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## Esper to GIs: Army to grow electronic warfare teams

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Army is adding more personnel to its electronic warfare and air defense teams to keep up with emerging global threats, Army Secretary Mark Esper said following discussions with servicemembers and officials in Germany on Monday.

The Army's transition comes at a time when it is reshaping its force to deal with potential threats from near-peer adversaries like Russia and away from counterinsurgency campaigns that have dominated recent U.S. warfare in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"There are some [capabilities] that need to be restored, such as air defense and electronic warfare, and there are some that need to be added, such as cyber, and we are in the process of doing all of those right now," Esper said during an interview with Stars and Stripes. "We are looking at adding teams at the corps level. They are going to work cyber, electronic warfare and information warfare."

Earlier this month, the Army announced it would create new short-range air defense and rocket artillery units, which would add about 1,500 soldiers to bases in Europe.

Esper met with base personnel during a public town hall meeting at Pulaski Barracks on Monday and will also visit units in Hohenfels, Germany, and Bulgaria.

While the Army wants to add capabilities, it will also concentrate on making sure units "are fully fleshed out," Esper said.

The Army is also looking at ways to keep soldiers deployable, Esper said. That includes extended basic training for infantry from 14 to 22 weeks and putting specialists, such as dieticians and physical therapists, directly into maneuver battalions to prevent injury and sickness, he said.

Esper also plans on allowing longer tours before soldiers and their families must complete a permanent change of station.

"I would like to slow the PCS churn, if you will, by giving soldiers the option to stay in place if they decide," Esper said. "The benefits it gives — we can cite a few — are that you can keep a team together longer. So, rather than a third of a unit cycling out every year, you might be able to keep teams longer."

## Trump at UN: 2nd summit with N. Korea likely 'soon'

*Associated Press*

UNITED NATIONS — Confronting the dangers of North Korea's nuclear threat, President Donald Trump arrived at the United Nations on Monday striking a far less ominous tone than a year ago, announcing he likely will hold a second summit with North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un "quite soon."

Twelve months after Trump stood at the rostrum of the U.N. General Assembly and derided Kim as "Rocket Man," the push to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula is a work in progress, although fears of war have given way to dreams of rapprochement. The president's bellicose denunciations of Pyongyang have largely given way to hopeful notes.

"It was a different world," Trump said Monday of his one-time moniker for the North Korean leader. "That was a dangerous time. This is one year later, a much different time."

He added that preparations are underway by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo for a second presidential meeting with Kim "quite soon."

Trump arrived at the U.N. on Monday morning for a meeting on the global drug trade, ahead of a sit-down with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who comes bearing a personal message to Trump from Kim after their inter-Korean talks last week. Trump and Moon are expected to sign a new version of the U.S.-South Korean trade agreement, one of Trump's first successes in his effort to renegotiate trade deals on more favorable terms for the U.S. Even so, some U.S. officials worry that South Korea's eagerness to restore relations with the North could reduce sanctions pressure on Kim's government, hampering efforts to negotiate a nuclear accord.

The nuclear threat was on the agenda at Trump's first meeting in New York, a dinner with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Manhattan on Sunday night. Abe stands first among world leaders in cultivating a close relationship with the president through displays of flattery that he has used to advance his efforts to influence the unpredictable American leader.

"We have our eyes wide open," Pompeo told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. "There is a long ways to go to get Chairman Kim to live up to the commitment that he made to President Trump and, indeed, to the demands of the world in the U.N. Security Council resolutions to get him to fully denuclearize."

Redoubling his commitment to "America First" on the most global of stages, Trump will stress his dedication to the primacy of U.S. interests while competing with Western allies for an advantage on trade and shining a spotlight on the threat that he says Iran poses to the Middle East and beyond.

Scores of world leaders, even those representing America's closest friends, remain wary of Trump. In the 12 months since his last visit to the U.N., the Republican president has jolted the global status quo by pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal, starting trade conflicts with China and the West and embracing Russian President Vladimir Putin even as the investigation into the U.S. president's ties to Moscow moves closer to the Oval Office.

Long critical of the United Nations, Trump delivered a warning shot ahead of his arrival by declaring that the world body had "not lived up to" its potential.

"It's always been surprising to me that more things aren't resolved," Trump said in a weekend video message, "because you have all of these countries getting together in one location but it doesn't seem to get there. I think it will."

Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, told reporters in a preview of Trump's visit that the president's focus "will be very much on the United States," its role and the relations it wants to build.

"He is looking forward to talking about foreign policy successes the United States has had over the past year and where we're going to go from here," she said. "He wants to talk about protecting U.S. sovereignty" while building relationships with nations that "share those values."

In his four-day visit to New York, Trump will deliver major speeches and meet with representatives of a world order that he has so often upended in the past year.

# GIs recall hits, misses of safety briefings

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Don't shoot anyone on post, don't sleep with your squad mate's spouse, don't snort unknown substances and don't live in your car while collecting rent money from the Army.

The warnings given to soldiers at weekend and holiday safety briefings in recent decades are the stuff of Army lore. As those mandatory briefings become optional or end entirely — the Army has eliminated several administrative requirements recently in a streamlining measure — a few soldiers shared their memories of unusual briefings with Stars and Stripes.

Situational briefings remain at a commander's discretion, and soldiers said they can be useful when there's a critical issue at hand or when a topic is discussed with depth and insight.

But much of what they'd heard over the years could be best summed up as "illegal things are illegal."

