

2 Americans killed in insider attack

By PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two Americans, including one servicemember, were killed in an attack near a NATO coalition base in the Afghan capital Wednesday, the NATO-led Resolute Support mission said. The Afghan Defense Ministry described it as an insider attack.

The assailant was wearing a military uniform when he attacked a group of foreign soldiers at 11 a.m. near a military base in the Rish Khor area of western Kabul, said Defense Ministry spokesman Gen.

Dawlāt Waziri. The assailant was killed, the ministry said.

The dead servicemember and civilian had been conducting duties as part of NATO's train-and-advise mission, Resolute Support said.

AFGHANISTAN One servicemember and two U.S. civilians sustained injuries in the attack and were in stable condition.

A U.S. defense official in Washington, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that the attack occurred at Camp Morehead, possibly at one of the base's entry control points. U.S. forces are not based there;

the U.S. team that was attacked was visiting to meet up with and train local forces, the official said.

The Pentagon said it was still looking into reports that the assailant was a member of the Afghan National Army, a second official said.

It confirmed it would be the first so-called "green-on-blue" incident, in which trained Afghan Army forces in uniform have turned on their U.S. trainers, this year.

The Defense Department withheld identity of those killed pending notification of next of kin.

"Anytime we lose a member of our team,

it is deeply painful," Gen. John W. Nicholson, Resolute Support's commander, said in a statement. "Our sympathies go out to the families, loved ones and the units of those involved in this incident."

There have been several "green-on-blue" attacks in recent years, but such attacks have become much less frequent.

Two Romanian servicemembers were killed in May in the southern city of Kandahar when two attackers dressed as Afghan security officers opened fire on them.

Zubair Babakarkhail in Kabul and Stars and Stripes reporter Tara Copp in Washington contributed to this report.

WAR ON TERRORISM

INTO THE FRAY

US helos join Iraqi forces in the fight to retake Mosul

By TARA COPP
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WASHINGTON — U.S. Apache helicopters have joined the battle for Mosul, launching night attacks against Islamic State fighters defending their last major stronghold in Iraq, a U.S. general said Wednesday.

The Apaches can "see a long range at night" and strike targets from a great distance, which is helping Iraqi forces advance on the city, Maj. Gen. Gary Volesky told reporters at the Pentagon.

"That's what they're doing," said Volesky, commander of the 101st Airborne Division and U.S. and coalition

land forces in Iraq. "We get into situations where we expect enemy activity to be ... and that's what we focus them on."

There are an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 Islamic State fighters defending Mosul, which has roughly 1 million residents.

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A U.S. servicemember watches a Black Hawk helicopter belonging to coalition forces land on a base outside Mosul, Iraq, on Wednesday.

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“When you see pictures and photos of these animals, you see their cuteness. But people don’t think about what the animal would smell like or how actually raising one would be.”

— Wachiraporn Arampibulphol, who opened an exotic animal cafe in Bangkok a year ago
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Military family members enjoy a free concert by pop artist Usher at Kadena Air Base, Japan, on Sunday.

Usher brings down the house in Japan

Free concert for military was ‘once-in-a-lifetime opportunity’

By JESSICA BIDWELL
Stars and Stripes

OKINAWA, Japan — Pop artist Usher crooned and danced his way into the hearts of a military audience during a recent free concert at Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Stepping on stage in a stylish camouflage jacket, the eight-time Grammy Award winner mixed old favorites such as “You Don’t Have To Call” and “Confessions” with newer titles such as “She Came To Give It To You” and “I Don’t Mind.” He also performed lesser-known tunes such as “Don’t Look Down” and “Same Girl.”

Usher’s music and comedic antics impressed a crowd of

thousands who turned out for Sunday’s performance. At one point, the R&B singer instigated a battle between the right and the left sides of the crowd to determine which side contained more “day-one” fans.

As the show progressed, Usher peeled away layers of his outfit and was down to a tank top by the time he ended his 75-minute performance with a simple, “I love you, Okinawa.”

Fans lined up for hours before the start of the show, which had been planned for a July 2 Independence Day festival but was rescheduled after a civilian worker at Kadena was accused in a local Japanese woman’s homicide.

Sam Heart, a Marine Corps spouse, said she’s been an Usher fan since hearing his first self-titled album when she was in elementary school in 1994.

“I’m really excited to have finally been given the opportunity to see him live,” she said.

Usher has sold more than 75 million records and was named the number one artist of the first decade of the century by Billboard magazine.

“It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see Usher for free, and I’m glad to be afforded this opportunity,” said Marine Sgt. Shawn Welch.

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Usher performs Sunday at Kadena Air Base.

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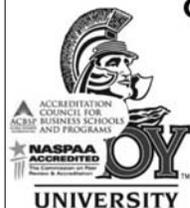
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Smooth sailing at 'shock' exercise in Italy

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY
Stars and Stripes

PIACENZA, Italy — Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade quietly paddled rubber rafts through low-lying fog on the Po River on Monday night to reconnoiter the river before a bridging operation by Italian army engineers the next day.

On Tuesday, they watched the Italians launch a massive, motorized pontoon bridge they'd previously assembled into the water, drive several vehicles onto it, and use it as a ferry.

Part of a "shock" exercise, the operation also tested the 173's ability to be ready to quickly deploy, ideally within 18 hours.

The unit, Company A of the brigade's 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, was not advised in advance of the exercise. "It is supposed to literally be a shock to the unit," said Maj. Joshua Blizzard, of the 7th Army Training Command, who helped plan the exercise.

Still, with the myriad protocols, checks, equipment and communications preparation and rehearsals required, that was the easy part, in a way. "The 173rd has always been good at that," Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, commander of U.S. Army Europe, said in a phone interview Wednesday.

The platoon was ready to go within 16 hours after getting the alert at 4 a.m. on Friday, said Maj. Juan Martinez, 173rd Brigade spokesman. But it took a "tactical pause" until Sunday to comport with the Italians' timeline.

An important feature of the exercise was working together with — and learning from — NATO allies.

The exercise also represented a recognition that a particular skill — the complex art of combat river crossings — within USAREUR is in need of a renaissance.

"This is a skill we have had to rebuild," Hodges said. "We realize we need the capability again. The ability to deter depends on how fast we can get to a place, and crossing rivers is part of that."

When the last U.S. tanks briefly left Europe a few years ago along with their armored division in a flurry of downsizing, they took bridging capabilities with them.

While tanks and other armored vehicles have returned to Europe in connection with concerns related to Russia's 2014 intervention in Ukraine, the Army still lacks the ability to bridge rivers on its own.

"I'm not criticizing the decision. I probably would have made the same one myself five years ago," Hodges said of the Army's drawdown.

But U.S. and NATO military officials have grown increasingly concerned about further Russian encroachment. They've particularly focused attention on a route linking Poland and Lithuania called the Suwalki Gap, which abuts the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, nestled between the two countries. NATO and the



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U.S. would have to get there fast, military planners say, or Russia could cut off the route and sever the Baltic states from the rest of the alliance.

"In a real crisis in Europe, to move, say, from central or southern Germany to the Suwalki Gap, we'd probably have to cross seven or eight rivers," Hodges said. For that, "we depend on our allies."

Engineering units in almost all NATO member states retain their bridge-building equipment, and training drills involving the pontoon units are fairly frequent.

— This week's bridging exercises — another was scheduled with British engineers in Livorno — were among several the U.S. and



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NATO have conducted over the past year.

In June, during the massive Anaconda exercise, German and

British army forces built a floating bridge across the Vistula River in Poland, after which the U.S. 2nd Cavalry Regiment rolled

U.S. Army paratroopers with Company A of the 173rd Airborne Brigade's 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion trained with the Italian army in Piacenza, Italy, this week on river crossing capabilities. Part of a "shock" exercise, the operation also tested the 173's ability to be ready to quickly deploy. The platoon was ready to go within 16 hours after getting the alert at 4 a.m. on Friday, said Maj. Juan Martinez, 173rd Brigade spokesman.

its Stryker armored vehicles in a long convoy toward the Suwalki Gap and Lithuania. "It's about the best bridge I've ever seen in my life," Hodges said.

Next summer's exercises will feature several more river crossings with allies and Army Reserve engineers, since most Army engineers are in the reserve component, Hodges said.

The 33 paratroopers on the exercise practiced doing reconnaissance on both sides of the river before the bridging, then took up defensive positions as members of the Italian 2nd Engineer Sapper Regiment launched the French-made Motorized Floating Bridge into the water.

Originally, plans called for the bridge to stretch across the river like a ribbon. But the water level was too low, regiment commander, Capt. Stefano Manca, decided. He was in charge of 119 Italian troops. Instead, they used the bridge as a ferry. Within an hour, the ferry bridge had made two trips, as U.S., French and Norwegian military observers watched from the riverside.

Manca said that launching a 100-meter self-propelled bridge into a river is no big deal. "It's fundamental for us," he said. "It's our job."

For the 173rd's 1st Lt. Louis Tobergte, the hardest part of the exercise was ensuring that a different type of vehicle — the unit's Humvees — were gassed up, mechanically sound, and ready to go. "It was my first time doing a convoy," Tobergte said.

All 50 mph on the autostrada from Vicenza, traveling the 125 miles without incident.

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Did testimony affect court-martial penalty?

Judges to decide whether it was unfair to consider pregnancy statements in sentencing

Washington, S. Korea discuss missile threats

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — South Korea's foreign and defense ministers are in Washington for talks with top U.S. officials on how to counter North Korea's growing nuclear and missile threats.

Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se and Defense Minister Han Min-koo were to meet Wednesday with Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Secretary of State John Kerry in an effort to demonstrate a firm and united stand and review strategies for dealing with the North, South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported.

The meeting comes just days after the North carried out a test of its Musudan intermediate-range ballistic missile, which can reach the U.S. territory of Guam. Although the missile exploded shortly after takeoff, the test showed North Korea's firm commitment to developing long-range missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads.

The U.S. and South Korea are also expected to hold annual defense talks Thursday. Yonhap said the talks could include the possible permanent deployment of nuclear-capable bombers in the South as well as F-22 Stealth fighter jets and nuclear-powered submarines.

The talks are also expected to review progress in deploying the U.S. THAAD missile defense system in the South.

By MICHAEL DOYLE

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Two former colleagues of a sexually abusive South Carolina-based Coast Guardsman blamed the stress of his court-martial for their complicated pregnancies. Now, judges must decide whether it was unfair to have those assertions considered in his sentencing.

One of the women miscarried. The other woman delivered her child prematurely. Their painful testimony anchors a case that began aboard the Gallatin, a since-decommissioned cutter based at the Charleston Naval Complex. It will end at the nation's highest military appeals court.

But the Oct. 26 hearing at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces could reach beyond former Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Omar M. Gomez, now serving an eight-year prison term. The case could speak to the role of ruled emotions as the military combats sexual assault.

"This whole area is a third rail," Eugene Fidell, a research scholar and visiting lecturer specializing in military law at Yale Law School, said Friday. "Everyone has a hair trigger about it."

A court-martial panel meeting at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in North Charleston in 2013 convicted Gomez, following a six-day trial, of aggravated sexual assault, indecent exposure and other offenses.

Throughout all the U.S. military branches, 3,374 reports of sexual assault were reported in fiscal 2013. Last year, 6,083 reports of military sexual assault were filed. Officials attribute the increase to improved reporting rather than worsening conditions.

After Gomez's conviction, military prosecutors summoned several witnesses who had testified against him to return as part of a presentation justifying a prison sentence.

"It was supposed to have twins and one didn't make it," said the first woman, identified only as MS. "And with more stress from this case, I was worried for this baby that was living inside me, hoping that this stress didn't make his heart rate go up."

MS had previously testified that Gomez, then one of her supervisors aboard the Gallatin, had slapped her buttocks and shown her his penis and testicles.

The second woman, identified as SW, first testified that Gomez had repeatedly groped her breasts, buttocks and groin, at one point telling her "I want it and I'm going to get it." During the sentencing hearing, she attributed her subsequent premature delivery to stress-caused pre-eclampsia, a condition marked by high blood pressure.

Gomez's trial defense attorneys did not object at the time.

In his appeal, though, Gomez's team questioned the woman's claims and their effect on the panel deciding his fate. The eight-year prison term was more than the

five years sought by Gomez's defense attorneys but less than the 20 to 30 years recommended by Coast Guard prosecutors.

"The government offered no medical or expert testimony to corroborate a link or causation between the stress of trial and their complications," Gomez's appellate attorney, Lt. Philip A. Jones, wrote. "It is just as likely these complications were not caused by stress at all, but by any number of other causes including random chance."

Jones added that "it is hard to imagine evidence that is more prejudicial" than to claim, as the two women did, that stress induced by Gomez's court-martial was "responsible for harms to innocent and defenseless unborn children."

Appellate judges have already warned that some advocacy goes too far.

Military defense attorney Philip D. Cave noted Friday that the Army Court of Criminal Appeals last year overturned Staff Sgt. Gabriel C. Garcia's rape conviction in part because of the prosecutor's improper references to the military's heated campaign against military sexual assault.

"It is a problem," the prosecutor said during Garcia's trial. "A problem that we all in this courtroom know about, a very big problem that is at the forefront of what we are trying to battle against in the Army today."

Released from the Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston in South Carolina, Garcia was subsequently acquitted of the rape charge at his retrial.

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Lawmakers back Trump's defense plan

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WASHINGTON — Hours ahead of the final presidential debate, a dozen House Republicans released an open letter of support Wednesday for Donald Trump's defense plans and claimed that President Barack Obama's administration has thrust reckless budget cuts on the military.

The lawmakers, who sit on committees for armed services, foreign affairs and homeland security, pointed to cuts to commissaries and years of low troop pay raises. They blame Obama for spending cuts — though Congress approved a decade's worth of defense spending caps — and said Trump's plan to dramatically increase the number of troops and ships is "serious and sober" thinking.

The GOP nominee's plan calls for 74 more Navy ships and 50,000 more soldiers, as well as other major increases. The plan could require at least \$650 billion over the coming years and is based on Congress repealing five more years of spending cuts called sequestration, which remains a long shot with a bitterly divided House and Senate.

"Such growth phased within budget reality represents the kind

of targeted investment our services need today and is grounded in the kind of serious and sober strategic thinking our country needs in these perilous times by a peace through strength policy," according to the letter, which included support from 23 retired lawmakers and military leaders.

The open letter was signed by Rep. Jeff Miller, chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee; Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the Homeland Security Committee; and members of the Armed Services Committee including Duncan Hunter, of California, and former SEAL Team Six commander Ryan Zinke, of Montana.

Eight retired general officers and four admirals also signed the letter. Missing were the names of the two Republicans who chair the House and Senate armed services committees and are most responsible for crafting defense policy: Rep. Mac Thornberry, of Texas, and Sen. John McCain, of Arizona.

In addition to a larger Army and Navy, Trump also proposes increasing Marine Corps battalions from 23 to 36, building 87 new Air Force fighter aircraft and developing a state-of-the-art missile defense system.

"I'm going to make our military

so big, so powerful, so strong, that nobody — absolutely nobody — is going to mess with us," Trump said during a defense policy speech in September.

The nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget did not calculate the cost of such a military buildup, which would likely be hundreds of billions of dollars, but estimated it would ring up an additional \$150 billion in deficit spending over the next decades if Congress repealed \$450 billion in planned defense cuts.

Trump said he will request that Congress lift the caps, and he also claimed his plan would save \$300 billion through tax reform, shrinking the federal workforce and U.S. energy exploration.

"I will ask Congress to fully offset the costs of increased military spending. In the process, we will make government leaner and more responsive to the public," Trump said in September.

The military has seen declining budgets since historic high U.S. defense spending at the height of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, due partly to caps passed by Congress in 2011 to reduce the deficit. Republicans and Democrats have decried the caps but have been unable to muster the votes to repeal them. Congress is locked in

another budget impasse, and the federal government is running on a stopgap budget measure that expires in December.

Meanwhile, several years of pressure to reduce the defense budget led Obama to set troop pay raises below private-sector wage growth and Congress to trim military personnel benefits with reforms to the commissary system, retirement and health care.

Signers of the letter Wednesday said the austerity comes as the U.S. faces threats from Russia, China and the Islamic State group, and they blame the spending caps on Obama.

"Over the last eight years, the U.S. military has been faced with reckless cuts by the Obama administration and the dangers incurred by defense sequestration," the letter said. "Cutting commissary benefits by 30 percent and restricting cost of living raises to 1.6 percent send a telling message to our warriors, many of whom spent 50 percent of their careers in combat zones."

The letter comes as Trump's poll numbers have cratered after his statements about groping women and accusations from several abroad with unwanted touching.

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Air Force: Toxins released into sewer

DENVER — An Air Force base in Colorado said Tuesday it accidentally released about 150,000 gallons of water containing toxic chemicals into the sewer system of Colorado Springs, but the potential health hazards weren't immediately known.

Peterson Air Force Base said the water contained perfluorinated compounds, or PFCS, which have been linked to prostate, kidney and testicular cancer, along with other illnesses. The Air Force hasn't said how high the levels were.

The chemicals didn't get into the city's drinking water, said Steve Berry, a spokesman for Colorado Springs Utilities.

The tainted water passed through a wastewater treatment plant, but the plant isn't set up to remove PFCS, so they were still in the water when it was discharged into Fountain Creek, Berry said.

No communities take water directly from the creek downstream from the treatment plant, said Meghan Trubee, a spokeswoman for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

The Air Force said the tainted water was released from a storage tank sometime in the past week, but the cause of the leak was still under investigation.

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Air Force criticized for ignoring warnings over \$1B radar system

By Nick Perry
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The U.S. Air Force is spending nearly \$1 billion to build a radar installation that will help keep astronauts and satellites safe by tracking pieces of space junk as small as a baseball. That is, if global warming doesn't get in the way.

The Space Fence is being constructed on a tiny atoll in the Marshall Islands that scientists say could be regularly swamped by rising seas within a couple of decades as a result of climate change. The salt water could play havoc with the equipment, the scientists say.

The Associated Press found that neither the military nor its contractor, Lockheed Martin, gave serious consideration to that threat when designing the installation and choosing a site, despite warnings from the island nation's environmental agency.

The future "does not look good for a lot of these islands," said Curt Storlazzi, an oceanographer with the U.S. Geological Survey who is leading a study at Kwajalein Atoll, where the Space Fence complex is being built.

Dana Whalley, a civilian who is managing the Space Fence program, said the radar installation has a projected lifespan of 25 years and he doesn't expect sea levels to rise enough over that period to cause a problem. But if necessary, he said, the base could take steps to improve its seawalls.

Still, because of budget pressures, military equipment is often used well beyond its projected lifespan. In fact, a key part of the radar tracking system that the Space Fence replaces was built during the dawn of the space age and was badly outdated by the time it was shut down 50 years later in 2013.

Midway between Hawaii and Australia, the Marshall Islands are specks of land that typically poke just a few feet above the Pacific Ocean, making them some of the world's most vulnerable places to rising seas.

The U.S. military has a long-standing connection to the islands. Bikini Atoll was used as a nuclear test site after World War II. Kwajalein Atoll, a battle site during the war, is now an Army base, a ballistic missile test site and an important part of the military's space surveillance network.

The growing problem of space debris was highlighted in 2009, when an old Russian satellite smashed into a commercial U.S. satellite, creating hundreds of pieces of orbiting junk. The 2013 movie "Gravity" dramatized the threat to astronauts, who need to be safe from debris whether

they're traveling on the International Space Station or in a rocket.

Lockheed Martin won the \$915 million Space Fence contract in 2014 and broke ground last year. When the radar system becomes operational in late 2018, it should increase the number of objects that can be tracked tenfold to about 200,000 and provide more precise information on their orbits.

The Space Fence installation will include digital transmitters and receivers as well as power and cooling facilities. About 15 people will operate and maintain it around the clock.

The military chose the Marshall Islands because the Space Fence works best near the equator. But it means the installation is being built just 10 feet above sea level, or the height of a basketball hoop.

Storlazzi said his study explored the point at which storms will cause the sea to wash clear across an island, completely submerging it, at least once a year. He said that's when an island will no longer be able to sustain most plant or animal life.

He examined one island within Kwajalein Atoll and found that it will probably reach its tipping point within a few decades. He said the island on which the Space Fence is being built faces a similar threat.

The flooding there will probably damage power cables, sewer lines and other electronics and hardware, he said. The seawater will erode land, he said, and eat away at everything from concrete to cars.

"When you get to the point where water is going over the top of the island annually, it will affect a lot of daily life, whether it's related to the Space Fence or other operations, like moving



Rob Griffin/AP

People build a sea wall on Majuro Atoll, Marshall, in November. Evidence of rising seas can be seen on many atolls in the Marshall Islands as more coastline disappears and vegetation is washed away.

food around," he said.

The study, funded primarily by the Defense Department, has not yet been peer-reviewed or published. But it paints a much more dire future for the atoll than earlier studies.

"We are talking the next couple of decades, not centuries, as previously thought," Storlazzi said.

He said his team studied the underwater contours of the islands and showed how coral reefs will become less effective as breakwaters when sea levels rise.

The Marshall Islands base is among dozens of U.S. military sites threatened by climate change. A July report by the Union of Concerned Scientists analyzed 18 military installations along the U.S. East and Gulf coasts. It found that with just a moderate rise in sea levels, 16 could flood 100 times a year by 2050.

Last October, strong winds and waves battered Kwajalein Atoll. Ferries were canceled and a dock was damaged, forcing the base to take the unprecedented step of hosting 845 Marshallese day workers overnight.

Whalley said the military investigated threats, including ocean flooding, in an environmental assessment of the site before be-

ginning construction. "The overwash threat, if you will, is built into the government requirements of the site," he said.

Yet that 2014 assessment, which runs more than 100 pages and addresses everything from sea turtles to the island's archaeological history, makes no mention of climate change, noting only that the Space Fence would be able to withstand a small earthquake-generated tsunami.

A single line reads, "Based on historical data, there are no anticipated issues with ocean tide and/or wave flooding."

Lockheed Martin did not investigate the issue either. Bruce Schaffhauser, Lockheed's program director for the Space Fence, said the Air Force asked it to design the system to withstand earthquakes but not rising seas.

"We don't have any insight into that," Schaffhauser said. "It has not been something that has been required from the Air Force."

Schaffhauser said the responsibility for finding a suitable location for the installation fell to the military.

The Marshall Islands Environmental Protection Authority wrote a response to the environmental assessment, describing the U.S. military's overall treatment of the climate change threat to Kwajalein as "wholly inadequate." It questioned whether the military was overstating the atoll's elevation and criticized its reliance on historical data when the problem is rising seas, a more recent phenomenon.

The military responded in its final report: "Detailed study of

sea-level rise risks are beyond the scope of this document."

Since then, leaders from the Marshall Islands say they have been working with the U.S. to improve environmental standards and ensure climate effects are seriously addressed in future military projects.

Whalley said he plans to find out more about the USGS research at Kwajalein.

"It's the first I've heard about the study," he said. "When they give you a billion dollars, you tend to focus on getting the radar built."

