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## Air Force general to retire in wake of probe

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An Air Force general and grandson of the man whose plane dropped the atomic bomb over Hiroshima is retiring after an inspector general investigation substantiated multiple allegations of misconduct.

Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV will retire on Dec. 1, after not being allowed to pin on his second star and receiving a letter of admonishment, an Air Force spokeswoman said Thursday.

Tibbets currently serves as deputy commander for Air Force Global Strike Command and deputy commander of Air Forces Strategic-Air, U.S. Strategic Command, at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

The investigators found that during Tibbets' command of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., in 2017, he

### Claims of misconduct against Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets IV substantiated in investigation.

made inappropriate comments regarding women on two occasions, failed to properly report information about suicide attempts through his chain of command four times, used a government vehicle improperly and failed to report the value of autographed photographs that celebrities gave him, said Air Force spokeswoman Erika Yepsen.

The investigation came to light after multiple posts on the Facebook Air Force ann/nco/snco website accused Tibbets of misdeeds early Thursday.

Some posts alleged Tibbets pressured them into violating regulations even over the objection of higher headquarters.

Other allegations on the website included making base personnel paint the top of his command car white and skirting Air Force policies to help friends.

"Wherever he went on base, people felt nervous in his presence and his holier-than-thou personality," according to the post.

The inspector general investigation began in May 2017; it was not immediately clear when the investigation ended. After the allegations were substantiated, then-commander of Air Force Global Strike Command Gen. Robin Rand issued Tibbets a letter of admonishment and withheld his promotion to major general.

Tibbets will begin terminal leave Oct. 19 before his retirement, Yepsen said in a statement.

Tibbets' grandfather was Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets Jr., who as a colonel dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945 as the pilot of the Enola Gay.

## Top enlisted adviser suspended pending IG investigation

BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military's senior ranking enlisted servicemember has been suspended from his duties pending an inspector general's investigation into a complaint of misconduct, the Pentagon announced Thursday.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. John Troxell has been removed temporarily from his position as the senior enlisted adviser to Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Air Force Col. Patrick Ryder, a spokesman for the Joint Staff.

What led to the misconduct complaint against Troxell was not immediately clear Thursday. Ryder said it would be "inappropriate to comment on the nature" of the allegations while the investigation was open. An Army official said he could not immediately com-

ment on the Army Inspector General's investigation Thursday afternoon.

"We will wait for a full accounting of the facts and will not presuppose any findings or outcomes," Ryder said.

Troxell, 54, has served as the senior enlisted adviser to Dunford since December 2015. In that role, Troxell serves as the principal military adviser to Dunford and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis on issues pertaining to the enlisted force, such as military standards, professional development, pay and promotion, quality of life and awards.

Troxell made headlines in January after delivering fiery speeches to troops downrange during a holiday tour alongside Dunford in which he vowed Islamic State fighters who did not surrender would be killed, perhaps shot in the face or beaten with shovels, known as entrenching tools.

"If they choose not to surrender, then we will kill them with extreme prejudice, whether that be through security force assistance, by dropping bombs on them, shooting them in the face, or beating them to death with our entrenching tools," Troxell wrote Jan. 9 in a Facebook post. "Regardless, they cannot win, so they need to choose how it's going to be."

The speeches and posts on social media went viral as servicemembers cheered Troxell's enthusiasm.

Before reporting to the Pentagon to advise Dunford, Troxell most recently served as the command senior enlisted leader of the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and United States Forces-Korea in South Korea.

He enlisted in the Army in 1982 as an armored reconnaissance specialist and served in several senior noncommissioned officer roles, including

as the senior enlisted adviser for I Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., and the senior NCO for the U.S.-led International Security Assistance Force-Joint Command in Afghanistan.

He's a veteran of five combat deployments including Operation Just Cause in Panama, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and three post-9/11 tours — two in Iraq and one in Afghanistan.

The Joint Chiefs Office had not determined as of Thursday afternoon whether an acting senior enlisted adviser to Dunford would be selected during Troxell's absence, said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Heyley Sims, a spokeswoman for the Joint Staff.

Troxell will perform duties as a special assistant to the vice director of the Joint Staff while the Army conducts its investigation, Ryder said.

# Kavanaugh clears Senate committee

## Lawmakers agree to late call for one-week FBI investigation into allegations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a flurry of last-minute negotiations, the Senate Judiciary Committee advanced Brett Kavanaugh's nomination for the Supreme Court on Friday after agreeing to a late call from Republican Sen. Jeff Flake, of Arizona, for a one-week investigation into sexual assault allegations against the high court nominee.

However, it was unclear whether Republican leaders, who have pushed for fast confirmation of Kavanaugh, would back Flake's call for an investigation or instead would press forward with a full Senate vote on the nomination. President Donald Trump, who has accused the Democrats of obstruction and delay and has

opposed the FBI probing the allegations against his nominee, said merely that he would "let the Senate handle that."

The dramatic scene unfolded a day after Kavanaugh and his accuser, Christine Blasey Ford, testified in an emotional, hourslong hearing. Kavanaugh angrily denied the allegations that he assaulted Ford while they were both in high school, while she said she was "100 percent" certain he was her attacker.

