard of the report until last

week, when The Wall Street Journal published an account of the secret history.

"We worked tirelessly for three years to complete a scholarly product that captured the war's lessons in a readable historical narrative," Frank Sobchak, a retired colonel who was the study team's final director, told the newspaper.

"That the Army was paralyzed with apprehension for the past two years over publishing it leaves me disappointed with the institution to which I dedicated my adult life."

On Thursday, Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., and Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz., urged Army leaders to release the history.

"We believe the report will contribute immensely to ensuring that we learn from past

mistakes and that we build a future Army that is cognizant of its history and prepared for conflict," they said in a letter to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley and Army Secretary Mark Esper.

"Our military, Congress and the American people deserve nothing less than total transparency on the lessons learned that the Army has identified."

When the Journal last week asked Milley about the Army's handling of the study, he replied he hoped to publish it by the end of the year.

The invasion of Iraq in March and April 2003 led by the U.S., British and coalition troops defeated Saddam Hussein's army and paramilitary forces, while suffering fewer than 200 combat deaths. But soon after those hostilities ended, an in-

surgency erupted, morphing into a civil war including rival Muslim communities, some of which supported the U.S.-led Iraqi government. In 2007, the Pentagon carried out a surge of more than 20,000 U.S. troops that helped stabilize the situation and eventually led to the withdrawal of U.S. forces in 2011.

The study praised the 2007 troop surge. It also concluded, according to the Journal, that the war effort never had enough troops; failed to develop a strategy to deter Iranian and Syrian support to insurgents; under-resourced the effort to train and equip Iraqi forces; never developed effective detainee procedures; and errantly consolidated U.S. forces on large bases, causing a security vacuum around Baghdad.

Gen. Votel was aboard USS Essex as Iranian boats shadowed ship

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
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WASHINGTON — A pair of Iranian fast boats approached the USS Essex in the Persian Gulf on Friday as the top U.S. general in charge of operations throughout the Middle East visited sailors and Marines aboard the amphibious assault ship, Pentagon officials said.

The boats came within about 300 yards of the Essex while Army Gen. Joseph Votel, the Central Command chief, was aboard, according to a defense official. The boats from the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy showed no hostile intent toward the ship, which is under the control of the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet in the Central Command area.

"Today's interaction with U.S. 5th Fleet forces and the IRGCN was characterized as safe and professional," Vice

Adm. Scott Stearney, the commander of 5th Fleet, said in a prepared statement. "The U.S. Navy continues to operate wherever international law allows."

It was not the first time Iranian boats have approached a warship that Votel was visiting in the area. In July 2016, the general was aboard the USS New Orleans, an amphibious transport dock, cruising the Strait of Hormuz, when Iranian boats approached quickly in an aggressive manner.

The Essex is carrying Marine F-35B Lightning II fighters from the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Last month, the advanced, stealthy fighters launched airstrikes on Taliban targets in Afghanistan from the Essex, becoming the first to use the American F-35s in combat.

US military relief efforts begin on Mariana Islands

BY WYATT OLSON
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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — U.S. Coast Guard boats laden with supplies and personnel arrived on the Mariana Islands of Saipan and Tinian on Friday in the wake of super Typhoon Yutu, the most powerful storm to hit American soil in recent memory.

Aircraft flying out of Andersen Air Force Base on Guam have been surveying damage, moving supplies and shuttling personnel with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is coordinating relief efforts.

FEMA personnel were still in the Northern Mariana Islands dealing with the aftermath of last month's Typhoon Mangkhut.

The Category 5 Yutu, which passed over the two islands early Thursday, carried sustained winds of up to 180 mph, blowing roofs off hundreds of houses and leaving a tangle of downed trees and power lines. One death has been attributed to the storm.

Arriving from Guam, the Coast Guard cutter Sequoia delivered 20 pallets of canned food, water and other supplies to Saipan, said Petty Officer 3rd Class Amanda Wyrick, a Coast Guard spokesperson. The goods were donated by Guam residents, she said.

