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Navy looks into possible missile fire from Yemen

By JON GAMBRELL
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The U.S. Navy on Sunday began investigating a possible overnight missile attack from Yemen on a group of American warships in the Red Sea amid uncertainty about what transpired.

The Red Sea and the nearby strategic Bab el-Mandeb strait, a crucial chokepoint for international shipping and crude oil, has been the scene of what the U.S. describes as at least two missile attacks from rebel-held territory in Yemen. American forces have fired back once with Tomahawk missiles, destroying mobile radar positions in the first shots fired by the U.S. in anger in the stalemate conflict.

In the latest incident, a group of American warships in the Red Sea on Saturday night "had indications of a possible inbound missile threat and deployed appropriate defensive measures," said Capt. Paula Dunn, a spokeswoman for U.S. Navy Forces Central Command. She said in a statement that all ships and sailors were safe, without elaborating.

An American defense official told The Associated Press on Sunday that one of the ships saw on radar what sailors believed to be missiles being fired at the ship from Yemen at night.

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U.S. Navy Forces Central Command
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Officials: N. Korean missile test fails

Launch comes ahead of routine visit by USS Ronald Reagan

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea tried but failed to fire an intermediate-range missile, U.S. and South Korean officials said Sunday.

It was the first attempted missile launch since the North conducted its fifth and most powerful nuclear test Sept. 9, prompting a wave of international condemnation and efforts to impose new sanctions against the isolated country.

The missile test also occurred hours before the nuclear-powered USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier docked in the southeastern port city of Busan on Sunday for what the Navy called a routine visit after a week of maritime war games with the South Korean navy.

North Korea watchers have predicted in recent weeks that Pyongyang was preparing for another provocation, with satellite images showing activity at its main nuclear testing facility as well as its Sohae satellite-launching station.

The Pentagon said U.S. Strategic Command systems detected the failed launch of a presumed Musudan missile near the northwestern city of Kusong on Saturday.

Pentagon spokesman Gary Ross strongly condemned the missile test and stressed the U.S. commitment to defending allies South Korea and Japan is “ironclad.”

“This provocation only serves to increase the international community’s resolve to counter the DPRK’s prohibited activities,” he said, using the acronym for the North’s official name, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

“We call on North Korea to refrain from actions that further raise tensions in the region,” he added.

South Korea’s military said the missile failed immediately after launch, according to the Yonhap



WESLEY J. BREEDLOVE/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Nimitz-class aircraft carrier the USS Ronald Reagan arrives Sunday at the Republic of Korea Fleet base in Busan for a routine port visit. The Reagan is on patrol with Carrier Strike Group 5 supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

news agency. The Joint Chiefs of Staff condemned what it called an “illegal provocation” that violated U.N. Security Council resolutions prohibiting the North from using ballistic missile technology.

North Korea has carried out an unprecedented number of missile tests this year, and experts say it is showing clear technical progress in its nuclear weapons program despite numerous failures.

Only one of the Musudan missiles, which have a range that puts them in reach of U.S. bases in Japan and Guam, is believed to have flown far enough to be considered a success. But experts say the North’s scientists learn from each failure.

Pyongyang has conducted five underground nuclear tests since 2006, including two this year —

one in January and the other on Sept. 9 — causing tensions to rise on the divided peninsula.

The U.S. and South Korea regularly conduct joint military exercises, which they insist are defensive in nature. North Korea, however, considers them a rehearsal for an invasion. It denounced the participation of the USS Ronald Reagan — the Navy’s only forward-deployed carrier — in naval exercises last week.

The Navy flew a group of reporters out to the ship 150 to 175 miles southwest of Osan Air Base on Friday to show off the carrier’s striking power. Nine fighter jets took off and 15 made landings during a 30-minute demonstration of FA-18 Super Hornets, E-2C Hawkeyes and the EA-18G Growler.

U.S. officials said the Ronald Reagan’s arrival in Busan was a routine port call that would allow the 5,500 crewmembers to engage with their South Korean counterparts. But Navy commanders stressed they were ready to defend the peninsula.

“We remain dedicated to the security of this nation ... and this region,” Rear Adm. Brad Cooper, the commander of U.S. Naval Forces Korea, said in remarks after the ship docked.

He said the carrier strike group was there “to send a clear signal of the strength of our alliance and our resolve to protect (South Korea) from unprovoked acts of aggression.”

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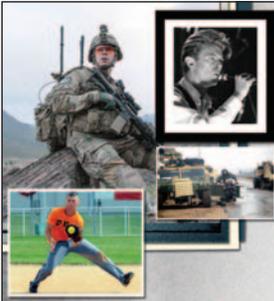
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Philippines' deadly drug war reaches former US bases

By **SETH ROBSON**
Stars and Stripes

CUBI POINT, Philippines — Slurp in the stomach and kneel, the man crumpled in the parking lot in front of St. Therese, the old Naval Air Station Cubi Point chapel.

Arman Q. Juaneza's wounds appeared to be treatable, and a hospital was nearby. But no one wanted to get involved, said Victorio Vizcocho Jr., publisher of the Subic Bay News.

"There were authorities in the area but they didn't try to save him," said Vizcocho, whose newspaper was formerly the official publication of the U.S. naval base here.

The 43-year-old man died. Vizcocho said the killing was thought to be connected to Chinese drug operations.

Almost two months later, police have yet to make an arrest in the killing, which took place inside the still-fenced and guarded former U.S. military facility now known as the Subic Bay Freeport.

Not many want to get involved in the deadly drama that has claimed more than 3,400 lives in the Philippines since President Rodrigo Duterte took office June 30 and began his uncompromising war on drugs. He has encouraged citizens to kill drug dealers, and told Philippine National Police that he will support them in doing so as well. In a press conference in August, he was quoted as saying, "My order is to destroy."

Duterte has said that the drug problem is even worse than he thought, so similar scenes are likely to continue to play out on the streets.

"Hitler massacred 3 million Jews ... there's 3 million drug addicts... I'd be happy to slaughter them," Duterte said recently, before apologizing to Jews.

The man who earned the nickname "Duterte Harry" while carrying out a similar purge as mayor of the southern city of Davao isn't apologetic about his extrajudicial campaign, bristling profanely at U.S. and U.N. suggestions that he should be of.

Drug war battlefields surround the Freeport, which retains much of the character from its time as a U.S. military installation, including guard posts at its main entrances. The vacated Navy facilities have been occupied by commercial operations including restaurants, shops and schools.

There's a striking contrast between the American-style development inside the fence and the hustle and bustle of ordinary Filipino towns outside, where motorcycle taxis and open-sided jeepney buses weave along narrow lanes made narrower by

roadside vendors hawking everything from Chinese Christmas lights to bows and arrows.

In Olongapo City, bordering the port and home to 220,000 people, drug users seeking rehabilitation can be trained and paid to build wooden coffins, Reuters reported this month.

Data released by the Olongapo Police, who have dubbed their counternarcotic effort "Project Double Barrel," show that, between July 1 and Oct. 5, 13 drug suspects were killed and 220 arrested in 111 raids and 1,201 house visits. Police confiscated 584 sachets of shabu, or methamphetamine, and more than 1,000 confessed drug users and dealers have voluntarily surrendered. Vizcocho said police have

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battled drug problems in the area for decades but that criminal groups involved in shabu manufacture and sale have become more organized.

In one day in Subic Town, at the other end of the bay from the port, 5,000 people confessed to drug offenses and surrendered to police. Those who surrender have their names added to a list. Some have been killed after they were sent home, Vizcocho said.

"At least 20 people have been killed around Subic Bay in recent months," he said.

