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## Ridiculing 'snapback,' Iran warns against war

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Iran ridiculed a U.S. bid to forcibly restore United Nations sanctions on the Islamic Republic and said it would set Washington's military outposts in the Persian Gulf "on fire at once" if its adversary tried to start a war.

"We have thousands of troops on the ground who can occupy and set fire to all U.S. bases in the region if they start to move," Gen. Hossein Salami, the commander of the IRGC — the most powerful and influential branch of Iran's armed forces — said in an interview with Iran state TV's Channel One. The U.S. Army "is exhausted and doesn't have the power to start a ground war with Iran," he added.

The comments came hours before the U.S. formally invoked a sanctions "snapback" provision from the 2015 nuclear deal, which it withdrew from two years ago, a move that's widely seen as an effort to kill what's left of the accord.

The plan, coming on the eve of the U.N. General Assembly, has deepened a chasm between the U.S. and most other nations, including its European allies, who say President Donald Trump's abrogation of

the multinational agreement means he doesn't have the right to use its provisions.

"Even if the snapback is performed, it will fire blank shots," Salami said late Saturday. "We will go ahead and take our actions if our rights are not fulfilled within the nuclear deal. We're not afraid of bluffs, threats and intimidations."

Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said Sunday the snapback sanctions have only happened in "the fantastical world" of the Trump administration, The Associated Press reported. He said the U.S. stands on the wrong side of history.

"They are attempting to make everyone believe it, but nobody is buying it except for themselves," Khatibzadeh said during his weekly press briefing.

"It is a television show whose sole presenter, viewers and those cheering it on are Mr. Pompeo himself and a handful of others," the AP reported the spokesman said, referring to the U.S. secretary of state.

"Tehran's message to Washington is clear: return to the international community, return to your commitments and stop bullying so the international community will accept you," he added.

The White House plans to issue an executive order on Monday spelling out how the U.S. will enforce the restored sanctions, and the State and Treasury departments are expected to outline how foreign individuals and businesses will be penalized for violations.

Relations between the U.S. and Iran have been at their worst since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, and over the past two years have been defined by a security crisis triggered by Trump's withdrawal from the nuclear deal and culminating in the assassination of top Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani in January.

Salami rejected reports published earlier in the week that Iran was planning to kill the U.S. ambassador to South Africa in retaliation, calling it "ridiculous and laughable" as Iran would not target anyone who wasn't involved in Soleimani's killing.

Salami's comments came within minutes of Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif ridiculing U.S. "snapback" gambit.

"This is a propaganda trick. There's no snapback resolution," Zarif said in the interview with Iranian state TV.

## Aegis Ashore sought for defense of Guam

BY SETH ROBSON

*Stars and Stripes*

Guam urgently needs an Aegis Ashore missile defense system to protect vital military assets from an increasingly aggressive China, according to the head of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

"There are billions of dollars in defense capability on Guam," Adm. Phil Davidson said Thursday during an online forum organized by the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance. "There needs to be some investment in defending that."

The U.S. territory is home to air and naval bases and serves as a launching point for stra-

tegic bombers. The Navy is also building facilities to house a Marine Corps air-ground task force to accommodate a planned drawdown of Marines on Okinawa.

Aegis Ashore is a land-based version of the short- and intermediate-range missile defense system deployed on dozens of U.S. and Japanese navy cruisers and destroyers. NATO and the United States deployed the first ashore system in Romania in 2016. Japan scuttled plans for an Aegis Ashore installation earlier this year due to worries about rocket boosters falling on populated areas.

China's rapid development of the world's largest rocket force

is a concern, Davidson said during the forum.

The force could strike U.S. forces on Guam and in the Far East with everything from ballistic missiles to maneuverable cruise and hypersonic missiles, warned the commander of 380,000 troops and civilians responsible for an area of operations stretching from the U.S. West Coast to India.

China's ability to launch missiles from submarines ranging farther from shore means Guam needs the 360-degree protection that Aegis can provide, he said.

Guam's Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, missile defense battery can

sense targets only within a 120-degree range, and it's pointed at North Korea, Davidson said.

"It's going to require a much deeper 360-degree persistent capability," he said, adding that it's important to invest in Guam's missile defense now.

"It is not necessarily about designing or creating a defensive system that is impenetrable or invulnerable against the entire missile inventory of a potential adversary. Rather it is about developing a combat credible deterrent."

INDOPACOM, in a report to Congress, put the cost of a system providing 360-degree air-missile defense on Guam at just under \$1.7 billion.

## NATO's new operations will protect sea routes

By JOHN VANDIVER  
*Stars and Stripes*

STUTTGART, Germany — NATO's Atlantic Command has begun operations, marking another step forward for the alliance as it rebuilds itself to counter an increasingly assertive Russia.

"NATO is a transatlantic alliance and the North Atlantic is vital for the security of Europe," Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Thursday. "Our new Atlantic Command will ensure crucial routes for reinforcements and supplies from North America to Europe remain secure."

Set up to help allies move forces across the ocean in a crisis, the Norfolk, Va.-based command has been under development since 2018, when NATO approved the concept.