"Don't do stupid stuff" was one command-

er's entire weekly brief, more colorfully put. Others were more long-winded.

Sgt. 1st Class Nancy Lugo, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 10th Support Group public affairs office on Okinawa, Japan, recalled a briefing after she graduated from basic training. The commander talked for 45 minutes, delivering warning after warning, while families stood by waiting.

"My brother spent the weekend making up things to be cautious of like drinking water slowly and looking where you walk so you don't fall down," she said.

While a few weekend safety brief topics may seem strange, they're sometimes brought up due to a soldier's inappropriate behavior.

"Do not forge government paperwork, especially police reports," an Army supply sergeant told Stars and Stripes. "That's what I did and got caught but first sergeant covered for me. I almost got a (nonjudicial punishment)."

Other times, topics of concern mani-

fest themselves during the weekend safety brief.

Sgt. Elizabeth Harris, with the 14th Public Affairs Detachment at Fort Carson, Colo., remembers when a soldier passed out during a weekend safety brief after the brigade command sergeant major pointed at him.

"He pointed to a new soldier that just joined our unit and said, 'What about you? Are you OK?' After the command sergeant major said that, the soldier fell over," Harris said. "The soldier buckled his knees and hadn't been drinking enough water in the high altitude of Colorado. After that a lot of soldiers didn't want to get pointed out by CSM."

Staff Sgt. David Souther, also stationed at Fort Carson, recalled a Christmas leave briefing in 2007 that was delayed for several hours because the briefers were at a party.

Weekend briefings became optional following a memo signed by Army Secretary Mark Esper, according to a Sept. 4 service statement.

## Centennial of World War I's largest offensive marked

BY MICHAEL ABRAMS  
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ROMAGNE-SOUS-MONT-FAUCON, France — Strong winds and heavy rains couldn't beat back Americans and French who marked the centennial of America's biggest offensive on Sunday.

With 1.2 million soldiers involved, the World War I Meuse-Argonne offensive was the largest involving U.S. forces. It began on Sept. 26, 1918, and lasted until the guns fell silent with the armistice on Nov. 11 of that year.

About 117,000 were killed or wounded in the battle, which pushed the Germans beyond the Meuse River. Many of the dead — 14,246 — are buried here at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, the largest U.S. military cemetery in Europe.

With the flags snapping in the wind and sheets of rain drenching participants and visitors, the

ceremony was moved inside the cemetery's small chapel.

Speakers, including Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, commander of NATO and U.S. forces in Europe, spoke about the bravery, sacrifice and camaraderie of the American and French soldiers fighting the battle.

"Let it remind us, we are stronger when we face a challenge together," Scaparrotti said. "That when we act as one, we will conquer every challenge and we will deter every aggressor and we will ensure a Europe that is whole and at peace."

Outside, members of French military organizations braved the rain, bearing the Stars and Stripes and other flags. The U.S. Naval Forces Europe Band performed under the colonnade that flanks the chapel.

During the day, volunteers placed candles on each headstone that were to be lit for an evening luminary, but the event was canceled because of rain.

## Philippines POW camp is remembered at memorial

BY SETH ROBSON  
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CABANATUAN, Philippines — "They sent us out there to die."

That's how an American veteran recently recalled his time at one of Japan's most notorious prisoner of war camps.

The old soldier's recollection of the Cabanatuan POW camp was retold to former servicemembers and supporters who gathered there Saturday for POW/MIA Recognition Day.

The treatment there was harsh, and many POWs died from sickness and starvation or were executed by their captors. The camp was also the site of one of the greatest military rescue operations in history.

The story of the January 1945 raid that saved nearly 500 POWs and civilians from Cabanatuan was told by Angeles VFW Post commander Jim Collins while he stood in front of a wall inscribed with the names of 2,656 POWs

and civilians who died at the camp before it was liberated.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur authorized a raid involving the 6th Ranger Battalion, Alamo Scouts, the Army Air Corps, Filipino guerrillas and local villagers, Collins told the veterans.

The troops infiltrated 27 miles behind enemy lines to reach the camp, first traveling in trucks and then marching to assault positions nearby, Collins said.

A P-61 Black Widow night fighter distracted Japanese guards by performing acrobatics and backfiring its engine before the attack, he said. Only two U.S. troops were lost.

Meanwhile, the guerrillas blocked a bridge and attacked nearby Japanese forces, preventing a counterattack, Collins said.

Today all that's left of the camp is the base of its water tower. The remains of POWs who died there were exhumed after the war and reburied at other cemeteries.

## Evacuations go on as NC rivers rise after storm

Associated Press

BLADENBORO, N.C. — Hurricane Florence is by no means done with the Carolinas, where some rivers are still rising and thousands of people were told to plan to leave their homes on Monday before rivers reach their crest.

About 6,000 to 8,000 people in Georgetown County, S.C., were alerted to be prepared to evacuate potential flood zones ahead of a “record event” of up to 10 feet of flooding, which is expected to begin Tuesday near parts of the Pee Dee and Waccamaw rivers, county spokeswoman Jackie Broach-Akers said.

Residents along the Waccamaw were bracing for water expected to peak Wednesday at 22 feet near Conway. That’s twice the normal flood stage, and far higher than the previous record of 17.9 feet, according to charts published by the National Weather Service on Monday.

The Cape Fear and Neuse rivers also remain swollen, and aren’t expected to return to normal levels until October, the charts show.

The county’s emergency management director, Sam Hodge, said in a video message posted online that authorities are watching river gauges closely and law enforcement would be going door to door in any threatened areas.

