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Funds' diversion could disrupt Marines' move

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HONOLULU—President Donald Trump is raising a large chunk of the money for his border wall with Mexico by deferring several military construction projects slated for Guam, a strategic hub for U.S. forces in the Pacific.

That may disrupt plans to move Marines to Guam from Japan and to modernize munitions storage for the Air Force.

About 7% of the funds for the \$3.6 billion wall are being diverted from eight projects in the U.S. territory, a key spot in the U.S. military's efforts to deter North Korea and counter China's growing military.

The administration has vowed it's only delaying the spending, not canceling it. But Democrats in Congress, outraged over Trump's use of an emergency order for the wall, have promised they won't approve money to revive the projects.

"The fact is, by literally taking that money after it had been put in place and using it for something else, you now put those projects in jeopardy," said Carl Baker, executive director of Pacific Forum, a Honolulu-based foreign policy think tank.

The Senate on Wednesday passed a measure blocking Trump from raiding the military construction budget for the wall. The Democratic-controlled House passed

the bill Friday, but Trump is expected to veto it as he did with an identical measure in March.

The tiny island of Guam holds a naval base with fast-attack submarines and an Air Force base with bombers that rotate in from the mainland.

The U.S. currently plans to start moving 5,000 Marines there from Okinawa in southern Japan around 2025. This is part of a decadeslong effort by Tokyo and Washington to relieve the congested Japanese island's burden of hosting half the U.S. forces stationed in Japan. The total cost of relocating the Marines is \$8.7 billion, of which Japan is paying \$3.1 billion.

The projects put on hold by the border wall are a small share of that total yet critical to the relocation.

There's \$56 million to build a well system that will supply most of the water to be used by a new Marine base. The area's existing water supply is inadequate to meet the needs of the transferred troops.

There's also a \$50 million live-fire training range and a \$52 million munitions storage facility. Documents about the projects the military provided to Congress say the Marines won't leave Okinawa until replacement facilities in Guam are ready. The documents say failure to complete

those two projects could delay or prevent the Marines from moving.

The U.S. reassured Japan immediately after the announcement that it would stick to the existing timeline.

"We have received explanation from the U.S. side about the shifting of the budget that it will not affect the planned movement of Marines on Okinawa to Guam, and that the U.S. government commitment to the realignment plan is unchanged," then-Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya told reporters earlier this month.

Diverted spending also will affect the Air Force, including \$45.1 million for two projects to update 70-year-old munitions storage.

The Air Force has been rotating bombers — the B-2 stealth bomber as well as the B-1 and B-52 — through Guam since 2004 to compensate for U.S. forces sent from the Asia-Pacific region to fight in the Middle East.

Project documents say existing facilities won't adequately support the mission of the 36th Munitions Squadron on Guam. They say upgrades are needed to correct a faulty door design, address earth cover lost during typhoons and house new long-range air-to-ground precision missiles.

Navy says goodbye to 'blueberry' uniforms

BY JOSHUA KARSTEN

Stars and Stripes

MANAMA, Bahrain — Sailors' last day to wear a blue camouflage uniform beloved by some and derided by others is here.

The Type I Navy Working Uniform, dubbed the "blueberry," will no longer be authorized for wear as of Tuesday, according to a timeline sent out by the Navy three years ago.

The eight-point cap is also being updated with the anchor, USS Constitution and eagle emblem stitched into the front center panel, where sailors

were previously allowed to put rank insignia.

Blueberries are being discontinued after an 11-year run. First introduced in 2008 as part of a uniform modernization program based on sailor input, the blue camouflage uniform was intended to be worn by enlisted and officers to "project a unified image/appearance regardless of rank," a Navy spokesman said via email.

"Type I pioneered the Navy into the accepted wear of camouflage style uniforms, something that history reflects has been long desired by sailors,"

said spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Adam Cole.

The blue-hued uniform "served its purpose for its era," Cole said. "Now the Navy is transitioning forward" to a green-and-black digital camouflage design called Type III, which was popular among sailors and previously used by expeditionary forces, he said.

Before the naval service adopted camouflage utility uniforms, sailors wore two-toned blue uniforms known as dungarees. After those, there was a short-lived utility uniform, a more modernized take featuring dark blue pants and light

blue tops.

The expiring blueberries have been given mixed reviews in memorials posted on some of the Navy's Facebook pages.

"The color sets the Navy apart from the rest," said one commenter who lamented the end of the uniform. "RIP Blueberries."

Others were wistful as they remembered bygone styles.

"What was wrong with the dungarees?" one commenter asked. That uniform, which resembled blue jeans from the 1970s, was "a great work uniform and easy to store aboard ship."

700 Marines headed to Norway

BY JOHN VANDIVER
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STUTTGART, Germany — About 700 Marines took over the Corps' mission in Norway on Friday, marking the latest troop rotation into a country where American forces have for the past several years been focused on cold weather warfare tactics.

Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment are operating out of the towns of Setermoen and Vaernes, where they will be training with NATO allies and other partners in the Nordic region. The unit replaced the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, which was deployed to Norway for six months.