Flake, a key moderate Republican, was at the center of the drama and uncertainty. On Friday morning, he announced that he would support Kavanaugh's nomination. Shortly after, he was confronted in an elevator by two women who, through tears, implored him to change his mind.

After huddling privately with his colleagues, Flake announced that he would vote to advance Kavanaugh's nomination to the full Senate only if the FBI were to investigate the allegations against the judge. Democrats have been calling for such an investigation, though Republicans and the White House have insisted it's unnecessary.

Flake said that after discussing the matter with fellow senators, he felt it "would be proper to delay the floor vote for up to but not more than one week."

That increases the pressure on a handful of colleagues who haven't yet said whether they back Kavanaugh: Republican Sens. Susan Collins, of Maine, and Lisa Murkowski, of Alaska, and Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin, of West Virginia.

With a 51-49 majority, Sen-

ate Republicans have little margin for error, especially given the fact that several Democrats facing tough re-election prospects this fall announced their opposition to Kavanaugh on Friday. Sens. Bill Nelson, of Florida, Joe Donnelly, of Indiana, and Jon Tester, of Montana, all said they would vote no.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham said it's going to fall to him to lay out to Trump why Kavanaugh's Supreme Court confirmation vote has been delayed.

Graham, of South Carolina, is a Trump ally who is on the panel. Graham told reporters after the committee vote that somebody is going to have to explain the delay to Trump. Graham added: "I guess that'll be my job."

# Fiery Kavanaugh denies quiet accuser

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a day like few others in Senate history, California psychology professor Christine Blasey Ford quietly recounted her "100 percent" certainty Thursday that President Donald Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court had sexually assaulted her when they were teenagers — and then Brett Kavanaugh defiantly testified he was "100 percent certain" he did no such thing.

That left senators to decide whether the long day of testimony tipped their confirmation votes for or against Trump's nominee in a deeply partisan fight with the future of the high court and possibly control of Congress in the balance.

Showing their own certainty, Republicans quickly scheduled a recommendation vote for Friday in the Senate Judiciary

Committee, where they hold an 11-10 majority. They're hoping for a final Senate roll call next week, seating Kavanaugh on the court shortly after the Oct. 1 start of its new term.

In the committee's packed hearing room for hour upon hour Thursday, both Kavanaugh and Ford said the alleged assault and the storm of controversy that has erupted 36 years later had altered their lives forever and for the worse — perhaps the only thing they agreed on during their separate testimony marked by a stark contrast of tone and substance.

Ford recounted for the senators and a nationwide TV audience her long-held secret of the alleged assault in a locked room at a gathering of friends when she was just 15. The memory — and Kavanaugh's laughter during the act — was "locked" in her brain, she said. Ford delivered her testimony with

deliberate certitude, though admitting gaps in her memory as she choked back tears at some points and said she "believed he was going to rape me."

Hours later, Kavanaugh entered the hearing room fuming. He angrily denied her allegation, alternating a loud, defiant tone with near tears of his own, particularly when discussing his family. He decried his confirmation opposition as a "national disgrace." He interrupted senators and dismissed some questions with a flippant "whatever."

"You have replaced 'advice and consent' with 'search and destroy,'" he said, referring to the Constitution's charge to senators' duties in confirming high officials.

Democrats pressed the judge to call for an FBI investigation into the claims, but he would say only, "I welcome whatever the committee wants to do."

Republicans are concerned, among other reasons, that further investigations could push a vote past the November elections that may switch Senate control back to the Democrats and make consideration of any Trump nominee more difficult.

Trump made his feelings newly clear that he was sticking by his choice. "His testimony was powerful, honest and riveting," he tweeted. "The Senate must vote!"

Trump nominated the conservative jurist in what was supposed to be an election year capstone to the GOP agenda, locking in the court's majority for years to come. Instead, Kavanaugh has seemed in peril and on Thursday, he faced the Senate hearing amid a national reckoning over sexual misconduct at the top of powerful institutions.



## US: Sanctions on N. Korea must remain

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Thursday that the world stands at the “dawn of a new day” in relations with North Korea but that international sanctions must remain in place and vigorously enforced if diplomatic efforts to get the country to denuclearize are to succeed — a position that faced resistance from China and Russia.

Chairing a special session of the U.N. Security Council, Pompeo said President Donald Trump’s diplomatic breakthrough with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has led to a point where the nuclear threat from the country can be resolved. But the “unprecedented diplomatic opening” would close unless the pressure from sanctions is kept up.

“Until the final denuclearization of the DPRK is achieved and fully verified, it is our solemn collective responsibility to fully implement all U.N. Security Council resolutions pertaining to North Korea,” he said, using the initials for the country’s formal name, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

Pompeo said the U.S. has evidence that U.N. sanctions, particularly those restricting North Korean oil imports and coal exports, are being violated, and he demanded that U.N. members ensure they are respected.

# Navy, Air Force: Fixes to curb aircraft crashes are ongoing

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WASHINGTON — Navy and Air Force officials told a panel of House lawmakers Friday that aircraft fixes are underway to address a rash of fatal crashes.

The officials made the comments during a House Armed Services Committee subpanel hearing focused on C-130 accidents and other aircraft concerns.