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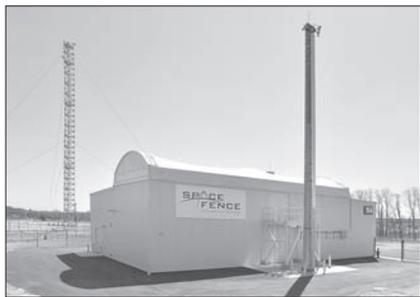
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New DOD telescope focused on space junk

By CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT
The Washington Post

There are a lot of rocks flying around through space. Lots of debris, too. Old satellites, spent rocket boosters, even for a short while a spatula that got loose during a space shuttle mission in 2006. All of it swirling around in orbit, creating a bit of a traffic jam.

For years, the Pentagon has been worried about the collisions that might be caused by an estimated 500,000 pieces of debris, taking out enormously valuable satellites and, in turn, creating even more debris. On Tuesday, the Defense Department took another significant step toward monitoring all of the cosmic junk swirling around in space by delivering a gigantic new telescope capable of seeing small objects from very far away.

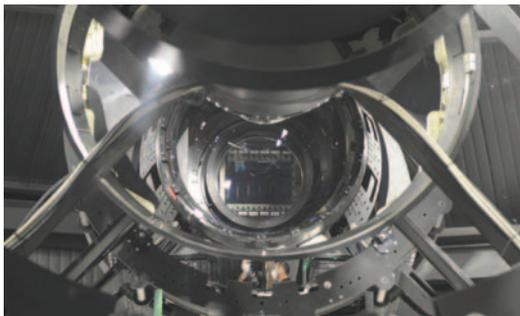
Developed by the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, the Space Surveillance Telescope was formally transferred to the Air Force during a ceremony at White Sands Missile Base in New Mexico on Tuesday.

The telescope is designed to monitor objects as small as softballs, in Geosynchronous orbit, or GEO — some of the most important real estate in space. At about 22,000 miles away, its orbit mirrors that of the Earth, so satellites parked there remain in a fixed point over the globe. That allows satellite television or communications providers to serve particular areas — say, North America or Asia — uninterrupted.

But not only is the orbit far away — it's incredibly vast.

"A volume of tens of thousands of objects," Lindsay Millar, DARPA's program manager, said in a podcast posted on the agency's website. But the telescope's ability to see "something very far away over a very wide area is really what it's best at."

DARPA says the advanced technology in the massive, 90-ton telescope would allow officials to go from "seeing only a few large



Courtesy of the Department of Defense

This view of the Space Surveillance Telescope shows its wide-field camera, center.

objects at a time through the equivalent of a drinking straw to a windshield view with 10,000 objects at a time." It is also being used by NASA to monitor asteroids and other near-Earth objects that could collide with the planet, officials said.

Over the next two years, the telescope is going to be moved

and reconstructed in Australia, a vantage point that would allow it to survey an underserved area of space.

The telescope is "a big improvement over the legacy ground-based optical telescopes that are used by the U.S. Air Force, because it can search large areas of sky and also track very faint

(small) objects in and around GEO." Brian Weeden, a technical adviser at the Secure World Foundation, wrote in an email. "That's a critical capability for the U.S. military. As they have a lot of very important satellites in GEO, and are increasingly worried about threats to those satellites."

The telescope would join another new space debris tracking technology known as the Space Fence, which is now being built by Lockheed Martin. The radar system is going to be located on Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands and would use radar to help the Air Force track 10 times the amount of debris than it currently monitors.

With many valuable assets in

space — satellites used for intelligence, communications and guiding weapons — the Pentagon has become increasingly concerned with what it calls "space situational awareness." Instead of space being a benign environment, the Pentagon likes to say it has become "contested, congested and competitive." In orbit, debris moves very fast, so much as 17,500 mph, so even a fleck of paint could cause damage.

In 2007, the Chinese fired a missile that blew up a dead satellite and littered space with thousands of pieces of debris. And the Air Force has been working to make its satellites more resilient. It has plans to send swarms of small satellites into orbit that are more difficult to target. "Every military operation that takes place in the world today is critically dependent on space in one way or another," Air Force Gen. John Hyten said in an interview earlier this year when he was the commander of the Air Force Space Command. "Whether our own people in the United States are fully cognizant of the dependence on space or not, the rest of the world has been watching us very closely."

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WAR ON TERRORISM

A look at the US role against the Islamic State

By Vivian Salama
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As Iraqi tanks charge across their country to purge the city of Mosul from the Islamic State group, the United States has just as much to gain from the operation as the Iraqis themselves.

Since 2014, the U.S. has provided advise and assist operations to nudge the beleaguered Iraqi military back on its feet after the Islamic State group gutted it of weapons, supplies and soldiers during its blitzkrieg across Iraq and Syria. Coalition forces later launched airstrikes in both countries, reinforcing Iraqi, Kurdish and Syrian ground forces, while maintaining that no foreign combat troops would partake in the fight.

A look at the U.S. role against the Islamic State group:

■ **How many U.S. troops are currently in Iraq and Syria?**

According to the Pentagon, there are 4,815 U.S. forces currently in Iraq, including some special operations forces. That number does not include as many as 1,500 troops who are there on temporary duty or other short-term contracts. The Obama administration has authorized a

maximum troop level of 5,262.

In Syria, the Obama administration has authorized 300 troops — most of them special operations forces who are tasked mainly with working with Syrian Democratic Forces, a coalition of Kurdish and Arab allies. Medical and logistics units are also included in that number.

■ **Where are they located?**

U.S. forces in Iraq use bases in the cities of Baghdad, Irbil, Taji and Habaniyah. There are also "several hundred" American troops at the military base in Qayara West, south of Mosul, where they are helping build a staging area for the Iraqi security forces operation to recapture the city, according to a U.S. military official, who spoke anonymously because the details haven't been made public.

In northern Syria, details remain a closely-guarded secret given the sensitivity of the operations. U.S. support is ultimately aimed at helping the Syrian Democratic Forces advance on Raqqa, Islamic State's de facto capital. They sometimes stay in the country for several weeks at a time.

■ **What is the overall mission?**

In Iraq there are advisers, trainers, special operations forces and others stationed at Iraqi bases,



A helicopter belonging to the international coalition forces takes off from a base outside Mosul, Iraq, on Wednesday.

working with the Iraqi forces. In addition to working with the Iraqis at the division headquarters level, some advisers are advising the Iraqis at the brigade and battalion level, meaning that they are embedding those teams of advisers with smaller units, closer to the fight.

American forces in Syria aren't actually based in Syria. They travel in and out from neighboring countries — mainly Turkey and Iraq — sometimes staying in the country for several days at a time. They are there to provide advice and other assistance, but do not fight alongside the Syrians. Pentagon officials say that U.S. Special Forces have carried out about 400 missions in Syria to date.

■ **So where do we stand on the Mosul operation?**

Timeframes provided by American and Iraqi officials have varied between a few weeks to a few months, but there is no question that the push toward the Islamic State stronghold is very much

underway.

East of Mosul, coalition forces, supported Kurdish peshmerga fighters, are conducting an operation dubbed Evergreen II, which was designed to seize and control the key terrain near the Gaur River Bridge and the Great Zab River. The operation was executed with nearly 2,000 peshmerga fighters, with support from coalition and artillery strikes.

Coalition supported forces have also cleared five villages around Mosul, namely Qayara, which will be used as a critical staging ground for the Mosul operation, as well as a center for humanitarian efforts.

The coalition is providing training to remove many of the explosive remnants of war that Islamic State fighters typically leave behind once they've been driven from an area. It is also conducting multiple strikes around the city with the goal of denying the militants access to critical infrastructure and resources, including the Tigris River.

General calls on militants to surrender

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

KHAZER, Iraq — A senior Iraqi general Wednesday called on Iraqis fighting for the Islamic State group in Mosul to surrender as a wide-scale operation to retake the militant-held city entered its third day.

Lt. Gen. Talib Shaghati told reporters at a military base that up to 6,000 Islamic State fighters are inside the city. He did not say how many of them are foreigners.

The Islamic State captured Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, in a lightning advance in the summer of 2014. The extremist group has suffered a string of defeats over the past year, and Mosul is its last major urban bastion in Iraq.

The militants have put up fierce resistance in villages surrounding the city, where most of the fighting has been concentrated. The Islamic State group has sent trucks loaded with explosives careening toward the front lines and fired mortars to slow the Iraqi forces' advance.

An Iraqi officer from the 9th Division told The Associated Press that his troops were now around one kilometer (half a mile) away from Hamdaniyah, a historically Christian town also known as Bakhdida, to the east of Mosul.

Over the past day, the Islamic State group sent 12 car bombs, all of which were blown up before reaching their targets, he said, adding that Iraqi troops suffered a small number of casualties from the mortar rounds. The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters, did not provide specific figures.

To the north, airstrikes pounded Bashiqa as Kurdish forces fired mortar rounds from an area overlooking the Islamic State-held town.

Save the Children said 5,000 people have fled to a refugee camp in northeastern Syria from the Mosul area in the last 10 days, with another thousand waiting to enter at the border.

The operation to retake Mosul is the largest launched by the Iraqi army since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Fray: Apaches one of weapons being used to retake Mosul

FROM FRONT PAGE

The Islamic State group has controlled Mosul for two years and has established layers of defenses, Volesky said.

"I expect the enemy is going to fight a full-fledged conventional defense in Mosul," he said.

The Apaches are part of the complex set of weapons, including M1 Abrams tanks, high-mobility artillery rocket systems and upgraded Humvees, being used to retake Iraq's second-largest city, Volesky said.

Since the battle for Mosul began Monday, an estimated 18,000 Iraqi Army troops are approaching the

city from the south while 10,000 Kurdish fighters are approaching from the east.

There are about 5,000 U.S. forces in Iraq, including between 100 and 200 advisers embedded with the advancing Iraqi troops.

But Volesky said the Islamic State group has fought back aggressively.

"Yesterday and the day prior, [forces have seen] a lot more mortars, more rockets. We've been able to counter-fire pretty effectively," he said.

The Islamic State group has also used new and modified tactics in the battle, Volesky said. On Tuesday, the terrorist group used

a car bomb explosion to delay Iraqi forces and enable their fighters to retreat. Last week, the U.S. military confirmed the group was rigging commercial drones with explosives and used a Styrofoam plane to kill two Kurdish fighters.

Volesky said the Islamic State group will likely put up a stiff defense of Mosul but eventually lose their grip and morph into an insurgency.

He said the transition from conventional combat to counter-insurgency is deemed so predictable that the U.S. training regimen for Iraqi security forces is already being adjusted to prepare them for insurgent threats.

Volesky said some Islamic State fighters already are giving up their positions in the outskirts of Mosul and pulling back into the city. He said he expects this trend to continue.

At some point, he predicted, the Iraqi forces will prevail.

"I expect they [Islamic State fighters] are going to go into insurgency mode," Volesky said. "That's my assessment. That's what we're preparing the Iraqis for."

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NATION

Ex-FBI agent, State official deny talk of a bargain

By MICHAEL BIESECKER
AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A now-retired FBI agent and a State Department official involved in a discussion over the classification of information in one of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's emails said Tuesday they had not discussed mutual agency requests but had not linked the two as a bargain, as another FBI employee had reported.

The two men's accounts of a 2015 conversation were not identical and will likely not calm the furor over allegations of the State Department trying to arrange a "quid pro quo" to reduce the classification of an email from Clinton's private server in exchange for more FBI positions at the U.S. Embassy in Iraq.

The issue was thrust into the presidential campaign Monday when the FBI published documents containing the allegation,

which has been seized upon by Republican lawmakers and GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump.

In a statement released by the State Department, Under Secretary for Management Patrick Kennedy said he had called the agent, who was not named in the FBI documents but was identified by The Washington Post as Brian McCauley, "to better understand a proposal the FBI had made to upgrade one of former Secretary Clinton's emails prior to its public release."

Kennedy said he and other State Department officials wanted an explanation of the upgrade, which they believed was unnecessary.

"The FBI official I spoke to raised the topic of FBI Iraq slots as an entirely separate matter," Kennedy said. "The two matters were not linked. There was no quid pro quo, nor was there any bargaining.

"At no point in our conversation was I under the impression we were bargain-

ing. In the end, State upgraded the email at the FBI's request and in addition, no increase in FBI Iraq slots resulted from this conversation."

In an interview with The Washington Post, McCauley, the former FBI international operations official, recalled a 2015 phone call in which he said the two men each raised something that they wanted.

"He said: 'Brian. Pat Kennedy. I need a favor,'" McCauley told the Post. "I said: 'Good, I need a favor. I need our people back in Baghdad.'"

According to McCauley's account, Kennedy replied: "There's an email. I don't believe it has to be classified."

McCauley acknowledged to the Post that he had agreed to do a favor for Kennedy, but he said that after consulting with another FBI official about the email in question, he told Kennedy that he was unable to help him. He said there was no "collusion" between the two men and nothing improper

occurred.

A separate interview with a different FBI official from the bureau's records management division, whose name is redacted in the documents, relayed to the FBI a conversation between Kennedy and a colleague in the international operations division — presumably McCauley — that was characterized as a "quid pro quo" agreement to change the email's classification status in exchange for allowing the FBI to place more agents in countries where they are currently forbidden, according to a summary of the interview.

The email in question described reports in November 2012 that Libyan police were arresting suspects in the attack on U.S. facilities in Benghazi, Libya. It had been forwarded to Clinton's private email address by Jake Sullivan, one of her top aides and the department's director of policy planning, who was using his government email account.

Bridge safety at issue after crash

By JULIE WATSON
AND CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — People living near the Coronado Bridge called Tuesday for new safety measures after a suspected drunken driver plunged off the San Diego span and smashed into a festival 60 feet below, killing four people.

"All we're asking is for please, as soon as possible, to get some ... high rails so that we won't ever have to have something like this happen again," said Tomasa "Tommy" Camarillo, who has worked 46 years to preserve Chicano Park under the bridge.

At a news conference in the park, Camarillo said she has seen everything from motorcycles to a fender come crashing down near where people were gathered and children were playing.

State Sen. Ben Hueso, D-San Diego, vowed to make the bridge's safety a top priority, although he did not provide specifics.

The bridge links San Diego to the Navy town of Coronado across the bay. The park is known for brightly colored murals painted on the bridge's columns in honor of one of the oldest Mexican American neighborhoods in the United States.



HAYNE PALMOUR IV, THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE/AP

Police cover the bodies of people that were killed when a pickup truck landed on them after it flew off a ramp to the San Diego Coronado Bridge at Chicano Park on Oct. 15. Four people were killed and nine were injured in the crash.

On Saturday, the GMC pickup blew through a concrete retaining wall and crashed into a booth as a crowd gathered for La Raza Run, a motorcycle ride that began in downtown Los Angeles and ended at the park. Four people died and nine were injured, including vendors trapped under the pickup, which landed only steps away from a stage where a rockabilly band was playing.

The driver, Richard Anthony Sepolio, 25, an aviation electron-

ics technician who enlisted in 2014 and was assigned to Helicopter Combat Squadron 6 at the base in Coronado, is recovering from back and other injuries.

He was expected to be arraigned at a hospital Wednesday on four counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and three counts of gross bodily injuries in a DUI crash, California Highway Patrol Capt. Jim Nellis said.

Number of officers killed on duty drops

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of law enforcement officers killed as a result of criminal acts decreased in 2015 from the year before, dropping from 51 to 41, the FBI said Tuesday.

The report covers officers who were killed during ambushes, traffic pursuits, tactical situations, domestic disturbance calls and while handling prisoners and individuals with mental illness, among other situations.

More than half of the officers

killed were on vehicle patrol when they died. Most who died — 38 — were killed with firearms.

In addition, more than 50,000 officers were assaulted last year while performing their duties, the FBI said. The report says 45 law enforcement officers died accidentally in the line of duty, many during automobile and motorcycle accidents.

The report includes the cases of a Philadelphia police officer who was killed during a robbery attempt; a New York City police

officer fatally shot while investigating a suspicious person; and an Omaha, Neb., officer who was slain while pursuing a fugitive just as she was about to go on maternity leave.

It's too early to know what the 2016 tally will be, but there have already been a series of high-profile police deaths this year, including the five officers in Dallas who were slain by a sniper over the summer and three law enforcement officers who were killed in Baton Rouge, La.

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Cyrus Zaveih, also known as Cido the Clown, applies his make-up on Tuesday. A spate of scares involving people doing menacing things while dressed in clown costumes has been no laughing matter for real clowns.

Creepy craze is no joke for real clowns

By MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Send in the clowns.
This year's nationwide creepy clowning craze has become a nightmare before Halloween for actual, working clowns, who say their bookings at parties and other events have dropped sharply, even after many of the social media-fueled scary clown sightings have turned out to be hoaxes.

Some fear going out with their greasy-painted makeup and red noses will make them a target of police, or even marauding mobs who take to the streets on so-called "clown hunts."

"It's definitely a scary feeling leaving your house and you fear you are going to get jumped because you're dressed as a clown," said Cyrus Zaveih, a New York City hospital administrator who also performs professionally as Cido the Clown.

"You're there to make them happy, to make them have fun, and now they're saying, 'Aaaagghhh.' Zaveih said. "All of a sudden these stories are putting fear into kids. ... Before they'd just look the other way, but now it's like, 'You're a scary clown and I hate you.'"

The World Clown Association — comprising more than 2,000 members in 30 countries — has been flooded with calls from scared performers. It's been sending out safety tips, suggesting clowns consider changing into their costumes when they arrive at a party or go with a handler.

Association President Randy Christensen said clowns are also increasingly getting requests for "modified performances" in which they entertain without makeup and traditional clown attire.

This week, retail giant Target took the step of pulling scary clown masks from its shelves. And McDonald's says its signature clown

‘It's definitely a scary feeling leaving your house and you fear you are going to get jumped because you're dressed as a clown.’

Cyrus Zaveih
Cido the Clown

character, Ronald McDonald, will be keeping a lower profile.

All of the fallout follows a phenomenon in the U.S. involving dozens of stories, many fabricated, about clowns stalking or attacking people.

In multiple states, people have called police to report being menaced by people in clown costumes. In Kentucky, a man dressed as a clown was arrested after lurking in the woods. Children in Ohio and Texas have been charged with making clown-related threats to school classmates. A New York City teen told police a clown threatened him with a knife in the subway.

"They aren't clowns. They are clown impersonators," said Wendy Pincus, who has performed in New York City for the last 20 years. "We're here to make people happy. We don't threaten people. We bring joy."

Clown sightings, hoaxes and pranks — especially around Halloween — aren't new. In fact, they've become a recurring staple of crime blotters since serial killer and working clown John Wayne Gacy was convicted in 1980 of killing 33 people.

In 2012, James Holmes dyed his hair red as Batman's Joker before he opened fire at a Colorado movie theater, killing 12 people.

Kan. man accused in failed base bomb plot sentenced

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — A Kansas man was sentenced Tuesday to 15 months in prison for helping a would-be jihadi's unsuccessful plan to plant what they thought was a bomb at an Army base.

Alexander Blair, 29, also was sentenced to two years of supervised probation. He was accused of loaning \$100 to John T. Booker Jr., 21, to store what they thought was an explosive device; prosecutors said Booker intended to detonate it outside Fort Riley in northeast Kansas in support of the Islamic State group. The device was a fake bomb built by FBI informants.

Blair pleaded guilty to a conspiracy charge in May, and U.S. District Judge Daniel Crabtree said from the bench he regretted that federal anti-terrorism laws required him to treat Blair as if Blair had multiple previous criminal convictions despite his previously "spotless" record. The judge also said he concluded — as Blair's attorney had argued — that an unusual genetic personality condition made Blair "susceptible" to manipu-

lation by Booker.

Prosecutors had pushed for the maximum five-year prison sentence, but Crabtree said it would be too harsh for Blair's relatively small role in the conspiracy. Yet the judge also rejected the defense's request for five years' probation, saying it would not be enough punishment when Blair "understood the connection" between his loan and Booker's attempt to bomb the Army base.

"The sad truth is that Mr. Blair pleaded guilty to joining a conspiracy that had a catastrophic consequence," Crabtree said. Blair's family later posted a statement online saying it is "heartbroken." The statement said Blair "in no way deserves what is coming" and could be seriously harmed by time in prison.

Crabtree said he will recommend that Blair be confined at the federal prison system's medical center in Springfield, Mo., both because of his genetic condition, Williams syndrome, and to make it easier for family to visit. As Blair left the courtroom, he said, "I think it's fair."

"It's a great judge, and I hope not to be in his courtroom ever again," Blair said.

Booker, who is also from Topeka, pleaded guilty in February to two felonies under an agreement calling for him to serve 30 years in prison, but he hasn't been sentenced. He was arrested in April 2015 outside Fort Riley, about 60 miles west of Topeka, as he was trying to arm what he thought was a 1,000-pound explosive device.

Blair met Booker in January 2015 at the Islamic Center mosque in Topeka. In a court filing, Blair's attorney said Blair was interested in Islam because he did not feel like he was "fully part" of the Christian congregations he had previously joined.

Williams syndrome is marked by developmental delays and a compulsion to connect with others while being unable to process social cues. Advocates for people with the genetic condition wrote to Crabtree, urging mercy in sentencing.

Blair's attorney said in a court filing last month that Blair's social maturity is "similar to an 11- or 12-year-old" and issued a statement after the sentencing saying that Blair had been "unable to appreciate the gravity of his conduct."

Faculty on strike at 14 Pa. state universities

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Faculty at 14 Pennsylvania state universities went on strike Wednesday morning, affecting more than 100,000 students, after contract negotiations between the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and the faculty union hit an impasse.

The Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties announced on its website that its members went on strike at 5 a.m. because no agreement could be reached. The union represents more than 5,000 faculty and coaches across the state, and a walkout was expected to halt classes midsemester.

The state said that despite the strike, students should still report to their scheduled classes unless the union indicates otherwise. The union said late Tuesday night that the state had presented it its last, best offer and was done negotiating.

From The Associated Press

NATION

Safety, privacy weighed in college assaults

By JOCELYN GECKER
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When a student athlete at San Jose State University in California was accused of sexually assaulting two women at an off-campus party over Labor Day weekend, school officials acted decisively.

The student was ordered to stay away from the women involved and was moved from his dorm into a staff housing facility. He was also temporarily suspended from campus and team events pending the result of an investigation.

University officials also acted quietly, prompting many students to ask why they were kept in the dark about the alleged assaults. Fueling the criticism, the suspect — identified as an international student — left the country as authorities investigated.

The case has renewed focus on the problem of sexual assaults involving college students and raises questions about what obligations a university has to inform students and when it's time to go public about an alleged assault.

University officials and legal experts say it's a delicate issue. On one hand, students have an interest in knowing immediately if a perpetrator is on their campus.



AP

The handling of the case of a water polo player at San Jose State in California accused of sexually assaulting two women over Labor Day weekend has drawn criticism and renewed the focus on college sexual assaults.

But schools also need to protect students' privacy before an arrest is made or charges filed.

One proposed solution is for schools to notify students of suspected assaults in police-blatter style, without divulging details that could identify suspects or victims.

San Jose campus president Mary Papazian addressed student concerns in an email sent Monday to the university's 35,000 students and 5,000 faculty and staff.

"I am determined to do every-

thing possible to ensure that SJSU is a safe, caring, inclusive community," she said. "We will look comprehensively at how to improve communication."

The school has said the male student was immediately interviewed by police and school officials. Since no arrests have been made and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office is still reviewing the case for possible charges, the school felt there was no imminent safety threat to the campus community.