The first NATO headquarters since 2003 dedicated to protecting Atlantic sea lanes, the command is co-located with the U.S. Navy's 2nd Fleet. Disbanded in 2011, the 2nd Fleet was re-established seven years later to counter Russia in the North Atlantic amid warnings from U.S. military officials that a military modernization campaign had led to a more lethal Russian navy. The 2nd Fleet became fully operational again earlier this year.

NATO's Atlantic Command is tasked with drawing up operational plans that cover an area stretching from the U.S. east coast, across the Greenland-Iceland-U.K. gap and into the Arctic, NATO said.

The so-called GIUK Gap passage in the North Atlantic is regarded by military planners as a possible chokepoint in the event of conflict between Russian and allied warships and submarines.

## Japan's legislators want drills with US near disputed islands

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*Stars and Stripes*

TOKYO — Japanese lawmakers are calling for joint U.S.-Japan military drills near a group of small islands in the East China Sea that have become a target of frequent incursions by Beijing, according to a blog post by one of the legislators.

About 100 members of Japan's governing Liberal Democratic Party in a draft proposal Thursday suggested joint operations to strengthen control of the Senkaku Islands, according to the post. Japan asserts sovereignty over the islands, which are about 250 miles west of Okinawa, according to the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs website.

The proposal, which was posted on the blog of upper house member Masahisa Sato,

raised in a concern that Beijing has "escalated acts of provocation" around the Senkakus, which China and Taiwan also claim.

"The Defense Ministry should conduct joint drills with the United States around the Nansei island chain including Kuba and Taisho islands," the proposal stated.

Kuba and Taisho islands are part of the Senkakus. Though the chain is a barren group of rocks and islands that total 7 square miles, the surrounding area is a rich fishing ground and may hold oil and natural gas deposits.

The U.S. military in Japan "looks forward to any opportunity to increase our interoperability and strengthen the U.S.-Japan Alliance," U.S. Forces Japan spokesman Gunnery Sgt. Derek Carlson told Stars and Stripes in an email Friday.

"Interoperability" is a term the U.S. military uses to describe the ability of a country's armed forces to use another country's training methods and military equipment.

"Training and readiness is our top priority and we will continue to engage with the government of Japan to find new ways to grow stronger, together," Carlson said. "The alliance has never been stronger, and it's never been more important to this region than right now as we face difficult security challenges."

Chinese ships had sailed through the waters surrounding the Senkakus, which Beijing calls Diaoyu, for 111 consecutive days between April 14 and Aug. 2, according to the proposal. Last year, China sent a record-breaking 1,004 ships past the islands, the Japan Coast Guard said in December.

## Army doing away with 'shark attack'

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
*Stars and Stripes*

Infantry recruits will no longer have drill sergeants barking orders at them inches from their faces during basic training as the "shark attack" technique, which uses intimidation to establish authority and weed out the weak, is dropped in favor of a new approach.

The Army's Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., said it's switching from the "Full Metal Jacket," in-your-face practice to one called "The First 100 Yards," which seeks to develop mental and physical toughness, instill pride in the infantry, and build trust among recruits and their leaders.

The coronavirus may have hastened the switch, since the pandemic has ended up-close shouting by instructors at basic training. Trainers and recruits in all the services wear face masks and maintain social distancing during basic training, and even Navy special warfare instructors yell through megaphones these days.

But "The First 100 Yards" is also "a complete

rewrite of what was commonly referred to as the 'Shark Attack,'" Command Sgt. Maj. Robert K. Fortenberry, the infantry school's senior enlisted leader, said in an online commentary earlier this month.

While the shark attack was intended "to establish dominance and authority using intimidation and fear, to weed out the weak of heart," it helped to create "a chaotic environment that centered around applying physical exertion under stress," Fortenberry said in a video made for a virtual warfighter conference.

Although the shark attack method was "mean, nasty, and overwhelming," and a "deeply unpleasant experience, it does serve an important purpose — preparing troops for stressful situations including combat," he said.

The new training program, on the other hand, uses physical training to prepare for the new Army Combat Fitness Test and puts recruits through mock exercises, including working with other trainees to move a load of supplies on the fly, just as they might have to do in an actual combat zone, the Army said.



# Tropical storm on slow trek to Gulf Coast

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tropical Storm Beta trudged toward the coasts of Texas and Louisiana on Sunday, threatening to bring more rain, wind and stress to a part of the country that has already been drenched and battered during this year's unusually busy hurricane season.

While Beta could bring up to 20 inches of rain to some areas of Texas and Louisiana over the next several days, it was no longer expected to reach hurricane intensity, the National Weather Service said Sunday. Beta was set to make landfall along Texas' central or upper

Gulf Coast late Monday or early Tuesday, with rainfall as its biggest threat. It was then expected to move northeastward along the coast and head into Louisiana sometime midweek.

Forecasters said Beta was not expected to bring the same amount of rainfall that Texas experienced during either Hurricane Harvey in 2017 or Tropical Storm Imelda last year. Harvey dumped more than 50 inches of rain on Houston and caused \$125 billion in damage in Texas. Imelda, which hit Southeast Texas, was one of the wettest cyclones on record.

The first rain bands from

Beta reached the Texas coast on Sunday, but the heaviest rain wasn't expected to arrive until Monday into Tuesday.