“We have some challenges ahead,” Rep. Rob Wittman, R-Va., chairman of the House Armed Services subcommittee on seapower and projection forces, told the Navy and Air Force officials. “But we want to make sure we are on track with the upgrades with existing aircraft and modernization with aircraft replacement and making sure that we stay on track.”

Manned fighter, bomber, helicopter and cargo warplane accidents rose nearly 40 percent from fiscal year 2013 to 2017, resulting in the deaths of more than 130 servicemembers, Wittman said.

Of those crashes, more than 20 percent of the fatalities occurred in three incidents involving a Marine Corps Reserve KC-130T, a Navy C-2A Greyhound aircraft and a Puerto Rico Air National Guard C-130H Hercules.

In July 2017, a Marines KC-130T crash in Mississippi left 15 Marines and one sailor dead. In November, a Navy Greyhound crashed into the Philippine Sea, leaving three sailors dead. And in May, the Puerto Rican Guard’s Hercules crashed in Georgia during

a retirement flight after 60 years in service, leaving nine dead.

The Navy has yet to recover wreckage from the November crash, which is located in 18,000 feet of water.

“There have been an alarming rise in non-combat aviation accidents,” Wittman said. “Considering these three mishaps involved legacy intratheater aircraft, it is my fervent belief that the services must do everything possible to ensure the safety of flight. To this end, among the things this committee must consider is the recapitalization and modernization of the oldest and most vulnerable legacy aircraft.”

In addition, there are also concerns with how the services responded to the Marine Corps crash of its KC-130T and that of the Puerto Rican National Guard’s C-130H, with the Navy and the Marines grounding their fleets while the Air Force chose to keep flying those aircraft, Wittman said.

Military officials told lawmakers that work is underway to address aircraft crashes with fixes such as upgrades to existing aircraft and new purchases. However, challenges remain.

Lt. Gen. Jerry Harris, Air Force deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs, told lawmakers that the service has reduced most of its fleet during the past decade. For example, its C-130 inventory has fallen from 400 to 300 during that time. The C-130 is a workhorse that handles tactical airlifts, resupplies, evacuations, natural disaster relief, search and rescue, firefighting duties and special operations support, he said.

## Air Force turns to Boeing for \$9.2B training aircraft deal

The Washington Post

Boeing has been awarded a \$9.2 billion contract to build the Air Force’s next fleet of combat training aircraft, the Defense Department announced Thursday, locking the Chicago-based aerospace company into the largest U.S. military aircraft procurement in years.

The service plans to buy about 350 of Boeing’s T-X aircraft to replace its T-38C Talons, which have been in service for 57 years. The contract calls for the plane to be ready for full operational deployment by 2034.

In a statement, Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson touted the cost savings achieved through the award, noting that initial estimates had pegged the cost of the

program at almost \$20 billion. All of three of the major contenders for the award had incorporated international partners into the design, with Swedish, Italian and Korean joint ventures vying for the opportunity.

“This new aircraft will provide the advanced training capabilities we need to increase the lethality and effectiveness of future Air Force pilots,” Wilson wrote. “Through competition we will save at least \$10 billion on the T-X program.”

For Boeing’s Arlington, Va.-based defense business, the award caps off a stunning winning streak.

While Boeing remains a leader in commercial aircraft, it has been outflanked by rivals recently in the defense market. Lockheed, the manufacturer of the F-35 Joint

Strike Fighter, is the world’s largest defense contractor by a wide margin, taking in \$50 billion in U.S. contract dollars last year compared with Boeing’s \$23 billion. Investors saw Boeing’s loss to Northrop Grumman for the opportunity to build the B-21 bomber in 2015 as a major setback.

But Boeing has notched a string of victories in the past month, winning footholds on major military programs that should pad its coffers for decades. In late August, the company was awarded an \$805 million foothold in a program to build the Navy’s MQ-25 a next-generation drone designed to refuel fighter jets in midair. Then, this week, it won a \$2.4 billion contract to replace the Air Force’s aging UH-1N helicopters.

# All survive plane crash into Micronesian lagoon

Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — All 47 passengers and crew survived a plane's crash landing in a Pacific lagoon Friday morning, wading through waist-deep water to the emergency exits and escaping on local boats that came to the rescue in the Micronesia archipelago.

Seven people were taken to a hospital, according to officials, including one described as being in critical but stable condition.

Passenger Bill Jaynes said the Air Niugini plane came in very low as it was attempting to land at the Chuuk Island airport.

"I thought we landed hard," he said. "Until I looked over and saw a hole in the side of the plane and water was coming in. And I thought, well, this is not the way it's supposed to happen."

Jaynes said the flight attendants were panicking and yelling, and that he suffered a minor head injury. He said he called his wife, who started crying.

"I was really impressed with the locals who immediately started coming out in boats," he said in an interview with a missionary in Chuuk, Matthew Colson, that was posted online. "One would think that they might be afraid to approach a plane that's just crashed."

The sequence of events remains unclear. The airline said the plane landed short of the runway. However, Jaynes said the only scenario he can imagine is that it hit the end of the runway and continued into the water. The U.S. Navy said sailors working nearby on improving a wharf also helped in the rescue by using an inflatable boat to shuttle people ashore before the plane sank in about 100 feet of water.

The striking images of people being rescued from the half-submerged plane were reminiscent of the 2009 crash landing in New York City known as the "Miracle on the Hudson."

