



# Russian ‘space threat’ emerges

U.S. officials raise alarm over unspecified dire risk to America and its allies

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Russia is developing a space-based military capability that members of Congress and U.S. officials worry could pose a significant threat to the United States and its allies, possibly by damaging critical intelligence or communications satellites with a nuclear weapon, according to officials familiar with the matter. The precise nature of the system was unclear. One person referred to it as “a new Russian space threat capability.” Some officials were alarmed after examining the classified intelligence on Wednesday and warned of ominous consequences; one member of Congress called it a potential “geo-strategic game changer.” Several lawmakers stressed there was no imminent danger, but they urged the Biden administration to take counter-measures soon. The Russian government has experimented with the use of nuclear explosions or directed energy to disable satellites, according to one U.S. official, who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive information. Experts have raised concerns that a nation could detonate a nuclear weapon in space to interfere with satellites through the emission of radiation. Russia also has tested antisat-

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# Super Bowl rally ends in gunfire and grief

At least 1 dead, 21 injured during victory parade for Kansas City Chiefs

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A day of delirious celebration in Kansas City, Mo., ended in anguish and chaos after a volley of gunfire cut through a crowd at a rally after the Chiefs’ Super Bowl parade, killing at least one person and injuring another 21, including several children. The shots erupted around 2 p.m. local time near the city’s stately Union Station, sending thousands of red-clad fans who had packed into downtown scrambling for safety as police responded with guns drawn. The violence forced emergency evacuations of the region’s top political leaders gathered for the parade and rally, including the governors of Missouri and Kansas and the mayor of Kansas City, who fled the shots with his wife and mother. The city, intensely devoted to its dynastic football team, had been eagerly awaiting the festivities,

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Under the Florida sun, sure signs of spring



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At the Washington Nationals’ spring training complex in West Palm Beach, Fla., pitcher MacKenzie Gore signs for autograph-seekers before an unofficial workout Wednesday. Elsewhere at camp, coach Henry Blanco, far left, talks strategy with the catchers on the first day that pitchers and catchers were required to report. The first official workout is scheduled for Thursday, and position players will report next week. **More in Sports, D1**

# D.C. community divided on school integration plan

BY LAUREN LUMPKIN

Maury and Miner elementary schools are within walking distance of one another and in some ways a world apart — with lopsided demographics that mirror the racial and economic segregation surrounding them on D.C.’s Capitol Hill. Maury enrolls more than 500 children, and nearly 6 in 10 of them are White. Demand to get in

Officials seek fairness in merging elementaries, but some parents unsure

is so high that its wait list last year was in the hundreds. At Miner, where 80 percent of students are Black, most children are homeless, in foster care or receive pub-

lic assistance. Enrollment, now around 370 students, has been on the decline. District officials see an opportunity: improve diversity at both schools by wiping the boundary that divides them and pairing them together. Under the proposal, children would spend their early grades at one school and later years at the other. It is one of several plans under consideration as part of D.C.’s ongoing boundary study, the once-a-decade process that reexamines the invisible lines that often define so much, such as whether a student can study a foreign language or what kind of college counseling they’ll get. It’s one of the more contentious proposals, sparking arguments online, in person and in dueling petitions over who should be educated where — and testing the

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# In advancing peace, Trump fueled Palestinian rage

2020 Abraham Accords between Israel and Arab states hang over Hamas’s attack and Gaza war



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President Donald Trump hosts an Abraham Accords signing ceremony on Sept. 15, 2020, along with Israel’s Benjamin Netanyahu and officials from Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

BY ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER

Donald Trump welcomed the Israeli ambassador to his glass-plated office on the 25th floor of Trump Tower and led off with a lofty question. “So,” Trump asked, about a week after his upset victory in 2016, “you think we can make peace?” The ambassador, Ron Dermer, answered with a question of his own: “With whom?” To Trump, who a former adviser said was enamored with the idea of winning the Nobel Peace Prize, his meaning was clear. He was referring to the Palestinians, locked in a decades-long conflict with Israel over land and statehood whose resolution he thought would earn him international acclaim. Dermer was blunt. “No,” he told the president-elect. “But we can make peace with several Arab states.” The exchange, recounted recently

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Court hearings today could help settle timing and viability of two cases

Donald Trump is expected at the defendant’s table in a Manhattan courtroom on Thursday for a conference that could confirm he’ll be tried next month for allegedly falsifying hush money repayment records — the first criminal trial of a former U.S. president. At the same hour in Atlanta, a team of Trump’s lawyers will appear with some of his co-defendants for a hearing in a separate indictment, in which Trump and others are accused of a vast scheme to overturn Georgia’s 2020 election results. That hearing will focus on alleged misconduct by the prosecutor. The dual court sessions could help crystallize the timing and viability of two of Trump’s four criminal cases, with additional clarity coming after a hearing in Florida on March 1. Lawyers for Trump, who is

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