Another of its cutters, the Kiska, delivered a load of supplies to Tinian, she said.

Crews with the Guam-based Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 have been assisting with moving supplies and personnel, as well as surveying damage, said Navy Lt. Ian M. McConaughy, a spokesman for Joint Region Marianas.

He said fixed-wing aircraft out of Andersen have also assisted in relief and surveying efforts.

Ralph Torres, governor of the Northern Mariana Islands, announced Saturday morning that his request for a major disaster declaration had been approved by President Donald Trump.

Migrants refuse offer to remain in Mexico

Associated Press

ARRIAGA, Mexico — Hundreds of Mexican federal officers carrying plastic shields blocked a Central American caravan from advancing toward the United States on Saturday, after a group of several thousand migrants turned down the chance to apply for refugee status and obtain a Mexican offer of benefits.

Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto has announced what he called the “You are at home” plan, offering shelter, medical attention, schooling and jobs to Central Americans in Chiapas and Oaxaca states if migrants apply, calling it a first step toward permanent refugee status. Authorities said more than 1,700 had already applied

for refugee status.

But a standoff unfolded as federal police officers blocked the highway, saying there was an operation underway to stop the caravan. Thousands of migrants waited to advance, vowing to continue their long trek toward the U.S. border.

At a meeting brokered by Mexico’s National Human Rights Commission, police said they would reopen the highway and only wanted an opportunity for federal authorities to explain the proposal to migrants who had rejected it the previous evening. Migrants countered that the middle of a highway was no place to negotiate and said they wanted to at least arrive safely to Mexico City to discuss the topic with authorities and Mexican lawmakers.

They agreed to relay information back to their respective sides and said they would reconvene.

Orbelina Orellana, a migrant from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, said she and her husband left three children behind and had decided to continue north one way or another.

“Our destiny is to get to the border,” Orellana said.

She was suspicious of the government’s proposal and said that some Hondurans who had applied for legal status had already been sent back. Her claims could not be verified, but migrants’ representatives in the talks asked the Mexican government to provide a list of anyone who had been forced to return.

The standoff comes after one

of the caravan’s longest days of walking and hanging from passing trucks on a 60-mile journey to the city of Arriaga.

The bulk of the migrants were boisterous Friday evening in their refusal to accept anything less than safe passage to the U.S. border.

“Thank you!” they yelled as they voted to reject the offer in a show of hands. They then added: “No, we’re heading north!”

Still 1,000 miles from the nearest U.S. border crossing at McAllen, Texas, the journey could be twice as long if the group of some 4,000 migrants heads for the Tijuana-San Diego frontier, as another caravan did earlier this year. Only about 200 in that group made it to the border.

Trump focuses on policy in final midterm message

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — He talked tax cuts last weekend, opioid addiction on Wednesday, drug prices on Thursday and immigration every day of the week. In the lead-up to the midterm elections, President Donald Trump has gone full policy wonk.

Trump is promoting a grab bag of new proposals as evidence of campaign promises kept while Democrats question the timing of the policy flurry so close to the elections.

Trump, who has been talking about the need to cut prescription drug prices since his presidential campaign, said of the plan he unveiled last week, “We’re doing things that nobody was... bold enough to do.”

Facing an election that could profoundly change his presidency, Trump’s uptick in policy activity underscored the aggressive effort the White House is making as Republicans try to stave off Democratic gains. The White House says all the policies have been in the works

or are driven by outside forces, but aides acknowledge that the moves also provide an opportunity to connect with voters on key issues like health care and border security.

Democrats argued Trump was simply playing politics.

After Trump rolled out the drug plan, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said in a statement that the “Trump administration has concocted a dog-and-pony show to trick the American people into thinking they are taking real action to lower drug prices.”

White House political director Bill Stepien pushed back on such criticism, saying Trump has pursued “an aggressive policy agenda on behalf of the American people and he’s not slowing down. The results are evident: Good policy is good politics.”

