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## Green Beret latest to get Medal of Honor

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WASHINGTON — With the Green Berets pinned down against a cliff atop an icy, jagged 10,000-foot Afghan mountain where they were hunting an entrenched enemy leader whose forces had launched a hellish defense, then-Army Sgt. Matthew O. Williams' comrades recalled he always seemed to be where he was needed.

When two Green Berets were shot, Williams was there to move them down that 100-foot cliff to where they could be evacuated from the fighting. When his teammates' radios stopped working, Williams was there to relay information between the soldiers who were fighting from several positions on the mountain.

And when those soldiers needed cover, there was Williams leading a group of Afghan commandos to establish fighting positions, which would

prove critical to holding off an enemy force that vastly outnumbered them.

Williams' actions, according to Pentagon records, allowed the team of 12 Green Berets — Operational Detachment-Alpha 3336 — and some 100 Afghan commandos to escape that savage, six-hour gunbattle April 6, 2008, in eastern Afghanistan's Nuristan province, which would become known as the Battle of Shok Valley.

"He chose to go up that mountain the first time knowing what was happening up there. He started just taking initiative — setting up those defenses that we needed," Retired Army Staff Sgt. Ron Shurer recalled Tuesday of Williams' actions that day. "He was always just finding something to do whether somebody told him to or not. He always seemed to be there."

Williams, now a master sergeant assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, N.C., was to receive the

Medal of Honor during a White House ceremony Wednesday for those actions. It is an upgrade of the Silver Star that he was initially awarded after the battle. His upgrade follows one received by Shurer, who was awarded the nation's top military honor last October for his role in that same fight.

Williams described the honor as "humbling" and unexpected. He never considered the possibility of receiving the Medal of Honor. So when he was notified by President Donald Trump in September 2018, just 10 days after Shurer learned of his own upgrade, Williams was astonished.

"It was not on my radar at all. I was shocked," said Williams, who was familiar with the 2016 Pentagon-ordered review of high-level, post 9/11 combat awards, which would result in his and Shurer's medal upgrades. "I remember when Ron told me about his upgrade, I thought, 'Of course that makes

perfect sense. Ron was the guy that day.' ... To find out about myself — it was definitely a shock."

Shurer said Tuesday that he felt exactly the opposite about his own actions during the battle. It was not until Shurer learned of Williams' award upgrade that his own Medal of Honor seemed warranted.

"It was obviously humbling and an incredible honor, but it was confusing. I was the medic. I was out there being the medic, just doing my job," he said. "What else was I going to do that day? But when I found out that Matt was going to be receiving the medal — to me that made more sense."

Williams, who has deployed at least four additional times to Afghanistan and recently completed a deployment in Africa, said he has taken lessons learned that day and applied them to other missions. But he rarely talks about that battle, he said.

## Wildfire erupts near Reagan library in Calif.

*Associated Press*

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — A new wildfire erupted Wednesday in wind-whipped Southern California, forcing the evacuation of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and nearby homes, as both ends of the state struggled with blazes, dangerously gusty weather and deliberate blackouts.

The brush fire broke out just before dawn in the Simi Valley area north of Los Angeles and grew to more than 400 acres, Ventura County officials said. They gave no immediate esti

Aircraft dropped water and fire retardant on the blaze, and

fire officials said the flames were being pushed away from the library by strong Santa Ana winds blowing from inland California toward the coast.

Library spokeswoman Melissa Giller said the hilltop museum was safe. She said hundreds of goats are brought in each year to eat away vegetation that could fuel wildfires on the 300-acre grounds, where Reagan and his wife, Nancy, are buried on a hillside.

Meanwhile, frustration and anger mounted across Northern California as Pacific Gas & Electric Co., the state's largest utility, undertook its third round of sweeping blackouts in a week,

hoping to prevent its electrical equipment from toppling or coming into contact with branches and sparking fires.

PG&E said Tuesday's power shut-offs affected about 1.5 million people in some 30 counties including the Sierra foothills, wine country and San Francisco Bay Area. They included 1 million still without power from a blackout over the weekend.

In wine country north of San Francisco, fire officials reported progress in their battle against a 120-square-mile blaze in Sonoma County, saying it was 30% contained.

The fire destroyed at least 206 structures, including 94

homes, and threatened 90,000 more, most of them homes, authorities said. More than 150,000 people were under evacuation orders.

Winds topped out at 70 mph north of San Francisco Bay and began to ease early Wednesday, but forecasters said the fire danger would remain high because of continuing breezes and dry air.

In Southern California, where fire crews were trying to snuff out a wildfire in the celebrity-studded hills of Los Angeles that destroyed a dozen homes on Monday, Santa Ana winds topped 50 mph in some areas before dawn.

## Popeyes fave back, but still not overseas

*Stars and Stripes*

Service members overseas will have to wait a little longer for a taste of Popeyes' chicken sandwich after all.

After Army and Air Force Exchange Service announced that the crispy morsels would be sold at all Popeyes Exchange locations starting this weekend, a spokeswoman said the sandwiches would be available only at locations within the United States starting Sunday.