In low-lying Galveston, which has seen more than its share of tropical weather over the years, officials didn't expect to issue a mandatory evacuation order but they advised people to have supplies ready in case they have to stay home for several days if roads are flooded. The coastal city about 50 miles south of Houston was expected to get up to 10 inches of rain.

"We're not incredibly worried," Galveston resident Nancy Kitcheo said Sunday. Kitcheo

and her family had evacuated last month when forecasts suggested Hurricane Laura could make landfall near Galveston, but they're planning to buy supplies and wait out Beta. Laura ended up making landfall in neighboring Louisiana.

Beta was one of three named storms whirling in the Atlantic basin during a busy hurricane season. If the system makes landfall in Texas, it would be the ninth named storm to make landfall in the continental U.S. in 2020. That would tie a record set in 1916, according to Colorado State hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach.

## Judge agrees to delay US ban on WeChat app

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A judge has approved a request from a group of U.S. WeChat users to delay looming federal government restrictions that could effectively make the popular app nearly impossible to use.

In a ruling dated Saturday, Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler in California said the government's actions would affect users' First Amendment rights as an effective ban on the app removes their platform for communication.

WeChat is a messaging-focused app popular with many Chinese-speaking Americans that serves as a lifeline to friends, family, customers and business contacts in China. It's owned by Chinese tech giant Tencent.

The group of WeChat users had requested an injunction after the U.S. Commerce Department said Friday that it would bar WeChat from U.S. app stores and keep it from accessing essential internet services in the country, beginning Sunday night at 11:59 p.m.

WeChat users argued the moves targeting the all-in-one app with instant-messaging,

social media and other communication tools would restrict free speech.

In the ruling, the court said that a WeChat ban "eliminates all meaningful access to communication in the plaintiffs' community," and that an injunction would be in public interest.

The U.S. government had earlier argued that it is not restricting free speech because WeChat users still "are free to speak on alternative platforms that do not pose a national security threat."

Specific evidence about WeChat posing a national security threat was also "modest," according to Judge Beeler.

The White House did not immediately reply to a request for comment on the injunction.

The dispute over WeChat and TikTok is the latest attempt by the Trump administration to counter the influence of China. Since taking office in 2017, Trump has waged a trade war with China, blocked mergers involving Chinese companies and stifled the business of Chinese firms like Huawei, a maker of phones and telecom equipment.

## Desert communities told to leave as winds stoke fires

Associated Press

JUNIPER HILLS, Calif. — Strong winds stoked a wildfire burning for nearly two weeks in mountains northeast of Los Angeles, prompting authorities to issue new evacuation orders for desert communities that lost some homes a day earlier.

Meanwhile, officials were investigating the death of a firefighter on the lines of another Southern California wildfire that erupted earlier this month from a smoke-generating pyrotechnic device used by a couple to reveal their baby's gender.

The death occurred Thursday in San Bernardino National Forest as crews battled the El Dorado Fire about 75 miles east of Los Angeles, the U.S. Forest Service said in a statement.

In northern Los Angeles County, firefighters focused on protecting homes Saturday as increasingly erratic winds pushed the Bobcat Fire toward foothill communities in the Antelope Valley after churning all the way across the San Gabriel Mountains. An evacuation order was issued Saturday for all residents in that zone as the fire burned toward Wrightwood, a mountain community of 4,000, said fire spokesman Andrew Mitchell.

The fire grew to 142 square miles Saturday when winds pushed it into Juniper Hills.

Some residents fled as blowing embers sparked spot fires, hitting some homes but sparing others. Bridget Lensing feared her family's house was lost on Friday after seeing on Twitter that a neighbor's house three doors down went up in flames.

The house stood when she made her way back Saturday afternoon, but her neighbors' houses in the remote community were burned to the ground.

"Everything around us is gone," she said.

The extent of the destruction in the area about 50 miles northeast of downtown LA wasn't immediately clear. But Los Angeles County park officials said the blaze destroyed the nature center at Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area, a geological wonder that attracts some 130,000 visitors per year. No injuries were reported.

The name of the firefighter killed in the nearby El Dorado Fire was being withheld until family members are notified. The body was escorted down the mountain in a procession of first-responder vehicles. No other information was given on the circumstances of the death.



# As US deaths rise, Trump sees no need for regrets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the coronavirus pandemic began bearing down on the United States in March, President Donald Trump set out his expectations.

If the U.S. could keep the death toll between 100,000 to 200,000 people, Trump said, it would indicate that his administration had “done a very good job.”

In the coming days, the number of U.S. deaths is set to clear the outer band of the president’s projections: 200,000, according to the official tally, though the real number is certainly higher. The virus continues to spread and there is currently no approved vaccine. Some public health experts fear infections could spike this fall and winter, perhaps even doubling the death count by the end of the year.

Yet the grim milestone and the prospect of more American deaths to come have prompted no rethinking from the president about his handling of the pandemic and no outward expressions of regrets. Instead, Trump has sought to reshape

the significance of the death tally, trying to turn the loss of 200,000 Americans into a success story by contending the numbers could have been even higher without the actions of his administration.