Parts of Interstate 40 are expected to remain under water for another week or more, but Interstate 95 was reopened to all traffic Sunday night.

## Under fire, Rosenstein to meet with Trump on Thursday

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein will stay in the job for now, but will meet with President Donald Trump on Thursday, White House officials said Monday, after officials described a series of private discussions that pointed to his resignation or firing.

“At the request of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, he and President Trump had an extended conversation to discuss the recent news stories,” said White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders. “Because the president is at the United Nations General Assembly and has a full schedule with leaders from around the world, they will meet on Thursday when the President returns to Washington, D.C.”

The announcement capped a tense few hours after officials said Rosenstein had told White House officials over the weekend that he was willing to resign in the wake of revelations that he once suggested secretly recording Trump.

On Monday morning, White House officials said Rosenstein had offered to resign to quell the controversy, while Justice Department officials said he had no intention of resigning but was heading to the White House with the expectation he would be fired.

After Rosenstein met with White House Chief of Staff John Kelly, he proceeded to a meeting of senior administration officials, indicating that at least for the moment he

was staying on the job.

Rosenstein has been overseeing the investigation of special counsel Robert Mueller, who is looking into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign and whether any Trump associates conspired with those efforts. It wasn’t immediately clear what Rosenstein’s departure might mean for that investigation, or who would oversee it, although the role could naturally fall to Solicitor General Noel Francisco.

Amid the conflicting accounts of whether Rosenstein would resign, be fired, or still be in his job at the end of the day, it was clear that his position at the Justice Department had never been more tenuous.

One Trump adviser said that the president has not been pressuring Rosenstein to leave, but that his resignation was a topic of private discussions all weekend. The person said Rosenstein had expressed to others that he should resign because he “felt very compromised” and the controversy hurt his ability to oversee the Russia inquiry, said a person close to Trump.

Rosenstein has been the target of Trump’s public ire and private threats for months, but uncertainty about his future deepened after it was revealed Friday that memos written by Andrew McCabe when he was FBI deputy director said that in May 2017, Rosenstein suggested secretly recording the president and trying to muster support for invoking the 25th Amendment to replace him.

## Trump defends Kavanaugh in wake of new accusation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump staunchly defended his embattled Supreme Court nominee against a new allegation of sexual misconduct Monday, calling the accusations against Judge Brett Kavanaugh “totally political.”

The president spoke a day after a second allegation emerged against Kavanaugh, a development that further imperiled his nomination to the Supreme Court, forced the White House and Senate Republicans onto the defensive and fueled calls from Democrats to postpone further action on his confirmation.

Trump, at the United Nations for his second General Assembly meeting, called the allegations unfair and unsubstantiated, made by accusers who come “out of the woodwork.” He also questioned the politi-

cal motivations of the attorneys representing the women, saying “you should look into the lawyers doing the representation.”

On Kavanaugh, Trump stressed, “I am with him all the way.”

The new accusation landed late Sunday in a report from The New Yorker, just a few hours after negotiators had reached an agreement to hold an extraordinary public hearing Thursday for Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, who accuses him of sexually assaulting her at a party when they were teenagers. Kavanaugh denies the accusation.

Presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway told CBS on Monday that the accusations against Kavanaugh sound like “a vast left-wing conspiracy,” using rhetoric that echoed Hillary Clinton’s 1998 description of allegations that her husband, President

Bill Clinton, had had affairs.

Trump is suggesting the timing of the New Yorker article is further evidence of what he has been saying privately for days: that the Democrats and the media are conspiring to undermine his pick.

The second claim against Kavanaugh dates to the 1983-84 academic year, which was his first at Yale University. Deborah Ramirez described the incident after being contacted by The New Yorker magazine. She recalled that Kavanaugh exposed himself at a drunken dormitory party, thrust his penis in her face, and caused her to touch it without her consent as she pushed him away.

In a statement provided by the White House, Kavanaugh said the event “did not happen” and that the allegation was “a smear, plain and simple.”

## Opposition wins Maldives presidency

Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, the president-elect of the Maldives, spent his youth marching in the streets for democracy. He was elected to Parliament at age 32 as an independent candidate, helping to draw up a new constitution.

But unlike other reformers of his generation, Solih was never sidelined by a prison sentence or exile, a fact that propelled him into the role of the opposition party's standard-bearer.

Political observers say Solih, 56, known by his nickname, Ibu, has been a quiet force behind the tropical South Asian archipelago's transition to democracy and a rallying point for the opposition in crisis under outgoing strongman Yameen Abdul Gayoom.

"He was never in a hurry," Mohamed Aflath, a businessman who voted for Solih in Sunday's election, said Monday. "Some guys who were more eager to become the leader had to say goodbye to politics, some ended in jail while some in exile. But Ibu was very patient and calm."

Solih's supporters flooded the streets of the capital, Male, after his victory speech early Monday, waving the yellow flags of his Maldivian Democratic Party and singing campaign songs. Supporters cited his 25-year career as a parliamentarian as evidence of his commitment and self-restraint — in contrast to some of the country's more power-hungry political leaders.

Amid the celebrations, Solih called on Yameen to immediately begin a smooth transition of power and urged his supporters to remain calm. Solih and his running mate, Faisal Naseem, are to be sworn in on Nov. 17.

An elections eve police raid of Solih's main campaign office cast a pall over the vote. But Solih assured Maldivians that he had spoken to police and security forces, and that "they expressed their support of the decision of the people."