Most Filipinos support the counternarcotics campaign, Vizcocho said.

"They don't appear to understand the long-term implications of what is going on," he said. "If police are doing things that they know are illegal and if they are able to get away with it, it is going to erode the normal values of society."

The neighborhood where Juaneza was killed looks a lot like it did when the Americans were there. The Tiara Hotel — once officers' quarters — still stands like a flaking white dinosaur beside the chapel, which was repaired after its roof collapsed from the weight of dust from the Mount Pinatubo eruption in 1991.

Juaneza's killing is said to involve links to Chinese drug manufacturers. Subic Bay is believed to be an entry point for ingredients used to manufacture crystal methamphetamine, the cheap drug of choice among the poor.



PHOTOS BY SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

Morning traffic is seen in Subic Bay, Philippines, on Friday. The killing of a man, thought to be connected to Chinese drug operations, recently took place inside the still-fenced former U.S. military facility now known as the Subic Bay Freeport.



Robert Jessop, left, 73, a Canadian veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, and Scott Sims, 57, a retired Navy chief warrant officer, stand outside the VFW post in Subic Bay, Philippines, on Saturday. Sims, who has lived in nearby San Antonio for 12 years, said he expects the drug violence to get worse.

Elia Quinto, 26, who works at a convenience store behind the chapel, said some of the victim's coworkers were at the shop when the shooting happened. Images from the store's security camera disappeared, she said, but she isn't scared.

"This neighborhood is really quiet. It's just that one time," she said. She said she heard the victim was involved in drugs, had impersonated a police officer and "had it coming."

Quinto said she has mixed feelings about the drug war.

"It's good they are getting rid of the drug dealers, but innocent people are being caught up in it," she said.

Rino Moraleta, a port operations manager who lives in former U.S. Navy housing across the road from the chapel, said the neighborhood was safe for his kids but he was against the extrajudicial killings.

"Absolutely it bothers me as a Catholic. It is against God's will," he said.

There have been a dozen drug killings in Barrio Barretto, an Olongapo suburb that's home to Subic's Veterans of Foreign Wars post, according to Scott Sims, 57, a retired Navy chief warrant officer here.

In a country with a broken judicial system, it's cheaper and easier to kill recidivist offenders,

he said while sipping on a cold San Miguel beer and watching the American Forces Network on a TV above the bar.

"Most of us retired military aren't bothered. We just keep our heads down," said Sims, who has lived in nearby San Antonio for 12 years.

Sims said he can spot expatriates who use shabu from their sunken eyes, pale skin and the absence of beer bellies sported by many retirees in Subic Bay. He said his neighbor, a European, fled the country soon after the drug raids started.

Few expatriates have turned themselves in to police, he said.

"He was stopped on a motorcycle with his girlfriend at 2 a.m. and when he pulled out his wallet to show ID, a packet of shabu fell out," Sims said.

Some drug dealers in his neighborhood have turned themselves in to police, he said.

"The locals know who the drug-dealers are. Some guys who turned themselves in were sent home and killed. I've heard there is money being paid so there are vigilante squads out there," he said.

While most of those who were killed after returning home may have been targeted for quickly falling back into their old habits, there has been speculation that some were killed by drug kings to make sure they didn't turn into informants.

Sims expects the violence to get worse.

"They're averaging more than 30 killings a day, and Duterte has said the drug problem is bigger than he thought it was, so what is the next step?"

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MILITARY

Faulty leadership cited for woes of USS Fort Worth

By WYATT OLSON
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Lack of leadership, failure to comply with procedures and complacency were the primary reasons propulsion gears were damaged on the USS Fort Worth in January, according to the results of an investigation released Friday by the Navy.

The ship was sidelined for months in Singapore for repairs. After initial findings of the investigation were completed, the Navy relieved Cmdr. Michael Atwell of duty on March 29 due to loss of confidence in his ability to command the littoral combat ship.

No other personnel were relieved as a result of the incident or investigation, Lt. Clint Ramsden, a spokesman for U.S. Pacific Fleet, said in a written statement.

LCS vessels have experienced cost overruns and operational problems since the Navy began adding them to its fleet. Gears on the USS Milwaukee failed in December, requiring it to be towed back to its Virginia port.

The turbine engines on LCS vessels run on both diesel and gasoline, requiring a complex set of combining gears to blend power from the two types of engines.

Ramsden said that "the Navy is committed to addressing growing pains and building confidence in this new, innovative ship class, which will ultimately become a substantial portion of the fleet."

The Fort Worth's combining

gears were damaged because they overheated due to a misalignment of the lubricating oil system, the report said.

The volume on an alarm that warned of the problem had been turned down — despite a standing order by the chief engineer to keep it turned up. As a result, crewmembers were slow in responding.

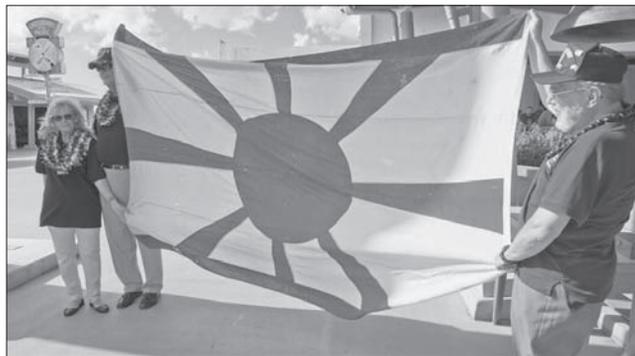
A melange of "lack of effective leadership, fatigue, frustration, lack of experience and failure to utilize external support" factored into the damage, the report said.

In the aftermath of the incident, Atwell had endorsed training, software updates and review of procedures "but failed to address how he would tackle procedural compliance and made no mention" of accountability, the report said.

The "common theme across these events was that the command felt training alone would fix the problem" and "then failed to check the efficacy of training" with exams or monitoring, the report said. "This resulted in lots of talking about procedural compliance, but little deplate or leadership reinforcement and thus the standard not being set."

Ramsden said the investigation and review have resulted in recommendations that will improve the way littoral combat ships are crewed, trained, equipped and operated.

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Dianne Hall stands beside the Imperial Japanese Navy flag recovered from the Japanese battleship Nagato, which she donated to the National Park Service at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center on Thursday.

Flag from WWII Japanese battleship Nagato donated to US Park Service

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

The flag that once fluttered above the deck walked by the mastermind of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 was donated Thursday to the National Park Service at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

The Imperial Japanese Navy flag originally had flown on the battleship Nagato, which was the flagship of Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Yamamoto was the architect of Japan's naval strategy during the early part of the war, including the innovative use of aircraft carriers in the stunning attack on Oahu.

After the end of the war in August 1945, Robert Hartman, a cook aboard the USS Horace A. Bass — which was part of the

force that occupied the massive Yokosuka Naval Base and also took custody of the Nagato — acquired the flag.

Hartman's children — Dianne Hall, Betty Jo Eller, Sherry Bryant, Robert D. Hartman Jr. and Wanda Morris — inherited the flag after his death.

"My dad retrieved the flag during the war," Hall said in an article published by the Navy about the donation. "It's been a part of our family for a long time. When we (siblings) were young, it would get cold at night, so we would use it as a blanket. I remember complaining to my mother about how it irritated my skin because of the wool. As an adult, I realized the significance of the flag."

Jacquelyn Ashwell, superintendent of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, described the flag as "an amazing

donation" in the Navy article.

"Here at the museum, we receive many wonderful tokens of history, but having such a relic from a high-profile ship as the Nagato — the ship that was Adm. Yamamoto's flagship — is an extraordinary gift on behalf of the American people."