Lt. Col. Anthony Johnston, 1-8's commander, said his Marines were involved in five major exercises with allies and numerous other training events during the deployment. "Our personnel and equipment are capable of not only operating but thriving in any climate," Johnston said in a statement. "We will ensure these skill sets are passed along appropriately to our replacements, and we will share our experiences with the operating forces at large."

The arrival of the Marines from 2-6 marks the sixth rotation of Marines to Norway. The headquarters for the unit, known as Marine Rotational Force-Europe, are inside Norway's arctic, mountainous Setermoen Army Base. The rotations began in early 2017 with just 300 Marines

but the mission has gradually expanded.

In Norway, the Marines have long maintained large stockpiles of weaponry, which fill a network of caves with equipment to accommodate a full Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

The decision to keep Marines in the country year-round on back-to-back rotations was considered by Corps leaders to be both economic and strategic.

A steady force presence was considered more efficient than flying back and forth for periodic training, and forward-basing rotational Marines helped to send a signal of solidarity to NATO ally Norway, which shares a border with Russia.

The deployments to Norway have deepened the Marines' bonds with their Nordic military counterparts, Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hermesmann, commander of the Stuttgart, Germany-based U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa, said in a statement.

The relationship with Norway will continue to grow, he said, through "shared hardship of tough, realistic training in this austere environment."

“We will ensure these skill sets are passed along appropriately to our replacements.”

Lt. Col. Anthony Johnston
U.S. Marines

Sailor dies after falling off elevator of USS Nimitz

The Seattle Times

A young, junior-ranking sailor died early Saturday morning from a fall as he was boarding the USS Nimitz, which is currently in port at Naval Air Station North Island near San Diego. The sailor was 21 years old.

The Navy was not releasing any more information about the sailor until later Sunday. Department of Defense policy is to withhold release of names until 24 hours after next-of-kin has been notified.

Sailors from all over the country are assigned to the aircraft carrier.

The aircraft carrier's home port is in Bremerton. Sailors were at the Naval Air Station North Island for routine training operations, said Bill Petkovski, Deputy Public Affairs Officer for the USS Nimitz.

Marine accused in Tokyo assault case faces more charges

BY HANA KUSUMOTO
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TOKYO — Prosecutors filed two more bodily injury charges Thursday against a U.S. Marine accused of attacking three people in the Japanese capital in the early hours of May 25.

Lance Cpl. Kahsai Tyree Hill, 21, assigned to 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment had already pleaded guilty during a hearing in July to punching a taxi driver, 24, in the face after running away from a \$7.40 fare in Tokyo's Shinjuku ward.

On Thursday, Hill — wearing blue jeans, slippers, a brown jacket and handcuffs — was led into the Tokyo District Court by a pair of guards with a rope tied around his waist.

During the hearing, the young Marine admitted punching a second Japanese man

in the face, breaking his nose and giving him a head contusion that required five weeks of medical treatment.

He also admitted to choking and injuring a 19-year-old woman, whom Japanese media report has been identified as a member of the Japan Self-Defense Force, in Tokyo's Yoyogi neighborhood. The woman fainted and fell, breaking her sternum, which required three months of medical treatment, prosecutors said.

Police in July recommended an attempted murder charge for that attack; however, it was changed to bodily injury by prosecutors.

"I do take these charges to be true," Hill said after the judge asked him whether the allegations in the indictment were accurate.

The incident happened while

Hill was sightseeing in Tokyo with fellow Marines. Though his regiment is based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Hill was residing at Camp Fuji in Shizuoka prefecture, which regularly hosts stateside Marines for training exercises, according to the indictment presented in court on July 30.

Hill and his friends spent the evening of May 24 eating and drinking in Tokyo's Shinjuku ward until 11:30 p.m., when the group returned to their hotel, prosecutors said in court last Tuesday.

Hill left the hotel to walk around Shinjuku and became lost in the early hours of the morning, prosecutors said.

He hailed a taxi but ended up at the wrong hotel and exited without paying his fare. When the driver followed him to ask for payment, Hill punched the

man and left the scene, which is when the driver called the police, according to prosecutors.

During Thursday's hearing, prosecutors said Hill then stopped the second victim, 22, to ask for directions to Shinjuku Station and his hotel.

The victim tried to search on his smartphone but could not find the hotel. Hill demanded that he take him there and then told him to hit him. When the man refused, Hill punched him in the face, prosecutors said.

Hill then entered a fast-food restaurant and approached the JSDF official, who was waiting for her food, from behind. He put his right arm around her neck and choked her, prosecutors said.

Stars and Stripes reporter Seth Robson contributed to this report.

Fort Shafter bids farewell to commander

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FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Back in high school in the 1970s, U.S. Army Pacific commander Robert Brown had been recruited to play basketball for the University of Michigan.

He went instead to West Point, drawn to the ideal of service to country.

“I was going to serve a few years and get out and be a coach,” Brown told hundreds of soldiers and other guests gath-

ered for a farewell ceremony at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, on Friday, his final day as USARPAC commander.

“It’s the people,” he said. “That’s what kept me in. I stayed in; I loved it. I think one of the things I’m proudest of is units I led called me coach.”