Just 39% of Americans approve of the president’s handling of the pandemic, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Roughly one-quarter of Republicans say they don’t approve of Trump’s stewardship of the public health crisis, though his overall backing among GOP voters sits at a comfortable 84%.

There’s also little doubt that the death toll in the U.S. has soared past where Trump repeatedly assured the public it would be. In February, when the first coronavirus cases were detected in the U.S., the president said the numbers would be “down to close to zero” within days. In early April, when U.S. officials estimated at least 100,000 people would die from the pandemic even if all conceivable steps were taken against it, Trump suggested the numbers would be lower, saying: “I think we’re doing better than that.”

## Protests against virus restrictions erupt globally

Associated Press

LONDON — Demonstrators took to the streets of London, Tel Aviv and other cities on Saturday to protest coronavirus restrictions, decrying how the measures have affected daily life even with infection rates rising in many places and the global death toll approaching 1 million.

In the U.K., the latest official estimates released Friday showed that new infections and coronavirus hospital admissions have been doubling every seven to eight days. Britain has Europe’s highest death toll since the start of the pandemic, with 41,821 confirmed virus-related deaths.

Saturday’s protest in Trafalgar Square, which was themed “Resist

and Act for Freedom,” ended in clashes between demonstrators and London police, as officers tried to disperse hundreds of people holding banners and placards scrawled with anti-restriction messages such as “This is now Tyranny.”

Demonstrators in swimsuits gathered on a beach in Tel Aviv and waved black and pink flags connoting various protest movements.

In Australia, about 100 protesters gathered in the Melbourne beachside suburb of Elwood on Saturday before being scattered by police.

The Victoria police said in a news release that “the behaviour of these selfish few who choose to blatantly ignore the directions will not be tolerated.”

## GOP confronts past high court comments

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican senators weighing what to do about the vacancy on the Supreme Court are facing questions about their own past comments amid complaints by Democrats that their views have shifted with changing political reality.

President Donald Trump on Saturday urged the GOP-run Senate to consider “without delay” his upcoming nomination to fill the seat vacated by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died Friday. The move comes just six weeks before the election.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, vowed in a statement Friday night, hours after Ginsburg’s death, to call a floor vote on Trump’s nominee, although he did not specify a date. McConnell, who sets the calendar in the Senate, has made judicial appointments a top priority.

McConnell’s statement on the latest vacancy stands in stark contrast to the position he took in 2016 when he refused to consider President Barack Obama’s choice for the high court months ahead of the election. McConnell blocked hearings for Merrick Garland, a federal appeals court judge, saying the choice should be left to voters in an election year.

Democrats said Republicans should follow the precedent they set in 2016 by not considering a Supreme Court choice in the run-up to an election, but McConnell’s comments make it clear he has no intention of doing so.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham, who will oversee the vetting of the nomination as Judiciary chairman, tweeted Saturday that he will support Trump “in any effort to move forward

regarding the recent vacancy created by the passing of Justice Ginsburg.”

Graham’s comment contradicts his statements in 2018 and 2016 that a Supreme Court nominee should not be considered in an election year.

“If an opening comes in the last year of President Trump’s term, and the primary process has started, we’ll wait to the next election,” Graham said in 2018 at an event hosted by The Atlantic magazine.

Two years earlier, in the midst of the Garland battle, the South Carolina senator was even more emphatic, urging listeners at a Judiciary Committee meeting to “use my words against me. If there’s a Republican president (elected) in 2016 and a vacancy occurs in the last year of the first term, you can say Lindsey Graham said, ‘Let’s let the next president, whoever it might be, make that nomination.’”

Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine Republican who is considered a moderate, said Saturday that “in fairness to the American people,” the Senate should not vote on a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court until after the election and that the nomination “should be made by the president who is elected on November 3rd.”

Collins voted in favor of Kavanaugh in 2018 — a vote that has played a key role in her reelection campaign. Liberal groups have targeted Collins over her support for Kavanaugh, and she trails her Democratic opponent in publicly released opinion polls. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, an Alaska Republican who opposed Kavanaugh’s confirmation, said in an interview hours before Ginsburg’s death that she “would not vote to confirm” her replacement before the next president is inaugurated.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## 1-year-old conjoined twins separated

**MI** ANN ARBOR — Doctors at the University of Michigan separated 1-year-old conjoined twin sisters.

Sarabeth and Amelia Irwin of Petersburg each had their own arms and legs and heart, but their livers were connected, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital said.

The nearly 11-hour surgery to separate them was performed in August, about 14 months after their birth. They're now at home.

## Refuge rescues abused wild cats from zoo

**AR** LITTLE ROCK — An Arkansas wildlife refuge will be rescuing eight big cats from an Indiana zoo after a federal court found that the facility mistreated its animals.

Scott Smith, co-owner of Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge near Eureka Springs, said he and his staff retrieved the animals from Wildlife in Need and Wildlife in Deed Inc. in Charlestown, Ind. He noted that the U.S. Marshals Service assisted them, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reported.

"We're going to give them a good home in the Ozark hills," Smith said of the four tigers, three lions and hybrid they are taking.