Information posted Tuesday on the Exchange's website under Community Hub and on its Facebook page said the sandwich would be "at all Exchange Popeyes locations." That was an error, said the spokeswoman, Julie Mitchell.

The Exchange is working with Popeyes to bring the sandwich to locations overseas, Mitchell said.

"As soon as we know when we can launch it globally, we'll tell the world," she said.

Popeyes introduced the \$3.99 sandwich Aug. 12, only to see sales skyrocket amid reviews that described it in terms such as "the best new thing in fast food" and a "game changer in the fast-food world."

Two weeks after the launch, Popeyes announced it was suspending sales because it had run out of supplies. The suspension came before Popeyes could distribute the sandwiches to its stores on overseas bases, leaving military customer wondering what the fuss was all about.

During the two weeks of sales, Popeyes sold about 1,000 chicken sandwiches per store each day, doubling its store traffic, according to an analyst at KeyBanc Capital Markets.

"We, along with our suppliers, are working tirelessly to bring the new sandwich back to guests as soon as possible," Popeyes said in September.

Popeyes' owner, Restaurant Brands International, hopes the sandwich will pave the way for an international expansion, *The Wall Street Journal* reported.

# Navy upholds SEAL's sentence for posing with enemy corpse

*The San Diego Union-Tribune*

SAN DIEGO — The top officer in the U.S. Navy ruled Tuesday that a jury-imposed sentence in the war crimes court-martial of Navy SEAL Edward R. Gallagher will stand, with one deviation, the Navy said in a statement.

Gallagher, formerly a chief petty officer from San Diego, was acquitted in July of most charges against him, including a charge he murdered a wounded Islamic State fighter in his care in 2017. However, Gallagher was convicted of one count of appearing in a photo with the fighter's dead body.

The jury reduced his rank from chief petty officer to petty officer 1st class, or from an E-7 to an E-6.

The SEAL, who had deployed several times in the war on terrorism, had been charged with multiple war crimes including shooting civilians during a deployment to Iraq.

Several of his Navy SEAL teammates came forward with eyewitness allegations.

However the case was plagued by leaks, so a Navy prosecutor, in coordination

with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, violated Gallagher's constitutional rights by sending email trackers to Gallagher's defense attorneys and to a reporter weeks before trial, according to court documents.

Also, one of the prosecution's key witnesses testified that he — not Gallagher — killed the wounded fighter.

A jury comprising mostly Marine combat veterans sentenced Gallagher to a reduction in rank and four months of confinement, which the SEAL had already served before trial.

One hiccup in the sentencing became apparent immediately after trial. Service members sentenced to confinement are usually automatically reduced to E-1, the lowest grade in the military, not to E-6 as Gallagher had been.

On Tuesday, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday overruled the requirement, his spokesman, Cmdr. Nate Christensen, said in a statement. Gilday reviewed the record of the trial and a request for clemency from Gallagher's defense attorneys, Christensen said.

"After careful consideration as the convening authority,

Adm. Gilday decided to uphold the sentence as adjudged by a jury of Gallagher's peers, but disapproved the automatic reduction in rate to E-1," Christensen said.

Timothy Parlatore, one of Gallagher's attorneys, said Tuesday he is disappointed Gilday did not grant clemency, given the misconduct of Navy officials during the court-martial and the less serious nature of the offense for which Gallagher was convicted.

"We're disappointed," Parlatore said. "For an offense that ordinarily would mean verbal or written counseling, [Gallagher] will lose a significant amount of money in a retirement pension. He's convicted of being in a photograph."

The pay grade in which military members retire affects their pensions.

Before the trial, the Gallagher case became a cause celebre in conservative media as Gallagher's wife and brother made the rounds on several cable news shows. Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., was an early supporter of Gallagher and lobbied President Donald Trump on the SEAL's behalf.

## DOD wants more rules for turbines near nukes

*Associated Press*

BISMARCK, N.D. — The military wants North Dakota and four other states with nuclear missile arsenals to consider introducing new rules aimed at preventing conflicts between wind turbines and helicopters that provide security at launch facilities.

Department of Defense and Air Force officials outlined their concerns in a letter before meeting Tuesday with North Dakota lawmakers and regulatory officials.

"Wind turbine development near launch facilities and missile alert facilities compromise the use of military helicopters to provide overhead security in sensitive locations," the letter said.

The Defense Department last month asked the North Dakota Public Service Commission to consider new rules, including increasing the distance tenfold to more than 2 miles between a wind turbine and missile launch facility. The military also wants special lighting added to wind towers that is compatible with

night vision goggles worn by the helicopter pilots who patrol the 8,500-square-mile missile field in northern North Dakota.

The commission, which approves siting permits for wind farms, has not acted on the requests.

The Associated Press sought to attend Tuesday's meeting between the military and state lawmakers but was barred after military officials protested.

The military said it's also "an issue of concern" in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska.



# Iran, Russia decry US plan to protect Syrian oil fields

Associated Press

GENEVA — Iran and Russia on Tuesday criticized and scoffed at Trump administration plans to protect oil deposits in Syria, with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov accusing Washington of “illegal” actions.

Lavrov joined Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu in Geneva to lend support to U.N.-backed talks among Syrian government, opposition and civil society delegations on the country’s constitution starting Wednesday.