Still, given the student concerns, the university will review the way it responds in sexual assault cases.

"I believe it is time to re-examine and consider changes to notification policies," Papazian said.

The case follows the high-profile trial of former Stanford University athlete Brock Turner, who was convicted of attacking a woman while she was passed out near a trash bin on campus in January 2015. Turner's six-month prison sentence sparked national outrage and ignited a debate about campus rape and the criminal justice system.

The California State University system, which includes San Jose State and 22 other campuses, has no systemwide policy on notifying the campus community about alleged assaults.

But the schools adhere to the federal Clery Act, which requires universities to issue "timely warnings" of situations seen as a threat to the campus, said Toni Molle, spokeswoman for the California State University system. The decision of when to issue warnings is up to each campus.

The Stanford case did not become public until Turner was charged, said Stanford law professor Michele Dauber, who favors

some public disclosure early on after assaults are reported.

"As long as student privacy is protected, schools should err on the side of greater transparency and issue the timely warnings," said Dauber, a friend of the woman Turner assaulted who has been outspoken against the judge's sentencing.

Families Advocating for Campus Equality, which works on behalf of students accused of assault, says it's important not to name names prematurely.

"I think it's OK for a campus to notify in the abstract. Take more precautions, say there's been a report," said Cynthia Garrett, a co-president at the group. "But to put somebody's name and face out there, you need to be pretty sure something has happened. Imagine if you're innocent. Just imagine, how that could ruin a life."

Most universities will wait until there is a clear public safety issue to sound an alarm.

But publicizing an assault could lead more victims to step forward, said Fatima Goss Graves, an attorney at the Washington-based National Women's Law Center.

In San Jose, one of the women came forward immediately, and the second woman waited two weeks.

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Drones used to smuggle contraband to inmates pose new challenge for prisons

By MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD
The Washington Post

Prison inmates, a remarkably ingenious bunch, are disrupting long-standing methods of smuggling drugs, porn and cellphones the same way online retailers hope to one day deliver socks and underwear to American homes — through the air, with drones.

By coordinating with wingmen on the outside for shipments of contraband, inmates can bypass the need to bribe corrupt guards or persuade family members to hide forbidden items in body cavities.

Though nobody is precisely sure just how many drones are landing every day in prisons, the threat is global. Last year, there was a melee at an Ohio prison after a drone dropped heroin into the exercise yard. In April, security cameras at a London prison recorded a drone delivering drugs directly to an inmate's window.

And in western Maryland earlier this year, prosecutors convicted a recently released inmate and a prisoner serving a life sentence on charges of attempted drug distribution and delivery of contraband after they completed several nighttime missions netting them \$6,000 per drop in product sales. It was such a lucrative scheme that the former inmate had purchased a new truck for himself with the profits.

In many cases, the drones soaring over prison walls are the same \$50-to-\$500 devices that show up under Christmas trees only to be promptly crashed into trees by their new owners. Flight paths are somewhat more clear in the stark nothingness surrounding many prisons.

"These things can be fun toys if you're not trying to smuggle contraband into a prison," said Allegheny County assistant state's at-

torney Erich Bean, who prosecuted the Maryland case, calling it "one of the most interesting ones I've ever handled."

Prison officials are dealing with this new threat even as inmates continue using older, higher-risk methods. Earlier this month, more than 50 correctional officers and inmates were charged in a smuggling scheme at Eastern Correctional Institution, Maryland's largest prison.

Drone deliveries aren't all that surprising given how much time inmates spend watching television news, security officials say. They've likely seen stories about retailers such as Amazon pushing the concept.

"We are trying to keep up with technology just like everyone else," said Stephen Moyer, secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services for Maryland. "So this is a huge challenge for all of us in corrections."

Prisons aren't the only secure facilities grappling with consumer drones.

Last winter, an errant pilot crashed a drone onto White House grounds. A few months later in Japan, a man was arrested after landing a drone carrying radioactive material on the prime minister's roof. Power plants, nuclear facilities, chemical companies, data centers, airports and stadiums have also reported nefarious drone incursions.

The threats to prisons and other facilities have given rise to start-ups selling anti-drone detection systems that use thermal imaging and other technology to spot airborne infiltrators. Some executives have jokingly compared the technology to "Star Wars" — not the movies, but the Reagan-era missile defense system.

The industry is even attracting former Defense Department and senior counterterrorism officials.

DroneShield, with offices in Herndon, Va., and Australia, was started by John Franklin, a former researcher at the Air and Missile Defense Sector at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. Its board members include Samantha Ravich, who was former Vice President Dick Cheney's deputy national security adviser.

DroneShield installs shoe-sized boxes near potential targets — at the Boston Marathon, they were attached to light posts — that listen closely for motor and propeller sounds that drones make in the air. The system then sends alerts to law enforcement. The company is working with prisons in several U.S. states and others in Europe.

In New York, the Suffolk County jail installed a competing product made by Dedrone, a German company co-founded by a former executive at a consumer drone maker. Dedrone shoots infrared video and scans radio frequencies for specific signals from pilot remote controls indicating turns and other drone movements.

"If it looks like a drone, if it sounds like a drone, if it's acting like a drone — it's a drone," said J Lamprecht, the company's founder.

Following the arrests in Maryland, Moyer, the state's corrections secretary, asked Gov. Larry Hogan for \$1.5 million to test detection products. The funds have been allocated in the 2017 budget.

Bean, the prosecutor in the case, said Moyer was concerned and in close contact with him throughout the trial, which revealed how remarkably easy it was for the scheme to unfold.

Charles Brooks, convicted of conspiracy to commit murder in Prince George's County in 2002, was on a special tier at the Western Correctional Institution for inmates

taking part in a rehabilitative program training rescued dogs. He became friends with Thaddeus Shortz, a 25-year-old serving time for drug offenses.

Somewhere along the way, they quietly co-founded their airborne contraband operation, which commenced with Shortz's release in early 2015.

Shortz would tightly wrap drugs, cellphones and pornography in bags and attach them to a drone. Late at night, Shortz would drive to an access road near the prison and land the drone in the prison yard.

Brooks, walking his dog, would detach the package. Then the drone would disappear again into the night sky.

Corrections officials learned about the scheme from inmate tips and set up a sting operation with local law enforcement. They caught Shortz near the prison in a new truck loaded with a drone and several packages containing drugs, cellphones and DVDs.

"The titles written on them indicate they are pornographic movies," a police report said.

Shortz told investigators exactly how the conspiracy worked, describing himself as "one of the 'top' guys on the outside," according to the police report. He weighed each package to make sure it did not exceed 10 ounces — the maximum payload weight.

Officers asked him what he did with the proceeds. He used \$20,000 to buy a new truck. Also, he had just ordered a custom-built drone capable of carrying more than 16 ounces in an attached basket.

A Smith & Wesson .380 pistol weighs 11.85 ounces.

"The worst-case scenario," said Lamprecht, the founder of Dedrone, "is that they get a gun over the walls."

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NATION

For Obamas, one last State Dinner

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — “Bittersweet” was the word of the night, the one often used to describe President Barack Obama’s final State Dinner.

“We saved the best for last,” he said Tuesday as he welcomed Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and his wife, Agnese Landini, to the White House.

He wasn’t joking. The final gala meant everything was big or bigger, from the personality of the guest chef (Mario Batali) who collaborated on the menu to the size of the white tent (huge) on the South Lawn where the soiree was held, to the guest list of nearly 400 people.

Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., said it’s “a little sad” that it’s Obama’s last State Dinner. But

to make the occasion even more memorable, he said, “For tonight only, I pronounce my name ‘Canoli,’ not ‘Connolly.’”

Michelle Obama’s hairstylist, Johnny Wright, also described the moment as “bittersweet,” but he was still excited to have been invited. The first lady also invited her makeup artist, Carl Ray; her trainer, Cornell McClellan; and Meredith Koop, who helps Obama with her wardrobe.

“I’m excited that it’s the last State Dinner, so it’s a bittersweet thing,” said actress-comedian Alexandra Wentworth. “I love the Obamas.”

Others sought to inject some levity into the evening. “We’re Jews, but we identify as Italian,” joked Jerry Seinfeld.

By way of explaining why the Obamas may have invited the comedian and his wife, Jessica,



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

President Barack Obama, center right, and first lady Michelle Obama, second from center left, stand with Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi and his wife, Agnese Landini, for an official photograph at the White House in Washington on Tuesday before they host their final State Dinner.

Seinfeld said the couple spends a lot of time traveling in Italy “and we almost exclusively go out for Italian food, but that’s as far as I can figure.”

After tripping while climbing stairs and then cutting out the lining of her dress, celebrity chef Rachael Ray joked that “I should only come here in sneakers.” Ray

has done numerous events with Michelle. Obama to support the first lady’s “Let’s Move!” anti-childhood obesity initiative.

Obama has had one dinner bigger than Tuesday’s — a 2014 event for African heads of state to which more than 400 people were invited.

Tuesday’s guest list included a

touch of everything: celebrities, lawmakers, senior administration officials, White House staff, a larger-than-usual contingent of journalists and others, and it had the feeling of having been designed as one big final “thank you” to all.

In fact, Michelle Obama was overheard thanking her guests “for eight magnificent years.”



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WORLD



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Protesters hit a Philippine National Police van after it rammed into other protesters outside the U.S. Embassy in Manila on Wednesday.

Philippine police van rams protesters at US Embassy

By Bullit Marquez and Bogie Calpeuz
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — A Philippine police van ramed into protesters, leaving several bloodied, as an anti-U.S. rally turned violent Wednesday at the American Embassy in Manila.

At least three student activists had to be taken to a hospital after they were run over by the van driven by a police officer, protest leader Renato Reyes said.

Associated Press TV footage showed the van repeatedly ramming the protesters as it drove wildly back and forth after activists surrounded and started hitting the vehicle with wooden batons they seized from police.

In front of horrified crowds, including videographers and photographers, the van suddenly charged backward then sprinted forward twice over a space of about 60 feet, barreling through the scattered protesters and hurling some to the side like bowling pins. A few got run over but managed to stand.

Some screamed in surprise; others hurled stones at the van and yelled invectives. A speaker called the police "puppies of imperialists" on a loudspeaker.

"There was absolutely no justification for it," Reyes said of the violent police dispersal of about 1,000 protesters. "Even as the president vowed an independent foreign policy, Philippine police forces still act as running dogs of the U.S."

Police lobbed tear gas and arrested at least 23 protesters who broke through a line of riot police and hurled red paint at the officers and a U.S. government seal



A fireman aims his hose at urging protesters as they force their way toward the U.S. Embassy in Manila on Wednesday.

at the start of the rally at the sea-side embassy compound.

A firetruck doused the rowdy protesters with water to push them back, but they took hold of the water hose and confronted the outnumbered police with rocks and red paint. After breaking through the police corridor, they scribbled "U.S. troops out now" and other slogans at the embassy's tall fence with red paint.

The protesters, consisting of students, workers and tribespeople, were demanding an end to the presence of visiting U.S. troops in the Philippines and to support a call by President Rodrigo Duterte for a foreign policy not dependent on the U.S., the country's longtime treaty ally.

The activists came from the largest left-wing umbrella group called Bayan (Nation), which has organized regular anti-U.S. protests in front of the embassy for decades, most of which are peaceful.

Duterte was on a state visit to China, where he is seeking to

repair relations strained under his predecessor over territorial conflicts in the South China Sea. He is also seeking to expand two-way trade and investments and financing for badly needed infrastructure projects.

Amid an uneasy relationship with the U.S., Duterte has tried to reach out to China and Russia, bringing uncertainty to his country's long alliance with America.

But the protesters also opposed the president's effort to lean toward China.

"The Philippines will not be dictated on, whether by the U.S. or China," they said in a statement.

The Philippine National Police did not comment immediately Wednesday.

The violence happened as the police and Duterte are under increased international scrutiny for their alleged role in the killings of thousands of drug suspects and pushers as part of the president's war on illegal drugs.

4 police hurt in raid on anti-government extremist in Germany

By Geir Moulson
Associated Press

BERLIN — An anti-government extremist opened fire on police in southern Germany during a raid Wednesday in which they had planned to confiscate his weapons, and four officers were wounded, authorities said.

The 49-year-old German man had legally possessed more than 30 weapons for hunting, but local authorities had revoked his license because he appeared increasingly unreliable, Bavarian Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann said.

He had previously refused to allow officials access to check his arsenal and take away the firearms.

The suspect opened fire on police as they entered the house in the Bavarian town of Georgsmuendung early Wednesday morning, Herrmann said. Two officers suffered gunshot wounds — one was in life-threatening condition and the other was shot in the arm. The other two were hit by flying glass.

The shooter was overwhelmed by other officers and arrested. He was lightly injured.

Authorities said the man, whom they didn't identify, was a supporter of the Reich Citizens'

Movement, an extremist group that refuses to acknowledge the authority of the post-war Federal Republic of Germany. The group has been compared to the U.S. sovereign citizen movement.

A recent report by Berlin's state intelligence service describes the Reich Citizens' Movement as "an extremely diverse range of small groups and individuals who believe in an ideological mixture of conspiracy theories, anti-Semitic and anti-democratic views and who have been behaving increasingly aggressively for some time."

Herrmann said the movement has been under "intensive observation" by his state's branch of the domestic intelligence agency because parts of it have "far-right aims." Herrmann said those measured would have to be stepped up further — though he said some members of the Reich movement aren't necessarily extremists or potentially violent.

They are mainly known for aggravating German authorities by pursuing obscure legal claims, not outright violence.

However, in August, a member of the movement was wounded in an exchange of gunfire with officers in eastern Germany as he tried to prevent his eviction.

Fast-food chain in Malaysia told to change hot dog name

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Hot dogs, or at least the name, will soon be off the menu for a U.S. fast-food chain selling the popular snack in Malaysia.

The chain, Austria Anne's, has been told by Islamic authorities that its popular Pretzel Dog, which contains no dog meat, has to be renamed as it is confusing for Muslim consumers.

The Malaysian Islamic Development Department has told the U.S. company to banish the word "dog" from its menu and suggested that the frankfurter wrapped in a pretzel be called Pretzel Sausage as part of conditions to obtain halal certification based on Islamic dietary laws. Dogs are deemed unclean in Islam.

"It is more appropriate to use the name Pretzel Sausage," the department's halal director, Sirajuddin Suhaimie, told local media.

The move is not surprising in mainly Muslim Malaysia, where conservative attitudes have been on the rise. A wide range of products have been certified halal, from mineral water to a newly launched internet browser and household products to appeal to Muslims, who make up about 60 percent of the country's 30 million people.

Auntie Anne's said it will comply with the request. Its halal executive, Farhatul Kamillah, said on her Facebook page that the chain has proposed several new names and is waiting for the Islamic department's approval.

Prince executed in rare royal death sentence

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia says it has executed a prince who fatally shot another man in a melee, a rare death sentence carried out against a member of the kingdom's extensive royal family.

The Interior Ministry said late Tuesday it had executed Prince Turki bin Saud bin Turki bin Saud al-Kabeer in Riyadh. It did not describe how the sentence was

carried out, though the Sunni-ruled kingdom often beheads the condemned in public.

A ministry statement carried on the state-run Saudi Press Agency warned "whoever dares to commit such a crime that the Shariah penalty is awaiting."

Such royal executions are rare but have happened before. In 1975, the kingdom beheaded Faisal bin Musaid bin Abdulaziz Al Saud for assassinating King Faisal.

From The Associated Press

WORLD



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A visitor at the Little Zoo Cafe in Bangkok watches red foxes play.



A visitor at the Little Zoo Cafe sits with a meerkat.

A BIT WILD

Animal cafes go from mere cats to meerkats

BY MARTHA MENDOZA
AND NATNICHA CHUWIRUCH
Associated Press

Cat cafes, where customers sip lattes while petting resident kitties, are just opening their doors around the U.S. and Europe. But in Asia, where the first one opened more than a decade ago, the concept has moved well beyond felines.

At Tokyo's Snake Center, visitors pay the equivalent of about \$11 for a cup of coffee and a slithering friend to wind around their arm; a plate of curry bread snacks or a really big snake costs extra.

At We Are The Furballs, or WTF, in Singapore, Mochi and her puppy pals yap at ankles and occupy guests' laps for peaceful dognaps.

And at Little Zoo Cafe in Bangkok, meerkats, raccoons and little foxes with the softest ears imaginable can be cuddled near plates of crepes and French fries.

Some sell the animals or offer them for adoption. Others invite customers to bring their pets or just offer encounters with creatures — from penguins to hedgehogs.

"I wanted there to be a place where people can come learn about the animals," said Wachiraporn Arampibulphol, who opened an exotic animal cafe in Bangkok a year ago after visiting an owl cafe in Tokyo.

While smuggling Jelly, a blond fox, Wachiraporn said she used to import chin-chillas, meerkats and other exotic pets, but worried that owners bought them impulsively and then abused them or let them collapse and die in Thailand's heat.

She said customers at her Little Zoo Cafe get a reality check when they're so



A patron holds a fennec fox at the Little Zoo.

close to the animals; she's sold only a half-dozen this year.

"When you see pictures and photos of these animals, you see their cuteness," she said. "But people don't think about what the animal would smell like or how actually raising one would be."

Indeed, a musky odor floated above two red foxes — Mocha and Cappuccino — as they boisterously wrestled and skittered around customers' legs.

Nearby, Nutrida Chaloembun, 23, watched a waitress grapple with Cracker, a 25-pound raccoon who chattered and swatted her away with little handlike paws.

"It's fat and really adorable, but it won't let me touch it," Nutrida said, laughing.

Shirley Chaifong came to the Little Zoo Cafe all the way from Malaysia after see-

ing photos of meerkats on Instagram. But it was the tail-wagging corgi, a Welsh cattie-herding dog breed which is an uncommon breed in Asia, that she fell for.

"It's a great way to see the animals," she said, her hands running through his fur.

After a cat cafe opened in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2014, the concept quickly spread to more than 20 American cities, from New York to Los Angeles, and many more are planned. They're also popular in Europe, with recent openings in the Netherlands, Finland and Italy.

American and European cat cafes have stringent health and safety regulations that sometimes ban actually petting animals, or require that cats remain well separated from food. Most are affiliated with local humane societies or rescue shelters.

In many Asian countries, where there are fewer hygiene rules in restaurants and pets can be bought in street markets, animal rights activists say the cafes are cruel.

"These animals often become despondent and develop neurotic and self-destructive behavior," said Jason Baker, at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' international campaigns office. "I don't know why anyone would want to eat a meal surrounded by animals who are imprisoned in cages and pens that are tiny fractions of the size of their homes in the wild."

Cafe owners say they're trying to help the animals by allowing people to safely and compassionately interact.

Tokyo Snake Center cafe Manager Hisamitsu Kaneko said visitors can gain a new appreciation for their oft-maligned reptiles.

"People have biases or preconceptions about snakes, that they're disgusting or scary," said Kaneko, whose customers choose from about 60 snakes. "I think there are no animals as beautiful." At Bangkok's TrueLove @ Neverland cafe, more than a dozen imported and bred huskies were being panted — if calm — as they lounged for an hour outside on a humid 95-degree day, chewing ice cubes and carrots while visitors marveled at their thick fur.

At the end of a one-hour dog encounter, customers peeled off plastic foot covers, sanitized their hands, checked their husky-selfies and climbed into waiting tuk-tuk rickshaws. Barking and yipping, the dogs dashed en masse into their air-conditioned quarters to rest up and eat before their next human visitors arrived.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Man buys storage unit, finds dead, frozen cats

NY NEW YORK — Police said a man bought a storage unit at an auction in New York City and found dozens of dead cats frozen in two freezers.

Officers responded to American Self Storage in the Queens neighborhood of Long Island City on Monday evening.

Police said one freezer had frozen cats stacked on top of each other. In the other, police said, they were individually wrapped in paper and plastic bags. One cat had been skinned. About 40 cats in all were discovered.

The nonprofit American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has taken the dead cats into its custody for necropsies. The tests can't be performed until the carcasses thaw out.

Police are searching for an unidentified woman who originally rented the unit.

Police, bystanders pull man from burning car

FL PALM BAY — Florida police officers linked arms with bystanders to pull a driver from a burning car.

The Orlando Sentinel reported the man's car collided with another vehicle and plowed down a steep embankment Sunday morning. The car caught fire, and Palm Bay police officers rushed to free the driver.

Video of the rescue showed bystanders linking arms to help the officers pull the driver through thick brush up to the road.

Police said the driver became combative during the rescue and had to be handcuffed before he was taken to a hospital with minor injuries. No other injuries were reported in the collision or the rescue.

Horse rescued from mud gets new home

PA CHEYNEY — A Pennsylvania horse that was lifted to safety by a crane after getting stuck in the mud earlier this month has a new home on a Virginia farm.

Rescuers used a crane to pull Cyrus, a Clydesdale, from the mud at Thornbury Farm Stables near Philadelphia about two weeks ago. A farm employee believes another horse likely scared Cyrus, and he ran into the mud.

Stable manager Penny Parker told The Philadelphia Inquirer that Cyrus, 18, was upset after the rescue operation and didn't calm down until another horse, Ghost, was brought in to keep him company. Parker said it would be traumatic to separate the pair now, so Ghost will be joining Cyrus with his new family in Virginia.

Missing, dead livestock cases are investigated

ND CANNON BALL — The North Dakota Stockmen's Association is offering a reward of up to \$14,000 for information that helps crack cases of missing and dead livestock in Sioux County.

THE CENSUS

12 The number of times a Pennsylvania man has been convicted of shoplifting. A Lancaster County jury convicted David Springer, 51, of taking a \$4.49 bottle of Advil from a local Giant store last year. Authorities charged Springer with a felony because of his numerous retail theft convictions. Police said Springer had paid for other items from the store at the time, but he put the bottle of pain relievers in his pocket during the shopping trip. Judge Jeffrey Wright said Springer was a threat to society because he continued to steal. He sentenced Springer on Oct. 4 to four months in county prison, five months on house arrest, 14 months on parole and three years' probation.



JACQUELINE DORMER, THE (POTTSVILLE, PA.) REPUBLICAN-HERALD/AP

Enjoying October warmth

Enjoying warm temperatures, Ian Harkins, 11, rides his scooter home from the playground as Izabella Marie Harkins, 10, walks alongside in Saint Clair, Pa., on Monday.

The rancher group said that in one instance, three dead bison were found. The other case involves a dead saddle horse, four dead cows and more than 30 missing cattle. Both cases happened near Cannon Ball.

The Stockmen's Association is working with law enforcement on the investigation and advising ranchers in the area to monitor their herds and report any suspicious activity.

Police credited with saving suspect's life

IN INDIANAPOLIS — An Indianapolis police ser-

geant is being credited for helping to save the life of a would-be burglar who badly cut his leg on a barbed-wire fence.

The Indianapolis Star reported that Sgt. David Kinsey applied a tourniquet to the 30-year-old man's leg about 2:30 a.m. Sunday before the man was taken to a hospital.

Police had responded to an alarm at L.E. Myers Co., and when they arrived the man ran away, jumped a fence and fled into the woods. He snagged his right leg on the fence. A police dog helped officers track the man, whose shorts were soaked with blood.

Kinsey told the newspaper it shows people that "we don't just take bad guys to jail" and is an example of good things done by police.