## Border officials report \$1.4 million meth haul

**AZ** TUCSON — U.S. Border Patrol officials in Arizona said they arrested a U.S. citizen after finding \$1.4 million worth of methamphetamine in a modified work truck at an immigration checkpoint near the border community of Sasabe.

Agents searching the vehicle at the inspection point reported finding several packages of the drug in a compartment hidden under the truck. A Border Patrol police dog discovered more packages inside the truck's frame.

In all, about 600 pounds of the drug were seized. The 26-year-old man driving the truck was turned over to agents with Homeland Security Investigations.

## Expensive bags stolen from Neiman Marcus

**IL** NORTHBROOK — Handbags valued at more than \$43,000 were stolen from a Neiman Marcus store in a suburban Chicago shopping center.

At least 10 people wearing hooded sweatshirts and masks walked into the Northbrook store around closing time, knocked over glass display cases, grabbed 13 handbags and ran out, police said.

Another 11 handbags valued at more than \$31,000 were damaged.

## Petting zoo will get its 9 animals back

**NE** OMAHA — An Omaha petting zoo will get nine seized animals back after citations against it were dropped.

City Prosecutor Matt Kuhse told the Omaha World-Herald that Scatter Joy Acres meets the definition of a zoo, meaning it meets the exemption in city ordinance that allows the housing of non-domesticated animals.

The animals taken Aug. 24 by the Nebraska Humane Society include a porcupine, seven Patagonian caviars and a coati-mundi. The Patagonian caviars look like jackrabbits and are native to Argentina. The coati-

mundi is a mammal that looks like a cross between a cat and a raccoon and is native to the Americas.

## Coyote bites woman on her leg at the beach

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — A woman was hospitalized after a coyote bit her leg on a beach north of San Francisco that is part of a recreational area where there has been an increase in interactions between humans and wildlife, authorities said.

The woman told park rangers the coyote was acting aggressively as it approached her on a remote beach in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in Marin County.

After the animal bit her, she walked 1.7 miles on a trail back to a road and drove to a hospital, where she was treated for minor injuries, Charles Strickfaden, a spokesman for the National Park Service, told the Marin Independent Journal.

## Teacher gave 'pretend you are a slave' project

**IA** IOWA CITY — A high school teacher in Iowa was placed on leave for assigning students to "pretend you are a black slave."

The Iowa City Press-Citizen reported that the assignment for an online freshman class at Liberty High School in Iowa City asked students to write four sentences about what they would do if they were a slave who was freed.

"Think very, very carefully about what your life would be like as a slave in 1865," the assignment reads. "You can't read or write and you have never been off the plantation you work on. What would you do when you hear the news you are free?"

The teacher, whose name

was not released, was placed on administrative leave and the assignment was removed, Iowa City Community School District spokeswoman Kristin Pedersen said.

## Man puts up electric fence to stop sign theft

**MA** NEW BEDFORD — A Massachusetts man tired of people stealing his Donald Trump campaign sign came up with a shocking solution — he put an electrified fence around it.

John Oliveira, 54, a disabled Navy veteran and a member of the New Bedford School Committee, first put the fence up a few weeks ago.

Oliveira told Southcoasttoday.com he started displaying the Trump sign on his lawn in late May. They started to disappear in July.

In all, six signs were taken, he told The Boston Globe. His latest sign has not been stolen since the fence went up.

## Couple celebrates 85 years of marriage

**NE** OMAHA — Ralph and Dorothy Kohler celebrated their wedding anniversary — for the 85th time.

WOWT-TV reported that he was just 17 and she was 16 when they tied the knot on Sept. 17, 1935, at the Burt County Courthouse in Tekamah, Neb.

"Everybody said it would never last," Ralph said.

Ralph credits longevity in life and marriage to healthy habits — neither of them has ever drunk alcohol or smoked. "I cooked, and he liked to eat," Dorothy said.

The couple moved to California a few years ago to be close to a daughter, one of their three children.

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# Navy's record rally takes down Tulane

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Cameron Kinley's interception near his own goal line kept Navy's 24-point hole from getting deeper and set the stage for previously benched quarterback Dalen Morris to win back his job by helping the Midshipmen stage a historic rally.

Jamale Carothers rushed for 125 yards, Bijan Nichols kicked a 33-yard field goal as time expired, and Navy beat Tulane 27-24 for the largest comeback in school history on Saturday.

"I don't have much to say other than, 'Wow.' A testament to the young men at the United States Naval Academy," Midshipmen coach Ken Niumatalolo continued. "These guys are going to protect us, serve our country. These are the type of young men that you have, that will not quit."

Navy (1-1, 1-0 American), which lost its opener 55-3 to BYU, ran just two plays in Green Wave territory in the first half and looked in danger of being blown out again late in the second quarter.

"That first half looked like third half of the BYU game," Niumatalolo said. "We couldn't stop them and we couldn't move the ball an inch."

Tulane (1-1, 0-1) was threatening to build on a 24-0 lead before Kinley intercepted Green Wave quarterback Keon Howard at the Navy 3. The turnover looked far more consequential as the game wore on and the Midshipmen stunningly seized control in the second half, when they outgained Tulane 291 yards to 82.

The interception was "the play of the game," Niumatalolo said. "It just gave us some life."