The most pointed comments at their joint news conference addressed new Pentagon plans to increase efforts to protect Syria’s oil fields from both the Islamic State radical group and the Russia- and Iran-backed Syrian government, even as U.S. forces are withdrawn from other parts of the country.

“Well, it seems that the United States is staying to protect the oil — and at least President (Donald) Trump is honest to say what the United States intends to do,” Zarif said.

Lavrov accused the United States of looking for a “pretext” to protect the oil deposits. He

said any “exploitation of natural resources of a sovereign state without its consent is illegal,” according to a translator of his remarks in Russian.

Cavusoglu, however, remained focused on a top priority for Turkey in Syria: ensuring that Kurdish fighters whom the United States supported to help drive out ISIS don’t threaten Turkish interests.

Ankara has long argued the Kurdish fighters are an extension of the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, which has waged a guerrilla campaign inside Turkey since the 1980s. Turkey, U.S. and the European Union have designated the PKK as a terrorist organization.

Turkey has led a military incursion into northeastern Syria to create a 19-mile “safe zone” between Kurdish fighters and the Turkish border.

Cavusoglu reiterated the hopes of Turkey — along with much of the international community — that Syria won’t split apart. He suggested that areas now controlled by Turkish forces and their allies in Syria could one day be “handed over” to the Syrian government, especially if the talks enhance prospects for peace and stability.

# House OKs bill hitting Turkey for Syria invasion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan bill punishing Turkey for its invasion of northern Syria and illustrating both parties’ dismay with President Donald Trump’s retreat from the region sailed easily through the House on Tuesday.

The bill marks both parties’ latest show of disapproval for Trump’s decision this month to abandon the U.S.’ longtime Kurdish allies against Islamic State fighters by pulling American forces away from northern Syria.

The measure also underscores lawmakers’ wariness of the cease-fire that Vice President Mike Pence struck with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and of the subsequent agreement between Turkey and Russia splitting control of the territory.

Despite Congress’ acrimonious partisan divisions over Democrats’ impeachment investigation of Trump, lawmakers approved the Syria sanctions by a lopsided 403-16. Republicans supported the measure 176-15, while the only voting Democrat to oppose the measure was Rep. Ilhan Omar, of Minnesota.

Trump has declared victory in the region, saying the U.S. has little at stake in its conflicts. Critics say his moves have bolstered Turkish, Iranian and Russian sway in the area, jeopardized efforts to contain ISIS and reduced U.S. leverage there.

House Foreign Affairs Com-

mittee Chairman Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., said Trump’s moves follow a pattern.

“The president of the United States stokes a crisis and then steps in with some sort of half-measure in a failed attempt to look like some kind of great deal is happening,” Engel said. Instead, he said, the result has been “a catastrophe.”

Rep. Michael McCaul, of Texas, the committee’s top Republican, cast the measure as a way to give Trump “additional congressional support” to reimpose sanctions on Turkey if needed. But he warned that the U.S. “cannot allow Turkey’s invasion to hinder in any way” continued U.S. efforts to combat ISIS.

“I can think of nothing more dangerous that withdrawing all of our troops from Syria,” McCaul said.

Trump has referred repeatedly to pulling all American troops out of Syria. The Pentagon has acknowledged it is keeping U.S. forces in eastern Syria to keep oil from falling into the hands of ISIS.

The measure would bar most U.S. weapons sales to Turkey and slap sanctions on foreigners attempting to send the Turks military equipment. It would also block high-ranking Turkish officials from their assets in the U.S. and restrict their travel here. Trump would be given a waiver to not impose the penalties if he certifies that doing so would let him address a humanitarian need and help “national security interests.”

# Faulty fridge puts flu shot program on ice at Yokota

By SETH ROBSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Mechanical failure in a medical refrigerator has delayed access to adult influenza vaccinations at the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo, a 374th Airlift Wing spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Adult vaccines were halted

last week, according to an Oct. 23 Facebook post by the wing’s medical group.

“Pediatric flu shots are still available (ages 6 to 36 months),” the message said. “There is no estimated availability at this time, however, an update will be made once the new supply has arrived.”

Yokota spokeswoman Kaori Matsukasa confirmed in an

email Wednesday that a broken-down fridge was responsible.

“Due to a mechanical failure of a medical refrigerator where the influenza vaccines were stored, the temperature inside the refrigerator rose above the set temperature range required for the safe administration of the influenza vaccine,” she said. “This rendered the current supply unusable,” she

said.

Air Force officials did not provide the number or value of doses rendered unusable at Yokota, which is home to about 11,500 service members, civilians and family members.

Flu season began Sept. 26 in metropolitan Tokyo, 11 weeks earlier than last year, according to a recent report by the Mainichi Shimbun.

# Vindman's firsthand account puts GOP in bind

*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — A top National Security Council official on Tuesday delivered a firsthand account of President Donald Trump pressuring Ukraine to investigate his political rivals, putting congressional Republicans in a bind and emboldening Democrats as they moved toward their first impeachment vote Thursday.