Man driving clients in van charged with DWI

NY WARRENSBURG — An upstate New York woman who was driving a van for a company that provides services for people with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries is facing several charges after crashing the van into two vehicles while driving drunk with two clients as passengers.

The Post-Star, of Glens Falls, reported that Brianna Norton, 24, of Queensbury, is charged with DWI, endangering the welfare of a mentally incompetent person, failure to keep right and having an open container in a motor vehicle.

The accident happened last Friday evening in Warrensburg when Norton swerved into oncoming traffic, slammed head-on into a Subaru and ricocheted into a parked Ford pickup.

Warren County sheriff's deputies said no injuries were reported.

Deputies said Norton could face additional charges pending results of a blood test.

7 good Samaritans help cops lift car off driver

NJ MAYS LANDING — Police said seven good Samaritans in New Jersey helped officers lift a car off a driver who was critically hurt when the vehicle landed on top of her during a rollover crash.

The Press, of Atlantic City, reported that police said the woman was traveling around a curve Sunday afternoon in Atlantic County's Hamilton Township when she lost control of the vehicle.

The car left the road and crashed into a tree. The driver was thrown from the car as it flipped, and police said it landed upside down on top of her.

Police said passers-by were able to help lift the car and pull her out. She was airlifted to a hospital in Atlantic City.

The driver's identity wasn't released.

Skydiving shoe lost, retrieved during jump

TX SALADO — A skydiving instructor in Central Texas who lost a shoe during a stunt retrieved the flying footwear after it bounced off his chest and before either reached the ground.

Shelby Palmer told KXXV-TV that he was glad to catch the left shoe that was part of a pair he borrowed from another skydiver. Nobody was hurt in the September jump.

Palmer works for Skydive Temple in Salado. He and Christopher Elder decided to do a stunt in which one person holds on to another for a time — then lets go. Elder let go of Palmer sooner than planned, knocking off the instructor's shoe.

Palmer worked his turn and descent rate to reach the shoe, which he grabbed and put on before reaching the ground.

Both skydivers landed safely.

From wire reports

FACES



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Now fans can stream the music of Garth Brooks on Amazon Music Unlimited.

Streaming holdout Brooks joins Amazon's service

By KRISTIN M. HALL
Associated Press

A week after launching its paid streaming music service, Amazon announced a deal with one of streaming music's biggest holdouts: country superstar Garth Brooks.

Brooks, the best-selling solo artist in U.S. history with 138 million albums sold, has kept his music off streaming services. On Wednesday, select albums and songs were made available on Amazon Music Unlimited.

His albums, previously available only through his GhostTunes service, will be sold digitally via Amazon Music.

Brooks said he waited until the right partner came along before he was ready to dive into streaming. "I love retail to death, but retail will never tell me what my stuff is worth and will never tell me how to sell

it," Brooks said in a telephone interview from Los Angeles. "That's the tail wagging the dog for me."

"This is a landmark moment for both Amazon Music and Garth Brooks," said Steve Boom, vice president of Amazon Music, in a statement. "Garth Brooks is a legendary country music superstar who continues to shatter industry records and amaze fans three decades into his career. We are honored to make his music available for streaming for the first time ever, exclusively on Amazon Music."

Brooks entered semi-retirement in 2000. In 2014, he returned with a major tour and a new album, "Man Against Machine."

His upcoming albums, "Gunslinger" and "Christmas Together" with wife Trisha Yearwood, will be added to the streaming service later this year. Two of his best-selling albums, "Ultimate Hits" and "Double

Live," will be available. They include his hits "Friends in Low Places," "The Dance" and "The Thunder Rolls." His current single, "Baby, Let's Lay Down and Dance," will also be available.

Amazon Music Unlimited is competing against existing services such as Spotify and Apple Music. It costs \$8 per month, or \$80 a year, for members of Amazon's Prime loyalty program, while non-Prime members pay \$10 a month.

For Brooks, it was its flagship online retail store that made him choose Amazon. "For selling music, they are perfect because they do physical and digital," Brooks said. "Here comes, out of the blue, a place that says, 'We can stream and sell and if you don't want to sell singles, just be an album artist, we're fine with that. And whatever price you want to put on them, high or low, we're fine with that, too, because we're retail.'"



HULU/AP

Hugh Laurie, who played a doctor on "House," is portraying a forensic psychiatrist in a new TV series on Hulu.

Actor takes a risk as a forensic psychiatrist in dark series 'Chance'

By LYNN ELBER
Associated Press

Hugh Laurie warmly recalls "House" and the flawed physician he played as artful combinations of tragedy and comedy.

Laurie is returning to TV as a medical man, this time a disillusioned forensic psychiatrist, in "Chance," Hulu's 10-episode series based on Kem Nunn's critically acclaimed novel. With Dr. Eldon Chance "sucked into a world of sexual obsession, fractured identities and violence," as the streaming service put it, laughs are unlikely.

Laurie is mesmerizing whatever the project, as his recent venture into chillingly bad-guy territory with "The Night Manager" proved, if proof is needed. He's also gone to tackle an interview after wrapping up a production day on "Chance" at 3 a.m. in San Francisco and hopping on a plane for a day of publicity.

Nunn is an executive producer on the drama, out Wednesday, that also stars Gretchen Mol as a patient possibly suffering from a multiple personality disorder.

Laurie, excusing himself as "slightly bleary," talked to The Associated Press about the series and the prospects of

reuniting with his friend and comedy partner Stephen Fry, with whom he created magic in the P.G. Wodehouse-based "Jeeves and Wooster" series and other projects.

Associated Press: What appeal did "Chance" have for you?

Laurie: I was very taken with the novel. I'd read it about two years ago, and the script arrived about a year after that. It was one of the rare occasions — can't think of any other, actually — when a script adaptation has actually matched if not surpassed the original novel. Kem wouldn't mind me saying that because he was involved in the adaptation... and it spoke to me. I'm fascinated by the subject matter. Psychiatry and neuroscience is an absolutely gripping area of inquiry... There's also something intimate and vulnerable about these characters. This is not (dialogue) in which people trade quips. So much television now is about writers showing off their chops... It's not really how people talk much of the time.

Any good reason you and Stephen Fry haven't reunited as a comedy duo for some two decades?

Laurie: There was no decision taken, no oath... I'm up for it. I kept saying we ought to do something on stage... There were great double acts (like) Flanders and

AP: You've been in several projects lately, including "Veep." Are you driven to work?

Laurie: I don't think I am. I think of myself as a very lazy person. But I've observed also that other people I think are driven describe themselves as lazy. I think, "That doesn't make any sense. I don't understand what the word lazy means then." If Kenneth Branagh thinks he's lazy, what does the word mean?

Swann (actor-singer Michael Flanders and pianist Donald Swann) I loved the idea of us doing a sort of stage review. He (Fry) kept saying, "Yes, we must definitely do that. Brilliant, brilliant." And then 20 years have gone by. But We still mean to do it.

NBC's 'Sunday Night Football' has lowest ratings since 2011

NBC's flagship "Sunday Night Football" game had its smallest audience in five years this week, evidence of the NFL's new deflation issue.

The game between Indianapolis and Houston reached 13.6 million viewers, removing the weekly broadcast from its usual spot at or very close to the top of the Nielsen company ratings. CBS' Thursday night game scored slightly higher.

This season, NBC's prime-time games have been down 17 percent from last year, when ratings were at their peak for the telecast.

CBS won the week in prime time, averaging 9.1 million viewers.

Other news

■ **Michael Moore** has premiered a surprise film, "Michael Moore in TrumpLand," in New York on Tuesday night in front of an audience of his fans. According to The Hollywood Reporter, the film features Moore speaking about both Republican nominee Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton on stage earlier this month in Wilmington, Ohio, a hotbed of Trump support. The liberal documentarian urged the crowd at Tuesday's premiere to vote for Clinton.

■ Emma Stone and Jane Curtin are late additions to the lineup of performers who'll celebrate Bill Murray when he receives the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. The Kennedy Center announced Tuesday that Stone and Curtin will take the stage in honor of Murray on Sunday night. Also new to the lineup are musician Rhiannon Giddens and Ivan Reitman.

■ A birth certificate obtained Tuesday shows "Scandal" star Kerry Washington and her husband, former NFL player Nnamdi Asomugha, welcomed their son Caleb Kalechi Asomugha on Oct. 5. The couple also has a two-year-old daughter.

■ **Tobey Maguire** and Jennifer Meyer have separated after nine years of marriage. Maguire's representative has confirmed a People magazine report on the breakup. The former couple tells People in a joint statement that the decision came "after much soul searching and consideration."

■ **Tom Jones**, an acclaimed short-story writer who drew upon family tragedy and his own painful struggles for "The Puglist At Rest" and other collections, has died. Jones died Oct. 14 in Olympia, Wash., his longtime home, according to his literary representatives, the Wylie Agency. He was 71 and died of complications from diabetes. "The Puglist At Rest," a book published in 1993, was his debut book and a finalist for the National Book Award.

From The Associated Press

BUSINESS/WEATHER

New rules to protect airline customers

By JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saying they want to boost competition in the airline industry, Obama administration officials issued new regulations Tuesday aimed at providing passengers with more information to compare the performance of air carriers and the cost of flights.

The Department of Transportation also said it was proposing that airlines be required to refund fees when checked bags are "substantially delayed." The government already requires airlines to refund fees for bags that are lost, but the proposal would go a step further by including delayed bags. Transportation officials said they haven't yet defined what constitutes a substantial delay.

Congress directed the department in an aviation bill passed over the summer to require airlines to refund checked bag fees to passengers whose luggage is

delayed 12 hours or more for domestic flights or 15 hours or more for overseas flights. However, the department has some flexibility in how it ultimately writes the regulation.

The department also issued several final rules aimed at giving passengers better information when they purchase tickets and for judging the performance of air carriers.

One of the new rules would force airlines to report flight delays for all the planes that fly under their banner. Major carriers haven't been including flights operated by their regional airline partners in their performance reports to the government. Consumer advocates say that can make major carriers' records look better than they really are, since the regional flights are more likely to be delayed.

Currently a dozen of the largest airlines report performance data. Under the new rule, Air Wisconsin, Allegiant, Endeavor, Mesa,

Envoy, Republic and Shuttle America will also have to report performance data.

Another rule would prohibit online ticketing services from favoring one airline over another in response to consumer searches for flight information.

Airlines will also have to report how many wheelchair users they mishandle. It's the first time they have had to report that information.

"Airline passengers deserve to have access to clear and complete information about the airlines they choose to fly and to expect fair and reasonable treatment when they fly," said Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

Airlines for America, a trade association for major carriers, warned that the changes could harm customers by "re-regulating" how airlines sell their products, driving up the cost of air travel.

"It would be difficult to find an industry that is more transparent than the airline industry; custom-

ers always know exactly what they are paying for before they buy," said Nicholas Calio, the association's president.

The new rules are mostly a "big win" for passengers, said Charles Leocha, president of Travelers United and a member of the department's consumer advisory panel. But he noted that the department had delayed final action on some of the rules for more than two years.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 20)	\$1.1280
Dollar buys (Oct. 20)	€0.8865
British pound (Oct. 20)	\$1.1626
Japanese yen (Oct. 20)	101.00
South Korean won (Oct. 20)	1,093.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.1290
Canada (Dollar)	1.3076
China (Yuan)	6.7368
Denmark (Krone)	6.7837
Egypt (Pound)	8.8855
Euro	\$1.0969/0.9116
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7581
Hungary (Forint)	279.88
Israel (Sheqel)	3.8283
Japan (Yen)	103.25
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3027
Norway (Krone)	8.1603
Philippines (Peso)	47.97
Poland (Zloty)	3.33
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7510
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3864
South Korea (Won)	1,122.78
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9893
Thailand (Baht)	34.69
Turkey (Lira)	3.0760

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MARKET WATCH

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Dow Jones Industrials	75.54
Nasdaq Composite	44.02
Standard & Poor's 500	13.10
Russell 2000	7.17
Dollar Index	100.00
Oil (WTI)	47.50
Gold	1,213.94
5-year T-bill	5.2484
10-year T-bill	2.1390
30-year T-bill	1.2137

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.50
Discount rate	4.00
Federal funds market rate	0.36
3-month bill	0.33
30-year bond	2.50

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Arlene, Texas	72	58	Cir	Chatanooga	85	65	Cldy	Fort Wayne	60	53	Rain	Louisville	72	65	Rain
Akron, Ohio	63	53	Rain	Cheyenne	57	27	Cir	Fresno	81	52	Cir	Lubbock	69	46	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	66	41	Rain	Chicago	59	52	Cldy	Goodland	60	35	Cir	Macon	87	59	Pcldy
Albuquerque	68	45	Cir	Cincinnati	59	52	Rain	Grand Junction	59	49	Cldy	Madison	85	43	Pcldy
Allentown, Pa.	71	56	Pcldy	Cleveland	62	53	Rain	Grand Rapids	59	49	Cldy	Medford	70	47	Pcldy
Amarillo	66	41	Cir	Colorado Springs	58	27	Cir	Great Falls	85	35	Cldy	Memphis	74	68	Rain
Anchorage	41	32	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	87	61	Pcldy	Green Bay	53	41	Pcldy	Miami Beach	85	71	Cldy
Asheville	68	45	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	88	64	Pcldy	Greensboro, N.C.	83	60	Cir	Midland-Odessa	73	56	Cir
Atlanta	85	64	Pcldy	Columbus, Ohio	58	50	Cir	Harrisburg	60	49	Cldy	Mobile	65	49	Cldy
Atlantic City	76	61	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	58	46	Cldy	Hartford Springfield	61	51	Rain	Mpls-St Paul	49	36	Pcldy
Austin	68	53	Pcldy	Corpus Christi	89	73	Cldy	Helena	61	32	Cldy	Missoula	54	34	Cir
Baltimore	80	63	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	73	64	Pcldy	Honolulu	88	74	Pcldy	Mobile	65	49	Cldy
Baton Rouge	85	70	Cldy	Dayton	65	58	Rain	Houston	85	71	Cldy	Montgomery	90	64	Pcldy
Birmingham	86	66	Cldy	Daytona Beach	84	70	Pcldy	Huntsville	81	66	Rain	Nashville	77	67	Rain
Bismarck	55	33	Pcldy	Denver	61	31	Cir	Indianapolis	60	50	Rain	New Orleans	85	71	Cldy
Boise	65	45	Cir	Des Moines	56	45	Pcldy	Jacksonville	82	68	Rain	New York City	68	60	Cldy
Boston	59	54	Cldy	Detroit	60	53	Rain	Jacksonville	83	66	Pcldy	Newark	68	60	Cldy
Bridgeport	69	53	Pcldy	Duluth	43	32	Cldy	Janeau	46	38	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	82	65	Pcldy
Brownsville	88	73	Rain	El Paso	72	57	Cir	Kansas City	61	48	Cir	North Platte	59	36	Pcldy
Buffalo	59	51	Rain	Elkins	79	77	Cldy	Key West	77	63	Pcldy	Oklahoma City	59	54	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	64	46	Rain	Evansville	65	61	Rain	Knoxville	84	63	Pcldy	Omaha	58	44	Pcldy
Caribou, Maine	57	38	Rain	Fargo	46	31	Cldy	Las Vegas	85	71	Rain	Orlando	85	68	Pcldy
Charleston, S.C.	84	63	Cldy	Flagstaff	67	32	Cir	Lincoln	59	43	Pcldy	Philadelphia	77	63	Cldy
Charleston, W.Va.	83	63	Cldy	Flint	58	50	Rain	Little Rock	73	67	Cldy	Phoenix	96	66	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	84	62	Cir	Fort Smith	73	59	Cldy	Los Angeles	99	65	Cir	Pittsburgh	73	58	Rain
Chicago	59	52	Rain	Fort Wayne	60	53	Rain	Louisville	72	65	Rain	Pocatello	59	29	Cir
Cincinnati	59	52	Rain	Fresno	81	52	Cir	Lubbock	69	46	Cir	Portland, Maine	56	47	Cldy
Cleveland	62	53	Rain	Goodland	60	35	Cir	Macon	87	59	Pcldy	Portland, Ore.	62	54	Rain
Colorado Springs	58	27	Cir	Grand Junction	59	49	Cldy	Madison	85	43	Pcldy	Providence	64	45	Cldy
Columbia, Ga.	88	64	Pcldy	Grand Rapids	59	49	Cldy	Medford	70	47	Pcldy	Pueblo	63	28	Cir
Columbus, Ohio	58	50	Cir	Great Falls	85	35	Cldy	Memphis	74	68	Rain	Raleigh-Durham	84	61	Cir
Concord, N.H.	58	46	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	83	60	Cir	Miami Beach	85	71	Cldy	Rapid City	59	33	Cir
Corpus Christi	89	73	Cldy	Harrisburg	60	49	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	73	56	Cir	St. Petersburg	84	72	Cldy
Dallas-Ft. Worth	73	64	Pcldy	Hartford Springfield	61	51	Rain	Mpls-St Paul	49	36	Pcldy	St. Louis	64	45	Cldy
Dayton	65	58	Rain	Helena	61	32	Cldy	Missoula	54	34	Cir	St. Thomas	89	80	Cldy
Daytona Beach	84	70	Pcldy	Honolulu	88	74	Pcldy	Mobile	65	49	Cldy	Salem, Ore.	68	60	Cldy
Denver	61	31	Cir	Houston	85	71	Cldy	Montgomery	90	64	Pcldy	Salt Lake City	61	36	Cir
Des Moines	56	45	Pcldy	Huntsville	81	66	Rain	Nashville	77	67	Rain	San Antonio	80	64	Pcldy
Detroit	60	53	Rain	Indianapolis	60	50	Rain	New Orleans	85	71	Cldy	St. Louis	64	45	Cldy
Duluth	43	32	Cldy	Jacksonville	82	68	Rain	New York City	68	60	Cldy	St. Thomas	89	80	Cldy
El Paso	72	57	Cir	Janeau	46	38	Rain	Norfolk, Va.	82	65	Pcldy	Salt Lake City	61	36	Cir
Elkins	79	77	Cldy	Kansas City	61	48	Cir	North Platte	59	36	Pcldy	San Diego	91	65	Cir
Evansville	65	61	Rain	Key West	77	63	Pcldy	Oklahoma City	59	54	Cir	San Francisco	77	55	Cir
Fargo	46	31	Cldy	Knoxville	84	63	Pcldy	Omaha	58	44	Pcldy	San Jose	81	49	Cir
Flagstaff	67	32	Cir	Las Vegas	85	71	Rain	Orlando	85	68	Pcldy	San Jose	81	49	Cir
Flint	58	50	Rain	Las Vegas	83	58	Cir	Pendleton	66	48	Cir	Santa Fe	62	32	Cir
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Houston	85	71	Cldy	Mobile	65	49	Cldy	St. Thomas	89	80	Cldy	Tampa	85	69	Pcldy
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Indianapolis	60	50	Rain	Nashville	77	67	Rain	St. Thomas	89	80	Cldy	Tucson	93	61	Cir
Jacksonville	82	68	Rain	New Orleans	85	71	Cldy	St. Thomas	89	80	Cldy	Tulsa	65	49	Pcldy
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Our generals failed in Afghanistan

By JASON DEMPSEY
Foreign Policy

The ascent of David Petraeus and the Army's rediscovery of counterinsurgency doctrine led many to believe that the military had dramatically adapted itself for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Unfortunately, the transformation was only skin deep. Petraeus was a myth, and the intellectual father of the Army only in the eyes of the national media. The institutional inertia of the military bureaucracy never caught up with the press releases. The result was a never-ending series of public pronouncements by senior leaders about the importance of counterinsurgency, accompanied by a continuation of Cold War-era personnel and rotation policies that explicitly short-changed the effort.

Upon taking command in Afghanistan in 2009, Gen. Stanley McChrystal made the rounds of his subordinate units and asked each of us, "You do you differently if you had to stay until we won?" At the time I was in charge of operations for a brigade in the middle of a tough fight in eastern Afghanistan. It was absolutely the right question, but in retrospect it was also a trick question. The answer was to get the right people into the fight, keep them there long enough to develop an understanding of the environment, and hold them accountable for progress, but that was not something the military was interested in doing. Instead, we stuck with a policy that rotated leaders through the country like tourists.

Taking the lessons of unit cohesion from Vietnam, the military has followed a policy in Afghanistan where entire units rotate in and out of country every seven, nine or 12 months. This model, more than the policy of individual rotation in Vietnam, ensures both tactical proficiency and unit cohesion at the soldier level. But it also is completely ill-suited for a counterinsurgency campaign. It makes sense to limit the time soldiers spend conducting tactical operations, but leaders attempting to establish the kind of relationships and understanding necessary to be effective in counterinsurgency must be kept in place much longer. By changing out entire units so frequently, our policy has guaranteed that military leaders rotating through Afghanistan have never had more than a superficial understanding of the political environment they are trying to shape.

The shortcomings of this rotation policy in counterinsurgency have been further reinforced by an institutional culture and personnel management system that places a low priority on the advisory mission. From the beginning of our efforts in Afghanistan the advisory mission was promoted publicly but given a low priority in execution.

The premier example of this mismatch — between what military leadership said we were doing and what the bureaucracy actually prioritized — can be found in the story of the AFPAK Hands program. The program was launched by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Adm. Mike Mullen, and lauded as the key to shaping Afghanistan by creating a cohort of expert officers from across the services that would have the language skills and experience to build the kind of long-term relationships needed to build an effective Afghan security apparatus. While a priority for the chairman, the effort was never embraced by the services.

Despite the fanfare and stated importance of the program, mismanagement and misutilization were rampant as this specialized cadre encountered personnel systems unable to support nontraditional career paths. Caught between career managers that saw the program as a deviation from what should be doing — leading tactical units — and a deploy-



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, left, inspects an honor guard at the presidential palace in Kabul last month. Did U.S. troops assigned to Security Force Advise and Assist Teams in Afghanistan serve in that capacity to the detriment of their career paths?

ment system that often led to random staff assignments instead of partnered roles with Afghan leaders, the program quickly became known as an assignment to be "survived" if not avoided altogether.

A leaked briefing from the Army G-1, the service's head personnel officer, to the chief of staff of the Army in 2014 confirmed that the AFPAK Hands program had become a dead end for military careers. Officers who had participated in the program were being promoted at a fraction of the rate of those who had not. There are only two explanations for this outcome: Either the Army was sending subpar officers to serve in the program, or officers were being punished for deviating from the traditional career track. Whichever it was, both explanations reveal that the effort to train and advise the Afghans was simply not a priority for the Army.

Similar challenges faced those who served on Security Force Advise and Assist Teams. These teams, like the AFPAK Hands program, were always ad hoc and widely considered assignments to avoid, as they did not align with traditional career paths. And in the end, the rigidity of the military's 1950s-era personnel system simply overwhelmed any desires to prioritize the counterinsurgency mission. Centrally managed and organized around rigid career development templates, this personnel system does a magnificent job of sustaining a peacetime military that is prepared to fight and win tactical battles at the onset of a conventional war but is not built to go beyond placing square pegs in square holes.

Preserving the conventional warfighting capabilities produced under that system for a future war is a valid concern. But after 15 years of conflict with little success to show for our efforts it is past time to ask our military leaders, "What war are we waiting for?"