In the last seven minutes of the third quarter, Navy scored 16 points on two short Nelson Smith touchdowns and a safety. The Midshipmen tied it on Morris' 32-yard touchdown pass to Mychal Cooper, followed by a 2-point conversion, early in the fourth quarter.

The Green Wave looked primed to regain the lead with about five minutes left, but elected to throw a deep pass, which fell incomplete, on fourth-and-3 from the Navy 32.

"Obviously, we'd like to have it back," said coach Willie Fritz, who endured his team's collapse in his first game since Tulane announced his seven-year extension, not to mention the first Tulane game broadcast on ABC in 40 years.

## Top 25 takeaways

### Huskers get tough draw; UCF has Heisman hopeful

Associated Press

For the second straight weekend, the Big Ten made news without playing.

Last week, the conference was in the process of putting together a restart plan for football.

On Saturday, the Big Ten released its schedule 3.0, doing it a little bit at a time on Fox's Big Noon Kickoff pregame show. The Big Ten also took up much of the conversation on ESPN's "College GameDay," which had interviews with Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh, Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields and Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren.

Nice flex and a heady play as the Big Ten is about to drop off the radar until its season starts the weekend of Oct. 24.

The SEC kicks off next week and the ACC and Big 12 get cranked up, too.

Most notable on the Big Ten's schedule was how Nebraska will start the season: at Ohio State and home for Wisconsin.

No Big Ten school made as much of a public fuss over the conference's initial decision to postpone the season as Nebraska. The brutal opening schedule against the conference's two division winners from last season might have been a coincidence,

but it did not go unnoticed.

**Aloha:** UCF has another Heisman Trophy contender quarterback from Hawaii.

Dillon Gabriel, who ended up winning the job during last season as a freshman, appears even better this year. Gabriel went to the same high school as teammate McKenzie Milton, who finished in the Heisman top 10 in 2017 and '18.

Few quarterbacks are as fearless throwing deep as Gabriel. Against Georgia Tech, he passed for 417 yards and four touchdowns, averaging 10 yards an attempt and 15 yards a completion. It was a convincing victory against a Power Five team, if only a rebuilding P5 squad.

"You saw what happened last week," Gabriel said, referring to Georgia Tech's victory at Florida State. "I guess you can say we're the best team in Florida."

Miami might take issue with that assessment by Gabriel.

The 17th-ranked Hurricanes unleashed their new offense on No. 18 Louisville and pulled away for a victory.

It's a very different looking Miami team with transfer quarterback D'Eriq King running new coordinator Rhett Lashlee's up-tempo attack.

# Harvick steamrolls into 2nd round of playoffs

Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Feeding off one of the largest crowds at a sporting event during the pandemic, Kevin Harvick steamrolled his way into the second round of NASCAR's playoffs in a championship that is clearly his to lose.

Harvick held off a charging Kyle Busch over the final 40 laps Saturday night at Bristol Motor Speedway for his career-best and Cup Series-high ninth victory of the season. He did it in front of a sold-out crowd of 30,000 spectators, the most Bristol was allowed to admit and the largest crowd since March.

"I hadn't been to too many races where I've been that jacked up getting in the race car," Harvick said. "The fans were so enthusiastic tonight and I don't know if we've just been away from them for that long, but you could feel the enthusiasm in the stadium tonight."

"As I was getting in the car, I was just wound up and just really, really ready to race."

Harvick took the lead from Busch and denied Busch his first victory of the season. Busch furiously tried to catch him as the two weaved their way through lapped traffic, but Harvick held firm in the No. 4 Ford for Stewart-Haas Racing.

Only six cars finished on the lead lap in a tepid event at the 0.533-mile bullring revered for bumping and banging. Track officials sold all 30,000 tickets allowed — making Bristol one of the largest sporting events since the pandemic — and the spectators crowded the fence as Harvick celebrated his second win of the playoffs.

Harvick also won the Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway to open the playoffs. He's ninth on NASCAR's career list with 58 Cup victories.

The first elimination race of the playoffs knocked William Byron, Cole Custer, Ryan Blaney and Matt DiBenedetto from contention.



# Stars hammer Lightning in Game 1

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Dallas Stars players on the bench yelled at their teammates, “Hit ‘em!” They did, over and over, the body checks and the shouts easily heard throughout an arena left empty because of the pandemic for this most unusual Stanley Cup Final.

The well-rested Stars came out and hammered the banged-up Tampa Bay Lightning, taking it to them for two periods and relying on goaltender Anton Khudobin to close the door in the third to win 4-1 Saturday night for a 1-0 lead. By the time the talented Lightning got rolling, it was too late.

“I don’t even know if you need to take a shower after the first two periods,” Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said. “They came out, they were skating and I think we probably dipped our toes in the water a little bit and watched them skate around for a bit.”

Game 1 started looking every bit like Dallas had four days off since winning the

Western Conference final and the Lightning just one after clinching the East. The Stars, who grinded their way through the playoffs with tight-checking toughness, came out hitting, knowing Tampa Bay is not fully healthy.

“They were right on top of us,” said Yanni Gourde, who scored the Lightning’s only goal. “They were on top of us right from the get go, so we’ve got to adjust and do a better job.”