# US, China escalate tariffs war

Associated Press

BEIJING — China and the U.S. imposed new tariff increases on each other's goods Monday and Beijing accused Washington of bullying, giving no sign of compromise in an intensifying battle over technology that is weighing on global economic growth.

U.S. regulators went ahead with a planned 10 percent tax on a \$200 billion list of 5,745 Chinese imports including bicycles and furniture. China's customs agency said it responded at noon by beginning to collect taxes of 5 or 10 percent on a \$60 billion list of 5,207 American goods, from honey to industrial chemicals.

The conflict stems from President Donald Trump's complaints that Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology.

American officials say Chinese plans for state-led development of global competitors in robotics and other technologies violate its market-opening obligations and might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

China's leaders offered to narrow their politically sensitive, multibillion-dollar trade surplus with the U.S. by purchasing more natural gas and other American exports. But they have rejected pressure to change industry plans the

communist leadership sees as a path to prosperity and global influence.

Monday's tariff increases follow a report by The Wall Street Journal that Chinese officials pulled out of a meeting to discuss possible talks proposed by Washington. The Chinese government had given no public indication whether it would accept the invitation.

Envoys last met Aug. 22 in Washington but reported no progress.

With no settlement in sight, forecasters say the conflict between the two biggest economies could trim global growth through 2020.

On Monday, the ratings agency Fitch cut its forecasts for next year's Chinese and global economic growth by 0.1 percentage points to 6.1 percent and 3.1 percent, respectively.

"The trade war is now a reality," said Fitch's chief economist, Brian Coulton, in a report. "The downside risks to our global growth forecasts have also increased."

Earlier, the two sides imposed 25 percent penalties on \$34 billion of each other's goods in July and another \$16 billion in August. Business groups say American companies also report Chinese regulators are starting to disrupt their operations through slower customs clearance and more environmental and other inspections.

## Russia to upgrade Syria's air defenses

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia announced Monday it will supply Syria's government with sophisticated S-300 air defense systems after last week's downing of a Russian plane by Syrian forces responding to an Israeli airstrike, a friendly fire incident that stoked regional tensions.

The Russian Il-20 military reconnaissance aircraft was downed by Syrian air defenses that mistook it for an Israeli aircraft, killing all 15 people onboard. Russia laid the blame on Israel, saying Israeli fighter jets had pushed the plane into Syria's line of fire.

While President Vladimir Putin initially struck a reconciliatory note, blaming the downing on a "chain of tragic, fatal circumstances," the Russian military reaffirmed its accusations against Israel on Sunday.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu announced that the S-300 missile defense

systems will be delivered to Damascus within two weeks. Earlier in the war, Russia suspended a supply of S-300s, which Israel feared Syria could use against it.

Shoigu went on television to say that Russia is now going to go ahead with the shipment because "the situation has changed, and it's not our fault."

Shortly after his statement, Putin got a call from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and told him that the Russian move was "aimed primarily at fending off any potential threat to the lives of Russian servicemen," according to a readout of the call issued by the Kremlin.

Shoigu also announced that Russia would equip Syrian air defenses with a new automated control system to enhance its efficiency and help identify Russian aircraft. He said the Russian military will start using electronic countermeasures to jam any aircraft that would try to launch attacks off

Syria's coast like the Israeli strike that resulted in the Russian plane's downing.

"We are convinced that these measures will calm down some hotheads and keep them from careless actions which pose a threat to our troops," he said.

There was no immediate comment from Israel on the decision to supply the missile defenses.

U.S. national security adviser John Bolton said Monday that delivery of the Russian S-300 would be a "significant escalation" in already-high tensions in the region, and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he would raise the matter this week with his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, at the U.N. General Assembly.

"We think introducing the S-300s to the Syrian government would be a significant escalation by the Russians and something that we hope, if these press reports are accurate, they would reconsider," Bolton said.

## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### 7 riders rescued from stuck Ferris wheel

**NJ** CAMDEN — Authorities said seven riders were rescued from a stuck Ferris wheel at a New Jersey county fair.

Gloucester Township police said they were called to assist the fire department after the malfunction was reported Saturday at the Camden County Fair.

Police said the occupied seats were at various heights. The Blackwood Fire Co. told NJ.com that about six of the riders were children.

Fire crews used a tower ladder to rescue the riders. No injuries were reported.

### Wind topples tree limb, post; 1 killed

**WA** RICHLAND — High winds toppled a tree limb and a concrete light post at two festivals in the Tri-Cities, killing one woman and sending two other people to a hospital.

The Tri-City Herald reported that sustained winds of 18 mph and gusts of up to 25 mph knocked down a tree limb at Ye Merrie Greenwood Renaissance Faire on Saturday afternoon, killing a woman.

At a different event — the Christ the King Sausage Fest — the wind snapped a line anchoring a parachute, essentially turning the parachute into a sail that subsequently cracked a concrete light post in the center of the festival. The post struck a man and a girl, sending them to a hospital.

The festival's organizers said the injuries are not severe.

### Man is accused of threat against helo

**FL** DELAND — A Florida man is facing a felony

charge after authorities said he told a television station and sheriff's deputies that he was going to shoot down the sheriff's helicopter if it didn't stop flying over his house.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reported Saturday that Robert Moni, 54, is charged with making a false report of a bomb, arson or weapon of mass destruction.

Volusia County sheriff's deputies said they received a call Thursday from a TV station employee who said that a man had claimed in a phone call that he would shoot down the sheriff's helicopter if it didn't stop flying overhead.