Warren Buffett famously observed that if you've been playing poker for half an hour and don't know who the patsy at the table is, then you are the patsy. We've been in Afghanistan for 15 years. Afghans know how to manage the American officers passing through their country. American officers rotating through Afghanistan on

short-term deployments can never fully understand the network of relationships behind the formal chain of command. I saw this firsthand in 2012 after writing to relieve a clearly incompetent commander. After several months of cajoling his chain of command, this man was relieved. I had been told of his family connections, but felt his incompetence was surely enough to keep him out of uniform. Of course, I was wrong. By the time I returned in 2014, two generations of advisers had passed through and he had reassumed command.

When we have not been oblivious to this dynamic we have reacted with indignation. After all, don't the Afghans care about winning the war?

A common joke in large hierarchical bureaucracies like the American military is that things aren't going well because "higher headquarters can't plan, and subordinate units can't execute." This describes the current view of military leaders in that larger strategic failings are out of the military's lane, while any faults in execution must surely fall on the shoulders of the Afghans. Left unexamined is how our approach to the war was both ill-suited for the task at hand and ultimately constrained our strategic options.

In discussing what the Afghans need to be ready to fight the Taliban, a senior Pentagon official recently said, "The local forces need air support, intelligence and help with logistics." Yet, unaddressed by this official, and largely unasked by anyone, is why the Afghan military needs these capabilities when the Taliban have been able to achieve such success without them?

This would be a good first question for the next president to ask as he or she faces a steady stream of senior military officers asking for "more men, more money, and more time," because the answer reveals the superficiality of the military's approach to Afghanistan.

Our current exit strategy entails the creation of a massive security force designed for a nation with neither the effective bureaucracies nor functioning civil society that are required to sustain and control such a force. Of course, it will take decades to secure Afghanistan with this model. And even then there is no guarantee of success. So long as the military pays only lip-service to counterinsurgency the president will be hearing the same refrain of "more men, more money, and more time" for years to come.

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OPINION

Watch out, 'dislikers' don't act like 'undecideds'

By KATHLEEN PARKER
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WASHINGTON

As the final presidential debate looms like a Halloween pinata full of October surprises, voters may be less committed to one or the other candidate than the numbers suggest.

And this, my fellow sufferers, could bode better for Donald Trump. Let us suddenly seek the highest perch from which to hurl yourself, this is strictly my personal unscientific prediction, based on instinct, experience and conversations with hundreds of voters across the country. This isn't to say Trump will win, but it might give pause to those insisting the election is rigged.

By most accounts, the election is all but over. Poll after poll shows Hillary Clinton winning. The Upshot, a New York Times polling site, puts Clinton's chance of winning at 92 percent, leaving Trump at just 8 percent. At this stage, according to the site, the chance of Clinton losing is "about the same as the probability that an NFL kicker misses a 31-yard field goal."

The Upshot's figures are reached through a complex melding of ratings from many polling groups and provides side-by-side comparisons of other forecasts that use different methodologies. Among them, for example, FiveThirtyEight uses statistical models; the Cook Report relies on expert opinion and reporting; and Predict-We use data from betting markets.

The Upshot is worth checking out, if only to feel statistically significant.

Or, perhaps to feel there's no reason to vote. If the statisticians, prognosticators and risk takers seem to have already figured it all out, why bother? Then again,

models only work if people behave as they tend to and — crucially — if they tell the truth when polled, give or take a hedge here and there.

In a campaign season featuring daily tallies on which candidate is the biggest liar, why would everyday Americans feel any compunction about offering nontruths? More likely, voters may feel embarrassed by what they really believe.

For the record, Trump wins at liar's dice — by a long shot, according to PolitiFact. At last count, Clinton has told the truth 24 percent of the time, compared with Trump at 4 percent. Clinton's statements have been "mostly true" 27 percent of the time compared with Trump's 11 percent. In the "paid-on-fire" category, meaning not just false but a bald-faced lie, Clinton scores 2 percent to Trump's 17 percent. At least he's winning at something.

None of the above means anything to Trump's true believers, who, apparently, can't be lied to often enough. Similarly, Clinton fans can perfume any scent of corruption, including recent revelations about questionable relationships among the State Department, the FBI, Clinton charities and the Democratic nominee's war chest.

Just days before a debate that has people buying Purrell by the gallon, The Washington Post learned that a top State Department official tried to pressure the FBI into lowering the classification on one of Clinton's emails. Although Clinton had left State by the time this happened, there can be little question that this was attempted to benefit the former secretary.

At the same time, USA Today revealed Tuesday that at least a dozen companies that lobbied the Clinton State Department also gave up to \$16 million to Clinton charities. At least four of the lobbyists employed



by these companies have also raised at least \$100,000 each for Clinton's White House bid.

The latter apparently is legal, while the former is still being investigated. But like Trump's legal, if often shady, dealings, some of Clinton's associations and loyalist interventions carry an odoriferous whiff. These sorts of high-level maneuverings are, besides, the provenance only of the wealthy and powerful — and would at any other time in modern history leave most Americans cold.

For now, "most" may be merely "many," but these voters, assuming they vote, could create havoc in the corridors of comment. They are people who deeply dislike both candidates equally, which is not the same as being an "undecided." Undecideds

are still waiting for some magical spark that will guide them to the Truth. "Dislikers" have formed their opinions but, given their obviously good character, could suffer a rush of conscience at the last moment, thinking: To not vote is to cede power to the extremists.

The Dislikers and the Undecideds together form the Unknowables — this election's monstrous, unquantifiable X factor. Most of them, I predict, will fall for Trump — not because he's the better candidate but because more than two-thirds of Americans think the country is galloping in the wrong direction, the usual remedy for which is to switch horses.

In other words, it's a pretty good guess — and even NFL great Adam Vinatieri has missed a 31-yard field goal.

Way too many coincidences in assaults on Trump

By ANDREW MALCOLM
Special to McClatchy

A few things you're unlikely to read elsewhere: Donald Trump's presidential candidacy — and Americans' ability to choose their next leader — is being destroyed by a sequence of events way too well-orchestrated to be coincidental.

This is not about the billionaire's qualifications or disqualifications to move into the Oval Office, his braggadocio, his awful manners, alleged sexual harassment, crass behavior, ostentatious wealth.

Americans have had unsavory political leaders before, most recently Hillary Clinton's charming and faithful hubby, who, among other things, received oral sex from an intern in that same revered office. And then lied about it to authorities.

This is about Americans being politically manipulated quite cleverly, something people do not appreciate, if they're allowed to be aware of it. Recent events could be a movie called "Wag the Dog — Again."

Let's consult the autumn timeline. A few days before the first presidential debate last month, The New York Times says it received anonymously some select pages of Trump tax returns from a generation ago.

They're extremely tempting for media exploitation because Trump has declined to release tax returns, which isn't required but has become routine. If you want media to chase anything, tell them they can't have it. It's like catnip; tell them they can't have it.

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These tax pages, which the newspaper claims arrived in an unmarked envelope, showed a huge Trump business loss. Yes, it's illegal to release personal tax information. But recall the IRS selectively crippling conservative nonprofits during President Barack Obama's re-election bid in the 2012 cycle by stalling their applications.

The president professed outrage then to match public outcry. Investigations followed. The once-recipient FBI said it was stumped, could not find anything worth prosecuting in a federal agency selectively going after a president's political opponents in an election year. End of story.

So Trump taxes re-entered the media news stream.

Then, two days before the Oct. 9 debate an "Access Hollywood" tape gets leaked with awful audio of Trump boasting crudely about using his wealth and celebrity to successfully grope and kiss women at will.

This endlessly replayed tape, which relies on the thrice-married Trump's reputation for crudeness and affairs, caused widespread disgust and gave some Republicans cover to re-endorse the GOP nominee. All of which helps Clinton.

Now NBC, which employed Clinton's daughter at a salary far beyond her expe-

rience or talents, has possessed this terrible tape since 2005. It was suppressed throughout Trump's highly successful run hosting 186 episodes of "The Apprentice," which was on — Oh, look! — NBC.

The network that was so shocked over Trump's professed indiscretions has replaced Trump as "Apprentice" host with another media celebrity and adopted Republican politician, Arnold Schwarzenegger, who announced his gubernatorial candidacy on NBC. Schwarzenegger impregnated the family maid, causing a divorce from Maria Shriver, a prominent member of the Kennedy clan, who once worked for — Oh! — NBC.

Four days after the video leak, a growing string of women separately, but coincidentally, found the will and strength to break their sometimes-decadeslong silence to publicly declare they too had been groped and kissed by Trump.

Trump has vehemently denied these allegations. He's apologized for his sexual boasts, which he claimed never really occurred. But that put him on defense, which he kept playing. And which the media kept covering.

All this continued to submerge Clinton's own scandalous troubles. Using hacked

information from an unidentified source, WikiLeaks released thousands of Clinton campaign emails. They revealed disdain for Roman Catholics, secret links with journalists, collusion with the family foundation and against other Democrats, duplicitous political positions, campaign infighting and devastating evaluations of Clinton's talents by her own campaign chief.

Let's see, which story do you think would draw maximum interest — combing through thousands of pages of stolen documents revealing an unpopular, untrustworthy Democrat proving why she's unpopular and untrusted? Or obnoxious TV celebrity accused with perfect timing of sliding his hand up women's skirts, just as he had boasted on tape?

None of this addresses the truth of these charges. Clinton has often said female victims of sexual predators should be believed by default. Unless it seems they're accusing her husband. She attacked them.

What this sordid chapter does address is a pattern of perfectly timed video embarrassments against Clinton opponents. Obama, now her staunch proponent, faced a series of leaked videos of his preacher's racist, anti-Semitic sermons.

They did not derail his candidacy in 2008. This year's version — about a one-time Clinton friend, donor and longtime Democrat turned Republican — seems likely to be more effective.

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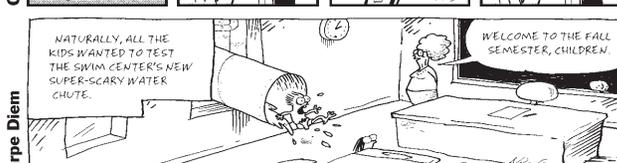
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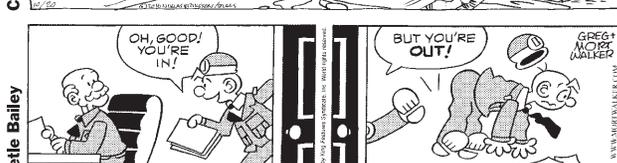
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- 8 Old U.S. gas brand
- 12 Bee follower
- 13 Sheltered
- 14 Clone
- 15 Villain's cohort
- 17 Right on the map
- 18 That girl
- 19 A water sign
- 21 Dinero
- 22 Ages and ages
- 25 College URL
- 26 Stolen
- 28 Cut in two
- 32 Trace of smoke
- 34 Not 'neath
- 36 Lusty look
- 37 Look of disdain
- 39 Tweak a soundtrack
- 41 Diarist Anais
- 42 Gun the engine
- 44 Popular search engine
- 46 Star-struck fan
- 50 Scrap
- 51 Sty cry
- 52 Country singer Wilson
- 56 Mayberry moppet
- 57 Hotel chain

DOWN

- 21 Kitten calls
- 22 Valhalla VIP
- 23 "Yoo—!"
- 27 Danson of "Cheers"
- 29 Stretch out
- 30 Bridal cover
- 31 Sea eagle
- 33 Wigs
- 35 Bad hairpiece
- 38 Gym unit
- 40 Baby's sock
- 43 Vitality
- 45 Tolkien monster
- 46 Gunk
- 47 TV host Kelly
- 48 "Step —!"
- 10 Spanish ayes
- 11 Aware of
- 16 Animation frame
- 20 Reaction to fireworks

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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CRYPTOQUIP

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals E



VIETNAM

AT

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	1	.833	149	91
Buffalo	4	2	.667	162	103
Miami	2	4	.333	118	134
N.Y. Jets	1	5	.167	95	164

South	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	4	0	.667	108	127
Tennessee	3	3	.500	120	127
Jacksonville	2	4	.333	101	127
Indianapolis	2	4	.333	160	174

North	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	4	0	.667	154	123
Baltimore	3	3	.500	117	115
Cincinnati	2	4	.333	109	145
Cleveland	0	4	.000	113	176

West	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	4	2	.667	152	163
San Diego	3	3	.500	140	108
Kansas City	2	3	.400	109	107
San Diego	2	3	.400	133	175

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	5	1	.833	159	107
Washington	4	2	.667	142	142
Philadelphia	3	2	.600	135	78
N.Y. Giants	3	3	.500	116	111

South	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	2	.667	199	169
Carolina	2	4	.333	156	168
New Orleans	2	4	.333	156	168
Carolina	1	5	.167	167	176

North	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	5	0	1.000	119	63
Green Bay	3	2	.600	114	113
Chicago	1	5	.167	101	143

West	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	4	0	.800	105	78
Los Angeles	3	3	.500	110	137
Arizona	3	3	.500	153	104
San Francisco	2	4	.333	127	185

Thursday's games

Chicago at Green Bay
 N.Y. Giants at Los Angeles
 Cincinnati at Philadelphia
 New Orleans at Kansas City
 Oakland at Jacksonville
 Baltimore at N.Y. Jets
 Washington at Detroit
 Indianapolis at Tennessee
 Buffalo at Miami
 Cleveland at Cincinnati
 Tampa Bay at San Francisco
 San Diego at Atlanta
 New England at Pittsburgh
 Seattle at Arizona
Open Dates, Carolina
Monday's games
 Houston at Denver
Thursday, Oct. 27
 Jacksonville at Tennessee
Sunday, Oct. 30
 Washington at Cincinnati
 Detroit at Houston
 Carolina at Carolina
 Kansas City at Indianapolis
 N.Y. Jets at Cleveland
 Oakland at Buffalo
 Seattle at New Orleans
 Oakland at Tampa Bay
 San Diego at Denver
 Green Bay at Atlanta
 Philadelphia at Dallas
San Diego at Los Angeles, San Francisco, N.Y. Giants, Miami, Baltimore, Pittsburgh
Monday, Oct. 31
 Minnesota at Chicago

College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Thursday
 No. 14 Boise State vs. BYU
Saturday
 No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 6 Texas A&M
 No. 2 Ohio State at Penn State
 No. 3 Michigan vs. Illinois
 No. 4 Washington vs. Oregon State
 No. 7 Louisville vs. NC State
 No. 8 Nebraska vs. Iowa
 No. 10 Wisconsin at Iowa
 No. 11 Oklahoma at SMU
 No. 12 West Virginia vs. TCU
 No. 16 Oklahoma at Texas Tech
 No. 17 Arkansas at No. 21 Auburn
 No. 19 Utah at UCL
 No. 20 Western Michigan vs. Eastern Michigan
 No. 22 North Carolina at Virginia
 No. 23 Mississippi at No. 25 LSU
 No. 24 Navy vs. Memphis

Tennis

Kremlin Cup

AT Olympic Stadium
Surface: Hard-Indoor

Purse: Men, \$71,250 (W7250); Women, \$52,888 (Premier)

Singles
First Round
 Daniil Medvedev, Russia, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
 Stephane Robert, France, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
 Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
 Paolo Lorenzi (7), Italy, def. Federico Gaio, Italy, 6-4, 6-4.
 Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Ricardo Bertrams, Lithuania, 6-1, 6-2.
 Pablo Carreno Busta (6), Spain, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (2).
 Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, def. Aslan Karatsev, Russia, 6-3, 5-1, retired.

Women
First Round
 Alize Cornet, France, def. Shelby Rogers, United States, 7-6 (6), 6-3.
 Maria Milutinovic, France, def. Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
 Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-3, 0-0, retired.
 Anna Blinkova, Russia, def. Anastasia Sevastova, Latvia, 6-3, 6-2.
 Ana Konjuh, Croatia, def. Barbara Stricker (6), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
 Ekaterine Gamaralidze, Russia, def. Nicol Pietrangeli, Italy, 6-3, 6-2.
 Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Danka Kovinic, Montenegro, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
 Anastasia Pavlyuchenko, Russia, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
 Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, def. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles
 Daria Savronova, Australia, and Gerald Melzer, Austria, def. Andres Molteni, Argentina, and Hans Dominik Koehlhorn, Chile, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Men
First Round
 Aleksandr Bury, Belarus, and Gerald Melzer, Austria, def. Andres Molteni, Argentina, and Hans Dominik Koehlhorn, Chile, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
 Filip Horstmann, Germany, and Andrey Kuznetsov, def. Wesley Koolhof and Matwe Middelkoop (4), Netherlands, 7-5, 3-6, 10-8.

Women
First Round
 Daria Gavrilova, Australia, and Daria Kasatkina, Russia, def. Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (4), Russia, 6-3, 4-6, 10-6.
 Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, and Anastasia Rodionova, Russia, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, and Olga Savchuk (4), Ukraine, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
 Natalia Zvereva and Veronika Kuznetsov, Russia, def. Oceana Kuleshnikova, Georgia, and Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Doubles
 Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, and Martina Srebrotic (3), Slovenia, def. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, and Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-2, 6-3.
 Gabriela Knaepfler and Danka Kovinic, Montenegro, def. Veronica Cepede Romagnolo and Maria Irigoyen, Argentina, 6-2, 7-6 (5).

European Open

At Lotto Arena
Surface: Hard-Indoor

Purse: \$622,000 (W7250)

Singles
First Round
 Marius Copil, Romania, def. Joao Sousa (6), Portugal, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
 Jozef Kovacic, Slovakia, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 6-2.
 Jozef Svoboda, Argentina, def. Nicolas Pietrangeli (7), France, 6-2, 7-6 (5).

AP spotlight

Oct. 20
1963 — Clem Daniels of the Oakland Raiders rushed for 124 yards and 10 touchdowns in a 49-26 victory over the New York Jets.
1977 — John Tate beats Gerrie Coetzee in a 15-round decision in Pretoria, South Africa, to win the vacant world heavyweight title.
1980 — Ruben Mayes of Washington State rushes for 216 yards and scores four touchdowns to overcome a 28-7 halftime deficit and lead the Cougars to a 49-21 victory over Stanford.
1981 — The Cincinnati Reds complete one of the biggest upsets in baseball history, beating the Oakland Athletics 2-1 to win the World Series in four games.
1994 — George McCandless, 83, becomes the oldest hitter to ever win a parimutuel race when he guides Keith Sooter to victory in the fourth race at Emerald (N.J.) Racetrack.
1997 — Andre Reed of the Buffalo Bills becomes the fourth player to reach 100 to reach 800 receptions with his second catch of a 9-6 win over Indianapolis.
Turner Thomas also reached 800 to reach 2,000, matching the 10th running back to reach 1,000 yards.
2002 — Marshall Faulk rushes for 183 yards and his fifth career four-touchdown game in a 37-10 win over Seattle. Faulk also becomes the 15th NFL player to gain 10,000 yards rushing.

Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-7 (3), 6-6, 6-0.
 Kyle Edmund, British, def. Ilya Marach, Ukraine, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (5).
 Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Tommy Haas, Germany, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles
First Round
 Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, and David Marrero (4), Spain, def. Jonathan Erlich, Israel, and Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
 Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Eduardo Roger-Vasselin (2), France, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu and Benoit Paire, France, walkover.
 Oliver Marach, Austria, and Fabrice Martin (3), France, def. Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, and Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 10-8.
 Kristina Pavlyuchenko, def. Britain, and Andre Sa, Brazil, def. Steve Darcis and Joris De Loore, Belgium, 6-4, 6-4.

Luxembourg Open

At CK Sportcenter Kockelscheuer
Surface: Hard-Indoor

Singles
First Round
 Petra Kvitova (1), Czech Republic, def. Hana Mandlikova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.
 Mona Barthel, Germany, def. Carina Witthoft, Germany, 6-1, 6-4.
 Kristina Pavlyuchenko, def. Sweden, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-4, 6-2.
 Sorana Cristea, Romania, 6-3, 6-3.
 Oceane Dodin, France, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
 Lauren Davis, United States, def. Mi-Sul Doi (6), Japan, 6-1, 6-2.
 Tereza Smitkova, Czech Republic, def. Sorana Cristea, Romania, 6-3, 6-3.
 Kiki Bertens (3), Netherlands, def. Anika Beck, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles
First Round
 Caroline Wozniacki, Denmark, def. Madison Brengle, United States, 6-2, 6-2.
 Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Mandi Minella, Luxembourg, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.
 Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Viktorija Kvitkova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
 Anika Beck, Germany, and Hana Mandlikova, def. Taiwan, 6-4, 4-6, 10-8.

Stockholm Open

At Kungliga Tennishallen
Surface: Hard-Indoor

Purse: \$622,000 (W7250)

Singles
First Round
 Gastao Elias, Portugal, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-2, 6-1.
 Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Gilles Muller, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-2.
 Nicolas Almagro, Spain, def. Yuchi Saito, Japan, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3.
 Mikael Merdjan, Sweden, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-6, 6-6.
 Tobias Kamke, Germany, def. Elias Ymer, Sweden, 6-4, 6-1.

ATP World Tour

First Round

Marcelo Melo and Bruno Soares (1), Brazil, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, and Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, 6-2, 6-1.
 Colin Fleming, Britain, and Scott Lipsky, United States, def. Jonathan Murray, Great Britain, 6-3, 6-2.
 Gilles Muller, Sweden, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-6, 6-6.
 Nicolas Almagro, Spain, def. Elias Ymer, Sweden, 6-4, 6-1.

WTA World Tour

First Round

Caroline Wozniacki, Denmark, def. Madison Brengle, United States, 6-2, 6-2.
 Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Mandi Minella, Luxembourg, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4.
 Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Viktorija Kvitkova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
 Anika Beck, Germany, and Hana Mandlikova, def. Taiwan, 6-4, 4-6, 10-8.
2012 — Kasey Carter of New Mexico State and A.J. Hawk of Kansas def. 28-33 yards rushing and has three TDs in a 28-10 win to Air Force.
2013 — Tim Cahill scores the fastest goal in MLS history, and the New York Red Bulls become the first team to score a goal in the first minute of a game, getting a pass from Dax McCarty to lead Tim Cahill to score and sending a blast from outside the upper right box into the near post. The previous fastest goal in MLS history was Dwight Rosario's score 11 seconds into a 2003 game.