Blake Comeau hit 6-foot-6 Tampa Bay defenseman Victor Hedman on one of the first shifts, and Joel Kiviranta crushed top center Brayden Point into the boards to set up Joel Hanley’s first NHL goal of any kind. Defenseman Esa Lindell also got into the action early with Point, cross-checking him and leveling him in open ice.

“That’s just the makeup and identity of our team,” Comeau said. “I think we’re playing our best hockey when we’re engaged emotionally, physically, and getting

in on the forecheck, pressuring their D, and everyone on our team has done a good job. When there’s a chance to finish the hit, you finish the hit.”

Four of the 25 first-period hits by Dallas were on Point, who missed two games in the Eastern Conference final and is visibly playing through pain. No. 2 center Anthony Cirelli injured his right leg in the sixth game of that series 48 hours before this one started.

Hanley and Jamie Oleksiak continued the Stars’ postseason trend of getting goals from defensemen, and Kiviranta scored late in the second period to provide some breathing room. Khudobin continued to shine in his first playoffs as the starter, making 35 often spectacular saves.

Khudobin was at his best making 22 stops in the third when the Lightning found their legs and outshot Dallas 22-2. He came up big on two penalty kills and strengthened his case for the Conn Smythe Trophy.

## Celtics finish, cut Heat’s edge to 2-1 in East finals

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Getting big leads has been relatively easy for the Boston Celtics in these Eastern Conference finals.

This time, they also found a way to finish the job.

And just like that, the East title series got a whole lot closer.

Jaylen Brown scored 26 points, Jayson Tatum added 25 and the Celtics got right back into the East finals with a 117-106 victory over the Miami Heat in Game 3 on Saturday night. Kemba Walker added 21 to help Boston pull to 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

“There’s some great guys in that locker room,” Brown said. “A lot of emotion, a lot of passion, but we’re a family and we’re here for each other at the end of the day. We exemplified that when we came out together ... we kept our will high and we persevered to win this game.”

Marcus Smart scored 20 points for the Celtics, going 9-

for-9 from the foul line in the fourth quarter. Boston—which also got 14 rebounds and eight assists from Tatum—outscored Miami 60-36 inside the paint, led by as many as 20 and never trailed.

The Celtics, who were angry in their postgame locker room after Game 2, were obviously far happier Saturday after holding the Heat to 39% shooting.

“We have great competitive spirit and we showed it tonight,” Walker said.

Bam Adebayo had 27 points and 16 rebounds for Miami, which fell for just the second time in 12 games in these playoffs. Tyler Herro scored 22 points, Jimmy Butler had 17 and Duncan Robinson 13.

“We’re not the type of team where we can go through the motions and try and figure out everything in the first half, and then in the third or fourth we just try to turn it on,” Adebayo said. “It’s not like that. We are not that type of team. We’ve got to play with detail.”

## Wolff, 21, leads U.S. Open

Associated Press

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Matthew Wolff is playing his first U.S. Open and carving his own path.

That starts with shots he gouges out of the rough. It ends with him making six birdies, the last one a towering 7-iron from the first cut of rough that landed over the steep slope on the 18th green at Winged Foot and settled 10 feet right of the pin to match the best score—a 5-under 65—at Winged Foot in a major.

He hit only two fairways Saturday on a course—and a major—with a blueprint for avoiding the rough. The only number that mattered to the 21-year-old Californian was a two-shot lead going into the final round.

“There’s a lot of holes out there that maybe people would try to hit in the fairway or maybe take the safe play because it is a U.S. Open, and they know that pars are a good score,” Wolff said. “But I don’t really like to think of it that way. I like to go out there and do what I feel comfortable with, rip dog and see how it goes from

there.”

It’s going so well that Wolff is one round away from becoming the youngest U.S. Open champion since Bobby Jones in 1923.

Maybe he’s too young to realize U.S. Open champions are supposed to play from the short grass. Or maybe Wolff is so dynamic and talented that it doesn’t matter.

Either way, he held a two-shot lead over Bryson DeChambeau, another guy with a recipe all his own, who only hit three fairways and managed to hang in there long enough to scratch out a 70 to keep his hopes very much alive.

Patrick Reed, tied for the lead at the turn, couldn’t find the fairway and paid dearly with a 43 on the back nine. Reed had a three-shot lead after two holes. He walked off the 18th with a 77 and eight shots behind.

“Anyone in my position would be frustrated, especially with having the lead going into today,” Reed said. “The great thing is there’s always tomorrow, and like I said, it’s a U.S. Open. Even though eight shots seems like a lot ... you never know.”

# Verlander likely out through 2021

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Astros ace Justin Verlander will undergo Tommy John surgery and is expected to be out through the 2021 season, ending his bid to make a late return for a playoff push.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner announced the news Saturday on his Instagram account in a 1½-minute video.

"In my simulated game a couple days ago, I felt something in my elbow, and after looking at my MRI and conversing with some of the best doctors in the world, we've determined that Tommy John surgery is my best option," Verlander said.

The 37-year-old right-hander threw to hitters on Wednesday for the first time since he was injured in the team's opener on July 24. He threw 50 pitches in the bullpen before throwing about 25 pitches to hitters in two simulated innings.