Under his new drug plan, Medicare payment for drugs administered in doctors’ offices would gradually shift to a level based on international prices, which are typically lower.

Obama rips president and GOP in fiery speeches to Midwest Dems

Associated Press

DETROIT — Former President Barack Obama criticized President Donald Trump’s tenure in office Friday in fiery speeches in Milwaukee and Detroit that took aim at him and other Republicans for “making stuff up.”

The speeches were among Obama’s sharpest and most direct takedowns of Trump’s presidency, although the former president was careful to not mention Trump by name. He said the “character of our country is on the ballot” in the first midterm election since Trump took office.

Obama’s visits were to urge people to vote for Michigan and Wisconsin’s Democratic candidates. While Trump was frequently the target of his criticism, he did not spare Republicans generally and said they are lying when they say they want to protect people with pre-existing conditions while trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

“What we have not seen before in our public life is politicians just blatantly, repeatedly,

baldly, shamelessly, lying. Just making stuff up,” Obama said.

In Michigan, Obama credited Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gretchen Whitmer for helping to expand Medicaid and said “few people fought against it harder” than her Republican opponent, state Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Obama said voters can trust Sen. Debbie Stabenow to protect people with pre-existing conditions because “she was there” to help pass his health law.

Obama spoke about the slow-moving migrant caravan from Central American bound for the United States as another example of a Republican scare tactic.

“Now the latest: They’re trying to convince everybody to be afraid of a bunch of impoverished, malnourished refugees a thousand miles away,” he said. “That’s the thing that is the most important thing in this election,” he said. “Not health care, not whether or not folks are able to retire, doing something about higher wages, rebuilding our roads and bridges and putting people back to work.”

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Thumbprint on toilet leads to life sentence

VA NORFOLK— A thumbprint left on a toilet seat at a murder scene has led to a life sentence in a decades-old murder case.

The Virginian-Pilot reported Daniel Johnston was convicted by a jury Thursday of first-degree murder in the 1981 slaying of Donna Walker, 20. Prosecutors say Johnston stabbed Walker nearly 50 times at her Norfolk home and left a thumbprint on her toilet seat when he lifted it to use the bathroom.

Corrections records say Johnston spent the last 32 years in a New York prison for murder, sex abuse and assault. He was indicted in Walker's death in 2016.

Injured turtle sheds Lego wheelchair

MD BALTIMORE — A wild turtle who came to the Maryland Zoo with a broken shell has traded his wheelchair made of Legos for a pile of mulch.

WMAR-TV reported that it's time for the grapefruit-sized eastern box turtle to get ready for winter brumation, a period similar to hibernation during which reptiles become dormant to conserve energy.

The turtle was found in July with fractures to the underside of his shell. After surgery, he was fitted with a custom wheelchair to keep his shell off the ground and enable his legs to move.

Police: Man hit victim with witch's cauldron

MA SALEM — Police said a man hit another man over the head with a cauldron near a local witch-

craft store.

Salem police officers were on patrol around 11:30 p.m. last Saturday when the victim, bleeding from the head, ran up to them and said he was attacked by another man. Authorities said the two men had been inside a cottage behind a store that sells witchcraft related items, like decorative cauldrons and candle containers.

Police said they found Cory Nelson, 35, inside the cottage stumbling around and smelling of alcohol. Nelson was arrested and pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon during his arraignment.

Clown chasing students is caught by principal

CO AURORA — Colorado authorities said a juvenile wearing a clown mask and chasing students walking home from a middle school was nabbed by the school principal.

Police in Aurora said they received reports about the clown near the middle school on Monday but weren't able to find him.

Cherry Creek School District spokeswoman Abbe Smith said the principal and a school security staff member went to the same area Tuesday and apprehended the clown when he made a second-day appearance.

The juvenile, who was not cited, was taken home by police.