Louie Mallari, who was working at a hotel near the airport,

said he could hear the whole thing happen.

"As the plane approaches, the sound of the engine is getting stronger, then suddenly a splash of water," he said, adding that he then heard screaming.

He said it's a good thing that so many people use boats to travel and were able to quickly help with the rescue.

"It's really fortunate that we didn't have any fatalities," said Glenn Harris, a government aviation security inspector for the Federated States of Micronesia.

Harris said the plane left from the Micronesian island of Pohnpei about 435 miles to the east before ending up in the water at about 10 a.m.

## Planned robot brothel sees some pushback in Houston

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A so-called robot brothel a Canadian company said it wants to open in Houston is getting pushback from local officials and community groups, with the mayor saying the city is reviewing its ordinances to determine if they address public safety and health issues raised by the business.

Mayor Sylvester Turner said he's not trying to be the "moral police," but this is not the type of business he wants opening in the city.

"We do need to be very mindful of what comes into our city and what our children and others may be exposed to. So I want to be very sensitive to that," Turner said Wednesday.

KinkyDolls announced last month on its Facebook page that it plans on opening a "love dolls brothel" in Houston. It would be the company's second location. The first location opened in 2017 in Toronto.

The company didn't immediately return calls or emails seeking comment Thursday.

On its social media pages, KinkyDolls says its human-like dolls, which can speak

and feel warm to the touch, are available for sale or rent.

City inspectors have visited the site of the proposed business and have ordered the owner to apply for a demolition permit after they noticed construction work had been done without a permit, said Alanna Reed, a spokeswoman for Houston's public works department.

Reed said her department has not been told when the business plans on opening.

Turner said he's asked the city's legal and health departments to review all ordinances, including those related to sexually oriented businesses, to see whether any of them will cover that type of business. The city may have to amend current ordinances or create a new one "to limit or regulate these types of businesses," Turner said.

Issues Houston officials are reviewing about the proposed robot brothel include whether it has to be located a certain distance away from schools, day care centers and churches and health concerns related to any reuse and cleaning of the dolls.

Houston has long had a culture that's resistant to regulation and remains the only major U.S. city without zoning.

## Rosenstein agrees to meet with House lawmakers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein has agreed to speak privately with lawmakers following reports that he had discussed secretly recording President Donald Trump.

A person familiar with the situation said Rosenstein agreed to the meeting during a call Thursday evening with the House Judiciary Committee chairman, Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va.

GOP Rep. Mark Meadows, of North Carolina, who leads the conservative House Freedom Caucus, tweeted Friday that Republican leaders agreed to ask Rosenstein for a private meeting and said lawmakers would subpoena Rosenstein if he refused to answer questions. He said the goal of the questioning was to make Rosenstein "explain his alleged comments on 'wiring' POTUS — as well as other inconsistent statements."

But the person familiar with the situation, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations, said Rosenstein had agreed to a meeting in upcoming weeks even before that tweet. The person said the conversation with lawmakers was not described

to Rosenstein as a hearing or an interview. Rosenstein is also to meet next week with Trump.

Rep. Jerry Nadler, of New York, the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said in his own tweet that House Republicans "cannot be left alone in a room with DAG Rosenstein" and that he would demand that Democrats have access to that meeting. He called the meeting part of a GOP effort to undermine special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign during the 2016 election. Rosenstein appointed Mueller as special counsel and oversees that investigation.

Rosenstein's job had appeared imperiled since a New York Times report last week that said he had discussed possibly recording the president to expose chaos in the White House and invoking constitutional procedures to have the Cabinet remove Trump from office.

The Justice Department issued statements from Rosenstein meant to deny the report and released a statement from someone who recalled the recording comment but said it was meant sarcastically.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Inmate escapes, tastes freedom of sweet tea

**FL** PALATKA — For a Florida prison inmate, the taste of freedom was short-lived but included sweet tea.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office said Taylor Fender, 23, walked away from a work crew Monday.

The inmate purchased clothes at a store where a customer thought Fender looked suspicious and called 911. Fender headed into a restaurant just as a deputy was pulling into a parking spot. The deputy arrested Fender in the restaurant, but not before the inmate ordered and paid for sweet tea.

Fender was returned to prison, where he is serving a five-year term for grand theft of a motor vehicle. The sweet tea was left unfinished.

The sheriff's office tweeted, "For some Southerners, that could be considered the bigger crime."

## Candidate: Win chance 'slim,' so don't donate

**RI** PROVIDENCE — A Rhode Island political candidate is making an unusual appeal to supporters: He's asking them not to volunteer for his campaign or give any money.

Republican nominee for state treasurer Michael Riley said in a statement issued Wednesday that he's "facing an obvious uphill battle" in his race against incumbent Democratic Treasurer Seth Magaziner and that the donations would not change what he terms "the likely inevitable outcome." Riley said, "Please do not contribute your hard-earned money as my chances are very slim."

Every statewide office and congressional seat in Rhode Island is held by a Democrat.