"I tried as hard as I could to come back and play this season," Verlander said. "Unfortunately, my body just didn't cooperate."

Houston manager Dusty Baker said he was hopeful Verlander would return, but he was also fearful of how things were looking.

"I talked to him this morning," Baker said. "He's not crazy about the outcome, but it is what it is. He has to get it taken care of. He's pitched for years. He's been a warrior and a leader. Hopefully, this will prolong his career, and he can be back to pitching. I always told him he's a medical marvel, and he's a great physical specimen."

Houston general manager James Click said he and Verlander spoke earlier this week about trying to plan the rest of the season if the throwing session on Wednesday had gone well.

"First of all, you can't replace Justin Verlander," Click said. "No one person can replace Justin Verlander. This is going to have to be a total team effort. If everybody steps up a little bit, your No. 2 starter steps into a No. 1, your No. 3 into a No. 2 and on down the line, we can try to cover that a little bit."

Verlander is under contract with the Astros through 2021.

## Tigers' Gardenhire retires

Associated Press

DETROIT — Ron Gardenhire mostly maintained his jovial demeanor this season. As recently as Friday night, he was needling a reporter while discussing a strategic decision from the late innings.

Less than 24 hours later, Gardenhire announced his retirement. This year was taking more of a toll on the 62-year-old Detroit Tigers manager than he'd necessarily let on.

As much as he enjoyed managing, Gardenhire valued his health more.

"It's been wonderful here, but I also know I have to take care of myself," said Gardenhire, who was nearing the end of his third season with the Tigers. "When you come to the ballpark, and you're stressed out all day, and your hands are shaking, that's not fun. I've got grandbabies, I've got kids that I need to take care of, and my wife."

Gardenhire's announcement came in an abruptly scheduled video conference about an hour before Saturday night's game against Cleveland.

## MLB roundup

### Twins wrap up second consecutive playoff berth

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Eddie Rosario, Miguel Sano and Josh Donaldson homered as the Minnesota Twins clinched a second straight postseason berth with an 8-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday night.

The Twins are guaranteed at least a wild-card berth. They trail the Chicago White Sox by three games in the AL Central with six games to play.

Coming off a no-hitter on Sunday against Milwaukee, Cubs starter Alec Mills (5-4) allowed four runs and six hits in six-plus innings. He struck out seven and walked one as Chicago's five-game winning streak ended.

Rosario and Mitch Garver had a two-run pinch-hit single as Minnesota rebounded after dropping four of five on the current road trip against both Chicago teams.

The Twins, who won the division last year, will make back-to-back playoff appearances for the first time since 2009-10.

**White Sox 5, Reds 0:** Tim Anderson hit two of Chicago's five solo homers, and the White Sox — already guaranteed a playoff spot — took another step toward the AL Central title by winning at Cincinnati.

**Yankees 8, Red Sox 0:** J.A. Happ pitched eight scoreless innings, Clint Frazier hit a two-run home run and accounted for three of New York's 11 hits as the Yankees won at Boston, their 10th consecutive win.

**Astros 3, Diamondbacks 2:** Jose Altuve drove in two, Kyle Tucker had a tiebreaking single and host Houston beat Arizona to get back to .500.

**Athletics 6, Giants 0:** Jake Lamb hit a two-run homer and Oakland beat visiting San Francisco for the second straight game.

**Rays 3, Orioles 1:** Charlie Morton pitched five effective innings and AL East-leading Tampa Bay used homers by Yoshi Tsutsugo and Randy Arozarena to win at Baltimore.

**Marlins 7, Nationals 3:** Miguel Rojas and Garrett Cooper each had a double and a homer and Miami beat visiting Washington and maintained its hold on second place in the NL East. Starling Marte and Brian Anderson each singled twice for the Marlins.

**Tigers 5, Indians 2:** Eric Haase and Daz Cameron hit RBI singles during a four-run eighth inning, and host Detroit won their first game following manager Ron Gardenhire's retirement.

**Phillies 3, Blue Jays 1:** — Vince Velasquez pitched six strong innings, Andrew McCutchen hit the go-ahead single in the fifth inning and host Philadelphia beat slumping Toronto.

**Brewers 5, Royals 0:** Corbin Burnes threw six solid innings of four-hit ball and Ryan Braun hit a two-run homer in Milwaukee's four-run eighth inning in a win over visiting Kansas City.

**Cardinals 5, Pirates 4:** Tyler O'Neill hit a two-run double to end a no-hit bid started by Pittsburgh's Mitch Keller, and St. Louis rallied to win on the road.

**Dodgers 6, Rockies 1:** Clayton Kershaw held Colorado to four hits and a run over seven strong innings to lead Los Angeles to the road win.

**Mets 7, Braves 2:** Rookie David Peterson struck out NL batting leader Freddie Freeman three times and fanned a career-high 10 in six sharp innings as host New York beat Atlanta.

**Angels 4, Rangers 3:** Mike Trout delivered a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning, and host Los Angeles rebounded from a rough start for its third straight victory, beating Texas.

**Mariners 4, Padres 2:** San Diego will have to wait at least one more day to clinch its first playoff berth in 14 seasons after former teammates Ty France and Luis Torrens led visiting Seattle to a victory.