Built in the 1910s, the Nagato had been modernized in the mid-1930s and had remained largely unscathed during World War II. It was sunk in 1946 near the Bikini Islands as part of U.S. nuclear weapons testing.

The flag will be preserved by the Park Service, which oversees all the memorials and artifacts of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. How or when the flag would be displayed has not been decided.

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VFW evolving to appeal to younger vets, commander says

By NANCY MONTGOMERY
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VICENZA, Italy — They're practicing yoga. They're keeping bees. The Veterans of Foreign Wars is casting off the stereotype of the group as a collection of hard-drinking old cops complaining about liberals and gays in the military, the group's commander-in-chief said Friday.

"We do 9 million hours of community service," VFW Commander-in-Chief Brian Duffy said, dismissing that stereotype as unfair. "If everybody's sitting at the bar, drinking, who's doing the work?"

The VFW has accomplished much since its inception after the Spanish-American War, including pushing hard for benefits newer combat veterans still receive, such as the GI Bill. With 1.4 million members, the group is a force on Capitol Hill.

"You give voice by numbers. We all know the folks in Congress listen to numbers, when they listen," Duffy said.

A former airman who served in the Gulf War and retired as a top UPS pilot, Duffy was in the midst of an annual tour of over-

seas posts. Vicenza's VFW post, with more than 1,000 members, is one of the largest. He said overseas posts attract more members because the organization provides an outlet for camaraderie with other veterans — one of the group's founding purposes — and other Americans in general.

But general membership is down from a peak of 2.1 million in 1992, Duffy said, when World War II veterans, Korean War and Vietnam veterans swelled VFW ranks. Now, most WWII vets have passed away. The majority of members are Vietnam vets in their 60s, he said.

Still, Duffy said, the service group, which did not admit women until 1978 and six years ago opposed allowing gay men and lesbians to serve openly in the military, is evolving.

Six of 53 top VFW officials are women. Denver's post elected its first openly gay commander this year.

"We're getting there. What's important is someone's leadership ability," Duffy said. "Some people get it. We understand it too."

The organization is working to attract



NANCY MONTGOMERY/Stars and Stripes

Brian Duffy, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said Friday in Vicenza, Italy, that the veterans' service organization is evolving.

younger vets, although Duffy said the eligible pool is far smaller than after WWII: just 1 million troops who deployed repeatedly to Iraq and Afghanistan. That's one reason for the yoga classes. Another is the VFW's growing emphasis on mental health issues.

"We've got a post doing beekeping.

Why beekeping? It's been identified as a therapy for stress," Duffy said.

Besides meeting with commanders and visiting VFW posts, Duffy was tasked on this trip with retrieving a meaningful piece of jewelry: the ring of an American pilot whose P-38 went down in San Luca, near Vicenza, in 1943. The injured pilot, 2nd Lt. Jules Hymel, was rescued by the Girardi family, and after being taken captive by the occupying German army eventually returned home to Louisiana. His pilot's ring remained with the Girardi family for 73 years — until an effort involving an Italian historical group and the Vicenza VFW put the Girardi and Hymel families' connection together.

Duffy will receive the ring from Egidio Girardi, 84, at a ceremonial dinner at a castle in Marostica and then will return it to Hymel's survivors.

"We want to preserve the memory and history of our dead," Duffy said. "Or as we say, to honor the dead by helping the living."

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MILITARY

Military winding down relief mission in Haiti

By DIANNA CAHN
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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — After 10 days of running near-nonstop helicopter relief flights to the areas in Haiti hit hardest by Hurricane Matthew, the U.S. military said Saturday it is winding down its operations out of the international airport here in the capital. The mission will transition to the Iwo Jima, the Navy amphibious assault ship anchored off the coast.

"What you will see over the next, probably, three days, much of the footprint ashore will move out of here," said Adm. Kurt Tidd, commander of U.S. Southern Command, who flew down from Miami on Saturday to visit the military operations organized under his command. That meant visiting the joint task force at the airport, and then flying to the Iwo Jima.

"We will move a lot of that footprint out aloft and will continue to conduct support operations," Tidd said. "And then we will just continue to transition the mission more and more and more to civil authorities."

The U.S. military was able to rush a joint task force to Haiti just days after the Oct. 4 hurricane tore across the western end of the peninsula that runs along the southwest of the country. The storm killed at least 500 people, sent trees toppling, flooded roads, destroyed houses and farmland and left 1.4 million people in need of assistance.

The military effort was part of a U.S. State Department-led response to a call for help from the Haitian government. Under the Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance at the U.S. Agency for International Development, the military task force was able to rush in helicopters, manpower and logistical support to the Port-au-Prince airport to quickly ferry supplies to areas that were unreachable by road.

One of the boats used in the mission was a two-week mission to fill the gap until the Haitians, assisted by the USAID and the U.S. Embassy, could put their own assistance mission in place.

"This is kind of standard procedure we adopt now," said Jeremy Konyndyk, direc-

tor of the Foreign Disaster Assistance Office. He said he's worked several disaster responses with the military in recent years: after earthquakes in the Philippines and Nepal, and during the Ebola crisis in Africa. They have learned what's needed.

"[The Department of Defense] doesn't need to be here forever," he said. "So DOD comes out on the front end, gives a real big push for a couple of weeks, gets some momentum to help get the response rolling and then the civilians step up and we're able to send DOD home and hand it off to civilians."

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He said that after the 2010 earthquake, the U.S. helped the Haitian government organize an emergency response plan. They set up shelters in communities and, ahead of Matthew, they were able to get word out to people to flee to higher ground. "Lives were saved," he said.

Still, after the devastation of Matthew, Haiti needed help, Mulrean said.

From Port-au-Prince, Tidd and Mulrean and their teams boarded a helicopter and took the 30-minute flight to the Iwo Jima.

The ship left its station in Norfolk, Va., ahead of Matthew's anticipated arrival up the U.S. East Coast and was sent to Haiti once the devastation was assessed. It arrived off Haiti on Oct. 13 and has since added an aerial Marine expeditionary unit from the amphibious transport dock ship the USS Mesa Verde, which arrived first and also just handed off to the Iwo Jima before heading home.

The Iwo Jima is now sitting just 12 miles offshore, in the elbow of what the military



ADWIN ESTES/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

U.S. Marine Sgt. Jordan Becker, left, offloads a generator with the help of Brazilian servicemembers at Jeremie, Haiti, on Saturday as part of Joint Task Force Matthew.

officials here call the southwest claw. Each morning, the ship's dozen helicopters take off to Port-au-Prince to pick up relief supplies and drop them off along the claw before returning to ship.

Tidd said those operations will continue. A small contingent of Air Force air traffic controllers, who have been advising the Haitian controllers in the tower, will remain at the airport until the U.S. flights dwindle, he said.

The Iwo Jima also arrived with large landing craft utility boats that can transport thousands of pounds of equipment or supplies. They haven't been used yet, but Tidd said he expected they would be. The boats could travel inland, collect supplies and bring them back to the ship's helicopters for distribution.

The admiral visited the ship's bridge, where he addressed the crew on the intercom. He told them it was their turn to take the joint task force flag from the team at Port-au-Prince and "carry it through across the finish line."

"I can't say how proud I am to be able to look out here on the horizon and see a U.S. warship exercising the kind of mission this kind of ship was designed to be able to support," he said. He told them they would inherit the heavy-lift helicopter mission to the

hardest hit areas.

"What you bring is the ability to move a lot of that support footprint out of Port-au-Prince airport, where it basically is clogging things up there on the runways, and bring a lot of it back out here, out to an airfield that's able to move and go to the point where the supplies are needed most," he said. "Once the unique capabilities are no longer required, we will be able to take this whole package, wrap it up and send you back home again."