Brown will retire from a 38-year Army career next month with an official ceremony on the mainland.

USARPAC deputy commander Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson will fill in as acting commander.

Gen. Paul LaCamera, who until earlier this month was XVIII Airborne Corps commanding general and commander of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, is slated to take command of USARPAC.

President Donald Trump nominated LaCamera in April. The Senate confirmed his promotion to four-star this summer but has yet to confirm him for USARPAC command.

Brown took command of USARPAC in April 2016, and

the three-plus years since have been eventful ones for the region.

“A couple years ago, we were as close to war as we’ve ever been in North Korea, in my opinion,” he said, alluding to a series of missile launches and other provocations by North Korea and its young leader, Kim Jong Un. “It was pretty tense.” Brown recalled “nearly 24/7 operations for about 12 months” during that period to ensure that soldiers were prepared for outright armed conflict.

Airman sentenced to 4 years for secretly filming women

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RAMSTEIN AIRBASE, Germany — An airman who used hidden cameras to film women as they undressed, bathed or used the toilet while staying in his home was sentenced to five years in jail Thursday by a court-martial here.

Staff Sgt. Andrew P. Rogers admitted at a general court-martial last week that, between November 2015 and April 2018, he used cameras hidden in alarm clocks and smoke alarms and set up in the bathroom and guest bedroom of his off-base

house, to film more than half a dozen women who stayed with him or house-sat for him while he was away. The cameras were angled to capture the women’s private areas as they engaged in intimate activity such as bathing or undressing, the court heard.

Some of the devices were motion-activated and connected to WiFi, allowing Rogers to view live-stream video of the women from wherever he happened to be. Other videos were saved on data cards, and Rogers would view them later on his laptop or phone, the court was told.

One of the women, who met Rogers through social media, told the court she was excited to stay at his home with her sister-in-law last year, to feed Rogers’ fish while he vacationed in Bali.

Rogers encouraged the women to use the bathtub and bath salts that he had, but told them not to use the bathroom’s separate shower, the woman recalled being told.

She soon learned the reason for the no-shower instructions, and her discovery unraveled a dirty secret that ended Rogers’ promising Air Force career.

Rogers pleaded guilty to six counts of indecent recording, an Article 120c violation under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. He was found guilty of a seventh specification of the same offense, but not guilty of two further, similar counts and one specification of indecent exposure.

In addition to sending him to jail for five years, military judge Lt. Col. Willie Babor gave Rogers a dishonorable discharge and demoted him to E-1. The stiff sentence was just shy of the six years requested by government prosecutors.

Korean War vets honored in Seoul on battle anniversary

BY MATTHEW KEELER
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SEOUL, South Korea — Some two dozen American veterans received a standing ovation as they joined their South Korean counterparts in a ceremony marking the 69th anniversary of the Chosin Reservoir battle, one of the war’s fiercest.

The Nov. 27-Dec. 13, 1950, battle, which is also known as the Changjin Campaign, pitted some 30,000 U.S.-led troops against an underestimated Chinese force of about 120,000 trying to prevent the allies from pushing north in a bid to unify

the Korean Peninsula.

Americans and other troops fighting under the United Nations banner were forced to stage a tactical retreat. But the 1st Marine Division is credited with preventing the Chinese from advancing south and with buying time for a mass evacuation.

“We often celebrate the accomplishments and successes of our past,” Maj. Gen. Bradley James, commander of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Korea, told the crowd. “The Chosin campaign was not a military success as it is typically defined.”

“However, while the primary

objective was not met, it is still celebrated as one of our most successful extractions of any military force in history, and a crucial event in the Korean War,” James said.

The ceremony was held Friday, two months before the anniversary, to accommodate several American veterans who fought in the battle.

Accompanied by family members, 25 U.S. Korean War veterans attended the fourth Commemoration Ceremony of Changjin (Chosin) Campaign Heroes. Hundreds of South Korean veterans gave them a standing ovation as they en-

tered the grounds, and several received a formal plaque of appreciation during the ceremony.

“U.S. veterans fought for Korea in a very harsh and severe environment, and that is why Korea stands where it does today,” said the minister of patriots and veterans affairs, Park Sam-Duck.

South Korean musical performances and guest speakers paid tribute to all the veterans who endured the harsh winter campaign in rough mountainous terrain at temperatures estimated at 25 below zero.

Japan: US union 'cornerstone' of defense

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TOKYO — Japan's Ministry of Defense said strengthening relations with the United States is "more important than ever," and bolstering its own defense capabilities can make that happen, according to its latest defense report published Friday.

Japan continues to consider relations with the U.S. the "cornerstone" of its defense strategy amid an uncertain and severe security environment,

according to the annual report, Defense of Japan.

To boost the alliance, Japan should "proactively and independently strengthen our own security capability" by enhancing deterrence measures and increasing its presence in the South China Sea, according to the report.

The U.S. and Japan have also agreed to "cooperate with a sense of urgency" on the newer defense domains of space, cyberspace and the electronic spectrum, the report said.

The Japan Self-Defense Force this year has been con-

ducting surveillance operations in its territorial waters, where it confirmed 20 sightings of North Korean vessels "strongly suspected" of illegal ship-to-ship transfers as of June, according to the report.