Suspicious vehicle tried to pull over woman

NJ MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP — Township police in New Jersey say a "suspicious vehicle" attempted to pull over a woman by using police lights.

Manchester Township police said the woman was driving

near her home last weekend when she was being followed by the unmarked vehicle. The Asbury Park Press reported police said the car attempted to get the woman to pull over and briefly flashed red and blue strobe lights.

Authorities said the car followed the woman for some time, but broke off when she turned onto a main highway.

Township police advise motorists to call 911 if pulled over by an unmarked police car.

Students stay inside as mountain lion spotted

SD BOX ELDER — Extra precautions were taken after a mountain lion was spotted roaming near schools in Box Elder.

Douglas School District officials kept students off the playgrounds Thursday and Game, Fish and Park personnel were called to the area. Supervisor John Kanta told KOTA-TV officers would remain on the scene until Friday. If the lion is spotted again it will be euthanized.

Kanta said relocating the animal is not an option because it would likely return to the same area.

Restaurant closes due to lack of employees

NH PORTSMOUTH— A New Hampshire restaurant has closed its doors, saying it didn't have enough workers to stay open.

Portsmouth's 900 Degrees Neapolitan Pizzeria was the third restaurant for owner Priscilla Lane-Rondeau. WMUR-TV reported she said she did a job fair for the restaurant where only three people showed up.

Lane-Rondeau said she had a dining room of 45 people and maybe one or two servers to help them most nights.

Just six months after opening in May, the Portsmouth location closed.

Man burned after blast at possible hash oil lab

OR PORTLAND — Authorities said an Oregon man received burns to more than half his body following an explosion in an illegal hash oil lab.

KOIN-TV reported Nicholas Helms, 26, was taken to the hospital Tuesday after the explosion at a trailer home in Lebanon.

Authorities said investigators found marijuana, cash and guns as well as evidence indicating an illegal butane hash oil lab. They also discovered blasting caps, causing authorities to bring in the Oregon State Police Explosives Unit.

Man allegedly dumped soiled diapers on roads

NJ FRANKLIN — Authorities said they've captured a man suspected of dumping soiled diapers along several New Jersey roadways over the past year.

Franklin Township police said an officer acting on a hunch spotted William Friedman, 68, leaving a load of diapers in the area of Routes 47 and 40 around 3:15 a.m. last Sunday. He was taken into custody after a traffic stop.

Friedman allegedly told police the diapers came from his grandson, adding that leaving them around town without getting caught "almost became a game."

Friedman has been charged with interference with transportation. He faces up to \$1,000 in fines.

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LA wins longest-ever World Series game

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Exhausting and then exhilarating for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Max Muncy's home run leading off the bottom of the 18th inning finally ended the longest World Series game in history early Saturday and gave Los Angeles a 3-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox that drew the Dodgers to 2-1 in the best-of-seven matchup.

"You'd look up and see 18th inning and like, holy cow," Muncy said. "There was no give up."

While the Dodgers mobbed Muncy at home plate, the Red Sox will rue one that got away.

They were oh-so-close in the 13th to taking a huge 3-0 lead. But second baseman Ian Kinsler's wide throw on a two-out grounder by Yasiel Puig let Los Angeles score the tying run in a game that lasted 7 hours, 20 minutes.

"It was just a bad night," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said. "We had some situations that

we could have put them away and then we didn't. And at the end we paid the price."

Muncy homered to left-center off Nathan Eovaldi, jolting the remaining fans to their feet at 12:30 a.m. A grinning Muncy tossed his helmet in the air as he headed for third.

Recalling Kirk Gibson's winning pinch-hit homer in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series, Muncy came within feet of ending it in the bottom of the 15th. But his shot to right sailed just foul and he ended up striking out.

"I really thought I had it," Muncy said. "That was kind of defeating at that point, but I was able to get back and get another shot."

The battle of attrition had a bit of everything, including 18 pitchers and 27 position players. Never before had a Series game gone more than 14 innings.