Like the troops on the ground at the airport, who spent their days moving relief supplies — heavy lift work with little view of the crisis in the countryside or the people they were saving — the crew of the Iwo Jima could only wonder how bad things were on the ground.

Tidd reassured them that they were making a difference. Lt. Cdr. Mark Stines, the ship's navigator, said he takes comfort in knowing he's helping even though he can't see it.

"Yesterday, we got to do about 6,000 pounds," Stines said. "It's not a lot, but ... I know for sure somebody ate dinner last night because we are here, which is pretty cool."

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Extravaganza coming to Hawaii troops thanks to 'The Rock'

By WYATT OLSON
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"The Rock" is bringing rock to the troops in Hawaii. And comedy.

Hollywood rock-offic giant Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson is hosting the musical likes of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Tenacious D, Fl Rida and Nick Jonas at "Rock the Troops" on Oct. 22 on the flight line of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Honolulu.

Among the comedians slated to perform are Kevin Hart, Jack Black, Keegan-Michael Key and Terry Crews.

The event is free and open to military personnel and Department of Defense cardholders, with gates opening at 3 p.m. Sponsored guests of DOD cardholders are authorized to enter with a valid special event pass.

Strict security will be in place. Not allowed are coolers, tents, outside food and beverages, glass bottles, recording devices (other than cellphones), backpacks, camera bags or any bag larger than a "clutch." Allowed items are small diaper bags, purses, mats and small lawn chairs.

The event is being held on the hard surface of the flight line, so chairs and mats are suggested. "My respect for our troops is boundless," Johnson said in a news release.

He said his goal was "to create an event that honors our troops and their families in epic fashion."

The event will be filmed for later broadcast on Spike TV.

For further details, go to: tinyurl.com/rocktroops.

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Tokyo hosts aerospace exhibition

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Some of the biggest names in the aerospace industry showcased their new products from aircraft components to space equipment — last week in the Japanese capital.

Airbus, Boeing, Raytheon and Lockheed Martin were among nearly 200 overseas companies participating in the Japan Inter-

national Aerospace Exhibition at Tokyo Big Sight in Koto-ku. The exhibit was the largest in the event's 50-year history, with about 600 Japanese firms, including Mitsubishi and Kawasaki heavy industries, involved.

Lockheed Martin was displaying a full-scale model of its F-35 stealth fighter, and Mitsubishi Aircraft Corp. was showing off a cabin mock-up for its Japanese-

made MRJ passenger plane. The Japan Air Self-Defense Force was exhibiting an F-3 engine for its Kawasaki T-4 training aircraft, along with a UH-60J rescue helicopter.

The exhibition, which ran through Saturday, also included lectures by astronauts and industry executives, a space development forum and music and marching drills by JASDF cadets.

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Iraqi security forces, above and below, gather at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on Sunday.

Militant strikes Baghdad mourners

At least 4 civilians killed in attack on gathering of Shiites

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN AND QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck a gathering of Shiite mourners in Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least four people and wounding another 12, Iraqi officials said, as government troops prepared for a decisive battle to drive the Islamic State extremist group from the major northern city of Mosul.

The attack took place in Baghdad's Shiite-dominated Jadriyah neighborhood on the Tigris River, where the explosives-laden bomber approached Shiites commemorating the 7th-century death of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, a police officer said.

A medical official confirmed the toll. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information to the press.

Islamic State group militants claimed responsibility for the bombing in a statement carried by the Islamic State-linked Amaq news agency. The claim could not be independently verified.

The group swept through a swath of Iraq in June 2014 and took control of significant areas in the north and west. It declared an Islamic caliphate that covers nearly a third of both Iraq and Syria.

Since late last year, the militants have



suffered battlefield losses and their power has shrunk to the northern city of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, about 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, along with small towns in the country's north and west.

Iraq is gearing up for a major battle with the Islamic State group for Mosul, an operation that is expected to be the most complex yet for Iraq's military, which is still rebuilding from its humiliating 2014 defeat.

The "operation to liberate Mosul will start very soon in the coming few days," Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil told The Associated Press.

Fadhil said more than 25,000 troops, including paramilitary forces made up of Sunni tribal fighters and Shiite militias, will take part in the offensive, which will be launched from five directions around

the city.

In addition to carrying out airstrikes, the U.S.-led international coalition will offer artillery fire, he added.

According to U.N. estimates, up to 1 million people could be displaced from Mosul during the operation, exacerbating the humanitarian situation in the country. The conflict in Iraq has forced 3.3 million people to flee their homes, with most of them living in camps or informal settlements.

Fadhil voiced concern about potential action from Turkish troops based in the region of Bashiqa, northeast of Mosul. Turkey sent troops to the area late last year to train anti-Islamic State fighters there.

Baghdad has seen the Turkish presence as a "blatant violation" of Iraqi sovereignty and has demanded the Turkish troops withdraw, a call Ankara has ignored.

Fire: Navy says Mason 'appeared to come under attack'

FROM FRONT PAGE

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the incident, which had not yet been made public. Yemen's Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, and their allies did not immediately comment on the incident Saturday. Previously, the Houthi-controlled SABA news agency ran dispatches denying rebels ever fired on American warships.

Adm. John Richardson, the Navy's top officer, said earlier Saturday that the destroyer USS Mason appeared "to have come under attack." The Mason, an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer whose homeport is Norfolk, Va., has been targeted twice before by missile fire out of Yemen, according to the U.S. Navy.

Also known to be in the Red Sea near the Mason are the USS Nitze and the USS Ponce.

Previously, an Emirati-leased Swift boat came under rocket fire near the same area as the Mason and sustained serious damage. The United Arab Emirates described the vessel as carrying humanitarian aid and having a crew of civilians, while the Houthis called the boat a warship.

Yemen has been at war since September 2014, when the Houthis swept into the capital, Sanaa. A Saudi-led coalition of Sunni Arab nations launched a campaign against the Houthis in March 2015.

Yemen's war is largely overshadowed by the conflict against the Islamic State group elsewhere in the Middle East, although rights groups have mounted increased criticism of the Saudi-led airstrikes in recent months for killing civilians. The U.N. and rights groups estimate the conflict has killed at least 9,000 people and displaced nearly 3 million more.

The U.S. has been providing logistical and intelligence support to the Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen, but began to withdraw its support in recent weeks over the civilian casualties from the air campaign.

Yemen releases 2 US citizens

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Yemen's Houthi rebels released two U.S. citizens Saturday, without identifying the Americans.

Kerry said they were freed as part of a complicated diplomatic arrangement that included airstrikes for Yemenis wounded by an Oct. 8 airstrike carried out by a Saudi-led coalition. Those individuals were taken to Oman for treatment.

Kerry said the U.S. has been working on such efforts for the past few days, alongside a push for a cease-fire in Yemen that would allow the country's internationally recognized government and the Iran-backed Houthis to return to negotiations.

The state-run Oman News Agency said two Americans "held" in Yemen were released to Oman for treatment. The state is allowing negotiations between Omani officials and "Yemeni authorities" in the capital, Sanaa, which is controlled by the Houthis and their allies. It also did not identify the Americans.

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NATION

Truck plunges off bridge in San Diego, kills 4 in crowd

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A member of the U.S. Navy was arrested after the pickup he was driving plunged off a San Diego bridge, killing four people and injuring eight at a festival below, authorities said.

Authorities identified the driver as Richard Antonio Sepolio, 25, who was stationed at the naval base on Coronado Island across the bay from San Diego. His rank and job description were not immediately available.