It also trained with the U.S. and other partner nations in multiple exercises, such as Talisman Sabre 2019 off the coast of Australia in June and July.

About 54,000 U.S. military personnel are stationed in Japan on bases from Hokkaido to Okinawa under a 68-year-old mutual defense treaty that states the U.S. military will come to

Japan's aid if attacked, according to U.S. Forces Japan.

President Donald Trump criticized the treaty during the G-20 summit in Osaka this summer, telling reporters "almost all countries take tremendous advantage of the United States," according to a June 27 Reuters report.

"If Japan is attacked, we will fight World War Three," Trump said, according to Reuters. "... But if we're attacked, Japan doesn't have to help us at all. They can watch it on a Sony television, the attack."

US blamed for more civilian deaths after airstrike

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S. airstrike in central Afghanistan on Saturday killed several civilians, local residents and officials said, marking the latest incident this month in which American forces have been accused of killing noncombatants in the country.

The strike Saturday evening targeted Taliban fighters in Khoja Omari district in Ghazni province, which until recently had been under insurgent control, provincial police spokes-

man Adam Khan Sirat said. The strike killed five fighters, he added.

"Unfortunately, five civilians were also killed by the airstrike," Sirat said.

The U.S. military confirmed it conducted a strike against insurgents in the area. When questioned about civilian deaths, it said, "We are looking into the claims."

Local council member Haameedullah Nawroz said air support was requested after the Taliban attacked a polling center for Afghanistan's presidential election, which was held on Saturday.

On Sunday, Khoja Omari residents protested the deaths by taking the bodies to the provincial capital and chanting, "Death to America," Nawroz said.

Airstrikes were the leading cause of civilian deaths in Afghanistan during the first half of the year, killing more than 360 people, according to the United Nations.

Most of the strikes are carried out by the U.S. military, which regularly disputes the U.N.'s findings.

The U.S. has increasingly come under fire this month for adding to the noncombatant

death toll.

An operation against al-Qaida militants in southern Helmand province on Sept. 22 may have killed up to 40 civilians, local officials said. Some have blamed the U.S. military for the deaths, while the U.S. has said al-Qaida was mostly responsible. An independent assessment of the situation has been difficult to conduct as the area is under Taliban control.

The incident came less than a week after local officials in eastern Nangarhar province blamed a U.S. drone strike for killing at least 16 civilians and wounding dozens more.

Trump adviser says complaint a 'partisan hit job'

The Washington Post

White House senior adviser Stephen Miller said Sunday that President Donald Trump is the true whistleblower, days after the release of a seven-page complaint in which a government whistleblower alleged that Trump had misused his office for personal gain, endangered national security and tried to keep it a secret.

Miller made the claim during an at-times heated interview on "Fox News Sunday."

"The president of the United States is the whistleblower, and this individual is a saboteur trying to undermine a democratically elected government," Miller said.

Miller dodged several questions from host Chris Wallace about allegations surrounding the president's actions, such as Trump's decision to use not the federal government but rather his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, to obtain information on the activities of former vice president Joe Biden and his

son, Hunter, in Ukraine.

Miller also declined to answer when asked by Wallace to outline how, in his view, the Bidens broke any laws.

House Democrats have begun an impeachment inquiry into Trump's actions following the release of the whistleblower complaint as well as a rough transcript of a July phone call in which Trump repeatedly urged Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to investigate Joe Biden.

On Sunday, both sides dug in

as the scrutiny on the president intensifies. In a combative appearance on ABC News' "This Week," Giuliani used the platform to air uncorroborated allegations that the Ukrainian government conspired with the administration of then-President Barack Obama and the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton to surface information damaging to Trump in the midst of the 2016 presidential election, as well as allegations of corruption surrounding the activities of Hunter Biden.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Prosecutor admits he shoved defense lawyer

HI HONOLULU — A deputy prosecutor told a state judge that he shoved a defense lawyer in a state courthouse.

The (Honolulu) Star-Advertiser reported Friday that Honolulu deputy prosecutor Emlyn Higa acknowledged shoving defense lawyer Myles Breiner but said he did so only after Breiner used offensive language.

Breiner has denied that accusation.

Authorities said the encounter occurred in a state courthouse hallway Sept. 18 following a hearing on a criminal case for one of Breiner's clients.

Breiner said he had undergone shoulder surgery before the incident and filed a statement with the state sheriff accusing Higa of assault. Breiner also filed for a temporary restraining order.

Police: Man in street fatally hit by vehicle

IA DES MOINES — Police said a man who witnesses reported was sitting in a street was hit by a vehicle and killed.

Police Sgt. Paul Parizek said the incident happened around 9:30 p.m. Friday on SW 9th Street.

Medics arrived to find a 62-year-old Des Moines resident had been hit by a southbound vehicle as it crossed the Racoon River. The man was taken to an area hospital, where he died.

School board member wants gun at meetings

SC BEAUFORT — A Beaufort County School Board member wants to change South Carolina law

so she can bring her gun to meetings.

