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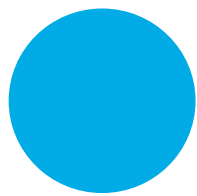
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## Super Bowl adjusts its security plans

More law enforcement will be on hand following deadly Jan. 1 attack in New Orleans. **In Sports**

## Need a good movie? 15 to watch at home

Streaming services have you covered with flicks such as "Your Monster" and "Gladiator II." **In Life**

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## Racing to catch a master criminal

No one could foresee the havoc that would follow when keys to jail went missing. **In Weekend Extra**

# A fireball, 'then ... just gone'



Investigators walk the grounds of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport after an American Airlines passenger jet and a military helicopter collided as the jet was approaching to land late Wednesday. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

## Busy airspace has long been a concern in Washington

Trevor Hughes  
USA TODAY

The nation's busiest runway. An airspace cluttered with passenger planes and military aircraft. A history of near-crashes. And a growing shortage of air traffic controllers available to manage it all.

Some experts, politicians and airport managers have been warning for years of the risks posed by the crowded airspace and volume of flights at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). A Wednesday night midair collision between an American Airlines jet and an Army Black Hawk helicopter brings renewed attention to those concerns.

There were no survivors among the 64 passengers and crew aboard American Airlines flight 5342 from Wichita, Kansas, or the three aboard the Blackhawk, officials said Thursday morning. The airspace above the airport is typically filled with both passenger planes and military aircraft on security patrols above nearby federal sites, including the White House and the Pentagon.

"This is a bad situation that looks like it should have been prevented," President Donald Trump posted to Truth Social early Thursday, after

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### IN NEWS

## Duffy: 'We will not rest until we have answers'

Plane crash is first big test for new Transportation chief and Trump. **2A**

### IN SPORTS

## Skating community recalls 1961 air tragedy

Crash resurfaces memories of plane disaster that killed US team. **1C**

## 67 dead, no survivors after collision over capital

Christopher Cann  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - The National Transportation Safety Board vowed Thursday that it will find the cause of a horrific midair collision between an American Airlines regional jet and an Army Black Hawk helicopter that left 67 people dead near Ronald Reagan National Airport.

NTSB Chairwoman Jennifer Homendy said at a briefing that the agency wants to assure the American public it will "leave no stone unturned in this investigation. ... This is a whole-of-government effort."

The flight data recorders, often called "black boxes," have not been recovered yet, Homendy said.

NTSB member Todd Inman said it was too soon to know whether human

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Pastor Pamel Hughes Mason, left, acting president of the Greater Wichita Ministerial League in Kansas, prays with Wichita Mayor Lily Wu before a vigil in City Hall early Thursday. EVERT NELSON/USA TODAY NETWORK

# Trump to use Guantanamo Bay for detained migrants

"Some of them are so bad we don't even trust the countries to hold them because we don't want them coming back. So we're going to send them out to Guantanamo."

President Donald Trump

## Cuban facility would house up to 30,000

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WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump has ordered his administration to begin preparations on a detention facility at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to house up to 30,000 migrants detained for being in the U.S. without legal authorization.

Trump signed a presidential memorandum on Wednesday instructing the Department of Defense and Depart-

ment of Homeland Security to expand an existing migrant center at Guantanamo Bay, which has long been used to hold suspects accused in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Trump provided few details but said it would house "the worst criminal illegal aliens threatening the American people." He announced the move during a bill signing ceremony at the White House for the Laken Riley Act, which empowers immigration officers to detain unauthorized immigrants when they are arrested on criminal charges. The new law is expected to increase the number of detained migrants.

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A presidential memorandum calls for the expansion of an existing migrant center at Guantanamo Bay.

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