Investigators said Moni had made similar threats before and espoused conspiracy theories, saying the helicopters were spying on him.

### Police: School bus driver let kids drive

**IN** VALPARAISO — A northwestern Indiana school bus driver was arrested on allegations that she let children as young as 11 years old drive the bus.

The Porter County Sheriff's Office said Joandrea McAtee, 27, of Portage, was arrested Friday on preliminary felony charges of child neglect. The department said McAtee allowed three students — ages 11, 13 and 17 — to drive the bus for a short distance in a rural area near Valparaiso as she was dropping students off from school.

Officials said McAtee was fired by the Porter Township school district.

### Police: Driver tried to hit car in parking lot

**DE** DOVER — Delaware police said a driver repeatedly tried to crash into a woman's car in a Dover apartment parking lot.

WDEL-FM reported Keyon Smith, 45, was charged with aggravated menacing and possession of a deadly weapon during commission of a felony-vehicle. Dover police said Smith tried to back her car into the woman's car Monday night, but missed.

They said Smith then tried several more times before fleeing the scene and later surrendering to authorities. Police have not released a motive.

### Man who stole gift box at casino sought

**NV** SPARKS — Secret Witness is offering a \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of a suspect who made off with money and gifts at a wedding in a hotel-casino ballroom in Sparks.

Sparks police said a man took the gift box with monetary gifts for the bride and groom at the Nugget Casino recently.

Video surveillance captured him concealing the money and box on his person before he walked out.

### Center to honor massacred Shoshone

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — The chairman of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation is on a mission to make sure hundreds of tribal members who were killed by U.S. troops in the 1863 "Bear River Massacre" are never forgotten with a new cultural center in southeastern Idaho.

The Deseret News reported earlier this month that Darren Parry and other tribal council members are working with the GSBS Architects in Utah to develop the "Boa Ogoi" ("Big River") Cultural Interpretive Center.

The Shoshone Nation is also working with the Utah State

University College of Natural Resources to clean up the site and returned it to the state it was in in 1863, with more willows and vegetation.

### US acquires site of 1865 battle

**WY** CASPER — The U.S. Bureau of Land Management purchased about a square mile of land on the North Platte River outside Casper with historic significance and recreational potential.

The Casper Star-Tribune reported the land was the scene of skirmishes in the 1865 Battle of the Red Buttes, which killed the city's namesake, Army 2nd Lt. Caspar Collins.

The land also has 1.5 miles of riverfront on a section of the South Platte prized for trout fishing.

The bureau said it will consult with the public on how it will be used.

### 1906 shipwreck found in Lake Huron

**MI** DETROIT — The wreckage of a ship that disappeared more than 100 years ago was found in Lake Huron's lower Georgian Bay.

The Detroit News reported that an international team of divers found the J.H. Jones on July 1 near Lion's Head, Ontario. The coastal steamer had 30 people onboard when it vanished in 1906 during a storm.

Researchers say multiple attempts over the decades to locate the Jones were unsuccessful. But researchers Ken Merryman, Jerry Eliason and Cris Kohl were part of the team that located the ship after less than two hours of searching.

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# Woods wins Tour Championship

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tiger Woods, in his Sunday red shirt, both arms raised in victory on the 18th green.

For so long, the scene was familiar.

This time, it was surreal.

"I can't believe I pulled this off," Woods said Sunday during the trophy presentation at the Tour Championship, where he gave thousands of delirious fans at East Lake, and millions more around the world, what they wanted to see, and what they thought they might never see again.

And at that moment, Woods was overcome with emotion and paused.

After two back surgeries six weeks apart, he couldn't lie down, sit or walk without pain. Golf was the least of his concerns, so much that he once said anything else he achieved would be "gravy."

One year ago, while recovering from a fourth back surgery, he still had no idea if he could come back to the highest level of golf.

"Just to be able to compete and play again this year, that's a hell of a comeback," he said.

Woods delivered the perfect ending to his amazing return from back surgeries with a performance out of the past. He left the competition feeling hopeless as he built a five-shot lead early and then hung on for a 1-over 71 and a two-shot victory over Billy Horschel.

It was the 80th victory of his PGA Tour, two short of the career record held by Sam Snead that is now very much in play. And it was his first victory in more than five years, dating to the 2013 Bridgestone Invitational.

And that brought a new version of Tigermania.

After he hit his second shot to the par-5 18th safely in a bunker in front of the green, the crowd came through the ropes and followed behind in a chaotic celebration. It was like that when he walked from the left side of the 18th fairway at the 1997 Masters he won by

12. It was reminiscent of that walk up the 18th fairway later that summer at the Western Open in Chicago.

This was pure pandemonium. Fans chased after any inch of grass they could find to watch the ending.

"I didn't want to get run over," Woods said with a laugh.

This felt just as big as a major, maybe better considering where Woods had been.

Several players, from Zach Johnson to Rickie Fowler to Horschel, waited to greet him. It was Johnson who unveiled red shirts at the Ryder Cup two years ago in the team room that said, "Make Tiger Great Again."

"They knew what I was struggling with," Woods said. "It was special to see them."

Woods played only one PGA Tour event over two seasons because of his back. Off the golf course, he had to overcome the embarrassment of a DUI arrest in the early morning of Memorial Day in 2017 when he was found asleep at the wheel, later found to have a concoction of pain medication in his system.

He was becoming a legend on in video highlights.

And then he brought it back to life this year, especially the last four days at East Lake. The players who have turns at No. 1 during his absence caught the full brunt of Woods in control. McIlroy faded early. Justin Rose faded late.