Rachel Wisnefski made the suggestion after the school board considered a motion to stop paying a Beaufort County deputy to attend meetings. The school board turned down the motion at a meeting earlier this month, choosing to keep hiring a deputy for \$45 an hour, which comes out to about \$8,000 a year.

Wisnefski pointed out shootings have taken place at government meetings before and without a deputy with a gun, she couldn't feel safe.

Coast Guard rescues 5 people from boat

FL NAPLES — The U.S. Coast Guard rescued five people from a boat that became disabled off the coast of Florida.

The Coast Guard said Saturday that officials received a report after midnight that the 24-foot boat and its occupants had not arrived as expected at a fishing spot in the Gulf of Mexico.

The five were found by an Air Station Clearwater MH-60 Jayhawk aircrew safe aboard the boat, which had mechanical failure and no marine radio.

A Coast Guard boat from Fort Myers Beach took them to shore.

Sightings of moon jellyfish increasing

AK JUNEAU — The number of moon jellyfish floating in Alaska waters has increased and residents should be prepared, scientists said.

Warm ocean temperatures and plentiful food in the form of zooplankton have contributed to the increased sightings, the Juneau Empire reported.

The moon jellyfish, known as

Aurelia aurita, released sperm and eggs into the water during spring spawning season, said Sherry Tamone, a professor of marine biology at the University of Alaska Southeast. The jellyfish fertilized independent of the parents and have reached maturity.

GOP mails Census-like fundraising survey

MT BOZEMAN — The Republican National Committee sent policy surveys to Gallatin County residents with the option of enclosing \$15 to process the "Census Document."

The Department of Commerce noted actual U.S. Census documents will be mailed in March 2020 and will not ask for any money.

The Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported the documents ask if recipients plan to support President Donald Trump in 2020, if they believe the media has "a strong bias against all things Donald Trump and Republican," and if the recipient is concerned about foreign interference in the 2020 presidential election. It seeks donations from \$25 to \$1,000 or the \$15 processing fee.

Ancient gilded coffin is returned to Egypt

NY NEW YORK — A gilded coffin that was featured at the Metropolitan Museum of Art is on its way back to Egypt after it was determined to be a looted antiquity.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. and Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Hassan Shoukry held a repatriation ceremony in New York on Wednesday for the Coffin of Nedjemankh.

The Met bought the piece from a Paris art dealer in 2017

for about \$4 million and made it the centerpiece of an exhibition. The Met has apologized to Egypt.

Investigators said the coffin was smuggled from Egypt through United Arab Emirates, Germany and France. They said the museum was given fraudulent documents, including a forged 1971 Egyptian export license.

Man steals ambulance from city hospital

PA PHILADELPHIA — Police said a man stole an ambulance from a city hospital and took it for a short drive before being captured.

The theft occurred around 9:20 p.m. Tuesday while paramedics were inside Methodist Hospital. A 40-year-old man got in the unoccupied vehicle and drove off, only to be captured a few minutes later.

Authorities believe the man was dealing with mental health issues and was taken to a hospital for an evaluation.

Pilots cited for flying low over walrus

AK ANCHORAGE — Two pilots have been fined \$3,000 apiece for flying airplanes low over walrus on shore near Point Lay two years ago.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokeswoman Andrea Medeiros said names of the pilots who disturbed walrus can't be released but didn't explain why.

Residents of Point Lay saw two airplanes flying near resting walrus in September 2017. Cameras that monitor the marine mammals captured photos of the airplanes.

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Top 25 college football roundup

No. 10 Notre Dame sacks No. 18 Virginia

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — No. 10 Notre Dame's defensive linemen had eight sacks in a 35-20 victory over No. 18 Virginia on Saturday. Julian Okwara thinks they can do more.

"We're excited about the win, but we still have work to do," said the defensive end, who had three of Notre Dame's eight sacks and caused a fumble that was returned for a touchdown. "I think we just had to hone in on what coach told us to do and just do our job."

Notre Dame (3-1), coming off a 23-14 loss at No. 3 Georgia, trailed 17-14 at the break and then had the Cavaliers (4-1) complete a successful onside kick to open the second half. The Notre Dame defense held, setting the tone for the second half with five of its eight sacks in the third quarter.

No. 1 Clemson 21, North Carolina 20: The visiting Tigers stuffed North Carolina's two-point conversion attempt with 1:17 left to hold off the Tar Heels.

No. 2 Alabama 59, Mississippi 31: Tua Tagovailoa and DeVonta Smith hooked up for five touchdown passes and a few school records in the Crimson Tide's home victory over Mississippi.

No. 5 Ohio State 48, Nebraska 7: Justin Fields threw for three touchdowns and ran for another for the visiting Buckeyes, and Cornhuskers quarterback Adrian Martinez was intercepted on three of the

Cornhuskers' first four series.

No. 6 Oklahoma 55, Texas 15: Jalen Hurts passed for a career-high 415 yards and threw three touchdown passes in the host Sooners' win over the Red Raiders.

No. 7 Auburn 56, Mississippi State 23: At Auburn, Ala., Seth Williams had eight receptions for 161 yards and two touchdowns, JaTarvious Whitlow ran for three scores and Bo Nix had his best game in a Tigers uniform.