Trump and his allies on TV lashed out at Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, who said his concerns about what he heard in Trump's July 25 call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy drove him to notify his superiors. Trump dismissed Vindman as a "Never Trumper," while

some of his allies questioned the patriotism of the Army combat veteran because his family emigrated from the Soviet Union when he was 3.

Trump's attack on the Purple Heart recipient unnerved Republicans in Congress, with several pushing back, albeit without naming the president. Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, called the offensive "misplaced and very unfortunate," and said he had "full confidence" in Vindman "as an individual and his patriotism."

The response from Trump's party created an unusual dynamic in which Republicans were defending a man who was accusing the president of

undermining national security for his own political purposes. Privately, several Republicans found Vindman's testimony to be damaging and lamented that once again they were forced to defend the president.

The GOP reaction to Vindman comes as the party faces frontal attacks on two of its major talking points in Trump's defense. Vindman's account of the phone call deprives Republicans of the complaint that the witnesses called by Democrats have relied on hearsay when discussing the president's interactions with Zelenskyy. And as Democrats moved to vote on a resolution to hold open hearings on impeachment, Republicans

faced the prospect of losing their complaint that the inquiry is being conducted in secret.

In his testimony over more than 10 hours, Vindman said he was listening in on the summertime call between Trump and Zelenskyy from the Situation Room, along with other NSC officials and members of Vice President Mike Pence's office.

Vindman said he was so worried about Trump's request that Zelenskyy investigate his political foes that he reported it to the NSC's lead counsel, just as others at the NSC did at the direction of John Bolton, the former national security adviser who found the Ukraine pressure unsavory.

## Diplomat: Bolton cautioned him about Giuliani, Ukraine

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — A State Department foreign service officer was to tell House impeachment investigators Wednesday that former national security adviser John Bolton cautioned him Rudy Giuliani "was a key voice with the president on Ukraine," which could complicate U.S. goals in the Eastern European country.

The testimony from Christopher Anderson makes clear that administration officials were concerned about Giuliani's back-channel involvement in Ukraine policy, and his

push for investigations of Democrats, even before the July 25 phone call between President Donald Trump and his Ukraine counterpart at the center of the House impeachment inquiry.

Anderson will describe a June meeting in which he said Bolton expressed support for the administration's goals of strengthening energy cooperation between the U.S. and Ukraine and getting new Ukraine leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy to undertake anti-corruption reforms.

"However, he cautioned that Mr. Giuliani was a key voice

with the president on Ukraine which could be an obstacle to increased White House engagement," Anderson will say, according to a copy of his prepared remarks obtained by The Associated Press. Giuliani is Trump's personal lawyer.

Another foreign service officer set to testify Wednesday, Catherine Croft, will say that during her time at the National Security Council, she received multiple phone calls from lobbyist Robert Livingston telling her that then-Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch should be fired.

"He characterized Ambassador Yovanovitch as an "Obama holdover" and associated with George Soros. It was not clear to me at the time — or now — at whose direction or at whose expense Mr. Livingston was seeking the removal of Ambassador Yovanovitch," she will say.

Their testimony follows that of Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, an Army officer with the National Security Council who testified that he twice raised concerns over the administration's push to have Ukraine investigate Democrats and Joe Biden.

## Interference in US elections not limited to only Russia

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Russia interfered in the 2016 election and may try to sway next year's vote as well. But it's not the only nation with an eye on U.S. politics.

American officials sounding the alarm about foreign efforts to disrupt the 2020 election include multiple countries in that warning. Concerns abound not only about possible hacking of campaigns but also about the spread of disinformation on social media and potential efforts to breach voting databases and even alter votes.

"Unfortunately, it's not just Russia any-

more. In particular, China, Iran, a couple of others, studied what the Russians did in 2016," said James Lewis, a cybersecurity expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

U.S. intelligence agencies reported Russian, Chinese and Iranian influence operations targeting last year's midterms, and a senior FBI official recently singled out Beijing as a particular source of concern.

Concerns about foreign influence coincide with stepped-up enforcement of a law requiring the registration with the Justice Department of lobbyists, media organiza-

tions and other entities that do the bidding of foreign government. Special counsel Robert Mueller exposed through his investigation the unregistered, covert Russian campaign to spread disinformation.

The Justice Department is concerned about China undertaking similar activities. Twitter said it has suspended more than 200,000 accounts that it believes were part of a Chinese government influence campaign targeting the protest movement in Hong Kong. The department last year also required China's state-owned television network, CGTN, to register.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Test shows heroin in child's Halloween bag

**NJ** MIDDLE TOWNSHIP — Laboratory analysis showed heroin was found in a child's bag at a southern New Jersey trunk or treat event.

Cape May County Prosecutor Jeffrey Sutherland announced it was one isolated incident, but parents should be vigilant and cautious with any suspicious looking packages.

The trunk or treat party was held at the Shore Family Success Center in Middle Township.

## Man: Fear of zombies motivated stabbing

**SC** MONETTA — A South Carolina man arrested for stabbing a woman said he feared she would feed him to zombies.

The Aiken Standard reported William Berry, 29, of Aiken was arrested in Monetta after a woman was stabbed multiple times in the back.