"Parts of three games, I think," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "It was a must-win for us. Our guys just

persevered."

Long after rookie Walker Buehler dazzled over seven shutout innings for the Dodgers, things got interesting.

The Red Sox tied it 1-all in the eighth on a homer by Jackie Bradley Jr. and took a 2-1 lead in the 13th.

The Dodgers answered with the tying run in the bottom of the inning.

After Dodgers center fielder Cody Bellinger made the throw of his life in the 10th, both teams scored on bizarre errors in the 13th.

Cora used starter David Price in relief, rotated his outfielders in the middle of innings and even put catcher Christian Vazquez at first base for the first time in his big league career.

Out of position players, Roberts called on ace Clayton Kershaw to pinch-hit in the 17th. He flied out.

The stadium organist was busy, too, launching into "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" in the

14th inning — a second version of the seventh-inning stretch. Not many had left by then.

The crowd cheered when the stadium clock reached midnight.

"What a ballgame. What a marathon," Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner said. "Unbelievable fight from our club."

"I think my beard got about 3 inches longer."

Game 4 was later Saturday at Dodger Stadium. Eovaldi had been scheduled to start for the Red Sox, but he threw 97 pitches in relief as one of nine pitchers they used. Left-hander Rich Hill was to start for the Dodgers.

The Red Sox had a wild 13th, with a walk, a steal, an infield hit and an error before taking a 2-1 lead.

Brock Holt drew a leadoff walk and stole second. Pinch-hitter Eduardo Nunez got flipped on his back by catcher Austin Barnes as he chased Scott Alexander's wild pitch.

Boston reliever Eovaldi turns in performance for ages

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nathan Eovaldi seemed to have a rubber arm. Maybe that second Tommy John surgery turned him into a bionic pitcher.

Until the 97th pitch of an outing that was among the most unusual in World Series history, until the 561st pitch of an epic endurance test that sprawled across the night for 18 innings, he finally got beat.

Eovaldi allowed Max Muncy's opposite-field homer to left-center on a cutter that hung over the high, outside corner, ending the longest World Series game ever after 7 hours, 20 minutes. The Dodgers' 3-2 win over Boston on Friday cut Los Angeles' World Series deficit to 2-1.

"After the game was over I started crying," Red Sox starter Rick Porcello said. "He literally gave everything he had on

every single pitch."

Before this week, Eovaldi had never pitched on consecutive days in his major league career.

Now the 28-year-old right-hander was sent to the mound by manager Alex Cora for the third time in four days. In the World Series. Throwing 98 mph in his seventh inning of relief.

Fastballs and cutters. Occasional sliders and splits. Inning after inning.

"I felt good the whole time. I told AC, 'I'm good. I want to stay in,'" Eovaldi said in front of the first base dugout after it was over.

He gave a performance for the ages — especially in an era when managers have turned starters and relievers alike into one-batter wonders. It was a throwback to the days when Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale took the Dodger Stadium

mound and expected to finish what they started.

After pitching the eighth inning to preserve leads in the first two games of the Series, Eovaldi was the scheduled Game 4 starter. Instead he became Boston's record-tying ninth pitcher when he entered to start the 12th inning.

He was on the verge of getting the win when second baseman Ian Kinsler made a throwing error that allowed the Dodgers to retie the game in the 13th.

"I feel terrible for Nate," Kinsler said. "I feel like I let the team down right there."

Eovaldi was understanding. "He apologized to me, and I told him he has nothing to apologize for," Eovaldi said.

Muncy walked leading off the 13th and came home on Kinsler's error, then nearly won the game in the 15th with a drive over the wall down the

right-field line that hooked just foul.

Eovaldi fell behind 3-0 to Muncy leading off the 18th, and then got a called strike followed by a pair of fouls. Muncy drove the next pitch 382 feet onto the stairway in front of the pavilion seats.