No. 8 Wisconsin 24, Northwestern 15: At Madison, Wis., Jonathan Taylor ran for 119 yards and his 11th touchdown of the season and the Badgers got two scores from their defense.

No. 9 Florida 38, Towson 0: Kyle Trask threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, helping the host Gators beat the lower-division Tigers for their ninth straight victory.

No. 10 Notre Dame 35, No. 18 Virginia 20: Julian Okwara had three sacks of Notre Dame's eight sacks and caused a fumble that was returned for a touchdown as the Fighting Irish overcame a halftime deficit to beat the visiting Cavaliers.

No. 14 Iowa 48, Middle Tennessee 3: Nate Stanley threw for 276 yards and two touchdowns, Toren Young added a career-high 131 yards rushing and Iowa improved to 4-0 for the third time in 10 years.

No. 17 Washington 28, No. 14 Southern California 14: At Seattle, Salvon Ahmed rushed for a career-high 153 yards,

including an 89-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, and the Huskies beat the Trojans.

No. 19 Utah 38, Washington State 13: Tyler Huntley passed for two touchdowns and ran for two more, powering the host Utes over the Cougars in the rain.

No. 20 Michigan 52, Rutgers 0: Shea Patterson accounted for three touchdowns in the first half and ran for a fourth score in the third quarter for the host Wolverines to rout the Scarlett Knights.

No. 22 UCF 56, Connecticut 21: Dillon Gabriel threw for 281 yards and three touchdowns to help the Knights rebound from its first regular-season loss in nearly three years with a rout of the visiting Huskies to begin American Athletic Conference play.

No. 23 Texas A&M 31, Arkansas 27: Quartney Davis caught two of Kellen Mond's three touchdown passes, including the go-ahead score for the host Aggies.

Oklahoma State 26, No. 24 Kansas State 13: Chuba Hubbard ran for 296 yards and a touchdown on just 25 carries, and the host Cowboys shut down the Wildcats own vaunted rushing attack in a weather-delayed victory.

No. 25 Michigan State 40, Indiana 31: Matt Coghlin made a tiebreaking 21-yard field goal with 5 seconds remaining to help the Spartans beat the visiting Hoosiers.

Clemson's No. 1 ranking in jeopardy after UNC scare

Associated Press

Clemson might relinquish the No. 1 ranking on Sunday when the new AP Top 25 is released, and quarterback Trevor Lawrence is probably already out of the Heisman Trophy race.

None of this is a particularly big deal. In fact, it all feels familiar for the Tigers, who held off a late two-point conversion to win 21-20 at North Carolina on Saturday in a game where the Tar Heels were about a four-touchdown underdog.

Quibble with coach Mack Brown's decision to go for two with 1:17 left if you want. It was the right call. It's never a good idea for a big underdog to play for overtime.

But the story was the defending national champions looking far less than the juggernaut they were expected to be when they were voted preseason No. 1 in the AP poll for the first time in the history of the program.

"I know we're supposed to just destroy everybody," coach Dabo Swinney told reporters after the game, dismissing that as unrealistic.

Sorry, Dabo, but it's impossible to ignore the disparity between Clemson and the rest of the Atlantic Coast Conference, and not expect the Tigers to have their way every week.

This was the first time Clemson has been remotely challenged, though they haven't been as spectacular as, say,

Alabama has with Tua Tagovailoa and his loaded group of receivers.

The crux of the Tigers' problems — if you want to call them that — is Lawrence.

Call it a sophomore slump. Maybe he's pressing. Lawrence came into Saturday ranked 55th in FBS in passer rating (147.92), completing 62% of his passes with seven touchdowns and five interceptions.

Against North Carolina, Lawrence was a modest 18-for-30 for 206 yards with a touchdown pass that turned out to be the game-winner. But he also missed some throws that could have broken the game open and didn't make some smaller player that keep drives going.

The sleepy performance at North Carolina could cost Clemson its top ranking, but the Tigers have shown a tendency to round into form.

If not Clemson, who's No. 1?: Scouring over resumes five weeks into the season is not going to be much help to determine the best team in the nation heading into October. There haven't been all that many big games played.

If Clemson does give up the top ranking, it's more likely that No. 2 Alabama will move up. The Tide are patching things up on defense, but it's hard to notice the flaws because no one can slow down Tua and Co.

Maddon won't return as Cubs' manager

Associated Press

From the moment Joe Maddon joined the Chicago Cubs, taking the reins in a Wrigleyville bar five years ago, he talked about winning.

He was the right manager at the right time for a franchise that had experienced mostly terrible timing for more than a century. Right until Maddon's time in Chicago ran out.

The Cubs will have a new manager next season after Maddon and president of baseball operations Theo Epstein announced Sunday it was time for a change after three years of declining results that culminated in the team missing the playoffs.

Maddon and Epstein met after Saturday's 8-6 victory at

St. Louis, and then shared their plans before Sunday's finale against the Cardinals. Maddon's contract expires after the game.

The change in the dugout begins what could be an active offseason for the Cubs, and the 65-year-old Maddon once again becomes one of baseball's top free agents.