Pro soccer

CONCACAF Champions League

Home teams listed first

Group	W	D	L	GF	GA
Honduras Prog.	3	2	0	17	4
Pumas	3	2	1	7	6
W Connection	3	2	1	3	6

Group	W	D	L	GF	GA
Pumas (Mexico) vs. W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago)	4	0	0	12	2
Portland (United States) vs. Saprissa (Costa Rica)	4	0	0	12	2

Group	W	D	L	GF	GA
Saprissa	3	2	0	16	6
Portland	3	2	0	10	2
Dragon	2	0	2	10	2

Wednesday, Oct. 19

Portland (United States) vs. Saprissa (Costa Rica)
 Kansas City (United States) vs. Central (Trinidad and Tobago)

Thursday, Oct. 20

W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago) vs. Pumas (Mexico) vs. W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago)

Friday, Oct. 21

Portland (United States) vs. Saprissa (Costa Rica)
 Kansas City (United States) vs. Central (Trinidad and Tobago)

Saturday, Oct. 22

W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago) vs. Pumas (Mexico) vs. W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago)

Sunday, Oct. 23

Portland (United States) vs. Saprissa (Costa Rica)
 Kansas City (United States) vs. Central (Trinidad and Tobago)

Monday, Oct. 24

W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago) vs. Pumas (Mexico) vs. W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago)

Tuesday, Oct. 25

Portland (United States) vs. Saprissa (Costa Rica)
 Kansas City (United States) vs. Central (Trinidad and Tobago)

Wednesday, Oct. 26

W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago) vs. Pumas (Mexico) vs. W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago)

Thursday, Oct. 27

Portland (United States) vs. Saprissa (Costa Rica)
 Kansas City (United States) vs. Central (Trinidad and Tobago)

Friday, Oct. 28

W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago) vs. Pumas (Mexico) vs. W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago)

Saturday, Oct. 29

Portland (United States) vs. Saprissa (Costa Rica)
 Kansas City (United States) vs. Central (Trinidad and Tobago)

Sunday, Oct. 30

W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago) vs. Pumas (Mexico) vs. W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago)

Monday, Oct. 31

Portland (United States) vs. Saprissa (Costa Rica)
 Kansas City (United States) vs. Central (Trinidad and Tobago)

Tuesday, Nov. 1

W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago) vs. Pumas (Mexico) vs. W Connection (Trinidad and Tobago)

Deals

Tuesday's transactions

BASEBALL

American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Named Chip Hale as club's new bullpen coach. Former assistant athletic trainer and Josh Cuffe strength and conditioning coach.

National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS — Re-signed F Clearwater.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Placed De Derrick Shelby on injured reserve. Signed S Clifford Neasman from the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed De Jordan Poyer on injured reserve. Signed Ed Reynolds from the practice squad. Signed De Darrius Hillary and WR Jordan Leslie to the practice squad. Released T E.J. Bibbs from the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed OL Brian Mathis from the practice squad. Signed LB Brandon Chubb to the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed TE Chase Coffman. Signed WR Tevaun Smith from the practice squad. Signed WR Marqus Lewis and CB Frankie Williams to the practice squad. Placed WR Ryan Bruce on injured reserve. Placed TE Mike Miller on the practice squad. Released reserve left released S Lee Hightower from the practice squad.

BASEBALL

BAY PACKERS — Released G Blake Murray from the practice squad. Signed DT Brian Price to the practice squad. Acquired RB Knike Davis from Kansas City for a conditional draft pick. Placed CB Sam Shields on injured reserve.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released G Ryan Faciane from the practice squad. Signed CB Tre Smith to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed OL Jamil Douglas to the practice squad. Released I Ian Silberman from the practice squad.

BASEBALL

TAMPA BAY BUCCANNERS — Placed WR Vincent Jackson on injured reserve.

WINNIEPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released GB McLeod Bethel-Thompson and DL Brandon Marshall.

Major League Soccer

PORTLAND TIMBER — Announced the retirement of MF Ned Grabowy at the end of the season.

TENNIS

TENNIS INTEGRITY UNIT — Suspended Sam Querrey and Daniel Garza for six months and fined him \$5,000 after being found guilty of a match-fixing offense.

DAVIS & LKINS — Named Jordan Olson softball coach.

MIAMI ASSOCIATION — Named Matthew Varnadore director of compliance.

SAN FRANCISCO — Named Linda Hill as associate head basketball coach.

Pro basketball

NBA preseason

Monday's games
 Boston 120, Brooklyn 99
 Houston 102, Los Angeles 78
 Charlotte 108, Chicago 104
 Utah 104, L.A. Clippers 78

Washington 96, Cleveland 91
 Atlanta 96, New Orleans 89
 Atlanta 77, Orlando 71
 Oklahoma City 97, Denver 87
 L.A. Clippers 92, Sacramento 89

Wednesday's games

New York at Boston
 Toronto at Detroit
 Indiana at Milwaukee
 Memphis at Minnesota
 Houston at Dallas
 Houston 2, Chicago 1
 Golden State at L.A. Lakers

Thursday's games

Miami at Orlando
 New Orleans at Orlando
 Indiana at Atlanta
 Atlanta at Chicago

Friday's games

NFL



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Redskins running back Matt Jones, left, tries to get past Eagles defensive end Brandon Graham, center, and linebacker Jordan Hicks on Sunday. The running game has helped Washington improve to 4-2.

Balanced offense, clutch defense key for Redskins

By STEPHEN WYNO
Associated Press

ASHBURN, Virginia — Washington players and coaches say their turnaround from 0-2 to 4-2 is a matter of resilience.

Coach Jay Gruden and cornerback Dashawn Breeland cited a strong response to “adversity,” and quarterback Kirk Cousins said no one hit the panic button. But this four-game winning streak isn’t just about next man up, taking it one play at a time, never quitting, always believing or any other sports cliché.

No, Washington has climbed back up the NFC East standings on a foundation of a balanced offense, clutch defense and improved play from Cousins over the past four weeks. The players go into Week 5 at the Detroit Lions feeling good about themselves — but not too good, knowing how quickly things can change.

“We know we’re on fire, but in order to stay on fire in this league you have to take it one day at a time,” wide receiver DeSean Jackson said. “You can’t peak. We have the Lions ahead of us and that’s a big game for us. Every game is big.”

After opening with lone losses to the Pittsburgh Steelers and Dallas Cowboys, Washington has come up big in victories against the New York Giants, Cleveland Browns, Baltimore Ravens and Philadelphia Eagles.

It’s no coincidence that three of those four wins came with a heavy

emphasis on the running game. They had 39 passing attempts to 39 rushes in the first two weeks of the season, and since then Cousins has thrown the ball 138 times and handed it off 109 times.

The three-headed running attack of feature back Matt Jones, rookie Robert Kelley and third-down back Chris Thompson has allowed Cousins to get a breather and given him more time to execute the offense.

“It benefits everybody when we have good balance,” Gruden said Monday. “We love that recipe, man. It’s been good to us when we can run the ball as much as we throw it.”

Throwing it has been better, too. After one touchdown and three interceptions in the first two games, Cousins has eight touchdowns and three interceptions during the streak.

His QB rating was over 100 against the Giants and Browns, and while the picks have been a problem he has been good enough to make up for his mistakes.

On the other side of the ball, the defense has withstood a season-ending injury to safety DeAngelo Hall, potentially season-ending ones to safety David Brton and nose tackle Kedric Golston and injuries to Breeland and cornerback Dashawn Phillips.

After getting torched for 38 points and 437 yards by Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers, and giving up 27 points to Dak Prescott and the Cowboys, the Washington defense hasn’t al-

lowed a second-half touchdown in four consecutive games.

“They’re doing it a lot of different ways,” Gruden said. “They’re mixed up their coverages and stunts and stopped the run game better in the second half. We give up some big plays, but they bend but don’t break and hold to field goals, which is excellent.”

Defensive end Chris Baker said it has been a case of playing better fundamental football, which includes solving the tackling problem that had cropped up. A big difference is the defense is better rested because it has improved on third down of late.

The Ravens and Eagles converted on just seven of 27 third downs over the past two weeks. And Washington’s defense hasn’t allowed a touchdown since four minutes into the Baltimore game, a streak of almost eight full quarters.

Defensive coordinator Joe Barry was criticized for early season struggles, and now he and the position coaches are getting some credit for the improvements and adjustments.

“Those guys are doing an excellent job coaching those guys up, but the players are making plays and that’s what it’s about,” Gruden said. “They’re getting off blocks and they’re making the tackles when they have to make the tackles. ... They’re pursuing to the football, they’re playing hard, they’re playing with confidence [and] they’re making plays.”

Weekly statistics

AFC					NFC				
Week 7					Week 7				
Quaterbacks	Aff	Yds	TD	Int	Quaterbacks	Aff	Yds	TD	Int
Dalton, CIN	218	147	17	6	M. Ryan, ATL	210	143	20	15
Luck, IND	237	166	15	2	D. Johnson, NYG	193	128	9	8
Roethlisberger, PIT	226	145	16	8	Brees, NOR	225	150	17	4
Rivers, SD	200	135	16	12	Cousins, WAS	215	147	16	9
Carr, OAK	227	151	16	8	Stewart, NYJ	217	147	19	4
Flacco, BAL	264	164	15	5	Prescott, DAL	182	125	14	6
Tannehill, MIA	198	152	14	7	Michael, SEA	81	35	4	4
Fitzpatrick, NYJ	223	127	14	11	Hoyer, CHI	189	130	19	6
Orwell, HOU	237	173	14	2	Palmer, ARI	66	50	5	0
Marotta, TEN	189	117	13	10	R. Wilson, SEA	170	113	13	5
Rushers					Rushers				
Aff	Yds	LG	TD	TD	Aff	Yds	LG	TD	TD
McCoy, BUF	104	58	5	6	E. Elliott, DAL	137	70	5	6
D. Murray, TEN	114	52	4	6	Da. Johnson, ARI	90	61	15	8
L. Miller, HOU	125	52	4	2	D. Freeman, ATL	90	45	0	8
Blount, NE	110	43	3	4	M. Jones, WAS	90	42	9	6
Gore, IND	220	43	2	2	C. Hyde, SF	109	42	9	6
Crowell, CLE	83	42	5	2	Lacy, BUF	71	36	5	1
S. Ware, KC	78	41	5	3	Michael, SEA	81	35	4	4
T. West, BAL	98	41	4	3	Gurley, LA	119	36	2	9
Gordon, SD	116	29	3	4	Howard, CHI	56	30	5	7
Forté, NYJ	102	36	3	2	Ingram, NOR	70	27	3	1
Receivers					Receivers				
Aff	Yds	LG	TD	TD	Aff	Yds	LG	TD	TD
A. Green, CIN	42	66	14	5	J. Jones, ATL	31	65	21	7
A. Cooper, OAK	196	56	16	5	Olsen, CAR	39	61	15	8
Hilton, IND	38	55	14	6	Beckham, NYG	35	81	16	7
Cousins, PIT	19	42	22	7	Mar. Jones, DET	39	52	18	7
An. Brown, PIT	41	48	11	3	K. Britt, LA	30	45	16	4
Bran. Marshall, NYJ	27	43	16	4	Jeffery, CHI	29	47	16	5
Cousins, PIT	19	42	22	7	Mt. Evans, TAM	25	42	14	0
Dem. Thomas, DEN	31	43	14	5	Cooks, NOR	25	42	17	3
Sanders, DEN	10	37	12	3	Howard, CHI	29	39	13	2
T. Pryor, CLE	33	41	12	5	Benjamin, CAR	29	39	13	2
Punters					Punters				
Aff	Yds	LG	AVG	TD	Aff	Yds	LG	AVG	TD
McCaffee, IND	22	110	74	50.4	Morstead, NOR	20	102	66	51.4
M. King, OAK	18	114	72	49.8	B. Jacobs, DET	20	102	66	51.4
Northman, JAC	22	109	78	49.9	A. Lee, CAR	26	128	76	49.5
Leichter, HOU	30	138	82	46.2	Chris Jones, DAL	26	123	63	47.5
Darr, MIA	33	133	66	48.1	Wing, NYG	26	123	63	47.5
Koch, BAL	31	147	68	47.5	Anger, TAM	27	127	59	47.7
R. Colquhoun, CLE	18	137	67	47.5	McNair, SF	27	117	60	47.7
R. Dixon, DEN	26	131	62	46.8	Bosher, ATL	20	92	68	46.2
Kern, TEN	11	93	46	42.2	Hekker, LA	18	90	61	44.6
J. Berry, PIT	26	117	63	45.3	Way, WAS	18	90	61	44.6
Punt Returners					Punt Returners				
Aff	Yds	LG	TD	TD	Aff	Yds	LG	TD	TD
T. Hill, KC	12	197	16	0	R. Woods, WAS	10	207	20	7
J. Grant, MIA	5	118	17	0	Crowder, TAM	8	102	17	0
Richard, OAK	8	116	14	0	Shelrets, MIN	11	181	16	5
No. Washington	10	108	17	0	Wiemers, ATL	9	138	17	0
Tate, BUF	11	100	9	1	Lockett, SEA	11	139	12	6
Ervin, HOU	13	114	8	0	Royal, CHI	10	152	11	6
Grimes, JAC	8	6	0	0	Austin, LA	10	118	9	0
Hester, BAL	9	6	0	0	A. Humphries, TAM	11	118	10	2
Amenola, NE	8	6	0	0	Austin, LA	13	240	37	0
Mariani, TEN	16	110	6	1	Kerley, SF	8	69	8	2
Kickoff Returners					Kickoff Returners				
Aff	Yds	LG	TD	TD	Aff	Yds	LG	TD	TD
Hester, BAL	9	259	28	6	Waters, MIN	7	209	29	6
Bry, IND	9	231	7	3	Dw. Harris, NYG	9	202	24	4
J. Marshall, NYJ	9	231	25	6	Pat. Thomas, CHI	9	202	24	4
Richard, OAK	8	198	1	0	W. Thomas, CHI	12	245	27	0
T. Hill, KC	8	198	23	3	Ginn, CAR	15	335	23	5
Tate, BUF	11	235	23	3	Benjamin, CAR	12	240	27	0
Mariani, TEN	11	256	23	3	Ellington, ARI	8	134	16	2
Ervin, HOU	10	226	23	3					
G. Grant, JAC	8	165	20	3					
McCluster, SD	8	165	20	3					
Touchdowns					Touchdowns				
Aff	Yds	LG	TD	TD	Aff	Yds	LG	TD	TD
Gordon, SD	7	6	1	0	Da. Johnson, ARI	6	6	0	0
McCoy, BUF	7	6	1	0	C. Hyde, SF	6	6	0	0
Roethlisberger, PIT	6	6	1	0	E. Elliott, ATL	5	5	0	0
D. Murray, TEN	6	4	0	2	Fitzgerald, ARI	5	5	0	0
J. Graham, OAK	6	4	0	2	N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	0
An. Brown, PIT	5	5	0	0	J. Nelson, GBY	5	5	0	0
Alayi, MIA	4	4	0	2	Benjamin, CAR	4	4	0	2
C. Anderson, DEN	4	4	0	2	Crowder, WAS	4	4	0	2
Bennett, NE	4	4	0	2	Mt. Evans, TAM	4	4	0	2
Gruden, WAS	4	4	0	2	J. Jones, ATL	4	4	0	2
De. Williams, PIT	4	3	1	0	Mar. Jones, DET	4	4	0	2
					Mathews, PHL	4	3	1	0
					Hodkins, WAS	4	3	1	0
Kicking					Kicking				
Aff	Yds	LG	FG	TD	Aff	Yds	LG	FG	TD
Lambo, SD	18-19	13-14	47	57	Riddick, DAL	18-19	11-12	36	51
Drew, DAL	14-15	13-14	47	57	Bayley, DAL	18-18	11-13	36	51
Nugent, CIN	10-10	13-15	47	49	Sturgis, PHO	9-9	11-12	48	42
Carson, DEN	10-10	13-15	47	49	S. Brown, NYG	9-9	11-12	48	42
Novak, HOU	9-10	13-16	53	48	Crosby, GBY	12-12	10-10	46	42
Gostkowski, NE	16-17	1-12	53	43	N.Y. Giants	12-12	10-10	46	42
Carson, DEN	18-19	20	48	24	Hauschka, SEA	9-11	10-11	53	39
Folk, NYJ	9-9	11-12	48	41	Leguns, NYG	18-18	10-10	46	42
Jackson, OAK	14-14	9	48	24	Zuerlein, LA	11-11	9-9	54	38
Santos, KC	10-11	9-11	54	37					

TEAM STATISTICS OFFENSE					TEAM STATISTICS DEFENSE				
Aff	Yds	Rush	Pass	Pts	Aff	Yds	Rush	Pass	Pts
New England	374.0	110.2	263.8	23.8	Atlanta	413.4	78.0	335.4	24.0
Oakland	363.0	101.8	261.2	23.8	New Orleans	413.4	78.0	335.4	24.0
Tennessee	366.2	146.7	219.5	24.0	Carolina	384.3	121.0	273.3	24.0
Cincinnati	364.8	89.8	275.0	24.0	Washington	397.2	110.3	276.8	24.0
Indianapolis	362.0	101.8	260.2	24.0	Arizona	366.7	124.3	242.3	24.0
San Diego	355.2	91.8	263.3	24.0	Seattle	352.8	88.5	264.3	24.0
Dallas	348.0	110.7	237.3	24.0	Detroit	359.3	107.0	252.3	24.0
Cleveland	348.0	110.7	237.3	24.0	Philadelphia	338.8	113.6	225.2	24.0
Buffalo	332.3	96.3	236.0	24.0	Tampa Bay	335.8	88.6	247.2	24.0
Miami	327.9	93.3	234.6	24.0	San Francisco	327.8	88.6	239.2	24.0
NY Jets	320.7	111.2	216.5	24.0	Minnesota	302.6	70.6	232.0	24.0
Houston	320.7	98.5	222.2	24.0	Los Angeles	292.5	70.6	221.9	24.0
San Francisco	320.7	110.7	210.0	24.0	San Francisco	292.5	123.3	169.5	24.0
Oakland	295.0	87.7	207.3	24.0	Seattle	283.6	74.6	209.0	24.0
Baltimore	294.8	69.7	225.2	24.0	Minnesota	283.6	74.6	209.0	24.0
Denver	215.0	126.3	188.7	24.0	Philadelphia	239.0	104.0	135.0	24.0
Houston	315.1	126.3	188.7	24.0					

NFL



MIKE ROEMER/AP

Dallas' Justin Durant grabs the face mask of Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers on Sunday.

Pack looks to get pass going

By GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Getting the passing game going in Green Bay means paying more attention to the details for the Packers.

The results have been spotty this season. The solution sounds simple from quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

"You know, we've just got to throw it and catch it better. I've got to be as accurate as I know I can be, and we've got to make sure we're as detailed as we can be in the routes so we're on the same page more consistently," Rodgers said Tuesday.

Maybe the game Thursday night against the NFC North-rival Chicago Bears will be the one that gets the Packers' passing attack clicking consistently again.

Rodgers is completing 60.2 percent of his passes, which ranks an uncharacteristically low 23rd in the league. It's also 4.7 points below Rodgers' career average.

In the loss to the Cowboys on Sunday, Rodgers threw an out-of-character interception on second- and 8 from the Dallas 46 to Barry Church after saying that he never saw the Cowboys safety. Rodgers overthrew open receiver Randall Cobb in the end zone early in the fourth quarter.

Rodgers also fumbled on first- and goal from the 1. Unwinding after the tough game, the quarterback poured himself a scotch and watched the film.

"The scotch was great. You know, I saw things that we've been seeing throughout the year.



Chicago Bears at
Green Bay Packers
AFN-Sports2
2:25 a.m. Friday CET
9:25 a.m. Friday JKT

We're close. We've been making some plays at times, but not good enough consistently," Rodgers said Tuesday.

And what specifically would Rodgers like to be doing better after reviewing film?

"I just think it's accuracy. I've missed a couple that I'm used to hitting. And you hit those and you take away the throwaways, being able to hit some things on some of those plays instead of extending and throwing the ball away and we're right where we need to be," Rodgers said.

Taking better care of the ball was a priority for the team overall after the season-high four turnovers against Dallas. Drops have also been an issue at times for receivers.

The Packers the last couple weeks have started using more personnel packages after relying primarily on a three-wide receiver set. They've used jumbo packages with offensive lineman Jason Spriggs lined up as an eligible receiver. Last week, they went

with five receivers on the field at times.

Conversely, the Cowboys also at times dropped eight defenders in coverage, a scheme that could make it more difficult for receivers to get open.

Coach Mike McCarthy has been honed in on details and sticking with a tried-and-true focus.

"But at the end of the day, it's about connecting, taking advantage of those opportunities," McCarthy said. "We're well aware of it, but you just stay in tune with the fundamentals.

Rodgers remains a master of buying time in the pocket and using his legs when needed. The offensive line has given Rodgers time to throw, but deep shots down the field haven't been available consistently.

"Well, he's a pain to get down on the ground," Bears coach John Fox said. "I think he's pretty true to form, extending plays. Just looking at tape, I'm not looking forward to watching it live there in Lambeau."

Injuries to running back Eddie Lacy (ankle) and James Starks (knee) have compounded the problems for the Packers offense, especially with a short week. Starks will miss a couple more games.

General manager Ted Thompson addressed the depth by trading a conditional draft pick to Kansas City for fourth-year back Nile Davis, who was buried on the Chiefs' depth chart behind Jamaal Charles and two other backups.

Briefs

'Medical Timeout' used seven times

Associated Press

Independent medical observers stopped five NFL games in 2015 and two so far in 2016 — the first two seasons in which the "Medical Timeout" has been employed as a method to identify players with major injuries or possible concussions.

In its 2016 Health and Safety Report, released Tuesday, the NFL said an average of 29 health care providers, including two unaffiliated neurotrauma consultants, attend games. Many of them, along with on-field officials, can rule a player out due to a concussion or other severe injury.

In a new move last season, the NFL stationed athletic trainers in spots high above the field and allowed them to watch replays — and to call time out if they saw injuries that otherwise went unnoticed.

Rams quarterback Case Keenum stayed on the field after his head slammed to the turf near the end of a game last season, spurring questions about how well the new rule worked.

In this season's opener, Carolina quarterback Cam Newton stayed in the game despite repeated hits to his head, including one that left him doubled over on the sideline.

The report offered no new data since preliminary figures released in January accounted for 182 concussions over the 2015 season. That was a 58 percent increase over the same time period in 2014, and a 25 percent increase over the average from 2012-14. The NFL has suggested that the increase is partly due to an increase in awareness and reporting.

An Associated Press report released the same week as the NFL's concussion data found only 39 of 100 players surveyed across the league were more concerned about the long-term effects of concussions than those of other injuries.

Tuesday's report also touted the NFL's new "Play Smart, Play Safe" initiative and said the league and its owners have pledged \$100 million to support medical research and engineering advances, in addition to \$100 million already being spent on medical and neuroscience research.

Ravens QB Flacco misses practice

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco has a right shoulder injury but expects to play Sunday against the New York Jets.

Flacco did not practice Wednesday. Coach John Harbaugh says the quarterback could face the Jets (1-5) even if he doesn't practice this week.

Harbaugh said, "I believe he's got a legitimate chance to play." The injury occurred last Sunday during a 27-23 loss to the New York Giants.

Flacco called it "soreness" and "nothing to worry about." He added, "A little bit of rest right now is probably the best thing."

Baltimore (3-3) will be seeking to end a three-game skid. If Flacco can't play, backup Ryan Mallett will start.

Flacco started in 137 consecutive games before torn knee ligaments forced him to miss the final six games of the 2015 season.

Dolphins safety Jones to miss rest of season

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins safety Reshad Jones will miss the rest of the season because of a shoulder injury suffered in Sunday's win over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Jones, who was selected to the Pro Bowl for the first time in 2015, was ruled out for the year Wednesday after receiving a second opinion on the injury. It's a big blow for a defense ranked 26th in the league.

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NHL

Roundup

Hossa nets 500th in Blackhawks' win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Marian Hossa was almost headed for an awkward celebration of his 500th career goal. Then the Chicago Blackhawks put together one final push, making sure it was a sweet night for their accomplished winger.

Artem Anisimov snapped a third-period tie with his first goal of the season and then had an empty-netter with 45 seconds left, helping the Blackhawks beat the Philadelphia Flyers 7-4 on Tuesday.