Sepolio was alone in the truck Saturday afternoon when he lost control and it struck a guardrail and fell 60 feet onto a vendor's booth at Chicano Park, said California Highway Patrol Officer

Jake Sanchez. He was taken to the hospital with major injuries and later was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs causing deaths and injuries, the officer said. It wasn't immediately known when Sepolio would be arraigned.

"It's horrible. It's horrific. We had innocent people down here having a good time, and now they're gone," Sanchez said.

The California Highway Patrol identified the deceased as a 62-year-old man and a 50-year-old woman from Chandler, Ariz., and a 39-year-old man and a 49-year-old woman from Hacienda Heights, a suburb east of Los Angeles. Authorities did not immediately release their names.

Eight people on the ground were injured. One suffered major trauma and seven others had minor to moderate injuries, said Lee Swanson, a spokesman for the city's Fire-Rescue Department.

Witnesses said the GMC pickup with Texas license plates landed on a vendor's booth set up for La Raza Run, a motorcycle ride that ends with a celebration at the park and typically draws hundreds of participants. The crash was steps away from a stage where a rockabilly band was playing.

"I saw a truck come right off the freeway. It was going so fast it flew over the stage and landed in front of the stage on a tent, a booth that was set up," Chase Dameron told The San Diego



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

Police stand near a pickup that landed at Chicano Park after it fell off a ramp to the San Diego Coronado Bridge in San Diego on Saturday.

Union-Tribune.

He said four people in the booth were crushed by the truck.

"It was like a movie. It was like in slow motion," Dameron said. "Where it hit, there was dust and debris and instant chaos and panic. People running crazy."

Another witness said the truck

hit the front end, bounced and landed on its side.

Photos from the scene show the truck's front end crumpled and its hood popped open.

The park is beneath the bridge in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood in central San Diego.

Crews try to keep big Nev. wildfire at bay

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Firefighters in Nevada were hoping to stop a wind-driven wildfire, which already has destroyed 22 homes north of Carson City, from jumping any major roads.

The blaze between Reno and Carson City was only 5 percent contained Saturday, fire officials said.

The fire, which grew overnight to more than 5 square miles, was threatening 500 structures and had destroyed 17 outbuildings.

Residents east of Washoe Lake have been allowed to return home. Residents of other neighborhoods have been permitted to return but told they might have to evacuate again during the weekend. Homes west of the lake will remain under evacuation.

Gov. Brian Sandoval declared a state of emergency Friday to free up resources. Approximately 855 personnel were working on the wildfire. Other resources that have been added in the last day include seven air tankers and 155 engines, according to the Sierra Front Interagency Fire Dispatch Center.

Rain helped moderate fire activity, but strong winds were forecast for later in the day and into Sunday.

The so-called Little Valley fire was first reported shortly after 4:30 a.m. Friday in the mountains between Lake Tahoe and Washoe Valley about 8 miles north of Carson City. It spread rapidly thanks to winds gusting at more than 70 mph.

The cause is still under investigation. The fire was one of the largest that broke out along the Sierra Nevada on Friday. A wildfire that prompted the evacuation of 500 homes on the south end of Lake Tahoe was estimated to be 80 percent contained Saturday, according to CAL Fire. That fire has burned about 210 acres and forced the closure of part of California Highway 50 and surrounding roads. Orders were to remain in effect throughout the night because heavy rain and high winds were impeding hazard cleanup, according to Sgt. Tasha Thompson, with the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office.

Firefighters snuffed out another fire that destroyed at least one structure and temporarily closed the Mount Rose Highway connecting Reno to Lake Tahoe.



CHRIS PIETSCH, THE (EUGENE, ORE.) REGISTER-GUARD/AP

Angiel Ramon peers into what is left of his 2003 Ford Mustang on Saturday after a tree limb fell onto it while he was at work in Coburg, Ore.

Storm topples trees, power lines in Northwest

By GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Trees and power lines snapped as a powerful storm bearing the remnants of a Pacific typhoon hit the Northwest.

Tens of thousands of people were without power in Oregon and Washington on Saturday as the storm made landfall after gathering intensity off the coast. The National Weather Service said winds gusted above 50 mph in the Portland area, and strong winds and heavy rain squalls were hitting the Seattle area Saturday night.

"We've definitely seen a good run of strong wind, with gusts along the coast anywhere from 60 mph to 80 mph in some of the more exposed parts, and 50 to 60 mph in the Portland area," said Matthew Cullen, a meteorologist with the agency. "There's scattered damage."

Emergency crews reported trees and

power lines down throughout the region. The Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue posted a photograph on Facebook of a tree that crushed the new car and part of the home of a family in North Plains, Ore., near Portland. The Washington Department of Transportation said trees came down on Interstate 5 near Olympia, blocking a lane.

No injuries were immediately reported Saturday.

In Coburg, Ore., north of Eugene, a moss-covered tree limb smashed a bright yellow 2003 Ford Mustang parked outside the Dari Mart convenience store. The car is owned by Dari Mart employee Angel Ramon.

"I have never parked in that spot before," Ramon told The Register-Guard newspaper.

The storm brought heavy rain and wind from Northern California to Wash-

ington state.

The Quinalt Indian Nation, on the coast of Washington's Olympic Peninsula, fretted that the storm would bring a swell that would breach the sea wall that separates its main village from the Pacific Ocean, but the wall was holding Saturday amid 30-foot seas, the tribe said.

The storm carried the remnants of Typhoon Songda, which wreaked havoc in the western Pacific days ago. It closely followed a separate storm that on Friday brought a tornado to Manzanita, Ore., and injured a 4-year-old boy and his father when a tree branch fell in West Seattle, and prompted the Coast Guard and other emergency officials near Port Angeles, Wash., to make several boat trips across a lake to rescue 40 teens and six adults who became stranded at an outdoor recreation camp after they lost power and downed trees blocked their way out.

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

MEERKATS

Earth's most murderous mammals

BY BEN GUARINO
The Washington Post

Ape shall never kill ape. The primate society in the 1973 film “Battle for the Planet of the Apes,” the fifth installment in the Planet of the Apes franchise, was governed by this central rule. It was a pleasant sentiment even when chanted from beneath a rubber mask. But such niceties never seem to last, particularly not in postapocalyptic fiction.

We hate to rock Dr. Zaius' world, but that rule does not exist in real-life mammal societies either.

As a new study published in the journal *Nature* demonstrated, not only does ape kill ape but the mammalian world is full of murder.

Monkeys kill their own kind, as do lions, a few bat species and long-tailed chinchillas. But the bloodiest, most homicidal of more than 1,000 species surveyed is the meerkat.

The team of Spanish biologists and geneticists behind the study did not set out to point a bloody paw at the meerkat, however. They were more interested in plumbing the evolutionary history of lethal violence, comparing murder rates for 1,024 different types of mammals. Spain's University of Granada researchers combed scientific studies to create a database of lethal aggression, totaling 4 million mammal-on-mammal deaths.

It turned out that about 1 in 5 meerkat deaths are due to intraspecies slaying, meaning the little African carnivores stood at the head of the violent class. Meerkats off their own young when resources are scarce. Meerkat society is also rigidly hierarchical, and fatally so, as pregnant meerkats will kill a subordinate's offspring to make room in the clan. (If you know a thing or two about the mongoose species, this might not come as a surprise — they are “baby-killing cannibals,” per the *Telegraph* in 2006.)

That 20 percent of deaths are due to such spats is much higher than the typical mammal. The next most murderous are monkey and lemur species, followed by sea lions. Humans are far from cracking the top 50.