All that was left was the 42-year-old Woods in that red shirt, blazing brighter than ever, and a smile he couldn't shake walking up the 18th to collect another trophy.

"The 80 mark is a big number," he said. "It's a pretty damned good feeling."

He finished at 11-under 269 and won \$1.62 million, along with a \$3 million bonus for finishing second in the FedEx Cup.

But this wasn't about the FedEx Cup or even the world ranking.

This is Tiger's big day, and

nothing was going to change it.

Woods had never lost when leading by three shots or more going into the final round. That was when he was regularly winning multiple times every season, compiling trophies at a rate never before seen in golf.

Was anything different having gone more than five years without winning?

Rose had said it was a bit more unknown, and "there's a lot on it for him" as well as everyone else.

But this was still Woods' arena. The walk from the putting green snakes some 80 yards across the road and through a gallery, and everyone could hear him coming from the procession of cheering. And within the opening hour, the Tour Championship had that inevitable feeling.

No one brings excitement like Woods, even when he plays so good and so smart that he eliminates any potential for drama.

The buzz was endless. A couple of teenagers climbed into a tree to see him made a 10-foot birdie on the first hole. When the putt dropped and cheers died, there was a wild sprint some 200 yards up the hill as fans tried to get into position for the next shot. He tapped in for par, and another stampede ensued to line the third fairway.

On and on it went. No one wanted to miss a shot.

A year ago, there was no guarantee anyone would see much of Woods, much less Woods winning.

He's back again. This victory, his first since the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone in August 2013 — 1,876 days, to be exact — brought him to No. 13 in the world. Not bad for a 42-year-old with four back surgeries who returned to competition in December at No. 1,199 in the world.

The next stop for Woods is to board a plane with the rest of his U.S. teammates for France and the Ryder Cup.

After that?

There's no telling.

## No. 3 Clemson names Lawrence starting QB

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson has named freshman Trevor Lawrence its starting quarterback for the Tigers' game against Syracuse this Saturday.

Senior Kelly Bryant had started the third-ranked Tigers (4-0) first four games with Lawrence coming off the bench early in each contest.

The 6-foot-6 Lawrence has completed 39 of 60 passes for 600 yards, nine touchdowns and two interceptions.

## Source: Gionta set to retire after 16 seasons

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A person with direct knowledge of the decision tells The Associated Press that forward Brian Gionta is retiring after 16 NHL seasons.

Gionta is 39 and a former Montreal Canadiens and Buffalo Sabres captain and two-time U.S. Olympian. He won a Stanley Cup with the New Jersey Devils in 2003.

He spent most of last season out of the NHL while preparing for the Pyeongchang Winter Games. He then signed with Boston, where he had two goals and seven assists in 21 games, including one in the playoffs. Gionta had 291 goals and 595 points in 1,026 career games.

## Stewart, Wilson propel US to win over China

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, Spain — Breanna Stewart scored 21 of her 23 points in the second half and A'ja Wilson added 20 to help the United States beat China 100-88 on Sunday in the second day of the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup.

The Americans were still missing Brittney Griner, who suffered a slight sprain of her right ankle in practice Friday. Griner said after the win over Senegal she would have played if it was an elimination game. China was able to exploit the lack of Griner with its own 6-foot-9 center Han Xu.

The victory was the Americans' 18th in a row in the tournament and 43rd in the past 44 games in the World Cup.

From The Associated Press

## NFL roundup

## Underdog Bills stun Cousins, Vikings

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Josh Allen played with the poise of a well-seasoned quarterback for the Buffalo Bills by accounting for three touchdowns in his first road start in the NFL. Allen made Minnesota's Kirk Cousins look like the raw rookie in a stunning 27-6 upset of the Vikings on Sunday.

Cousins had three turnovers, including a lost fumble on a third-down sack inside Minnesota's 20-yard line, on each of the first two possessions. Buffalo turned those recoveries into 10 points and was on cruise control by midway through the second quarter as the crowd at U.S. Bank Stadium cranked up the boos.

The Vikings (1-1) were 16-point favorites when the game began, allowing the Bills (1-2) to become only the sixth such underdog in the NFL's last 81 point spreads that big. After being outscored 75-9 over their first six quarters of the season, the Bills have enjoyed a 41-9 advantage over the last six periods.

Allen, the seventh overall pick in the draft out of Wyoming who took the job earlier than expected in relief of a struggling Nathan Peterman in the opener, completed 15 of 22 passes for 196 yards, including a 26-yard touchdown pass to wide-open tight end Jason Croom.

Though Allen took three sacks and fumbled three times, the Bills were able to recover all of them. He settled almost exclusively for safe underneath or sideline throws, but took advantage of several broken coverages by the Vikings for chain-moving gains.

**Saints 43, Falcons 37 (OT):** Drew Brees' 1-yard run capped an 80-yard touchdown drive to open overtime. Brees' score came after his apparent 3-yard TD pass to Alvin Kamara was overturned on video review that determined Kamara's knee was down before the goal line. Brees scored on a keeper on the following play, giving the

visiting Saints (2-1) the win on the day the 39-year-old quarterback set the NFL record for career completions.

Brees passed for 396 yards and three touchdowns and ran for two scores. Kamara had 15 catches for 124 yards and ran for 66 yards.

**Eagles 20, Colts 16:** Carson Wentz threw a touchdown pass on his first drive in nine months, then Wendell Smallwood ran in from the 4 for the go-ahead score.