Artemi Panarin added two goals and an assist for the Blackhawks, who blew a 4-0 lead before closing strong for their second straight win after topping their first two. NHL MVP Patrick Kane scored his first goal of the season and collected three assists, and Dennis Rasmussen also scored during Chicago's three-goal first.

"Kind of reminded me of our last game, when we were in a really good spot and we let the other team get back in the game," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "But tonight I thought we did some better things across the board. We didn't give up a ton and we generated some high quality stuff as well."

Matt Reed had two goals for Philadelphia, which dropped two of three in its season-opening road trip. Claude Giroux had three assists, and Steve Mason made nine saves in relief of a shaky Michal Neuvirth.

Devils 2, Ducks 1: Taylor Hall made his new fans in New Jersey very happy with two power-play goals in a 4:11 span in the second period and host New Jersey posted its first win.

Cory Schneider had 23 saves and forced the Ducks' Chris Wagner to lose control of the puck on a second-period penalty shot as New Jersey snapped a five-game losing streak at Anaheim.

Lightning 4, Panthers 3 (SO): Brayden Point scored the game-winning goal in the sixth round of a shootout for host Tampa Bay. Point's goal came three rounds after it seemed the Lightning had won the shootout 1-0.

After Jonathan Drouin scored for Tampa Bay in the third round, Vincent Trocheck appeared to fan on his initial shot before sending the puck into the net. It was called no goal on the ice, but the ruling was overturned after a video review.

Lightning star Steven Stamkos forced overtime when he lifted a shot from along the goal line to James Reimer with 5.5 seconds left in the third period.

Sharks 3, Islanders 2: Joe Pavelski scored with 2:11 left to lift visiting San Jose over New York.

Melker Karlsson and Tomas Hertl also scored to help the Sharks win for the third time in

four games. Joe Thornton and Brent Burns had two assists each, capturing both five on the season.

Capitals 3, Avalanche 0: T.J. Oshie scored twice and Alex Ovechkin picked up his first goal of the season, helping host Washington beat Colorado.

Ovechkin and Oshie each scored on the power play to end Washington's man-advantage scoring drought, and the Avalanche lost for the first time under new coach Jared Bednar.

Stars 2, Predators 1: Jason Spezza scored midway through the third period to give visiting Dallas a win over Nashville.

Adam Crabbell added his second goal of the season for Dallas, and Karl Lehtonen made 27 saves.

Senators 7, Coyotes 4: Tom Pyatt, Mark Stone and Chris Kelly had a goal and an assist each as host Ottawa won in front of a sparse crowd of 11,061 at Canadian Tire Centre.

Arizona lost the services of starting goalie Mike Smith seven minutes into the third period when he suffered an injury to his left leg during a scramble in front of the net.

Wild 6, Kings 3: Erik Haula and Jason Pominville scored for host Minnesota and assisted on the other's first-period goal, fueling the Wild's victory over Los Angeles that triggered an early exit for Kings goalie Jeff Zatkoff.

After Charlie Coyle, Mikko Koivu and Teemu Pulkkinen kept up on scores for the Wild, Kings coach Darryl Sutter pulled Zatkoff for Peter Budaj during the second intermission.

Canadiens 4, Penguins 0: David Desharnais scored twice and Al Montoya made 36 saves as Montreal won its home opener.

Montoya, signed from the Florida Panthers this summer, picked up his sixth career shutout.

The Penguins, coming off an overtime loss at home Monday night, played their first road game of the season.

Oilers 3, Hurricanes 2: Tyler Pitlick scored the game-winner as host Edmonton topped winless Carolina. Anton Slepyshev and Jordan Eberle scored for the Oilers, who improved to 3-1-0.

Flames 4, Sabres 3: Sean Monahan scored 2:26 into overtime, giving host Calgary its first win of the season.

Monahan made a move and beat Robin Lehner over his shoulder for his first of the season after being set up alone in front by Johnny Gaudreau.

Canucks 2, Blues 1 (OT): Henrik Sedin scored 1:40 into overtime after Bo Horvat tied it late in the third period, lifting host Vancouver over St. Louis.

Horvat scored with 2:55 left in regulation, setting up Vancouver to move to 3-0-0.

Scoreboard

Atlantic Conference									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Tampa Bay	4	3	0	6	17	16			
Florida	4	2	0	6	16	9			
Montreal	4	1	1	3	11	8			
Boston	4	1	0	2	11	8			
Buffalo	4	1	0	2	10	10			
Ottawa	4	1	2	2	10	11			

Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Washington	4	3	0	6	17	7			
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	4	9	12			
N.Y. Rangers	4	2	0	4	14	10			
Carolina	4	2	0	4	10	10			
Philadelphia	4	1	1	1	11	13			
Atlanta	4	1	1	1	10	13			
N.Y. Islanders	4	1	2	2	9	12			
Columbus	2	0	2	0	2	9			

Western Conference													
Central Division					Pacific Division								
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	4	3	0	6	17	12	4	3	3	0	6	8	5
Colorado	4	2	0	4	10	11	3	3	3	0	6	12	9
Minnesota	4	2	0	4	12	9	3	3	3	0	6	12	9
Nashville	4	2	0	4	12	9	3	3	3	0	6	12	9
Winnipeg	4	2	0	4	12	9	3	3	3	0	6	12	9
Nashville	4	2	0	4	12	9	3	3	3	0	6	12	9
Vancouver	3	3	0	6	17	15	3	3	3	0	6	12	9
San Jose	4	2	0	4	12	9	3	3	3	0	6	12	9
Edmonton	4	2	0	4	12	9	3	3	3	0	6	12	9
Arizona	2	1	1	0	2	8	3	3	3	0	6	12	9
Los Angeles	3	0	3	0	0	6	12	3	3	0	6	12	9

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime.

Monday's games
 Colorado 4, Pittsburgh 0
 N.Y. Rangers 7, San Jose 4
 Calgary 4, Arizona 2
 Boston 4, Winnipeg 1

Tuesday's games
 San Jose 4, Philadelphia 3
 Washington 3, Colorado 0
 Los Angeles 2, Anaheim 1
 Ottawa 7, Arizona 4
 Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 0
 Dallas 2, Florida 3, SO
 Minnesota 6, Los Angeles 3
 St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 4
 Calgary 4, New Jersey 2

Wednesday's games
 Toronto at Winnipeg
 Detroit at New Jersey
Thursday's games
 San Jose at Pittsburgh
 Anaheim at Philadelphia
 Anaheim at Philadelphia at Boston
 Carolina at Tampa Bay
 Washington at Florida
 Atlanta at Dallas
 Toronto at Minnesota
 St. Louis at Dallas
 St. Louis at Edmonton
 Carolina at Calgary
 Buffalo at Vancouver

Thursday
Devils 2, Ducks 1

First Period—1. Anaheim, Vatanen 1 (Ovechkin, Fowler) 0-1-0.
Second Period—2. New Jersey, Hall 1 (Zajac, Cammalleri, 12:35 (pp.), New Jersey, Hall (Palmer), Severn, 16:46 (pp)).

Shots on Goal—Anaheim 10-5-9-24; New Jersey 11-12-5-28.
Power-play opportunities—Anaheim 1 of 4; New Jersey 2 of 7.
Goals—Anaheim, Gibson 0-0-1 (28 shots, 6 saves). New Jersey, Schneider 1-1-1 (24-23).
A—16,514 (17,625). T—2,307.

Capitals 3, Avalanche 0

First Period—1. Washington, Ovechkin 1 (Johnsson, Orlov, 15:44 (pp)).
Second Period—2. Washington, Oshie 1 (Backstrom, Johansson, 11:32 (pp)).
Third Period—2. Washington, Oshie 2 (Kuznetsov, Ovechkin), 13:35.
Shots on Goal—Washington 5-7-6-18; Washington 20-9-11-40.
Power-play opportunities—Colorado 0 of 5.
Goals—Colorado, Varlamov 1-0-1 (40 shots, 27 saves). Washington, Grabauer 1-0-0 (18-18).
A—18,506 (18,506). T—2,29.

Sharks 3, Islanders 2

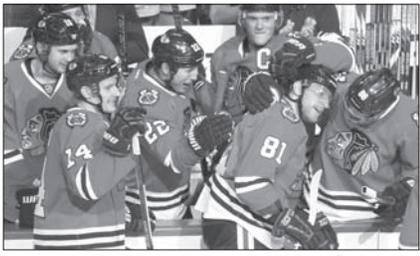
First Period—1. San Jose, Karlsson 1 (Wingels, Hall), 5:36.
Second Period—1. N.Y. Islanders, Beauvillier 1 (Bailly, Tavares), 8:39, 3:38.
Third Period—2. San Jose, Thornton 1; 11:40, 4. San Jose, Hellyer (Burns, Thornton), 18:03.
Shots on Goal—San Jose, Pavelski 2 (Thornton, Burns), 17-49.
Power-play opportunities—San Jose 0 of 1; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 2.
Goals—San Jose, Dell 1-0-0 (23 shots, 5 saves). Islanders, Hala 1-0-0 (27-24).
A—10,772 (15,813). T—2,333.

Stars 2, Predators 1

First Period—1. Montreal, Pacioretty 1 (Montreuil, 11:07).
Second Period—2. Montreal, Deshar- navi (Slepyshev), 12:49; Montreal, Turris 1 (Galchenyuk, Montreuil), 4:31 (pp.).
Third Period—1. Montreal, Petya, 13:44.
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 17-19-36; Montreal 13-8-11-32.
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 5; Montreal 0 of 3.
Goals—Pittsburgh, Fleury 2-1-1 (32 shots, 5 saves). Montreal, Petya 1-0-0 (13-36).
A—21,288 (21,273). T—2,472.

Canadiens 4, Penguins 0

First Period—1. Montreal, Pacioretty 1 (Montreuil, 11:07).
Second Period—2. Montreal, Deshar- navi (Slepyshev), 12:49; Montreal, Turris 1 (Galchenyuk, Montreuil), 4:31 (pp.).
Third Period—1. Montreal, Petya, 13:44.
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 17-19-36; Montreal 13-8-11-32.
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 5; Montreal 0 of 3.
Goals—Pittsburgh, Fleury 2-1-1 (32 shots, 5 saves). Montreal, Petya 1-0-0 (13-36).
A—21,288 (21,273). T—2,472.



The Chicago Blackhawks mob Marian Hossa (81) after Hossa scored the 500th goal of his career on Tuesday against Philadelphia Flyers.

Canucks 2, Blues 1 (OT)

First Period—None.
Second Period—1. St. Louis, Tarasenko 4 (Steen), 10:23.
Third Period—2. Vancouver, Sedin 2 (Bertuzzi, Gudbranson), 17:05.
Overtime—3. Vancouver, Horvat 1 (Tanay, Sedin), 16:40.
Shots on Goal—St. Louis 4-8-10-24; Vancouver 7-6-12-26.
Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 0 of 3; Vancouver 0 of 4.
Goals—St. Louis, Allen 2-0-1 (26 shots, 24 saves). Vancouver, Markstrom 2-0-0 (24-23).
A—17,658 (18,890). T—2:28.

Oilers 3, Hurricanes 2

First Period—1. Edmonton, Slepyshev 1 (Graisaitis), 15:1, 2. Edmonton, Eberle 3 (Fayne), 9:22.
Second Period—3. Edmonton, Pitlick 2 (Letestu, Lander), 2:35.
Third Period—4. Carolina, Stempniak 2 (Rask, Faulk), 3:18, 5. Carolina, Stempniak (Skinner, Rask), 4:14.
Shots on Goal—Carolina 13-7-13-33; Edmonton 11-9-8-28.
Power-play opportunities—Carolina 0 of 2; Edmonton 0 of 3.
Third Period—7. Los Angeles, Karpis 2 (shots-25 saves). Edmonton, Wald 0-1-1 (28 shots-25 saves). Edmonton, Wald 0-1-1 (33-31).
A—18,347 (18,641). T—2:31.

Wild 6, Kings 3

First Period—1. Los Angeles, Pearson 1 (Drolet, 0:50). 2. Minnesota, Haula 1 (Niederreiter, Pominville), 1:36. 3. Minnesota, Pominville 1 (Hala), 19:48.
Second Period—4. Minnesota, Coyle 2 (Parise, Suter), 12:38 (pp.), 5. Minnesota, Koivu (Granlund, Stewert), 16:1, 6. Minnesota, Pulkkinen 1 (Brodin, Dalpe), 17:08.
Third Period—2. Los Angeles, Pitlick 1 (Gilbert, Toffoli), 6:42, 8. Los Angeles, Pearson 2 (Carter, Setoguchi), 14:35, 9. Minnesota, Sjugren (Suter), 17:42.
Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 7-8-15-30; Minnesota 5-11-10-26.
Power-play opportunities—Los Angeles 0 of 5; Minnesota 1 of 4.
Goals—Los Angeles, Bujd 0-0-9 (9 shots, 5 saves). Zettervall (16:11), Minnesota, Kuemper 1-0-0 (30-27).
A—18,644 (18,664). T—2:39.

Stars 2, Predators 1

First Period—1. Dallas, Cracknell 2 (Oduya, McKenzie), 2:55, 2. Nashville, Fisher (Forsberg, Johansen), 6:27 (pp.).
Third Period—3. Dallas, Spezza 1 (Rousse), 9:15.
Shots on Goal—Dallas 16-10-11-37; Nashville 4-14-10-28.
Power-play opportunities—Dallas 0 of 2; Nashville 0 of 3.
Goals—Dallas, Lehtonen 1-1-0 (28 shots-25 saves). Nashville, Rinne 1-1-0 (37-35).
A—17,113 (17,113). T—2:29.

Canadiens 4, Penguins 0

First Period—1. Montreal, Pacioretty 1 (Montreuil, 11:07).
Second Period—2. Montreal, Deshar- navi (Slepyshev), 12:49; Montreal, Turris 1 (Galchenyuk, Montreuil), 4:31 (pp.).
Third Period—1. Montreal, Petya, 13:44.
Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 17-19-36; Montreal 13-8-11-32.
Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 5; Montreal 0 of 3.
Goals—Pittsburgh, Fleury 2-1-1 (32 shots, 5 saves). Montreal, Petya 1-0-0 (13-36).
A—21,288 (21,273). T—2,472.

Blackhawks 7, Flyers 4

First Period—1. Chicago, Kane 1 (Anisimov, Seabrook), 0:56, 2. Chicago, Rasmussen 1. 17:26. 3. Chicago, Panarin 1 (Seabrook, Keith), 18:12 (pp).
Second Period—4. Chicago, Hossa 1 (Campbell, Anisimov), 5:04 (pp.), 5. Philadelphia, Reed 2 (Voracek, Kostich), 18:23 (pp.).
Third Period—6. Philadelphia, Reed 3 (Gostisheber, Giroux), 0:37, 7. Philadelphia, Couturier 2 (Konecny, Schultz), 1:54, 8. Philadelphia, Simmonds 2 (Giroux, Voracek), 3:49 (pp.), 5. Chicago, Anisimov 1 (Kane, Panarin), 10:24, 10. Chicago, Panarin 2 (Kane), 16:03, 11. Chicago, Anisimov 2 (Kane, Seabrook), 19:15.
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 8-10-9-27; Chicago 11-11-6-26.

Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 2 of 4; Chicago 2 of 3.

Goals—Philadelphia, Mason 0-1-1 (11 shots-9 saves), Neuvirth 1-0-0 (16-12). Chicago, Crawford 1-2-0 (27-23).
A—21,263 (19,717). T—2:25.

Flames 4, Sabres 3 (OT)

First Period—1. Buffalo, Bergensons 1 (Ennis), 7:25, 2. Calgary, Frolin 3 (Backlund, Kulkas), 16:12.
Second Period—3. Buffalo, O'Reilly 3 (Ristolainen, Okposo), 11:41 (pp.).
Third Period—1. Sabres, Penderland 1:10, 5. Buffalo, Foligno 1 (Larsson, Gionta), 3:46, 6. Calgary, Tkachuk 1 (Giordano, Stajan), 4:52.
Overtime—7. Calgary, Monahan 2 (Giordano, Giordano), 17:26.
Shots on Goal—Buffalo 6-4-9-21; Calgary 15-10-11-26.
Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 1 of 5; Calgary 0 of 4.
Goals—Buffalo, Lehner 1-1-1 (34 shots-30 saves). Calgary, Johnson 1-0-1 (21-18).
A—19,289 (19,289). T—2:35.

Lightning 4, Panthers 3 (SO)

First Period—0.
Second Period—1. Florida, Seavirt 2 (MacKenzie), 2:38 (pp.), 2. Tampa Bay, Kilm 3 (Kucherov), 6:18, 3. Tampa Bay, Kilm 1 (Stamkos, Drouin), 16:21.
Third Period—2. Tampa Bay, Trocheck 2 (Smith, Johnson), 5:26, 5. Florida, Matheson, 12:54.
Shootout—Florida, Marchessault NG, Barkov NG, Trocheck G, Jokinen NG, Ekblad NG, Tampa Bay 2 (Kucherov NG, Drouin NG).
Shots on Goal—Florida 8-8-13-31; Tampa Bay 10-10-10-30.
Power-play opportunities—Florida 0 of 3; Tampa Bay 0 of 3.
Goals—Florida, Reimer 0-0-1 (28 shots-25 saves). Tampa Bay, Bishop 2-0-0 (37-35).
A—15,902 (19,204). T—2:49.

Senators 7, Coyotes 4

First Period—1. Arizona, Smith 2 (Strome, Muzzey), 12:18, 2. Ottawa, Ryan (Karlsson, Drouin), 13:44 (pp.), 3. Ottawa, Muzzey 2. 15:16.
Second Period—4. Ottawa, Smith 2 (Pylkkanen, 12:04 (pp)).
Third Period—5. Arizona, Ekman-larsen 2 (Karlsson, Drouin), 1:01 (pp.), 6. Ottawa, Kelly 1. 7:30, 7. Ottawa, Stone 1 (Karlsson, Drouin), 11:49, 8. Ottawa, Marti- nok 1 (Golligher), 10:07, 9. Ottawa, Turris 3 (Hoffman, Stone), 18:13, 10. Arizona, Martinok 2 (Richardson, Murphy), 18:43, 11. Ottawa, Karlsson 2 (Kelly), 19:47.
Shots on Goal—Ottawa 16-11-8-35; Ottawa 13-11-18-42.
Power-play opportunities—Arizona 1 of 5; Ottawa 3 of 6.
Goals—Arizona, Domngue 2-0-0 (11 shots, 5 saves). Smith 1-0-0 (30-27). Ottawa, Anderson 3-0-0 (35-31).
A—11,051 (19,153). T—2:46.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



TIMOTHY J. GONZALEZ/AP

Utah running back Joe Williams hops into the end zone for a touchdown against Oregon State on Saturday.

Reinvigorated upon return

RB Williams comes back from retirement to give No. 19 Utah a boost

By KAREEM COPELAND
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Joe Williams had a feeling his phone would be ringing soon after seeing Utah starting running back Armand Shyne go down with a season-ending injury in Game 6.

His fiancée and father were the first to mention the possibility to the former Utah running back.

Sure enough, the Utah coaching staff reached out Oct. 10 to Williams, who retired Sept. 13, to gauge his interest in returning after injuries to Shyne, Zack Moss and Troy McCormick destroyed the Utes' depth at the position.

The senior returned Tuesday, started Saturday and paced the 19th-ranked Utes (6-1, 3-1 Pac-12) with 179 rushing yards and a touchdown in a 19-14 win over Oregon State. Utah travels to face UCLA on Saturday.

"I made the decision more for the team rather than myself," Williams said. "Put all that injuries and selfish attitude aside and put it all on the line for them. (Leaving was) more psychological. This is a rough sport out here to play and I've been doing it for so long. Just sitting and talking to my family, knowing in my mind it would be the right decision to step away from it ... My body just didn't feel right at the time."

“He really hit the ground running, I guess you could say.”

Kyle Whittingham
Utah coach

Williams was the heir apparent to Devontae Booker when the season started, but he managed just 75 yards combined in the first two games and was benched with a fumbling issue. The retirement was abrupt, but the other backs had played better and deserved more playing time.

Then they all got banged up. Kenric Young and Brian Allen FaceTimed Williams first thing in the morning last Monday to come start conditioning. Then offensive administrative assistant Nick Alaimo and running backs coach Dennis Erickson got in touch.

Coach Kyle Whittingham said he checked with the team to make sure the players approved of a Wil-

liams return and went from there.

The Utes didn't bother easing him back in and gave Williams 34 carries in a weather-affected game.

"He really hit the ground running. I guess you could say," Whittingham said. "Came back the exact same body weight. Wind wasn't quite where it was, the conditioning level. Three good days of practice. We didn't anticipate him having the workload that he did."

"We figured we'd test the waters with Joe and see what his interest level was — physically did he feel like he could do it. ... When it was all said and done, he felt like it was the right thing to do to come back and help the football team."

Williams said he'd been keeping in shape and the roster has him listed at 205 pounds, but he admitted to living a relaxed, retired life while continuing to take classes. He discussed the situation with family and Utah receiver Cory Butler-Byrd, who was the most adamant among his teammates. The two are close and Williams is the godfather of Butler-Byrd's newborn son.

He had been attending home games and sitting in the seats he would normally give to family and friends. He described the experience as "enlightening."

Williams said he was somewhat surprised to get the call despite his father and fiancée saying so after the Arizona game. He assumed Moss or McCormick would be ready, but that wasn't the case.

Williams seemed to run with more purpose than he did early in the season. He wore down as the game went on, but that's to be expected after a month off. Being back wasn't "too weird."

"I told them that I left personally for psychological problems and physical dilemmas that I thought would be harmful to the team," Williams said. "Not able to perform at my best and be more of a cancer to the long haul of the Pac-12 season. I told them that I'm coming back is more for 'y'all.'"

Quarterback Troy Williams said he was welcomed back with open arms.

"I'm great to have him back with the team," Troy Williams said. "That's our brother. ... It was like he never left."

Hokies, Hurricanes meet in key game in ACC Coastal race

By HANK KURZ JR.
Associated Press

Virginia Tech doesn't have long to lick its wounds after a surprising loss at Syracuse, but the Hokies could hardly ask for a better motivator to get back to work. They face longtime rival Miami on Thursday night.

The former Big East rivals have played 33 times, with Miami winning 20, including three of the past four. The Hokies (4-2, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) were 21-9 in Thursday night games under former coach Frank Beamer but were 0-3 against the Hurricanes (4-2, 1-2). Miami has lost two straight, to Florida State and North Carolina.

In the now wide open Coastal Division race, the game likely qualifies as a must-win.

"It's very critical," Hokies defensive end Ken Ekanem said. "Any ACC opponent is like a championship game, so I think we can't just hype up in our minds. We have to just take it one game at a time, like I said before. We've just got to focus on going 1-0. Any ACC opponent, especially Miami — a big rival of ours — is a big game."

Virginia Tech is a half-game behind North Carolina in the Coastal standings but holds the head-to-head advantage against the Tar Heels after a 34-3 victory two weeks ago in Chapel Hill. Pittsburgh also is 2-1 in the division and will host the Hokies next Thursday night.

The Hurricanes spent much of the early part of the season in the Top 25 before their recent slide, and with every team in the division having at least one loss, they are far from eliminated in the division championship race.