Sheriff's deputies later found Berry walking along a highway and arrested him. Under questioning, Berry told deputies he "poked someone" because she was trying to feed him to zombies and being mean to him.

The woman, an acquaintance of Berry's, was taken to a hospital with five or six stab wounds.

## Man attacked after jumping on shark

**FL** ORLANDO — A 27-year-old man was attacked by a shark that he accidentally jumped on in New Smyrna Beach, according to Volusia County Beach Safety.

The unidentified man was surfing and decided to jump off his board and into the water,

said Av Jenkins, deputy chief of operations. The bad timing coincided with a shark that just happened to be swimming by.

The surfer sustained minor lacerations and was treated on the scene, Jenkins said.

## Prison inmates get tablet computers

**WV** CHARLESTON — Inmates in West Virginia prisons now have access to specially designed tablet computers.

The Register-Herald reported the tablets were provided at no cost to taxpayers by Global Tel Link through its inmate banking services contract with the prison system.

The tablets give the prisoners access to email, video visitation, electronic books, music, games and movies. They lack a normal internet browser but do allow access to select websites, including educational and career sites.

All apps and websites are approved by the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

## Plaque stolen from veterans cemetery

**MS** NATCHEZ — A veterans cemetery in Mississippi said a bronze marker was stolen from the entrance of the memorial.

Robert C. Winkler, assistant director of the Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Association, said the marker was posted at the entrance of the Natchez National Cemetery across from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs plaque. He said the bolts holding the marker were pulled from the wall.

Winkler said the cemetery was established in 1866 and the stolen plaque that reads "Natchez National Cemetery" was posted in 1930.

## Game warden OK after moose attack

**ND** WILLOW CITY — Wildlife officials said a state game warden escaped serious injuries when he was attacked by a bull moose in North Dakota.

Game & Fish Department Chief Game Warden Robert Timian told KFGO radio that District Game Warden Jonathan Toftland was in the Willow City area to investigate a report of an injured or sick bull moose. As Toftland approached the animal, it stood up and charged him, knocking him to the ground.

The moose was killed.

## Man hurt in golf cart crash at nudist resort

**MD** DAVIDSONVILLE — A man was injured in a golf cart crash at a nudist resort in Maryland.

Anne Arundel County fire spokesman Erik Kornmeyer told The Capital that the man suffered serious injuries and was taken by ambulance to a trauma center in Baltimore. He said the injuries weren't considered life-threatening.

He said the man crashed into a tree, causing the cart to overturn.

## 420 pounds of pot found in rental truck

**CT** DARIEN — Two Los Angeles men face drug charges in Connecticut after troopers pulled over a rental truck filled with marijuana.

Police said the U-Haul truck was stopped on Interstate 95 in Darien for a traffic violation when the trooper noticed that something didn't smell right.

Drug-sniffing dogs were called in and found 420 pounds

of marijuana in the cargo bed.

The men, Kevin Conrado, 27, and Vahe Manjikian, 23, were charged with possession of marijuana and possession of more than a kilo of marijuana with intent to sell.

## Rule allowing ATVs in US parks rescinded

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — A rule that would have allowed ATVs on certain roads in the five national parks in Utah was rescinded by the National Park Service.

The agency said it changed its mind after further consultation with Department of Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, whose department includes the National Park Service. The agency didn't provide reasons for the reversal.

A long-standing ban on ATVs in parks will remain.

## Police kill woman waving scissors

**LA** BOSSIER CITY — A woman who police said was waving a pair of scissors when she was shot twice by a Bossier City officer died.

Bossier City police spokeswoman Traci Landry said Shannon Rupert, 45, of Shreveport, died at LSU Ochsner Hospital.

The deadly shooting happened when Bossier City police responded to a complaint about a disorderly person at the LaQuinta Inn, where Rupert was staying.

Landry said Rupert was waving a pair of scissors while on a phone in the lobby of the hotel.

She said the officer, who was not identified, told Rupert several times to put down the scissors but she then aggressively approached the officer, who shot her in the upper torso.

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# Strasburg, Nationals force Game 7

Associated Press

HOUSTON — It's been an unconventional road to Game 7 of the World Series for Stephen Strasburg and the Washington Nationals.

Seizing the October spotlight he missed out on as a youngster, Strasburg pitched another postseason gem into the ninth inning Tuesday night as the Nationals beat the Houston Astros 7-2 to tie this Fall Classic at 3-3.

Juan Soto ran all the way to first base with his bat following a go-ahead homer, the same way Houston slugger Alex Bregman did earlier.

Yep, these wild-card Nationals have matched the heavily favored Astros swing for swing, hit for hit — even home run celebration for home run celebration.

Now, it's on to a winner-take-all Game 7 on Wednesday night to decide the only Series in which the visiting team won the first six.

"It's weird, really. You can't explain it," Washington man-

ager Dave Martinez said.

Adam Eaton and Soto hit solo homers off Justin Verlander in the fifth to help the Nationals overcome a 2-1 deficit. Anthony Rendon also went deep and drove in five runs.

"Maybe they enjoy our park and maybe we enjoy their park," said Rendon, who attended high school 4½ miles from Minute Maid Park. "We're not going to ask questions."