"That was the last inning right there," Cora said. "When he came in, I asked him, 'How do you feel?' He's like, 'Let me finish it.' And I'm like, 'OK.' I don't know if I told him, 'You've got one more.'"

Eovaldi threw four more pitches than any member of Boston's staff had in an outing this postseason. Cora planned to have Drew Pomeranz hit for Eovaldi in the 19th and take the mound in the bottom half.

"I felt privileged to be able to watch what Nathan Eovaldi did," Porcello said. "That was the most incredible pitching performance I've even seen."

NBA roundup

Durant's 41 lead Warriors past Knicks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kevin Durant scored 25 of his 41 points in Golden State's ruthless fourth-quarter clinic, and the Warriors beat the New York Knicks 128-100 on Friday night.

New York led by three after three quarters before Durant and the Warriors starting hitting from all over the floor, making 19 of 26 shots — and things went so well that on a rare long-range miss by Durant, the ball bounced all the way out behind the arc to a wide-open Stephen Curry, who made the three-pointer.

Curry added 29 points and six three-pointers, giving him at least five in every game this season. Durant was 17-for-24 from the floor, including 5-for-9 from behind the arc, and grabbed nine rebounds. Golden State outscored New York 47-16 in the fourth quarter.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored

24 points for the Knicks. They have dropped five in a row after a season-opening victory over Atlanta.

DeMarcus Cousins, who is still recovering from a ruptured Achilles tendon and has yet to suit up for the Warriors, was thrown out in the first quarter on Friday night after arguing with referee Scott Foster.

Warriors coach Steve Kerr said Foster told him he had already warned Cousins and Knicks center Enes Kanter about their jawing with each other. Cousins then apparently directed his talking to Foster.

As play resumed following a timeout with 2:28 remaining in the period, it was announced that Cousins had been assessed a technical foul during the break, and then subsequently ejected.

"Cousins took exception to the ruling and during the timeout he was ejected for one technical foul for unsportsmanlike

conduct," Foster told a pool reporter.

Cousins was tossed after just one technical instead of the standard two, with Foster saying the officials felt that was enough for a player not in the game. Asked if the ejection was because of what Cousins said, Foster replied: "More so the way of which he stated what he stated."

Clippers 133, Rockets 113: Montrezl Harrell scored a career-high 30 points off the bench to help visiting Los Angeles rout short-handed Houston.

It was the Clippers' second win this season over the Rockets, who played without James Harden due to a hamstring injury and dropped to 1-4.

Raptors 116, Mavericks 107: Kyle Lowry had 20 points and 12 assists, Kawhi Leonard scored 21 points and host Toronto set a franchise record with its sixth straight win to start the season.

Pelicans 117, Nets 115: Jrue Holiday highlighted a 26-point performance with a pull-up jumper near the foul line with 2 seconds left, Anthony Davis stole visiting Brooklyn's last-gasp inbound pass, and New Orleans remained unbeaten by scoring nine straight over the last 1:49.

Bucks 125, Timberwolves 95: Giannis Antetokounmpo had 15 points and 12 rebounds in just 23 minutes and Milwaukee beat host Minnesota to improve to 5-0 for the second time in franchise history.

Hornets 135, Bulls 106: Kemba Walker had 30 points on five more three-pointers, and Charlotte beat visiting Chicago for its first home victory of the season.

Kings 116, Wizards 112: Buddy Hield scored 22 points and made three free throws over the final 20 seconds to send host Sacramento past Washington.

SHR will be hard-pressed to get four cars into finale

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Aric Almirola, Clint Bowyer, Kurt Busch and Kevin Harvick are through to the next round of NASCAR's playoffs. That is the entire lineup at Stewart-Haas Racing, for those keeping score at home, and quite an impressive display of balance and teamwork.

It is also half the eight slots in the playoff field and SHR of course wants to get its quartet into the championship round and guarantee itself a title at Homestead-Miami next month.

Will all four make it to the finale? Probably not.