Adam Vinatieri tied Morten Andersen's career record of 565 field goals by connecting on all three tries, but the visiting Colts (1-2) couldn't take advantage of two turnovers by Wentz inside the 20 in the second half.

**Rams 35, Chargers 23:** Jared Goff passed for 354 yards and three touchdowns, and Todd Gurley rushed for 105 yards and another score, leading the Rams over the Chargers in the franchises' first meeting since their relocations to Los Angeles.

Cory Littleton blocked a punt in the end zone and Blake Countess recovered for an early touchdown for the Rams (3-0), who racked up 521 yards and remained one of the NFL's four unbeaten teams.

**Seahawks 24, Cowboys 13:** Russell Wilson threw for two touchdowns in the first half, Chris Carson added a 5-yard TD run in early in the fourth quarter, and the host Seahawks avoided an 0-3 start.

Wilson hit Jaron Brown on an 16-yard touchdown early in the second quarter, and later hit Tyler Lockett streaking up the sideline on a 52-yard scoring pass as Seattle (1-2) built a 17-3 halftime lead and cruised past the Cowboys.

**Chiefs 38, 49ers 27:** After winning his first three starts, all away from Arrowhead Stadium, second-year pro Patrick Mahomes finally made his regular-season home debut and torched San Francisco's banged-up pass defense for 314 yards and three touch-

downs. Mahomes now has 13 touchdown passes without an interception, breaking the NFL record for TD passes in the first three weeks of a season. Peyton Manning threw 12 to start the 2013 campaign.

49ers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo was injured on a late run and was feared to have torn his left ACL.

**Dolphins 28, Raiders 20:** Receiver Albert Wilson threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to put the host Dolphins ahead midway through the fourth quarter, and then turned a short reception into a 74-yard score that sealed it.

**Panthers 31, Bengals 21:** Cam Newton threw for two touchdowns and ran for two others, while Christian McCaffrey racked up a career-high 184 yards rushing.

Newton completed 15 of 24 passes for 150 yards and ran for 36 yards as the Panthers (2-1) won their seventh straight home game going back to last season.

**Ravens 27, Broncos 14:** Joe Flacco picked apart Denver's depleted defense for 277 yards and a touchdown. Connecting with eight receivers, Flacco went 25-for-40 without an interception on a rainy afternoon. He threw 28 passes in the first half, when host Baltimore (2-1) took control.

The Ravens turned to their defense in the fourth quarter, twice stopping drives inside their 15.

**Titans 9, Jaguars 6:** Marcus Mariota came off the bench and directed three scoring drives, including one in the fourth quarter. Mariota replaced Blaine Gabbert in the first quarter after Gabbert was knocked out of the game with a concussion.

Mariota sat out last week's victory against Houston because of an elbow injury sustained in the season opener. He had been experiencing arm weakness along with numbness and tingling in two fingers. The injury affects the velocity and spin he gets on the football.

Mariota wore a glove on his injured right hand and was able to do just enough to beat the host Jaguars (2-1) for the third straight time and fifth time in the past six meetings.

**Redskins 31, Packers 17:** Adrian Peterson ran for 120 yards and a pair of 2-yard scores, Alex Smith threw two touchdown passes — all in the first half — and the host Redskins held on over a gimpy Aaron Rodgers and the Packers, who again had complaints about a roughing-the-passer penalty on Clay Matthews.

**Giants 27, Texans 22:** Eli Manning threw for 297 yards and two touchdowns and rookie Saquon Barkley added a score for the visiting Giants (1-2).

**Bears 16, Cardinals 14:** Cody Parkey kicked his third field goal of the game, a 43-yarder with 4:31 to remaining, to rally the visiting Bears.

Sam Bradford threw two first-quarter touchdown passes to put the Cardinals up 14-0, but was replaced by rookie Josh Rosen after fumbling the ball deep in Chicago territory late in the game.

**Lions 26, Patriots 10:** Matt Patricia beat mentor Bill Belichick, seemingly making all the right moves to help host Detroit defeat New England.

The Lions (1-2) suddenly looked like a team with a plan on offense and defense under their first-year coach, and former New England assistant. They opened the season with a 31-point loss to the New York Jets at home and fell short in a comeback at San Francisco.

The Patriots (1-2) have had weaknesses exposed on both sides of the ball, losing two of their first three games for the first time since 2012.

Detroit was in control from the start, creating holes for running back Kerryon Johnson.

Johnson had 101 yards rushing on 16 carries, becoming the first player to reach the mark for the Lions since Reggie Bush ran for 117 yards against Green Bay on Nov. 28, 2013.

# Allen, Tribe delay Red Sox record

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Boston Red Sox are trying to make history. The Cleveland Indians keep getting in the way.

And after a highly competitive three-game series, the teams could see each other again next month with even more at stake.

Greg Allen singled with one out and the bases loaded in the 11th inning and Cleveland defeated the Red Sox 4-3 on Sunday night to deny Boston's bid for a club-record 106th victory for the second straight game.

Allen singled through the left side on a 3-2 pitch from Robby Scott to give Cleveland an 11th inning win for the second night

in a row.

"If that game was in a couple of weeks, that'd be one for the ages," manager Terry Francona said. "It's going to be a late night, but it was a fun game."

William Cuevas (0-2) walked leadoff man Jose Ramirez, who moved to second on Rajai Davis' sacrifice. Shortstop Tzu-Wei Lin, who replaced the injured Xander Bogaerts in the seventh, booted Erik Gonzalez's ground ball, sending Ramirez to third.