## Cameras show \$80K sculpture being harmed

**NY** LAKE GEORGE — Police are seeking the public's help in identifying the people who damaged a lakeside wooden sculpture that was unveiled in the Adirondacks last year.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office said surveillance images taken on the night of Sept. 2 show a group of people at the 24-foot sculpture, which depicts colonial British scout Robert Rogers and five American Indians in a canoe. The \$80,000 sculpture was unveiled a year ago this month along Lake George's southern shore.

Deputies said surveillance cameras showed two men, one of them shirtless, climbing the fence surrounding the sculpture and sitting and reclining on the artwork, causing damage to parts of the carving.

Local sculptor Paul Stark spent three months last summer creating the sculpture. The Post-Star, of Glens Falls, reported that he'll repair the damage.

## Man held in attack with Japanese-style sword

**NV** CARSON CITY — A Carson City man has been arrested on charges accusing him of attacking another man with a Japanese-style sword.

The Nevada Appeal reported Joel Urquiza, 33, attacked the man Monday at a residence on North Carson Street, causing severe damage to his hand.

He was booked on suspicion of battery with a deadly weapon and mayhem, possession of a deadly weapon and drawing a deadly weapon in a threatening manner.

He was being held in the Carson City Jail on \$63,000 bail.

## Man accused of trying to get gun to kill doctor

**SD** RAPID CITY — A Rapid City man accused of trying to get a gun to kill a doctor who treated his wife is facing an attempted first-degree murder charge.

The Rapid City Journal reported that William Thoman, 62, allegedly said he wanted to kill the Rapid City Regional Hospital doctor for incorrectly treating his wife, who recently died of cancer. An acquaintance allowed police to listen as he called Thoman about a previous conversation in which Thoman is suspected to have asked for a handgun.

Authorities said they found 10 firearms and ammunition after arresting Thoman on Monday at his Rapid City home. Police also said they found the doctor's business card.

## City officials to draft ordinance banning pigs

**AR** EUREKA SPRINGS — City officials in northwest Arkansas are considering banning pigs after receiving complaints over a smell wafting from a residence where two pet potbellied pigs are kept.

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported that the Eureka Springs City Council voted in favor of drafting an ordinance to ban pigs, including potbellied and miniature pigs that are kept as pets.

Alderwoman Mickey Schneider said she proposed changing city code because of neighbors' complaints about a smell coming from a resident's yard.

Current city code says it's unlawful to keep any hogs in the city. The proposal would replace "hogs" with "swine" in order to include animals that aren't raised for slaughter.

## 2 teens charged after 4 calves die in fire

**MI** SANDUSKY — A young man and a 16-year-old boy are facing charges after authorities say they shot fireworks that sparked a grass fire and killed four calves along a road in rural Michigan.

The Sanilac County Sheriff's Office said Adam Grifka, 19, and the teen, whose name wasn't released, face charges of arson of personal property, malicious destruction of property and fireworks violations. Both are from Ubyly and they're due back in court next month.

The sheriff's office said fireworks shot from a moving vehicle sparked the grass fire July 28 along a road in Greenleaf Township, about 85 miles north of Detroit. Ten calf hutches that were used to provide shelter for animals also were damaged.

## Man accused of gluing toddler's mouth, eyes

**TX** ODESSA — Investigators said a West Texas man has been arrested on charges that he beat his daughter, 1, and glued shut her eyes and mouth.

El Paso County records show Johnnie Lee Carter, 29, was being held Wednesday on a charge of injury to a child causing serious bodily injury. Carter was arrested Monday at an El Paso motel and faces extradition to Odessa.

On Sept. 16, Odessa police responded to a domestic disturbance. Police said Carter had fled, but his toddler was found with facial injuries and her eyes and mouth glued shut. She was transported to a hospital.

An affidavit says the mother told police that her husband choked and punched their toddler before applying adhesive. A Super Glue stick was nearby.

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# QB Goff dazzles as Rams beat Vikings

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Any lingering questions about Jared Goff's ability to be the next standout quarterback in a horned helmet are withering while he destroys defenses this season.

The Vikings were his latest victims Thursday night when Goff threw for 465 yards and five touchdowns of increasing brilliance. Yet Minnesota still had a chance until the Los Angeles Rams' defense kept them unbeaten.

Goff set career highs while winning a scintillating duel with Minnesota's Kirk Cousins and leading the Rams to a 38-31 victory.

Goff and Cousins got together at midfield afterward, exchanging compliments about their eye-catching performances and their bright futures ahead.

"We're really clicking right now," Goff said. "I feel good about where we're at, and we have a lot of season ahead of us."

Goff was perfect, at least according to his passer rating of 158.3 in his third consecutive 300-yard game. He went 26-for-33 in the Rams' most prolific passing performance since 1982.

Yet the raw numbers don't describe the series of high-difficulty, high-reward throws that he completed in a brilliant four-touchdown first half.

He threw a 70-yard beauty of a TD pass to Cooper Kupp, who then caught a perfectly thrown 19-yard scoring pass later in the second quarter on his way to a monster 162-yard receiving game. Todd Gurley, Brandin Cooks and Robert Woods also hauled in scoring throws designed by head coach Sean McVay and executed flawlessly by his quarterback.

The Rams (4-0) are off to their best start since 2001, when Kurt Warner, Marshall Faulk and their fleet-footed receivers made the franchise's last appearance in the Super Bowl.