The scientists at the University of Granada measured human violence from “600 human populations and societies spanning from the Palaeolithic to the present,” as they wrote in the paper. Using this timeline, they calculated a rough

baseline murder rate: 1 in 50, or 2 percent, of early *Homo sapiens* were murdered, they concluded.

The history of violence was not constant. After spikes as high as 12 percent in the Middle Ages, a peaceful thing happened on the way to modern society. As University of Reading evolutionary biologist Mark Pagel, who did not conduct the study, wrote in a companion article at *Nature*, “Rates of homicide in modern societies that have police forces, legal systems, prisons and strong cultural attitudes that reject violence are at less than 1 in 10,000 deaths,” or about 0.01 percent.

“From the empirical figure of 2 percent of deaths by lethal violence in primitive hunter-gatherers, different historical times have had different levels of lethal violence,” said lead study author Jose Maria Gomez, of Spain's Experimental Station of Arid Zones, to the *Guardian*.

Within the context of mammals, humans fall in a curious

place. Given a lethal aggression rate of 2 percent, we are far more murderous than the overall average mammal (0.3 percent of deaths), but we are less violent than the primate ancestor we share with other apes (2.3 percent).

About 20 percent of meerkat deaths are due to intraspecies slayings, much higher than the typical mammal.

What's more, the fact that there is murder in our evolutionary history does not mean we are doomed to oblige. Genetic factors alone might not explain that 2 percent rate, Gomez told the *Guardian* — “environmental conditions and ecological constraints” matter too.

Even if murder is in our nature, it is not an impossible influence to stymie. As Pagel noted, the 0.01 percent estimate of murders for modern humans is far less than Gomez's baseline would suggest.



NATION

Trump lobs unfounded charge of Clinton on drugs

By JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — Donald Trump's latest unsubstantiated salvo against rival Hillary Clinton charges she might have been on drugs during their last debate and challenges her to join him in undergoing a pre-debate drug test ahead of their third and final clash.

The unfounded claim that the Democratic nominee needed pharmaceutical help took some attention away from whether voters would believe the women who claim that Trump sexually assaulted them or instead accept the Republican's flat denials.

Also overshadowed by Trump's accusation was the release Sat-

urday of yet more emails hacked from accounts of Clinton campaign Chairman John Podesta.

The latest batch showed the campaign worrying whether Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., might endorse then-candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and wrestling with how to respond to revelations about her private email use.

Another subject: lining up materials to respond to fresh accusations from Juanita Broadrick, who accused Bill Clinton of raping her decades ago. He denied the rape accusation, which was never adjudicated by a criminal court.

After surmising that Clinton was getting "pumped up" ahead of Wednesday's debate rather than preparing for it, Trump told supporters: "I think we should take a

drug test prior to the debate, 'cause I don't know what's going on with her." He added: "But at the beginning of her last debate, she was all pumped up at the beginning. And at the end, it was like ... she could barely even reach her car."

Trump also returned to familiar ground, reiterating his claims that the presidential contest is rigged against him and vowing anew to jail Clinton if he's elected.

"The election is being rigged by corrupt media pushing completely false allegations and outright lies in an effort to elect her president," Trump said, referring to the several women who have come forward in recent days to say that Trump had sexually assaulted them. He has called the women liars.

In a country with a history

of peaceful political transition, Trump's challenge to the election's legitimacy — as a way to explain a loss in November, should that happen — was a striking rupture of faith in American democracy. He has repeatedly claimed without offering evidence that election fraud is a serious problem and encouraged his largely white supporters to "go and watch" polling places in certain areas to make sure things are "on the up and up."

Peter Kostruba, a Trump supporter who traveled to his Portsmouth rally from Barnet, Vt., with his 10-year-old son, said he's not expecting riots to break out if Clinton wins, but he sees sharper divisions in the country.

"It definitely feels like the odds are stacked, whether it's

the legal system or the voter system," Kostruba said. "I don't think you're going to see all of this group here arm themselves and mobilize but, you know, we're probably not too many years away from that if things keep going the way we're going."

On a similar theme, a prominent Trump supporter who spoke at the GOP convention last summer, Sheriff David Clarke Jr. of Wisconsin's Milwaukee County, tweeted Saturday: "It's incredible that our institutions of gov. WH, Congress, DOJ, and big media are corrupt & all we do is bitch. Pitchforks and torches time."

House Speaker Rep. Paul Ryan, of Wisconsin, made clear he does not share the candidate's concern about the election's legitimacy.

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police: Car split in half in Long Island collision

NY ROCKVILLE — Police said a speeding car smashed into another car on Long Island, causing it to split in half. Nobody suffered life-threatening injuries.

Nassau County police said Dustin Brandon, of South Hempstead, was driving a Mercedes-Benz convertible when he collided into a Mazda in Rockville Centre Friday night. The impact caused the Mercedes to overturn and cut the Mazda in half.

Brandon and his 25-year-old female passenger had to be extricated from the vehicle. He suffered head and leg injuries. She suffered a lower leg injury.

The driver of the Mazda suffered internal injuries. They all were transported to a hospital.

Police charged Brandon with DWI, reckless driving and other charges.

Decoy deer draws fire across state line

WY JACKSON — A deer that recently landed an Idaho hunter a \$790 citation draws fire from poachers who see its mechanical movements across the state line in Wyoming.

The Jackson Hole News and Guide reported the Wyoming Game and Fish Department decoy was set up on Idaho's opening day for deer hunting.

Department official Mark Gocke said the man who fired the shot fled after spotting law enforcement.

The man was stopped for firing at a deer in a closed hunt area. He was cited for taking a deer without a license and was warned for shooting from a public roadway.

Woman pulls gun after getting doughnuts

AK ANCHORAGE — Someone wanted more than pastries from a 24-hour doughnut shop in Anchorage and used a gun for the extra treat.

Anchorage television station KTUU reported a woman walked into Golden Donuts shortly before 1 a.m. Friday and ordered a dozen doughnuts.

As the employee handed over the doughnuts, he said the woman then pulled out a gun and demanded cash from the register. He gave her the money and called police after she left.

Police said they arrested Melissa Noel, 35, of Anchorage after she ran a nearby stoplight following the incident. A box of doughnuts was found in her vehicle.

Boy, 5, pulls brother, 2, from fiery truck wreck

TX HOUSTON — Police in Houston said a 5-year-old boy pulled his 2-year-old brother out of a burning tractor-trailer following a crash that killed their father.

KPRC-TV reported the truck was a moving van and the family was relocating to Galveston, Texas, when the crash occurred. Police said the boys were pas-

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The value of Jamaican cheese a New Jersey man has been charged with stealing. Prosecutors alleged Thursday that Darluis Ortiz, 18, stole pallets of Taste Cheese products from the storage area of a Moonachie food warehouse on Sept. 23. Ortiz was arrested Wednesday and charged with theft, burglary, conspiracy and possessing burglary tools.



COLIN MULVANY, THE (SPOKANE, WASH.) SPOKESMAN-REVIEW/AP

Blowing in the breeze

Joella Adeniran's hair blows as she takes a walk on her lunch break Friday in downtown Spokane, Wash.

sengers in the truck being driven by their father on Interstate 45 early Friday morning when the vehicle ran into a guardrail and a metal pillar. The truck rolled over and burst into flames. Investigators said the father died at the scene after the apparently was thrown out of the vehicle.

Both boys were hospitalized. The 2-year-old suffered severe burns. His older brother had minor injuries.

Police said they haven't been able to contact the boys' mother.

Crews rescue 2 people, 2 officers from cave

IA DUBUQUE — Rescue crews pulled two people from a cave in eastern Iowa. The Dubuque Fire Department said it was called for help shortly after 1 a.m. Saturday.