Yandy Diaz, batting for Yonder Alonso, was intentionally walked to load the bases and set the stage for Allen's winning hit. Michael Brantley's bases-loaded single gave the AL Central winners a 5-4 victory in the

11th on Saturday night.

Allen raced toward the outfield after he rounded first to avoid getting pounded by his teammates, a strategy that was unsuccessful.

"I don't think there's any getting away from that," he said. "In a time like that, when it's celebratory, I really don't want to get away from it. It was definitely fun."

Josh Tomlin (2-5) pitched two scoreless innings for the Indians.

Mookie Betts homered and had four hits in his return to the lineup, but Boston will have to wait at least one more day before wrapping up home-field advantage throughout the postseason.

# Yankees lose, get bad news

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The playoff-bound Yankees blew a three-run lead against the worst team in the majors Sunday — and then came the really bad news.

New York shortstop Didi Gregorius has torn cartilage in his right wrist and is unsure whether he will be able to play in the AL wild-card game on Oct. 3. Gregorius, who has 27 homers and 86 RBIs, got injured Saturday when he slid headfirst on Aaron Hicks' 11th-inning double to score the run that clinched a postseason berth for the Yankees.

"It feels a little bit better now," Gregorius said after missing a 6-3 loss to the Baltimore Orioles in New York's final home game of the regular season. "I slid into home plate, my right hand got stuck. We were celebrating, everything was fine. I went home, fine. I woke up this morning, it wasn't feeling good."

Gregorius had an MRI that revealed a small tear, he said. He received a cortisone shot and will be re-evaluated soon.

"We'll know a lot more in a few days," manager Aaron Boone said.

Gregorius said the injury is "really frustrating" but he has some mobility in his wrist and is very optimistic he'll play in the postseason. New York has seven regular-season games remaining and is trying to secure home-field advantage in the wild-card game.

"They say things like this happen to other players but some of them play through it," Gregorius said, explaining he feels soreness but not pain.

Tim Beckham homered twice for the lowly Orioles, who trailed 3-0 early.

J.A. Happ needed 107 pitches to get through five innings in a possible tuneup for the wild-card game. Happ allowed only one run, but A.J. Cole (3-1) quickly coughed up a 3-1 lead in the sixth as the Yankees rested their best relievers.

Baltimore (45-110) remained one loss shy of matching the franchise record for defeats set by the 1939 St. Louis Browns.

## MLB roundup

# Kemp short of cycle as LA routs Padres

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Matt Kemp is used to being an everyday player. With so much talent on the Dodgers, though, he's had to adjust to not seeing his name in the lineup as often.

"Does he like it?" manager Dave Roberts said. "Probably not, but he understands."

Kemp is just happy to be playing baseball that matters in September, after being on teams in San Diego and Atlanta that missed the playoffs in recent years.

"This doesn't get old," he said after NL West-leading Los Angeles pounded out 16 hits in a 14-0 rout of the San Diego Padres on Sunday. "I'm excited about what's to come."

The Dodgers' division lead remained at 1½ games over Colorado.

Kemp went 3-for-4 — falling a triple shy of the cycle — drove in three runs and scored two on his 34th birthday.

**Twins 5, Athletics 1:** Oakland will have to take its bubbly on the road. Kyle Gibson (9-13) allowed one run over 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings and Jake Cave hit a two-run homer for Minnesota, which prevented the Athletics

from clinching an AL wild-card berth in their last regular-season home game.

**Rays 5, Blue Jays 2:** Blake Snell (21-5) won his ninth straight start, striking out 11 in 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> shutout innings. He broke the visiting Rays season record for wins set by David Price in 2012 and lowered his ERA to 1.90, the best in the AL.

**Cubs 6, White Sox 1:** Kyle Schwarber connected off Carlos Rodon (6-7) for his first homer against a left-hander this season and drove in two runs.

**Brewers 13, Pirates 6:** Christian Yelich hit his 32nd home run and Travis Shaw added his 31st as host Milwaukee remained two games ahead of St. Louis, which is second in the NL wild-card race.

**Cardinals 9, Giants 2:** Miles Mikolas (17-4) won his fourth straight start, allowing two runs — one earned — and two hits in seven innings with eight strikeouts and no walks for host St. Louis.

**Rockies 2, Diamondbacks 0:** Kyle Freeland (16-7) allowed seven hits in seven innings, improving to 7-0 in his last 10 starts for host Colorado. Arizona was eliminated from

contention in the NL West and wild-card races.

**Astros 6, Angels 2:** Charlie Morton left after one inning and 24 pitches because of discomfort in his pitching shoulder that caused a drop in velocity.

**Braves 2, Phillies 1:** Lane Adams homered and drove in two runs, and Anibal Sanchez (7-6) won for the first time in nine starts.

**Rangers 6, Mariners 1:** Adrian Beltre was given a standing ovation when he was removed from what could be his last home game for Texas, just before the Rangers rallied for four runs in the sixth to overcome a 1-0 deficit.

**Marlins 6, Reds 0:** A crowd of 13,595 left Miami with a franchise-low home attendance of 811,104 in Derek Jeter's first season as chief executive officer, the first major league team to draw fewer than 1 million fans at home since the 2004 Montreal Expos.

**Mets 8, Nationals 6:** Michael Conforto hit a go-ahead, bases-loaded triple in the fourth off Wander Suero (3-1), and Jeff McNeil matched a career high with four hits for visiting New York.