"We've got to just recuperate and just focus in and hone in

on the game plan," quarterback Brad Kaya, who is in his third season as the Hurricanes' starter, said this week. "It is a short week, so it's time to get going."

"Can't dwell on the last two losses. Just got to get going and get this thing on the road."

Running back Mark Walton was not as diplomatic.

"Right now, it's all or nothing," he said. "We've got to try to win out and get our groove back, man."

Miami won its last visit to Lane Stadium, on a Thursday night two years ago, 30-6.

Both programs are in their first seasons under new coaches, with Mark Richt calling the shots in Miami and Justin Fuente in Blacksburg. Fuente is eager to experience the atmosphere of a Thursday night home game.

"I'm looking forward to taking part in it. I'm confident our kids will be ready to go, but we've got a long way to go and a short time to get there and a lot of work to get done this week," Fuente said Monday.

Ekanem, meanwhile, wants his teammates to remember the Hurricanes' last visit.

"You can't make it bigger than it actually is. You've got to keep everybody's head really level, so I think we definitely owe them and we've got to be able to bring it on Thursday," he said.

Getting everyone on the same motivational page will be critical, quarterback Jerod Evans said.

"We have to bring our own energy, our own emotion, and this is a very team-oriented sport," he said. "We have most guys bringing it and some guys not, and that can lead to certain things. As far as bringing our own stuff, we as a unit didn't bring it all the way. That was kind of the case for Syracuse."



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Virginia Tech quarterback Jerod Evans is sacked by Syracuse defensive lineman De'Jon Wilson on Saturday. The loss to the Orange has left the Hokies with a must-win game against Miami.

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Blue Jays third baseman Josh Donaldson rounds the bases on a solo home run against the Indians during Tuesday's Game 4 of the ALCS.

Toronto staves off elimination

Donaldson sparks Jays with speech, homer to keep Indians from sweep

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

TORONTO — Just in time, Josh Donaldson and the Toronto Blue Jays broke out the bats to save their season.

Now they have a chance to really make things interesting in this AL Championship Series.

Donaldson backed up his fiery pep talk to teammates before the game, hitting a home run and turning in a timely diving stop Tuesday to help the Blue Jays avert a sweep with a 5-1 win over the Cleveland Indians.

The Indians still lead the matchup 3-1, but with a couple of big hits and a strong outing by Aaron Sanchez, Toronto handed them their first loss of this postseason.

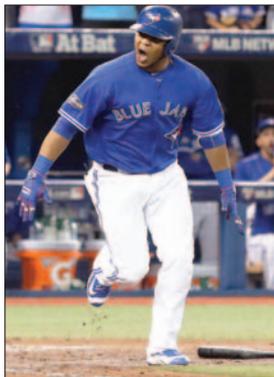
"I'm not going to give too much away of what I had to say, but just more so getting everybody's attention and focus and understanding," Donaldson said. "I mean, everybody knew coming into today how important today was. But at the same time I just wanted to kind of reiterate that and let the boys know that I was coming to play today."

Cleveland had to try again Wednesday to earn its first World Series trip since 1997, but the big concern for the Indians coming into the series — an injury-riddled rotation — still lingers. In Game 5, Cleveland will start Ryan Merritt, who has pitched just 11 innings in the majors, against Marco Estrada.

It was an emotional day all around at Rogers Centre, where the home crowd had fallen silent watching the season slipping away because of a slumbering offense that totaled only three runs in the first three games of the series.

"I thought we battled pretty good today, with the bats," Toronto manager John Gibbons said. "Naturally, when you score, which we haven't been doing, it always looks good." Donaldson's solo shot to left-center field off Corey Kluber in the third put the Blue Jays ahead for the first time all series. Two innings after that, the first star baseman made an outstanding play to preserve a one-run edge.

Sanchez, the American League ERA champion, allowed a run and two hits in six innings, all the bullpen finished with three perfect innings.



MARK BLINCH, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Toronto's Edwin Encarnacion celebrates after his two-RBI double against Cleveland during the seventh inning on Tuesday, the Blue Jays won Game 4 of the ALCS.

Kluber was starting on three days' rest for the first time in his career.

"I felt fine. I don't think it physically affected me. I made a mistake to Donaldson," Kluber said. "We're one win away from the World Series and that's what we're focused on." Kluber hadn't allowed a run in either of his first two starts this postseason. Donaldson, the reigning AL MVP and sporting a still freshly shaved face, opened the scoring with his first home run of these playoffs.

The wild-card Blue Jays made it 2-0 in the fourth when Ezequiel Carrera's blooped fell between three Cleveland fielders in left-center for an RBI single.

Roberto Perez hit an RBI double in the fifth off Sanchez. Carlos Santana's two-out ground-er to the left side might have had a chance to

score him, but Donaldson made the play to his left, then popped up and danced off the field with a bit of a flip pump.

"I was locked in," Donaldson said. "It helps when you have a guy like Sanchez in the zone, where you can really focus on in a certain area of the strike zone. And I was able to get a really good read off the bat, and I was fortunate enough to be able to make the play."

The Indians didn't have another baserunner after that. Brett Cecil, Jason Grilli and Roberto Osuna pitched an inning each in relief for Toronto.

Taking no chances, Gibbons brought in Osuna, his closer, in a non-save situation to finish off Cleveland.

The Indians were trying to become the third team to sweep a Division Series and Championship Series in the same postseason. The 2007 Colorado Rockies and 2014 Kansas City Royals both did it.

Cleveland had won nine in a row, including three straight over Boston in the ALDS.

The Indians had a chance to take the lead in the third when Tyler Naquin hit a leadoff double and went to third on a sacrifice. Sanchez retired Santana on a soft grounder with the infield in, and then Jason Kipnis also grounded out.

Kluber was pulled after 89 pitches. He allowed two runs and four hits in five innings. The Blue Jays added two more runs in the seventh after a throwing error by reliever Bryan Shaw. Edwin Encarnacion came up with the bases loaded and the crowd chanting "Eddie" — and his hard grounder skipped off the mound and into center field for a two-run single to make it 4-1.

Trainer's room: Trevor Bauer's finger injury put more pressure on Kluber to come back for Game 4 and a possible Game 7 on short rest. Bauer cut his right pinkie on a drone and had to be pulled in the first inning Monday after he started bleeding.

"I had to witness everything he had to go through to try and get out there and pitch last night," pitching coach Mickey Callaway said before Tuesday's game. "Not too many people would have done that. He's been wonderful. He's obviously grown over the years because he wanted to."

Scoreboard

Division Series
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)

American League
Toronto 3, Texas 0
Toronto 10, Texas 1
Toronto 5, Texas 3
Toronto 7, Texas 6, 10 Innings
Cleveland 3, Boston 0
Cleveland 5, Boston 4
Cleveland 6, Boston 0
Cleveland 6, Boston 0

National League
Chicago 3, San Francisco 1
Chicago 1, San Francisco 0
Chicago 5, San Francisco 2
San Francisco 6, Chicago 5, 13 Innings
Chicago 6, San Francisco 5
Los Angeles 3, Washington 2
Los Angeles 4, Washington 3
Washington 5, Los Angeles 2
Washington 8, at Los Angeles 3
Los Angeles 6, Washington 5
Los Angeles 4, Washington 3

League Championship Series
(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

American League
Cleveland 2, Toronto 1
Cleveland 2, Toronto 0
Cleveland 4, Toronto 2
Tuesday, Oct. 25, Cleveland 1
Wednesday, Cleveland (Merritt 1-0) at Toronto (Estrada 9-8)
x-Friday, at Cleveland
x-Saturday, at Cleveland

National League
Los Angeles 2, Chicago 1
Chicago 8, Los Angeles 4
Los Angeles 1, Chicago 0
Tuesday, Los Angeles 6, Chicago 6
Wednesday, Cleveland (Lackey 11-8) at Los Angeles (Urrutia 5-2)
Thursday, Chicago 10, at Lester (19-5) at Los Angeles (Mata 16-11)
x-Saturday, at Chicago
x-Sunday, at Chicago

World Series
(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

Tuesday, Oct. 25, at AL
Wednesday, Oct. 26, at AL
Friday, Oct. 28, at NL
Saturday, Oct. 29, at NL
x-Sunday, Oct. 30, at NL
x-Tuesday, Nov. 1, at AL
x-Wednesday, Nov. 2, at AL

Tuesday
Blue Jays 5, Indians 1

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
C.Smith dh	4	0	0	0	Butler rf	5	1	0	0
Rodriguez 3b	0	0	0	0	M.Justin lf	5	0	0	0
Lindor ss	4	0	0	0	Dillon 3b	3	1	1	1
Napoli lb	3	0	0	0	Echorn lf	4	0	2	2
Reed 1b	3	0	0	0	Tiwalds ss	2	1	1	1
Chisholm rf	2	0	0	0	Ru.Mrtnc c	3	0	0	0
R.Perez c	2	0	0	0	Sunders lf	0	0	0	0
Crisp Hf	2	1	0	0	Carrera lf/rf	4	1	2	1
Mason lf	2	0	0	0	Pillay rf	2	0	0	0
Guyler pr/lf	1	0	0	0	Goins 2b	3	1	1	0
R.Perez c	0	1	1	1					
Totals	28	1	2	1	Totals	32	5	9	5

Cleveland 000 010 000-1
Toronto 000 000 212-5
E—B.Shaw (1), LOB—Cleveland 3, Toronto 8; 2B—Naguin (2), R.Perez (1), 3B—Carrera (2), HR—Donaldson (1), SF—Pillay (1), S—R.Perez (1).

IP H R ER BB SO
Kluber L2-1 1 2 0 0 2 7
Shaw 1/3 2 2 2 1 1 0
Clevner 1/3 1 1 1 1 1 1
Toronto
Sanchez W1-0 6 2 1 1 1 2 5
Cecil Hf 1 0 0 0 0 0
Grilli H2 1 0 0 0 0 0
Osuna 1 0 0 0 0 0
WP—Sanchez, Cleveland, T—30.1, A—49,142 (49,282).

Dodgers 6, Cubs 0

Los Angeles

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Fowler cf	4	0	1	0	Utley 2b	4	0	0	0
Bryant 3b	4	0	2	0	Jansen p	0	0	0	0
Cobles lf	4	0	0	0	C.Saper ss	0	0	0	0
Rizzo lb	3	0	0	0	Ju.Trnr 3b	4	1	1	1
Soler rf	3	0	0	0	Rizzo lf	4	0	0	0
Soler rf	1	0	0	0	Redick rf	2	1	1	0
Russell ss	2	0	0	0	Griffing lf	2	0	0	0
Heyward ph-rf	1	0	0	0	Pederson cf	4	1	1	1
Centras ph-l	1	0	0	0	Grandal c	2	1	3	3
T.Wood p	0	0	0	0	Kndrick lf/2b	0	0	0	0
Almona ph	1	0	0	0	R.Hill p	0	0	0	0
Mintmyr p	0	0	0	0	Blanton p	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	0	4	0	Totals	24	6	6	6

Cleveland 000 000 000-0
Los Angeles 000 000 000-0
LOB—Cleveland 1, Los Angeles 5, 2B—Fowler (2), Pederson (2), Rizzo (2), Turner (2), Grandal (1), SB—Rizzo (1), Redick (2), Pederson (2).

IP H R ER BB SO
Jansen 5 6 4 0 0 4 5
Wood 2 3/2 1 0 0 0 1 1
Grimm 1 1/3 1 0 0 0 1 1
Moloney 1 1/3 2 2 0 0 0 1

Los Angeles
M.W.L-1 6 2 0 0 0 0 2 6
Blanco 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1
Dayton 1 1/3 1 0 0 0 0 2
Durrant 1 1/3 1 0 0 0 0 2
Pitchers pitched to 1 batter in the 6th
PB—Grandal, T—31.8, A—54,269 (55,000).

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Determined Hill shuts down Cubs

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rich Hill never strayed from his mindset of pitching in the moment, even when he was far from the major leagues playing independent ball with the Long Island Ducks.

Convinced there would be another opportunity to get back to the big leagues, he focused on executing pitches without worrying about his current circumstances.

Fourteen months later, Hill allowed two hits over six innings to beat Cy Young Award winner Jake Arrieta and the Chicago Cubs 6-0 Tuesday, giving the Los Angeles Dodgers a 2-1 NL Championship Series lead.

"It's the biggest game of my career," Hill said. "It's just putting in the work, putting in the time, having a routine, persevere, all those things that you can say to sum up some kind of endurance or resiliency. For me, that's all I've ever known is just work."

Rookie Corey Seager had three hits, including a go-ahead single in the third, and Yasmani Grandal hit a two-run homer in the fourth.

After winning a big-league-high 103 games during the regular season and sparking belief they could win the World Series for the first time since 1908, the Cubs were shut out in consecutive games for the first time since May 2014, managing just six hits — five of them singles. Their 18 straight scoreless innings mark the longest postseason drought in franchise history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"More than anything, I think we need to get a couple runs and hits and runs early to try to get that kind of feeling back," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said, "because, obviously, when you're not scoring any runs, it makes it even more difficult in the dugout."

Hill, who made two starts in the independent Atlantic League in August 2015 before signing a minor league deal with Boston, struck out six and walked two. Joe Blanton, Grant Dayton and Kenley Jansen finished. Playing their 200th postseason game, the Dodgers posted consecutive shutouts for the first time.

Julio Urias starts Game 4 for the Dodgers on Wednesday and at 20 years, 68 days will become the youngest starting pitcher in postseason history. John Lackey starts for the Cubs.

"He's not scared of the moment," Seager said of Urias. "He's not scared of anything."

Hill was acquired from Oakland along with Josh Reddick at the Aug. 1 trade deadline. The 36-year-old left-hander struggled with a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand that landed him on the disabled list from mid-July to late August. The blister still bothered him in the final weeks of the regular season, and Dodgers manager Dave Roberts pulled him after seven perfect innings against Miami on Sept. 10, saying the team had to keep its focus on bigger goals in October.

Hill was strong from the start against one of his former teams, retiring the side to open the game and later eight in a row. He's given



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Dodgers' Yasmani Grandal hits a two-run home run Tuesday during the fourth inning of Game 3 of the NLCS against the Cubs in Los Angeles. Grandal was previously 0-for-5 against pitcher Jake Arrieta.

up one run in 23 innings over four home starts for the Dodgers, lowering his ERA to 0.39.

"When he's got that attitude out there, you can tell," Dodgers first baseman Adrian Gonzalez said. "That's when you know he's rolling, that his pitches are working, and he's doing what he wants to do out there."

Seager's go-ahead single ended an 0-for-15 slide with runners in scoring position in postseason play.

Grandal was 0-for-5 with three strikeouts against Arrieta in his career before he launched a 3-2 pitch into the right-field pavilion in the fourth for a 3-0 lead. Grandal drove in Reddick, who singled and stole second and third.

"He's been so good for the last couple years just because he doesn't give in," Grandal said of Arrieta. "He still made a really good pitch down in the zone. I was

just lucky to put a swing on it and hit it out."

Justin Turner homered on the first pitch leading off the sixth to chase Arrieta, who gave up four runs and six hits in five innings.

He dominated the Dodgers in his previous two starts against them, including a no-hitter at Dodger Stadium on Aug. 30, 2015. Los Angeles had gone 2-for-51 against him in two games.

"It's hard to go out there and pitch when your team is not scoring, so you try to be perfect. You can't make any mistakes. If you give up one run, that can be it," Cubs catcher Miguel Montero said. "He had one of his best stuff all year; to be honest."

Joe Pederson doubled in a run in the eighth and Grandal hit a run-scoring groundout.

Maddon moved struggling Anthony Rizzo from third to the cleanup spot, and his broken-bat

infield hit in the ninth made him 2-for-26 in the game and 2 for 32 in the series without an RBI. Dexter Fowler's two-out double in the eighth provided the Cubs' first extra-base hit since their 8-4 win in the opener.

"There's no doubt here," third baseman Kris Bryant said. "We certainly have all the belief in the world. It's a powerful thing when you believe."

With a win Wednesday, the Dodgers could try to finish the series at home.

"These guys won 100-some games. They've got the talent, so you can't think ahead," Grandal said. "If you think ahead, that's when bad things happen."

Power: After dominating regular season, Chicago's offense plummets

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straight playoff games before the Dodgers did it. Chicago's 18 consecutive scoreless innings comprise the longest drought in the team's postseason history, two more than the 1906 squad.

This 103-win club spent exactly one day out of first place this season, but the Cubs are trailing in the NLCS because their hitters have been silenced ever since that five-run eighth inning in a Game 1 victory.

"I don't gamble, but I probably wouldn't have gambled on that one," Chicago catcher Miguel Montero said.

Including a 1-0 loss in Game 2, Chicago is a collective 6-for-60 with one extra-base hit over the last two games. The Cubs hadn't been shut out since Aug. 28, but Clayton Kershaw and Rich Hill did it with plenty of help from closer Kenley Jansen.

This is highly unusual for the Cubs, who were third in the big leagues with 808 runs during the regular season. They had the majors' second-best on-base percentage before the postseason, but baserunners have been scarce for most of their seven playoff games, and their team batting average is languishing below .200.

"We're not hitting the ball hard," manager Joe Maddon said. "They've pitched well. Obviously, I have no solid explanation. We've just got to keep working at it. ... There is really no excuse. We just have to pick it up quickly."



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Cubs' Kris Bryant strikes out during the eighth inning Tuesday, in Los Angeles. Chicago was shut out in consecutive games for the first time since May 2014.

Chicago hadn't been shut out in consecutive games since May 2014, but the Cubs never really threatened against Los Angeles — and their best hitters realize they bear the responsibility.

MVP candidate Rizzo (2-for-26), Addison Russell (1-for-24), Jason Heyward (2-for-19), Dexter Fowler (5-for-28) and Ben Zobrist (4-for-26) are all struggling mightily in the postseason. The middle of Chicago's lineup is particularly lacking, and Maddon's adjustments haven't helped.

The Cubs were baffled by Hill, the 36-year-old journeyman who was playing independent ball just more than 14 months ago. Hill threw six innings of two-hit ball, and Arrieta couldn't keep up in his return to the stadium where he threw a no-hitter in August 2015.

The 2015 Cy Young Award winner had a middling NLCS start for the second straight season, giving up four runs and six hits to the Dodgers over five-plus innings. Last October, he gave up four runs and four hits over five innings to the Mets in Game 2 of New York's sweep.

Maddon dropped Heyward from the lineup for Game 3, but replacement Jorge Soler went hitless and made two misplays in right field, although neither cost the Cubs any runs. Heyward struck out on

three pitches as a pinch hitter to end the seventh, taking a terrible swing on a down-and-in slider from Joe Blanton.

Fowler's two-out double in the eighth off reliever Grant Dayton was the Cubs' first extra-base hit since Game 1, but Jansen promptly struck out Bryant. After Rizzo's shattered-bat single, Jansen calmly finished off the win.

The playoffs always provide small sample sizes of teams' woes, but California pitching has flummoxed the Cubs through seven games in October. They didn't hit much even in the Division Series against San Francisco, batting a collective .200 with a meager .247 on-base percentage while relying on pitchers at the plate for an alarmingly big chunk of their runs in that four-game series victory.

Game 4 on Wednesday suddenly looms as pivotal for the Cubs, who had five two-game skids in the second half of the season, but haven't lost three straight since early July.

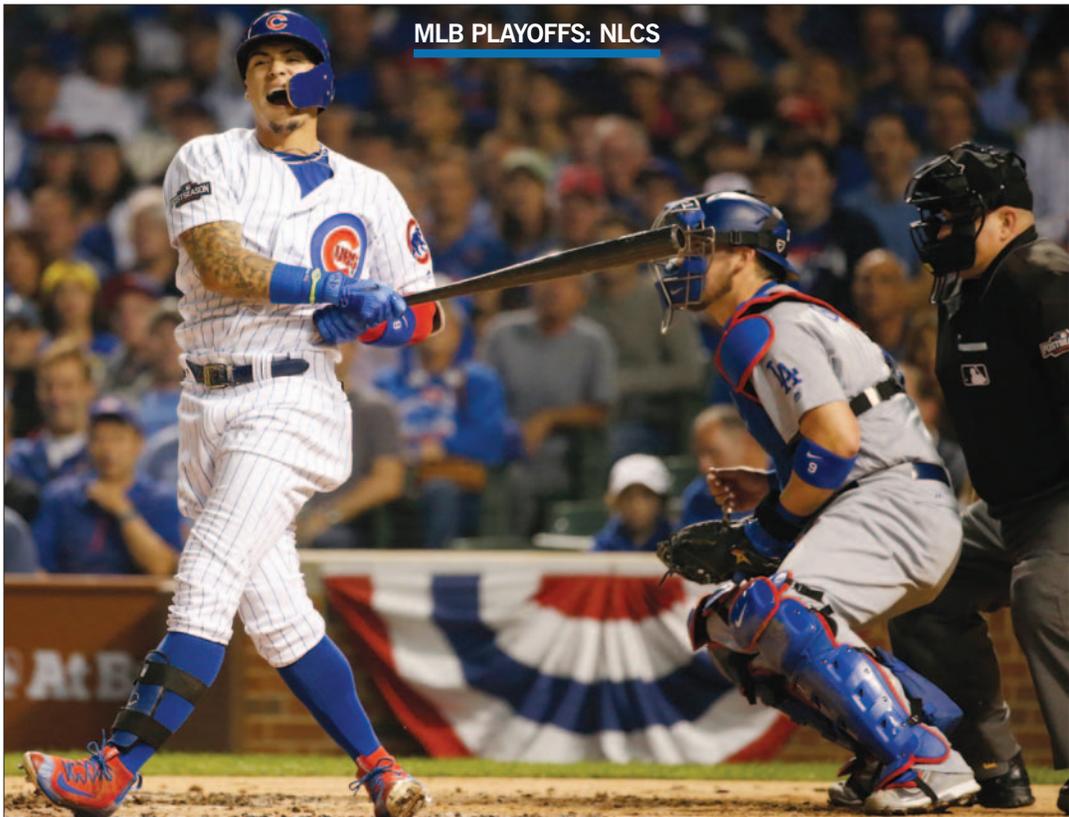
"You're playing against great teams at this time of year," Montero said. "You just try to live in the moment. And maybe you have to have a better plan."

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Cubs second baseman Javier Baez reacts after striking out against the Dodgers in Game 2 of the NLCS. Chicago is 6-for-60 at the plate over the past two games.

Power outage

Cubs' slump gets critical after second-straight shutout loss to Dodgers in Game 3

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Anthony Rizzo's bat shattered into shards, and the ball trickled onto an empty patch of infield grass. The Chicago Cubs' cleanup hitter scampered to first base in the ninth inning, getting just

his second hit this postseason in Game 3 of the NL Championship Series.

In an October of increasing offensive ineptitude, the powerful Cubs are looking for any kind of break to get them going.

"That's the kind of hit that we needed," fellow slugger Kris Bryant said. "That's the hit that can spark a team."

Except it didn't. This combustible offense remains quiet and cold — and after a superlative regular season, the Cubs have been shut out in back-to-back playoff games.

With its pitching staff again dominating one of baseball's best lineups, Los Angeles took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series

with a 6-0 victory Tuesday night over Jake Arrieta and the Cubs.

If the Cubs don't find their offense before they leave LA, the most infamous championship drought in sports will stretch into next year.

Chicago had never been blanked in two

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