Max Scherzer, revitalized by an injection of painkiller, is primed to return from an irritated nerve in his neck to start Game 7 for Washington in a Series that's been all road, sweet, road.

Scratched from his scheduled Game 5 start only hours before the first pitch, Scherzer was warming up in the seventh inning Tuesday before Rendon's homer, then sat down as Martinez became the first manager tossed from a Series game since Atlanta's Bobby Cox in 1996.

"The cortisone shot worked. That relieved the pressure on the nerve, and then keep applying heat," Scherzer said. "Our

chiropractor, he does amazing work. He was able to go in there and make adjustments. We did two treatments of it and really freed up the neck."

Zack Greinke will start for the Astros, who led the majors with 107 wins and are seeking their second title in three seasons.

"I wish it was in a National League park," Greinke joked, cracking a smile about his affinity for hitting.

Fired up after a disputed call at first base went against them in the seventh, the Nationals padded their lead moments later when Rendon hit a two-run homer off Will Harris. Martinez, still enraged at umpires, was ejected during the seventh-inning stretch, screaming as a pair of his coaches held him back while the crowd sang along to "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

Rendon added a two-run double off Chris Devenski in the ninth to just about seal it after Strasburg gutted through without his best fastball to throw five-hit ball for 8 1/3 innings.

Washington pitching coach Paul Menhart told Strasburg after the first that he was tipping pitches. Strasburg allowed only three more hits.

"Started shaking my glove, so they didn't know what I was throwing," Strasburg said. "It's something that has burned me in the past, and it burned me there in the first."

Now the Nationals will attempt their ultimate comeback in a year when they were written off time after time, hoping for the first title in the 51-season history of a franchise that started as the Montreal Expos and the first for Washington since the Senators in 1924.

Visiting teams have won three straight Game 7s in the Series since the Cardinals defeated Texas at home in 2011.

"I don't think there's a person in the building that would have assumed that all road teams were going to win," Houston manager AJ Hinch said. "We've just got to make sure that last one is not the same."

## Torre: It was the 'right call' on disputed interference

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Major League Baseball executive Joe Torre says the "right call" was made and that a protest was denied after Nationals leadoff hitter Trea Turner was called out for interference during Washington's 7-2 Game 6 victory in the World Series on Tuesday night.

Nationals manager Dave Martinez was ejected for arguing plate umpire Sam Holbrook's ruling in the seventh inning, and Torre said Washington's request to protest the game was denied because it was a judgment call.

Holbrook's signal came after Turner hit a slow roller down the third base line with a runner at first and ran narrowly inside fair territory.

Pitcher Brad Peacock fielded the ball, and his throw pulled

first baseman Yuli Gurriel toward the baseline. As Gurriel stretched, Turner ran into his glove, and the ball bounced off Turner's leg and into foul territory. Turner ended up at second, with lead runner Yan Gomes going to third — except Holbrook quickly signaled for interference.

Turner was called out and Gomes sent back to first base. After some argument from Martinez and the Nationals, umpires went to the headsets for 4½ minutes before upholding the call. The overall delay stretched longer than 10 minutes.

"I mean what else do you do? I don't know. The batter's box is in fair territory. First base is in fair territory. I swung, I ran a straight line, I get hit with the ball, I'm out," Turner said. "I don't understand it. I can understand it if I veered one way or

the other. I didn't."

The Nationals wanted to pursue a protest, and Turner was heard on television pointing to Torre, MLB's chief baseball officer, in the stands and shouting "He's right there!" and "Just ask him!"

"The call was the fact that he interfered with Gurriel trying to catch the ball," Torre said, adding that Holbrook "made the right call at first base."

Turner said he was pointing out Torre because he felt there could have been some clarification then about what had just happened.

"We should do everything we possibly can to get the calls on the field right," Turner said. "If it's in the rules that I did the wrong thing, then so be it, but I think this stage is too big and too important to a lot of people to have every avenue not taken

advantage."

Torre said that while MLB and its umpires want to "double and triple-check ourselves" in the World Series, the delay shouldn't have lasted as long as it did.

"I don't know if it was the noise or whatever it was. I know we had a hard line in our box and we had trouble reaching people because we tried to make some calls, we couldn't do it," Torre said. "It should never be that long."

Martinez stepped onto the field to talk with Holbrook and crew chief Gary Cederstrom after the inning and quickly became animated. Six weeks after having a heart procedure, Martinez was restrained by bench coach Chip Hale — or at least Hale tried — as the manager kept shouting and eventually was tossed.



# NCAA moves toward athlete compensation

Associated Press

The NCAA took a major step Tuesday toward allowing college athletes to cash in on their fame, voting to permit them to “benefit from the use of their name, image and likeness.”

The nation’s largest governing body for college sports and its member schools now must figure out how to allow athletes to profit — something they have fought against doing for years — while still maintaining rules regarding amateurism. The NCAA Board of Governors, meeting at Emory University in Atlanta, directed each of the NCAA’s three divisions to create the necessary new rules immediately and have them in place no later than January 2021.

Board chairman Michael Drake, the president of Ohio State University, said the NCAA

must embrace change and modernize “to provide the best possible experience for college athletes.”