Rescue crews rushed to the Dubuque cave off North Grandview near a dog park and Bunker Hill Golf Course and found two people inside. One person was injured and had to be carried from cave.

Fire officials said two police officers also entered the cave to help and were assisted out. Neither officer was hurt.

Authorities have not released the names of those involved or the medical condition of the person injured.

Firefighters discover toxic leak at lunch

MD LANHAM — A Maryland sandwich shop with dangerously high levels of carbon monoxide got lucky when two hungry firefighters walked in the door for lunch.

The Prince George's County Fire Department said in a statement that two firefighters stopped in a Subway during their lunch break on Friday when their portable carbon monoxide detectors started going off.

The firefighters immediately called for additional resources. Responders found that an exhaust vent from the boiler/HVAC unit had broken and was sending carbon monoxide directly into the store.

Firefighters turned the unit off and used fans to bring down the carbon monoxide levels. No one was injured. The fire department said it appeared the unit had just turned on for the day.

Mother jailed with daughter over drug

FL KEY WEST — Authorities said a mother who mailed drugs to her incarcerated daughter is now an inmate in the same Florida jail.

Monroe County Sheriff's De-

partment spokeswoman Becky Herrin said in a news release that a deputy at the jail near Key West found the envelope and noticed it had a chemical smell. He opened the envelope and saw a substance inside.

An incident report says the substance turned out to be Buprenorphine, a synthetic opioid. Deputies arrested Nadine Carroll, 55, on Thursday.

Now Carroll is in the same jail as her daughter, Shannon Carroll, 27.

Records show Shannon Carroll was arrested Sept. 15 on charges of driving with a suspended license and possession of cocaine.

Nadine Carroll is charged with smuggling contraband into jail.

Juvenile charged in teen's car-jump death

GA ROME — A police spokesman said a juvenile was charged in the death of another Georgia teen after a game called "jump the car" turned deadly.

Jerome Poole, a spokesman for the Floyd County Police Department, told the Rome News-Tribune that an unidentified juvenile was charged Thursday with felony vehicular homicide, reckless driving and violation of his provisional license.

Authorities have said they be-

lieve teenager Kobe Thomas was playing a game called "jump the car" when he was struck and fatally injured on Oct. 7. The game involves jumping over a car as it approaches.

Thomas died from his injuries Oct. 9.

Officials: Man stole back confiscated dogs

TX WICHITA FALLS — A Texas man has been convicted on charges that he took two dozen dogs from an animal shelter after the dogs had been seized from him by police investigating whether some had been mistreated.

Lee Allen Miller, 53, pleaded guilty Friday in a Wichita Falls court to a felony count of tampering with evidence. KAUZ-TV reported he's expected to serve about a month in jail.

The dogs were confiscated last year by Iowa Park police and were placed at the shelter as they investigated allegations of animal cruelty. Authorities later learned that the dogs were missing from the shelter.

Miller denied any involvement but the dogs were found concealed in brush near a school where Miller worked.

From wire reports

WORLD

Typhoon hits Philippines; at least 2 killed

By JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — A powerful but fast-moving typhoon blew out of the northern Philippines on Sunday after leaving at least two people dead and displacing more than 15,000, although the region was spared a major disaster due in part to the storm's speed.

Typhoon Sarika blew into Aurora province early Sunday and exited about midday after barreling rapidly through heavily populated agricultural provinces, including landslide-prone mountainous regions, government forecasters said.

At 4 p.m., the storm was over the South China Sea, about 160 miles off the Philippine coast, moving northwestward at 15 miles per hour. It had sustained winds of 80 mph, and gusts of up to 125 mph, according to the Philippines' weather agency.

Despite its strength, the typhoon did not linger long enough



BULLIT MARQUEZ/AP

A man walks along a boulevard with an inverted umbrella under a slight rain that was produced by Typhoon Harika on Sunday.

to wreak havoc in regions along its path, and the weather started to improve in some provinces, including Aurora.

Still, the typhoon forced more than 15,700 villagers to flee their

homes in five northern provinces and take refuge in 132 emergency shelters, according to disaster-response agencies.

Strong winds and rain knocked down trees and electricity poles,

causing power outages and floods in the five provinces.

"We have yet to receive the complete details, but I think the situation is manageable," said Ricardo Jalad, who heads the Office of Civil Defense. "Roofs of some houses were ripped off, there were fallen trees. Those are the damages we received so far, so it's not that serious."

Mayor Nelianto Bihasa, of Baler, a popular surfing town in Aurora, said strong winds ripped tin roofs off many houses and knocked down trees and electricity posts, causing power outages and blocking access roads to some villages. Coastal villagers were warned early to move to safer areas, preventing widespread casualties, he said.

In the eastern province of Catanduanes, a man drowned after being swept by strong river currents, and a farmer died after his head hit the ground amid fierce winds, provincial safety Officer Gerry Beo said, adding that three

fishermen had not returned home from a fishing expedition and were reported missing.

A month's worth of rain fell Friday as the typhoon approached from the Pacific, swelling rivers and creeks and flooding low-lying farming villages, Beo said, adding that most towns in the island province of about 260,000 people have no electricity and spotty communications.

In Bataan province, about 100 mountaineers were stranded on Mount Tarak in stormy weather, but all managed to descend safely with the help of police and other authorities. In the northern mountain province of Benguet, 16 mountaineers were stranded on Mount Pulag, and forest rangers were en route to rescue them, officials said.

About 200 domestic and international flights were canceled, and thousands of passengers were stranded in seaports after interisland ferries were ordered not to venture out in rough seas.



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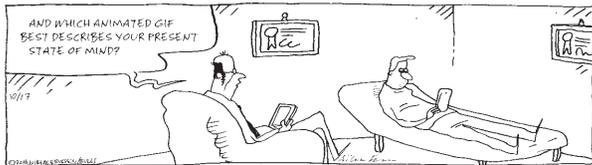
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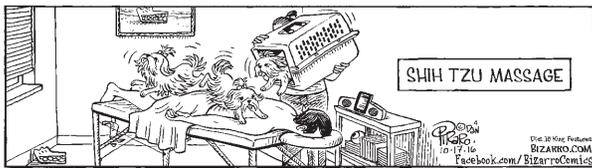
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'Rogue One' trailer heavy on plot



“Rogue One: A Star Wars Story” is finally ready to reveal a big bit of Star Wars-ian plot. The new trailer for the first standalone movie in the “Star Wars” universe has doubled down on the audacity of hope, while simultaneously teasing a ton of new story details.

The newest look at the film debuted Oct. 13 and delves a little more deeply into the backstory of Jyn Erso (Felicity Jones) and her involvement with the rebel forces.

We see Jyn with her father, Gal Erso (Mads Mikkelsen), in an exchange in which he tells her that everything he does is for her. The casting of Mikkelsen as Jyn's father was revealed in the summer during a Star Wars Celebration in London, but this is the first time we've gotten a glimpse.

It's a moment that lingers when soon after we see that Gal, a scientist, has joined the Empire and is likely the architect who created one of the greatest weapons the universe has ever known: the Death Star. This pits Jyn against her father and his newfound loyalties as she allies herself with the rebel forces looking to steal the blueprints for the Death Star and, unwittingly, lay the groundwork for no less than nine future films.

But Jyn is not alone in her quest to capture the plans and set up the events of “Star Wars: A New Hope.” The cast of the new film is vast and notably diverse, with Diego Luna, Ben Mendelsohn, Donnie Yen, Jiang Wen, Alan Tudyk, Riz Ahmed and Forest Whitaker joining Jones and Mikkelsen in this previously unseen battle between rebel and Empire forces.