"This is what we have built up to all year with our Fords," said Kurt Busch, who in 2004 won Ford's last Cup Series title. Busch won in the first year NASCAR moved away from its

season-long championship race to a playoff-style system, and Ford has been trying to claw its way back into contention ever since.

Numbers are certainly on Ford's side with the four SHR cars and Joey Logano from Team Penske in the round of eight. Five spots to Ford drivers left room only for a pair of Toyota drivers, reigning champion Martin Truex Jr. and 2015 winner Kyle Busch, and a lone representative from Chevrolet in Chase Elliott.

But those numbers can also hurt Ford's chances, particularly if SHR suddenly fractures and its drivers take a selfish approach during the next three races.

"Racing teammates is tough," said Alan Gustafson, crew chief for Elliott. "They can give each other no quarter at all. That's a hard thing to do. That's a

hard thing to kind of balance. To move on, you have to full throttle, hammer down. If you get into a riff, which is going to happen with your teammate, it's a tough situation."

Gustafson even wondered if SHR's juggernaut will inadvertently help Elliott and the Hendrick Motorsports team, which doesn't have a single Chevrolet ally remaining in the playoffs. But if SHR turns on each other, well, the rest of the field better be ready to pounce.

"In some ways I think it can be an advantage for us because it is difficult to balance it when you're all kind of infighting against each other," Gustafson said.

There's no infighting yet at SHR, at least not publicly. The four drivers executed perfectly at Talladega Superspeedway two weeks ago by sweeping the front two rows of qualifying

and working together to stay in line and hold off traffic for almost the entire race.

Had a late caution not sent it to overtime, where Kurt Busch ran out of gas and Harvick had to stop for fuel, SHR cars might have raced each other four-wide for the finish. It was Almirola who got the victory, the first for the No. 10 car that Almirola took over from Danica Patrick this season, and it pushed him into title talk.

"Now it is getting down to the nitty-gritty, eight good teams," Bowyer said. "There are 16 good teams but there are eight damn good teams. Now you have to pick up the pace or go home."

SHR is likely going to send some cars home, even if the organization flawlessly manages the next three races. How it plays out could be as exciting as the races.

College football roundup

No. 23 Utah has no trouble with UCLA

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Zack Moss and Utah rushed their way to another big Pac-12 win.

Moss gained a career-high 211 yards on the ground and scored three touchdowns, helping the 23rd-ranked Utes beat UCLA 41-10 on Friday night.

“We got back to playing Utah football and we’ve been able to do a lot of good things,” Moss said.

Britain Covey had 132 all-purpose yards and threw a touchdown pass for the Utes (6-2, 4-2), who won their fourth consecutive game. Armand Shyne ran for a touchdown and Matt Gay kicked two field goals.

Utah leads the Pac-12 South by one game over Southern California and holds the head-to-head tiebreaker over the Trojans with three conference games remaining. The Utes are the only team from the South that has not played in the conference title game.

Utah scored 28 straight points after falling behind 7-3 in the first quarter. Covey threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to tight end Cole Fotheringham off a reverse to make it 10-7 midway through the second quarter, and Moss had 1-yard touchdown runs in the second and third quarters.

Shyne’s 2-yard touchdown run made it 31-7 after Julian Blackmon picked off Wilton

Speight, who started for UCLA the first time since sustaining a back injury in the season opener against Cincinnati.

Minnesota 38, Indiana 31: Tanner Morgan passed for 302 yards and three touchdowns in his first career start, including the tiebreaking 67-yard scoring toss to Rashod Bateman with 1:34 remaining that gave the host Golden Gophers a victory on a rainy night after the Hoosiers rallied with 22 straight fourth-quarter points.

Morgan, a redshirt freshman who replaced injured true freshman Zack Annexstad, completed 17 of 24 attempts for the Gophers (4-4, 1-4 Big Ten).

Peyton Ramsey went 29-for-

44 for 232 yards, two scores and two interceptions for the Hoosiers (4-5, 1-5). He ran eight times for 57 yards.