But such changes will come with limitations, he said.

“The board is emphasizing that change must be consistent with the values of college sports and higher education and not turn student-athletes into employees of institutions,” Drake told The Associated Press.

A group of NCAA administrators has been exploring since May the ways in which athletes could be allowed to receive compensation for the use of their names, images and likenesses. The working group, led by Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith and Big East Commissioner Val Ackerman, presented a status report Tuesday to the university presidents who make up the Board of

Governors.

Smith and Ackerman’s group laid out principles and guidelines, endorsed by the board, to be followed as NCAA members go about crafting new rules and tweaking existing ones.

Some college sports leaders fear allowing athletes to earn outside income could open the door to corruption.

“One of the most distinctive things about college sports is this whole recruitment process,” NCAA President Mark Emmert told the AP. “The whole notion of trying to maintain as fair a playing field as you can is really central to all this. And using sponsorship arrangements, in one way or another, as recruiting inducements is something everybody is deeply concerned about.”

Ackerman and Smith said the challenges lie in determining

what regulations need to be set in place; what markets athletes should be allowed to access; what entities and individuals they should be permitted to work with; and whether the schools themselves could provide funds to athletes through licensing deals.

The NCAA’s move came a month after California passed a law that would make it illegal for NCAA schools to prohibit college athletes from making money on endorsements, autograph signings and social media advertising, among other activities.

The California law goes into effect in 2023. More than a dozen states have followed with similar legislation, some of which could be on the books as soon as next year.

## NBA roundup

### Davis’ 40 points, 20 rebounds help Lakers rout Grizzlies

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Anthony Davis is four games into his first season with the Los Angeles Lakers, and he’s already in good company.

Elgin Baylor, Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, George Mikan, Shaquille O’Neal — and now AD.

Davis had the fourth 40-point, 20-rebound game of his seven-year career and set a franchise record with 26 made free throws as the Lakers rallied in the second half for a convincing 120-91 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

He joined those Lakers greats as LA players to get 40 points and 20 rebounds.

“It’s an honor to be on that list with those legends, but more important is we got the win,” said Davis, who was 26-for-27 from the line. “It was a grind in the first half and my teammates trusted me. I just tried to

be a monster on the glass.”

It is Davis’ first 40-20 game since 2016. He’s the first Laker to do it since O’Neal in 2003.

Davis played only 31 minutes. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, he is the first player to have a 40-20 game in 31 minutes or less since 1954-55. Prior to Davis, the quickest 40-20 game was 33 minutes by Baylor in 1961.

Davis is also the fourth player in league history and first since Michael Jordan in 1987 to make 26 or more free throws.

“This solidifies why we went out and got him. He was big time for us,” said LeBron James, who scored 23 points for the Lakers. Los Angeles is off to its first 3-1 start since winning its first eight in 2010.

Davis was questionable two hours before the game due to a right shoulder injury suffered in Sunday’s win over Charlotte. He did some dribbling and shooting on the court before being cleared.

Davis had 16 points and nine rebounds in the first quarter but went back to the locker room at the start of the second to get the shoulder checked and re-taped.

Memphis raced to a 15-2 lead before Los Angeles started to work its way back. Ja Morant led the Grizzlies with 16 points, and Jonas Valanciunas added 14 points and 11 boards.

**Heat 112, Hawks 97:** Jimmy Butler made his first four shots and scored 21 in his debut with his new team, rookie Tyler Herro scored 29 and host Miami won a game where Atlanta star Trae Young left early in the second quarter with a sprained right ankle.

The 19-year-old Herro had a 19-point second quarter for Miami, while fellow reserve Goran Dragic scored 21. Bam Adebayo had 17 points and 10 rebounds for Miami and Kendrick Nunn finished with 17.

Young left with 9:56 remaining in the first half, turning

his ankle when he landed on the foot of Miami’s Justise Winslow.

John Collins scored 30 for Atlanta, including a career-best five three-pointers, and Jabari Parker finished with 12 for the Hawks.

**Mavericks 109, Nuggets 106:** Maxi Kleber had 14 points, seven rebounds and a key block late to help visiting Dallas beat Denver.

Nine Mavericks players scored in double figures on a night their two top scorers were held in check. Luca Doncic scored 12 points and Kristaps Porzingis had 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Nikola Jokic had his second triple-double of the season, with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, and Paul Millsap had 23 points and eight rebounds, but it wasn’t enough to prevent Denver from losing its first game of the season.

# Few deals made at NFL trade deadline

Associated Press

Trent Williams stayed put, as did Josh Norman, Chris Harris Jr. and Le'Veon Bell. Jamal Adams, Melvin Gordon and Patrick Peterson aren't going anywhere either.

The NFL trade deadline was a dud this year but only because teams didn't wait for the cutoff to swap draft picks and established stars, something they'd been doing since August.

The big news Tuesday was Williams returning to the Washington Redskins. A person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press that the left tackle ended his seasonlong holdout after not getting traded.

During Cleveland's recent bye week, Browns general manager John Dorsey said he's spoken with Redskins Presi-

dent Bruce Allen about acquiring Williams. But when asked if there would be a deal, Dorsey said, "it takes two to tango."