While Maddon is out after five seasons, he is tied to Chicago forever after managing the Cubs to the 2016 World Series title for the franchise's first championship in 108 years.

Chicago also made it to the NL Championship Series in 2015 and 2017, but it lost in the wild-card round last October and tumbled out of the playoff race altogether this year. The Cubs finished third in the NL

Central.

The Cubs were in position to make the playoffs for much of this season. They had a half-game lead in the NL Central on Aug. 22. They had control of an NL wild card into September.

But a nine-game slide, including five consecutive one-run losses for the first time since 1915, wiped out their postseason chances and sealed Maddon's fate.

"We just weren't able to get over the hump," he said.

With Maddon gone, the focus turns to Epstein, and the club's continued inability to develop pitching help for the major league roster. Yu Darvish rediscovered his form after it looked as if the Japanese right-hander might have trouble living up to his \$126 million, six-year

contract, but reliever Brandon Morrow's \$21 million, two-year deal was a costly mistake.

Even with the disappointing finish each of the past two years, Maddon likely will have plenty of suitors. And there will be a ton of interest in the Cubs' job.

The last time Maddon was available, Epstein fired Rick Renteria after just one year to create an opening in Chicago.

Chicago won 103 games on its way to the NL Central title three years ago. After eliminating San Francisco and the Los Angeles Dodgers in the playoffs, the Cubs stopped their historic championship drought by beating the Cleveland Indians in a memorable Game 7 in the World Series.

Coleman cruises to world track title in 100

Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — Everyone knew exactly where to find Christian Coleman this time.

The sprinter who faced a suspension because he couldn't be located for drug testing burst out of the blocks Saturday night and powered to the early lead in track's marquee event.

He got stronger from there, blowing away the seven other entrants in the 100-meter world-championship title race and leaving little doubt about who will be chased, and who will do the chasing, in a reworked track landscape without the retired Usain Bolt.

Coleman's time, 9.76 seconds, might not have turned many heads, but this should: He beat Justin Gatlin to the line by .13 seconds — an entire body length. That marked the biggest blowout in a 100-meter race at worlds or the Olympics since 2011.

"This is something I'll never take for granted," Coleman said. "The opportunity to come out here and compete. And then to be crowned world champion?"

But Coleman's breakout night had few similarities to any that

Bolt dominated over his 10 years of record-setting, reggae-fueled fun.

Even on the races everyone knew he'd win, Bolt brought the entertainment — and some drama — taking forever to unfurl his 6-foot-5 frame from the blocks, then working the first 50 meters to grab the lead, then leaving everyone hanging at the end to see what that clock might say.

Coleman, on the other hand, never trailed — the legs on his muscle-bound, 5-9 frame pumping like pistons from start to finish.

The differences on the second evening at the air-conditioned track in Doha weren't restricted to the men's 100.

Earlier, Jamaica earned its first gold medal of the championship. Not in its traditional sprints, but in the long jump, courtesy of Tajay Gayle, who won the country's first world-championship medal in a field event.

The Netherlands, home of speed skating and sprinter Dafne Schippers, took home its first 10,000-meter gold on the shoes of Ethiopian-born Sifan

Hassan, who is making a smooth transition from middle distance to the long races.

And the United States found a surprising, maybe shocking, gold medal in one of the very few spots it hasn't dominated at some point in track and field's long history — women's hammer throw. It came courtesy of a softball player-turned-throwing star named DeAnna Price whose first experience hurling that big piece of metal resulted in her getting bonked in the head.

"I remember literally dropping it and saying, 'I'm never doing this again,'" she said.

Could anyone have blamed Coleman for thinking the same five weeks ago when his name started showing up in the headlines?

The leak of information about his troubles with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency opened up a spigot of allegations and re-creations that followed him to Doha and could stay with him on the road to next year's Tokyo Olympics.

"It's pretty disturbing to know people out there say things and they don't know me personally

at all," Coleman said. "But at this point, I'm over it."

His case involved three "whereabouts failures" that occurred between June 6, 2018 and April 26, 2019. Three failures in a 12-month span can trigger an anti-doping violation.

But the rules are technical, and there's a difference between not being where you say you're going to be and simply failing to update the app that tells authorities where you can be found. Because of those details, Coleman's first violation was backdated to April 1, 2018 — the start of the three-month period at which the original information is supposed to be inputted. That took his first violation out of the 12-month window and compelled USADA to drop the case.

It allowed Coleman to race here in Doha.

When did Coleman know he had it wrapped up?

"From the start," he said. "I got up on top of everybody. ... I knew that if I was being patient, the end would take care of itself."

MLB roundup

Nats gain home edge for wild-card

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Washington Nationals assured themselves of hosting the NL wild-card game by holding on to beat the already-eliminated Cleveland Indians 10-7 Saturday with the help of a grand slam in a nine-run second inning from Gerardo Parra.

Nationals Park will be the site of a win-or-go-home game Tuesday night between Washington, which will send three-time Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer to the mound, and either the St. Louis Cardinals or Milwaukee Brewers. One of those clubs will be the NL Central champion; the other will be the league's second wild-card entry.