Boston College 27, Miami 14: AJ Dillon carried the ball 32 times for 149 yards and a touchdown, Anthony Brown threw for a score and ran for another and the Eagles beat the visiting Hurricanes.

It was only BC’s fourth victory in its last 22 meetings against Miami.

Brown went 15-for-28 for 152 yards with an interception, and Jeff Smith had a TD catch for the Eagles (6-2, 3-1 ACC). BC has six wins in October for the first time since 2009.

NHL roundup

Lightning edge Knights, continue impressive start

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Andrei Vasilevskiy has a knack for shutouts — and then backing them up.

Vasilevskiy followed his first shutout of the season by stopping 29 of 31 shots, J.T. Miller scored his third goal of the season and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Vegas Golden Knights 3-2 on Friday.

The 24-year-old Russian goaltender, who blanked Colorado on Wednesday, went 6-1-1 last season in games following a shutout.

“He’s just a good young goaltender. He was in a zone again tonight, you could see he was just tracking pucks,” Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said. “Our guys did a good job of letting him see pucks. ... If he can see them, he’s usually gonna stop them. He was nominated for the Vezina (Trophy) last year, and that wasn’t by fluke. When we have our breakdowns, he’s been a rock for us. Give Vegas credit, they made a big push, but our goalie was there when we needed him and

it’s a big win in a tough spot on the road.”

Tyler Johnson and Brayden Point also scored for the Lightning, who have not lost in regulation since their second game of the season, going 6-0-1 over that stretch.

Shea Theodore and William Karlsson scored for Vegas, while Marc-Andre Fleury made 20 saves.

Ten games into their inaugural season, the Golden Knights were 8-2-0. They didn’t lose their fifth game until Nov. 7. Now, the defending Western Conference champions are 4-5-1 and sixth in the Pacific Division.

“Every year is a new year, so what you did the year before means absolutely nothing,” Tampa Bay center Steven Stamkos said. “I’m sure if you ask them they’d say the same thing. Every year you have to go out and prove yourself as an individual, and you have to prove yourself as a team. They’re a still a good team over there. You’re not going to

start the year with a great record every time. It’s how you grow as a team. They still got the pieces to be an elite team in this league.”

Jets 2, Red Wings 1: Defenseman Dustin Byfuglien got his 500th career point when he snapped a tie with 6:45 left, and visiting Winnipeg beat Detroit.

Winnipeg won for the fourth time in five games. Kyle Connor scored in the second period, and Laurent Brossoit stopped 27 shots.

Andreas Athanasiou scored for Detroit and Jimmy Howard made 38 saves. Red Wings defenseman Mike Green made his season debut after recovering from a virus that attacked his liver.

Hurricanes 4, Sharks 3 (SO): Brock McGinn scored in regulation and had the lone shootout goal in host Carolina’s victory over San Jose.

Carolina outshot San Jose 23-6 from start of the second period to the midpoint of the third and finished with a 41-23 edge. It was the first time the

Sharks had been outshot this season.

McGinn, Teuvo Teravainen and Dougie Hamilton scored for Carolina in the second period, and Teravainen assisted on Hamilton’s goal. Antti Suomela, Timo Meier and Tomas Hertl scored for the Sharks.

Petr Mrazek made 20 saves for Carolina, and Aaron Dell stopped 38 saves for San Jose.

Avalanche 6, Senators 3: Gabriel Landeskog broke a tie in his team’s four-goal third period and Colorado beat Ottawa to spoil a two-goal performance from Matt Duchene in his return to Denver.

Landeskog gave Colorado the lead for good by knocking in his ninth goal of the season off a feed from Mikko Rantanen. Colorado outscored the Senators 6-1 after falling behind 2-0 midway through the first.

Samuel Girard, Carl Soderberg, Rantanen, Nathan MacKinnon and Matt Nieto also scored for Colorado.

Ryan Dzingel also scored for Ottawa.