"It can't get much better than how we're playing right now," Gurley said. "I mean, it can. But it can't."

For all of the Rams' offensive brilliance, Cousins and the Vikings (1-2-1) were within a touchdown with the ball at midfield and 2 minutes to play. Cousins passed for 422 yards and three touchdowns, but Minnesota lost when Rams rookie defensive lineman John Franklin-Myers strip-sacked Cousins near midfield with 1:18 to play.

"If you don't bounce back, if you don't have an answer, you won't be in the league very long," said Cousins, who went 36-for-50. "This league will chew you up and spit you out if you don't show up every week. We felt like there was a huge sense of urgency, and we played that way."

Cousins also got a moment to chat with

McVay, his former offensive coordinator in Washington. Cousins credits McVay for a major role in his development into an \$84 million quarterback, and Goff has spent untold hours watching film of Cousins' progress with McVay.

"It's fun for us, personally," Goff said of his duel with Cousins, who hit Aldrick Robinson for two scores.

"I don't know if it's fun for the whole team, but it's cool," Goff said. "Got a lot of respect for him and the way he plays, and I just think he's such a great quarterback. To get a chance to go against him like that and kind of duke it out, I told him after the game how much I appreciated the battle with him."

A healthy throng of purple-clad fans turned out for the Vikings' first game in Los Angeles since 1993 — but one week after giving up 27 points in the first half and getting blown out as 16½-point favorites in Buffalo, the Vikings gave up 28 before halftime against LA.

"We did not play well defensively," Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said. "Offensively we moved the ball well, but we had too many missed tackles, and too many people were left wide open. I've not ever had a team that's been this poor in pass coverage. We are going to have to look at everything."

## Europe sweeps foursomes, takes 5-3 lead

Associated Press

SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, France — The Americans got off to the start they wanted. The Europeans had the finish they needed.

Europe began its bid to regain the Ryder Cup with a clean sweep of the foursomes matches Friday afternoon, allowing it to recover from Tony Finau's amazing fortune that made it look early as though the Americans were ready to end that 25-year drought away from home.

Not so fast.

By the end of the day, the Americans were seeing blue, and plenty of it.

Europe took a 5-3 lead by sweeping its first session since 1989, and its first sweep of foursomes in Ryder Cup history.

"We didn't come here to win the foursomes," Francesco Molinari said. "We came here to win something else."

Molinari and Tommy Fleetwood were the only European partnership to play both matches, and they won them both. They combined for five birdies over their last seven holes to polish off Tiger Woods and Patrick Reed, 3 and 1, and salvage a morning that belonged to the Americans.

Europe took the lead in every foursomes match and never let up. Justin Rose, whose approach into the water on the 18th in the morning cost Europe, teamed with old partner Henrik Stenson and dismantled Dustin Johnson and Rickie Fowler by winning five holes in a seven-hole stretch.

Right behind them, Rory Mc-

Ilroy recovered from his awful morning by joining forces with European stalwart Ian Poulter, who lived up to his reputation. They were 2 down early until Bubba Watson and Webb Simpson collapsed by losing four straight holes, three of them with bogeys.

Phil Mickelson missed his first opening session since his rookie year in the Ryder Cup, and he was missing while in action during the afternoon. Mickelson and Bryson DeChambeau were 7 down at the turn and did well to at least get to the 14th hole, where Sergio Garcia and Alex Noren closed them out.

Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas looked formidable in the morning and managed only one birdie in losing in the afternoon, 5 and 4, to Molinari and

Fleetwood.

"We go home with a good taste in our mouth tonight," European captain Thomas Bjorn said. "And then we regroup for tomorrow."

Thousands of fans, some of whom managed to get a seat for the opening tee shot in the grandstand that holds just under 7,000 surrounding the first tee, left Le Golf National chanting, cheering and singing over this wild turn of events.

In his return to the Ryder Cup for the first time since 2012, Woods quickly added to his losing record. Five days after Woods won the Tour Championship for his first victory after four back surgeries, he and Patrick Reed went cold at the end.

"They put it on us, and we couldn't answer," Woods said.



# No. 16 Miami hammers North Carolina

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — The Turnover Chain became the Touchdown Chain.

Miami tied a school record with three defensive touchdowns, N’Kosi Perry threw for a score in his first start and the No. 16 Hurricanes downed North Carolina 47-10 on Thursday night.

Romeo Finley and Joe Jackson ran back interceptions for scores, Jonathan Garvin scooped up a fumble and rumbled in for another touchdown and the Hurricanes (4-1, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) wound up forcing six turnovers in all.

“It was a sight to see,” Miami defensive coordinator Manny Diaz said. “We always say, turnovers, they seem to come in bunches. The fact that we turned defense into offense on those was quite a sight to see.”

Perry didn’t have to do much, completing eight of 12 passes for 125 yards with one touchdown and one interception in his debut as the Miami starter. DeeJay Dallas rushed 11 times for 114 yards and a touchdown

for the Hurricanes, whose 12th straight home regular-season win matches the school’s longest in 15 years.

Thanks to the defensive scoring, Miami had more points than plays — 47-46. And the Hurricanes’ quest for back-to-back ACC Coastal Division titles is off and running.

“We want to get back to Charlotte,” Miami coach Mark Richt said, referring to the site of the ACC title game. “That was a good start.”