Dodgers 2, Giants 0: Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched seven sharp innings and Los Angeles posted its 105th win to match the highest total in franchise history win a win at San Francisco.

The NL West champions won their sixth straight and tied the win mark of the 1953 "Boys of Summer" team based in Brooklyn that included Jackie Robinson, Duke Snider and other Hall of Famers.

Cubs 8, Cardinals 6: St. Louis' push for a division title will go down to the final day of the regular season following a loss to visiting Chicago.

Adam Wainwright (14-10) allowed four homers for the first

time in his career, but the Cardinals maintained a one-game lead over Milwaukee for the NL Central lead when the Brewers lost 3-2 in 10 innings at Colorado. If the teams are tied after Sunday's regular-season finales, they will play a tiebreaking Game 163 in St. Louis on Monday.

Rockies 3, Brewers 2 (10): Milwaukee closer Josh Hader gave up a tying home run with two outs in the ninth inning and the Brewers lost at Colorado in 10 innings, preventing them from catching St. Louis atop the NL Central.

The Brewers will go into Sunday's regular-season finale one game behind the Cardinals, who lost 8-6 to the Chicago Cubs. If the Cards and Brewers wind up tied, there would be a one-game tiebreaker Monday in St. Louis for the division title.

Athletics 1, Mariners 0: Ramon Laureano hit a solo home run in the third inning and Oakland won at Seattle to clinch home-field advantage for the American League wild-card game.

The A's will host the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday night. Tampa Bay lost 4-1 at Toronto earlier Saturday. Oakland has won three of its last four games and is 18-7 in September.

Blue Jays 4, Rays 1: Tampa Bay managed just three hits and lost to host Toronto, dam-

aging the Rays' chances of hosting the AL Wild Card Game.

Matt Duffy homered in the seventh inning for Tampa Bay. Duffy finished with two hits and Tommy Pham singled for the team's other hit.

Mets 3, Braves 0: Pete Alonso hit his 53rd home run to break the rookie record Yankees star Aaron Judge set in 2017, and host New York beat playoff-bound Atlanta.

Twins 4, Royals 3: Minnesota lost third baseman Luis Arraez to a right leg injury in the seventh inning of a win at Kansas City.

Arraez collided with first baseman Willians Astudillo while chasing Hunter Dozier's pop fly at the mound. Astudillo caught the ball and Arraez grabbed the back of his right leg as he tumbled to the ground. Arraez had to be carted off the field.

Orioles 9, Red Sox 4: Renato Nunez homered in his second straight game and was one of four Baltimore players to go deep in a win at Boston. DJ Stewart, Richie Martin and Trey Mancini also homered for the Orioles, which won its 54th game of the season and has a chance to close out a dismal year with a three-game sweep of the Red Sox.

White Sox 7-3, Tigers 1-4: Pinch-hitter John Hicks connected for a three-run homer in the ninth inning, and Detroit

won at Chicago for a double-header split.

The Tigers were down 2-1 when Ronny Rodriguez reached on an error on shortstop Tim Anderson leading off the ninth. One out later, Travis Demeritte singled to put runners on the corners.

In the first game, Reynaldo Lopez tossed five-hit ball into the ninth inning to lead Chicago.

Phillies 9, Marlins 3: Bryce Harper hit one of three Philadelphia home runs, and Zach Eflin pitched nearly eight strong innings in a win over visiting Miami.

Diamondbacks 6, Padres 5: Christian Walker hit his first career grand slam and added a solo shot to lead host Arizona over San Diego. Walker continued a breakout season with his 28th and 29th homers.

Rangers 9, Yankees 4: Luis Severino was erratic in his third and final start of the regular season, with four walks and a throwing error over three innings, and AL East champion New York lost at Texas. Rougned Odor had a career-high six RBIs for the Rangers.

Reds 4, Pirates 2 (12): Jose Iglesias doubled home the winning run in the 12th inning, relief pitcher R.J. Alaniz got his first career hit and victory, and Cincinnati won at Pittsburgh.

Verlander's milestone game give Astros home-field edge

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — It ended up being a night of milestones for Justin Verlander and the Houston Astros.

The Astros ace accomplished two strike-out feats — getting his 3,000th in the majors and career-high 300th of the season — and Houston clinched home-field advantage throughout the postseason with a 6-3 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Saturday night.

"It was a big night for Justin and a great night for our team," Houston manager AJ Hinch said.

Jose Altuve and Josh Reddick homered to back Verlander (21-6), who became the 18th pitcher to reach 3,000 career punchouts and the 19th since 1900 to reach 300 in a season. Both came against Kole Calhoun.

The right-hander — who struck out 12 in six innings while allowing three runs and four hits — came into the game with 2,994

strikeouts.

"Three thousand was something I wanted to accomplish this season. I honestly wrote off 300. I thought it was going to be a lot to ask for since these guys don't strike out much," Verlander said. "I got 3,000 and then to look up after five innings and have 11 strikeouts. Talking to AJ, I knew we were only going to go six innings. I had more emotion for 300 than 3,000 because I didn't expect to get there in this game."