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Thousands gather to take in historic event: Sail250 Virginia's Parade of Sail

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Downtown Norfolk's waterfront walkways felt like busy New York City sidewalks Friday. Sightseers shuffled and dodged past fellow pedestrians, all there to take in the spectacle that was Sail250 Virginia's Parade of Sail.

Sail250 is a global gathering of tall ships and military ships to celebrate the 250th

anniversary of the founding of the United States, and Norfolk is one of five host ports.

The lead elements of the parade, composed of more than 25 international tall ships and hundreds of recreational and military vessels, reached the waters bordering Town Point Park shortly before noon. And the threat of rain didn't deter the crowds.

Thousands of onlookers gathered to watch the

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Clockwise from top: Tall ships from around the world make their way to Norfolk's Waterside on Friday for the Parade of Sail. **STEPHEN M. KATZ/THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT**

Members of the Cultural Dance Center representing the Consulate of Colombia in Washington perform in front of their country's tall ship at Town Point Park. **KENDALL WARNER/THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT**

Maureen Moynihan Stewart holds nephew Elliott Schreiber, 2, as he waves to crew members aboard the USCG Barque Eagle during Sail250 in downtown Norfolk. **KENDALL WARNER/THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT**

Sailors climb out on the bow sprit of a tall ship from Ecuador. **BILL TIERNAN/FOR THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT**



Israel, Hezbollah militant group OK halt to fighting

Conflict in Lebanon hinders negotiations between US, Iran

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JERUSALEM — Israel and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militant group agreed Friday to halt the heavy fighting in southern Lebanon that had threatened to unravel an interim agreement between the United States and Iran to end their war, officials said. Neither Israel nor Hezbollah immediately confirmed the truce.

It came after a heavy exchange of fire killed 47

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people in Lebanon and four Israeli soldiers.

Hezbollah and Israel went to war shortly after the outbreak of the wider conflict, with Hezbollah firing rockets and drones at civilian communities in northern Israel and Israel seizing large swaths of southern Lebanon.

The interim agreement to end the Iran war has already reopened the Strait of Hormuz, which Iran effectively closed, cutting the global economy off

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GEM IN EMERALD CITY

With a win over Australia in Seattle, the United States advances to the knockout round of the World Cup. **Sports**

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James Burrows, director behind iconic comedies like "Cheers," "Taxi," "Friends" and "Will and Grace," dies. He was 85. **Page 4**

STUDENT LOAN RATES DROP

Education Department will temporarily lower interest rates on outstanding federal student loans. **Business, Page 9**

CHESAPEAKE

All charges but one in leak case are dropped

Harrell's attorney says of final count: 'No evidence' of a crime

By Natalie Anderson
STAFF WRITER

CHESAPEAKE — Several charges filed against a former Chesapeake sheriff's deputy in connection to an alleged leak of sensitive jail footage were dropped in court Thursday, but one felony count will head to trial.

In March, the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office charged former employee Jeremiah Harrell in relation to allegedly soliciting, stealing, and distributing leaked



Harrell

jail footage and confidential documents. Harrell was in Chesapeake General District Court on Thursday for a preliminary hearing

on three felony counts of theft/destruction of public records and one misdemeanor count of disabling computer software.

All three theft charges were dropped. The misdemeanor count of disabling computer software was elevated to a felony count since it involves a computer used by government

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