Chazz Surratt, making his season debut after serving a three-game suspension for selling team-issued shoes, relieved North Carolina starting quarterback Nathan Elliott early and rushed for a touchdown for the Tar Heels (1-3, 1-1). But Surratt was intercepted three times, the Tar Heels also fumbled the ball away three times and they were a combined 3-for-16 on third and fourth downs.

“They put it on us today,” North Carolina coach Larry Fedora said. “They got us into some long-yardage situations and brought a lot of heat on third and long. And we didn’t handle it very well.”

Richt kept most everyone guessing on his decision whether to start Perry or incumbent Malik Rosier right up until kickoff; he told the quarterbacks his decision a couple of days ago. He lauded Rosier for the way he handled the news.

“He showed a lot of class,” Richt said.

Perry went the whole way, sans for a last-play kneel-down by quarterback Cade Weldon — though Miami’s defense was its best offense.

The three defensive touchdowns were a first for Miami since a game against West Virginia on Sept. 23, 2000. The Hurricanes became the first ACC team with three defensive scores in a game since Boston College in 2006, and are now one of two teams nationally this season to do so — along with Akron, which did it against Northwestern earlier this month.

It was Miami’s first time forcing six turnovers in an ACC game since a win over North Carolina State in 2012.

“We always talk about running the table,” said Dallas, who has been one of Miami’s

most-vocal leaders since the season-opening loss to LSU. “The first game stung us and we came back, we came back hungry. I just think we can beat anybody.”

## The takeaway

**North Carolina:** The Heels were their own worst enemies. Besides the six turnovers, they had goal-to-go situations twice and came away with a total of three points. A drive to the Miami 3 early in the game netted the field goal, and a drive to the Miami 7 in the third quarter became a third-and-goal from the 31. The result there was a missed 48-yard field goal try.

**Miami:** The Hurricanes’ 33 first-half points were their second-most by halftime of any ACC game, but the second half looked very ugly offensively. And a major storyline during Florida State week will be the status of LB Shaquille Quarterman, who sprained an ankle in the first half, returned to start the third quarter — and aggravated the injury early in the third quarter. X-rays were negative.

## Haskins’ profile rises as Buckeyes prepare for Penn St.

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dwayne Haskins Jr. got a phone call from coach Urban Meyer on Saturday night, hours after the quarterback bullied Tulane in a performance that turned up the volume of talk about Haskins’ potential Heisman Trophy candidacy.

Meyer wanted to make sure Haskins was keeping his feet on the ground as the hype around him intensifies.

“I called him driving home with that message, just stay focused,” Meyer said Monday. “We’ve had some pretty high-profile guys around here, and I’ve seen it go both ways. One thing about Columbus, Ohio, is this is the show, and they become bigger than life. But he’s a really humble guy, he’s a very

conscientious guy, comes from a great family. So he’s been great so far.”

The spotlight on the third-year junior will only get brighter if he can go into a hostile “white out” at Beaver Stadium and lead No. 4 Ohio State past No. 9 Penn State in a nationally televised game Saturday night.

His eye-popping passing numbers are even better than they seem, considering he didn’t play for big chunks of the second half after Ohio State was comfortably ahead in three of its four wins this year. On Saturday, he threw for 304 yards and five touchdowns in the first half before taking a seat.

Haskins is second among Division I quarterbacks in touchdowns (16) and completion percentage (75.7), third in quarterback rating (207)

and is in the top 10 in passing yards and yards per attempt. He has been sacked only three times and picked off just once. The only player who has more touchdown passes is Hawaii’s Cole McDonald with 20, but he has played in one more game.

“I just want to show how dangerous the offense is, and with me at the helm, a lot of plays can be made,” said Haskins, whose default setting is to heap praise on the offensive line and receivers before saying much, if anything, about himself.

He is turning heads with his ability to throw into tight spots and launch perfectly placed long balls.

“Dwayne for Heisman,” Ohio State receiver Austin Mack said after the 49-6 rout of Tulane that earned Haskins his second Big Ten co-player of the

week designation this season. “He’s being a pro, making a lot of tough reads and throwing the ball incredible. We all knew what Dwayne could do. It was just a matter of if he could be the guy on Saturdays.”

Meyer credits Haskins’ development with the relationship the player has with quarterbacks coach Ryan Day and being able to work on his skills over the past two years while J.T. Barrett held down the starting job.

“He wasn’t ready as a true freshman,” Meyer said. “Last year he was getting closer and closer, but he didn’t see it. You saw him throw the ball nice, but that’s one-third of playing quarterback. It’s toughness and leadership. I just think it’s the maturation of a gifted player.”

# Charlotte's 'roval' has drivers anxious

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — Charlotte Motor Speedway already has a win for the buzz it created by taking a bulldozer to its infield and building something new to NASCAR.

Charlotte's "roval" will debut Sunday in a critical playoff race — a track unlike anything used before in NASCAR. It isn't an oval or a road course; rather, it's a hybrid that uses Charlotte's existing speedway along with a winding course through the infield.

Fans haven't been this excited for a race, for a track, in forever. The 17-turn, 2.28-mile course has a 35-foot change in elevation and everything about it is a mystery even after a handful of test sessions.