Dorsey, who pulled off a blockbuster trade for Odell Beckham Jr. in March, couldn't get the Redskins to dance, leaving the Browns to solve their left tackle situation in the offseason.

The only big name traded at the deadline was Aqib Talib, but unlike seven years ago when he was dealt from Tampa Bay to New England at midseason, Talib is no longer in his prime or headed to a contender.

The Rams traded the 33-year-old cornerback to Miami along with a fifth-round pick in 2020 for an undisclosed draft choice. But the 12-year veteran is on injured reserve with a rib injury and likely won't play again this season.

Talib will be an unrestricted free agent this winter after playing out the six-year, \$57 million deal he signed with the Denver Broncos, with whom he won the Super Bowl four seasons ago.

That makes this deadline deal akin to the ones seen so often in the NBA when a tanking team absorbs a contract from another team in exchange for draft capital.

The Dolphins (0-7) could keep Talib on injured reserve before letting him walk in free agency, an approach that would allow them to keep piling up losses to fast-track their rebound after this year's player purge and could also net them a compensatory draft pick.

The Rams (5-3) have traded both of their starting cornerbacks this month and the trade of Talib clears salary

cap space for them to sign recently acquired cornerback Jalen Ramsey to a contract extension.

For years, the NFL trade deadline was pretty much the most anticlimactic date on the sport's calendar, coming and going without general managers parting with any draft picks and coaches relieved at not having to teach newcomers their offensive or defensive schemes on the fly.

Ramsey's impact in L.A. was immediate as he forced a fumble and affected almost every passing down in a 37-10 rout at Atlanta two weeks ago that ended the Rams' three-game losing streak. Marcus Peters, whom the Rams traded to Baltimore, had a 67-yard pick-6 of Russell Wilson in sparking the Ravens' 30-16 victory over Seattle.

## NHL roundup

# Crosby, Simon lead Penguins to big win over Flyers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby and Dominik Simon scored during an early four-goal outburst, and the Pittsburgh Penguins drilled the Philadelphia Flyers 7-1 on Tuesday night.

Crosby, wearing a facemask as extra protection after getting hit in the head by a shot over the weekend, added two assists to boost his career point total against the Flyers to 102 as the Penguins rolled to a rare lopsided victory over their cross-state rivals.

Jared McCann, Justin Schultz, Zach Aston-Reese, Jake Guentzel and Dominik Kahun also scored for Pittsburgh. Matt Murray stopped 29 shots to win for the sixth time in his last seven starts.

**Capitals 4, Maple Leafs 3 (OT):** Alex Ovechkin scored his second goal of the game during an overtime power play to complete a four-point night, and visiting Washington beat

Toronto.

John Carlson also scored twice for Washington. Nicklas Backstrom added three assists, while Braden Holtby made 27 saves.

Auston Matthews had two goals and an assist and Andreas Johnsson scored the other goal from Toronto, which got 30 saves from Frederick Andersen.

**Bruins 5, Sharks 1:** David Krejci returned with a goal and an assist after missing five games with an injury, David Pastrnak scored his league-leading 12th and host Boston beat San Jose.

Chris Wagner also had a goal and an assist as the Bruins won their fourth straight and improved to 6-0-2 in their last eight. Charlie Coyle and Brandon Carlo also scored for Boston.

**Rangers 4, Lightning 1:** Filip Chytil scored the tiebreaking goal in his season debut, and host New York scored three times in 6½ minutes late in

the third period to beat Tampa Bay.

Ryan Strome had a goal and an assist, and Kaapo Kakko and Adam Fox also scored for the Rangers, who had one win in their previous seven games.

**Hurricanes 2, Flames 1:** Andrei Svechnikov scored twice in the final 10:47, including a spectacular lacrosse-style goal that tied it, and host Carolina rallied to beat Calgary.

Svechnikov earned a spot in the highlight reels by bringing the puck behind the net, scooping it up on his stick blade, lifting it to chest-level and tucking it over goalie David Rittich's right shoulder.

**Red Wings 3, Oilers 1:** Dylan Larkin and Patrik Nemeth scored in the first period, and host Detroit beat Edmonton to end an eight-game skid.

Jimmy Howard made 31 saves for the Red Wings, who won for the first time since Oct. 10 against Montreal.

**Predators 3, Blackhawks 0:** Nick Bonino had a natural hat

trick, Pekka Rinne made 20 saves for his second consecutive shutout and host Nashville beat Chicago.

Rocco Grimaldi had the primary assist on all three goals for the first three-point game of his career.

**Stars 6, Wild 3:** Alexander Radulov had a hat trick, scoring late in the second period and twice in the third, as host Dallas rallied from a three-goal deficit to beat Minnesota.

Roope Hintz, Joe Pavelski and Tyler Seguin also scored for Dallas, which didn't get on the board until Radulov's goal with 48 seconds left in the second period.

**Ducks 7, Jets 4:** Cam Fowler set a franchise record for career goals by an Anaheim defenseman in a win over visiting Winnipeg.

John Gibson made 36 saves and Josh Mahura tied an Anaheim rookie mark with three assists as the Ducks broke a four-game losing streak to the Jets.