It is a lurking monster on the schedule that has terrified teams trying to guess what to expect.

"You're on pins and needles, afraid you're going to bust your

butt," said Jimmie Johnson, an eight-time winner on Charlotte's oval.

That is an unsettling feeling before an elimination race that will cut four drivers from the 16-driver field. Drivers didn't like it when Talladega Superspeedway was an elimination race because the Alabama track can be so unpredictable.

At least they could formulate a plan of attack at Talladega.

For the roval, no blueprint exists.

Drivers figured out a shortcut during a test session in July when they used an artificial chicane to cut time rather than to slow their speeds. NASCAR and Charlotte officials have addressed that, but other quirks may pop up as soon as drivers hit the track this week.

The roval has the potential to be one of the most memorable NASCAR events in decades, but it also could be a disaster or a demolition derby that makes professional race car drivers

look like comedic amateurs. Still, the outcome doesn't matter — well, it does for the four drivers who will be bounced from the playoffs — because this is already a winning moment for NASCAR.

Speedway Motorsports Inc., which owns the track, was willing to try something totally different. Racing at 1.5-mile speedways has lost a lot of its luster, and NASCAR has yet to hit on a rules package capable of creating white-knuckled racing. So SMI made a capital investment on its own property and came up with something unique in the long history of the stock car series.

They get bonus points, too, for creating a wave of panic among teams before the event.

"I'm terrified," said Martin Truex Jr. "I feel really bad for the guys that are going to go in there and have to do something. I think everybody is scared to death of that place."

The bottom four before Char-

lotte are Clint Bowyer, Johnson, Erik Jones and Denny Hamlin, and they have to tackle a track that appears will be unforgiving and technical. The slightest error may end in a wrecked race car.

NASCAR was at Richmond Raceway last weekend for a playoff race. Everybody talked about the roval, even in regard to what they had to do at Richmond. A good night at Richmond eased the pressure for Charlotte's mystery track — but those at the bottom have no idea how to save their season.

"Crash all those guys in front of me, is that a good option?" joked Johnson, the seven-time champion who is 14th in the standings.

Drivers may ultimately hate the course and whatever havoc it may wreak on the championship picture.

That's not a bad thing in this current climate. Who wants to see more of the same old Charlotte racing with so much on the line?

## MLB roundup

# Rockies open 1-game lead over Dodgers in NL West

Associated Press

DENVER — David Dahl homered for the fourth straight game, and the Colorado Rockies opened a one-game NL West lead over the Los Angeles Dodgers with a 5-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Thursday that extended their winning streak to seven.

Trevor Story and Gerardo Parra also went deep. Trying for the first division title in team history, Colorado (89-70) closes at home with three games against Washington while the Dodgers finish at San Francisco. The Dodgers are one game ahead of St. Louis for the second NL wild-card berth.

Scott Oberg (8-1) pitched 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> hitless innings, and Wade Davis got his NL-leading 42nd save.

Philadelphia (78-81) has lost a season-high eight straight and has gone 15-33 since moving a

season-high 15 games over .500 on Aug. 5.

Jake Arrieta (10-11) gave up three runs and six hits in six innings. He had a 3.96 ERA, his highest since 2013, in his first season after agreeing to a \$75 million, three-year contract with the Phillies.

**Cubs 3, Pirates 0:** Jon Lester combined with three relievers on a four-hitter, David Bote hit an early two-run triple and host Chicago beat Pittsburgh to open a one-game NL Central lead over Milwaukee heading into the final weekend of the season.

A day after the Cubs and Brewers assured themselves of no worse than wild-card berths, Lester (18-6) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first inning and allowed three hits and four walks over six innings. He improved to 6-1 with a 1.71 ERA in his last eight starts.

Chicago (93-66) hosts St.

Louis (87-72) in the final series starting Friday while Milwaukee (92-67) is at home against Detroit.

**Yankees 12, Rays 1:** CC Sabathia (9-7) got his 246th win and moved visiting New York closer to hosting next week's AL wild-card game but may have cost himself a \$500,000 bonus.

Sabathia was ejected in the sixth inning for hitting Jesus Sucre on the leg in retaliation for Tampa Bay reliever Andrew Kittredge throwing a pitch behind Austin Romine's neck. Making his final regular-season start, Sabathia raised his season total to 153 innings — two shy of a \$500,000 performance bonus in his contract for reaching 155 innings.

New York (98-61) moved two games ahead of Oakland for hosting the Oct. 3 wild-card game. The Yankees hold the tiebreaker, which means one

more Yankees win or Athletics loss ensures the game would be in the Bronx.

**Mets 4, Braves 1:** Julio Teheran (9-9) looked sharp in his last audition to become part of his team's playoff rotation, pitching two-hit ball for six innings in visiting Atlanta's loss to New York.

**Royals 2, Indians 1 (10):** Salvador Perez slashed a two-out RBI single in the 10th inning to give host Kansas City a victory over Cleveland.

**Twins 9, Tigers 3:** Willians Astudillo had a career-high four RBIs, Tyler Austin added three and host Minnesota beat Detroit.

**Rangers 2, Mariners 0:** First baseman Ronald Guzman broke a tie with an RBI single in the seventh inning, and visiting Texas snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Seattle.