Los Angeles Times

Felicity Jones is Jyn Erso in “Rogue One: A Star Wars Story,” in theaters Dec. 16.

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Luke Bryan — at the CMA Music Festival in June — is in currently performing in his Farm Tour. He brings concerts to working farms in agriculturally-focused communities and cities in the South and Midwest.

Luke Bryan's Farm Tour hits home for the farmer's son

By KRISTEN M. HALL
Associated Press

Country star Luke Bryan was a bit stiff as he stepped onboard his tour bus in the middle of a soybean field in Elizabethtown, K. His right arm hung limp in a sling, a casualty of breaking his collarbone during a bicycle accident the day before during his previous tour stop in Tennessee.

But instead of canceling his show, he switched his microphone over to his left hand and took to the stage, shaking his hips to the music. A few days later, he had surgery to “bolt it back together,” as he described it, so he would heal faster.

“I will never outgrow being clumsy,” Bryan says. “And now I gotta answer questions about it for the next five months.”

But Bryan isn't going to let a broken bone stop him from his Farm Tour, which is a passion project for the reigning CMA entertainer of the year. He's been doing the Farm Tour for eight years and it's his crown in scale and purpose. This year he put out an EP to go along with the tour, similar to what he did for years during his annual Spring Break tours.

The Farm Tour brings Luke Bryan concerts to working farms in small agriculturally focused communities and cities throughout the South and Midwest that don't have an arena or venue large enough for his regular tour. Crews erect a massive stage in pasture land or hay field and 15,000 fans drive through winding dirt paths to get to the stage. It's like a country version of Bonnaroo, but for one night only.

Bryan feels right at home on Highland Farms in Kentucky. He grew up on a farming business, the son of a peanut farmer in Leesburg, Ga.

“I spent the majority of my life thinking I would work in agriculture,” Bryan said. He was drawn to music as a teen and graduated from Georgia Southern with a business administration major. His passion for music persisted until he finally made the move to Nashville. “I think I picked the right profession,” Bryan said. “Farming is pretty brutal, but you know it's also a very fulfilling life. I could have farmed the rest of my life and really had a fun, happy enjoyable life.”

Bryan's father calls Nashville for a local college student at each of his stops on the Farm Tour, which runs until Saturday. By the end of this year's tour, he'll have given out 50 scholarships. “On a lot of these farms, these kids from farming backgrounds, they don't want to go to college because they don't want to leave their family with the burden of the farm,” Bryan said. “So hopefully we can kick-start their college career.”

Billy Bush lawyer: Bush would have fired if he rebuked Trump

From wire services

An attorney for Billy Bush is defending the TV personality's part in a lewd 2005 exchange with Donald Trump.

Marshall Grossman told The Hollywood Reporter that Bush would have been fired from his then-job with “Access Hollywood” if he'd been passive or told Trump to shut up. Grossman noted Bush was a NBC Universal employee talking with NBC's “The Apprentice” star. The attorney, who was quoted by the trade paper online Oct. 13, declined comment when reached by phone.

Bush, who joined NBC News’ “Today” as a co-host in recent months, was suspended after the tape became public. NBC is said to be privately negotiating his exit.

Stevie Wonder, Chaka Khan headline Prince tribute show

Stevie Wonder and Chaka Khan had the crowd partying like it was 1999 all over again at a tribute concert to the late mega star Prince.

Khan brought Wonder onstage Oct. 13 at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul to duct on Prince's “I Feel for You,” a 1984 hit for Khan. The duo then performed Prince's hit “1999” with the crowd clapping and dancing along. Friends and former bandmates of Prince celebrated the superstar, who died in April. Before the show, St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman read a proclamation on the

outdoor plaza declaring Oct. 13 Prince Day in Minnesota's capital.

Michael B. Jordan stars in PSA highlighting racial bias

A searing new public service announcement starring Michael B. Jordan, Danny Glover and Michael K. Williams takes on the issue of racial bias in police shootings with a simple message: “Black is not a weapon.”

The 4-minute, black-and-white PSA features the actors up against a wall to a soundscape of news reports. TV commentators and 911 calls about police encountering black men. At one point, the screen goes dark to the sound of bullets. It's called “Against the Wall.”

Musician and civil-rights activist Harry Belafonte, whose social justice organization, Sankofa, partnered with directors Gerard Bush and Christopher Renz to create the video, also narrates.

Trebek: Contestant's favorite music genre is for 'losers'

A Maryland librarian and “Jeopardy” contestant has gone viral after host Alex Trebek said her favorite type of music is for “losers.”

Maryland's Department of Legislative Services' librarian Susan Cole of Bowie was featured on Oct. 12's episode of “Jeop-

ardy” and revealed that one of her favorite genres was Nerdcore hip-hop.

When Trebek said he had never heard of it and she said it “doesn't sound like fun,” Cole explained: “It's people who identify as nerdy, rapping about the things they love, video games, science fiction, having a hard time meeting romantic partners, you know. It's really catchy and fun.”

“Losers, in other words,” Trebek said. The crowd erupted in laughter. Trebek noted that he was just teasing. The librarian thanked the competition, racking up \$20,600.

Other news

■ J.K. Rowling's movie “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” is going to be a pentalogy. At a fan event for the upcoming film in London on Oct. 13, the author revealed that the franchise will now stretch to five films. The first, starring Eddie Redmayne, opens Nov. 18.

■ Chris Rock is returning to stand-up on Netflix. The streaming service says the comedian is filming two stand-up specials after an eight-year absence. The first show will tape in 2017, following a new world tour. Rock says in a statement that he “can't wait to get back on stage.”

■ Nancy Grace has said good night for the final time after 12 years of discussing true crime stories from a prosecutor's point of view on TV. Grace ended her HLN program Oct. 13.

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ADAPTING TO A WORLD

RIFE WITH CONFLICT

By ALEX HORTON
Stars and Stripes

As Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump light up cable news and engage in debates, national security and military experts for the presidential candidates are thinking about the conflicts to come.

A growing list of challenges, from the dangerous and shifting threat of the Islamic State group to Cold War-era politics reanimating tensions with Russia and China, along with a re-escalation in Afghanistan, could, in part, frame the rest of the election, and the American public will expect action on a host of national security priorities shortly after the oath of office is taken.

But while navigating the tensions across the globe, a more philosophical question about the future of the U.S. military must be addressed: How should America's forces and taxpayers adapt to a world rife with conflict where foes range from the lone extremist with an assault rifle to menacing fleets of warships?

The war against the Islamic State group is a good testing ground for the Pentagon to weigh its options for reshaping the U.S. military to defeat threats of all sizes.

In April, Defense Secretary Ash Carter delivered a speech to the nonpartisan Washington think tank Center for Strategic and International Studies in which he described breaking silos of command that focus on individual pieces and moving toward a more holistic and modern view of the battlefield.

"Our combatant commanders from Central Command, European Command, Africa Command and Special Operations Command have had to coordinate efforts more than ever before," he said. "Increasingly, I've also brought Strategic Command and Cyber Command into these operations as well, to leverage their unique capabilities in space and cyber to contribute to the defeat of the Islamic State group."

That concept is a wrinkle in his Force of the Future initiative that seeks to shatter partitions between commands and harness technology and innovation to overcome force reductions and an ever-scrutinized budget.

But those commitments to a

doctrine refresh are not absolute. The battle over Pentagon spending comes down to two fundamentally different outlooks.

If the next president's view of a more prepared military comes down to bigger numbers — more troops, ships and planes — the budget must balloon. If the commander in chief sees the future of the force as Carter sees it, and calls for investments in technology and upgrades in equipment, it will translate into more efficient war machines run by fewer men and women.

But the first fight won't be on a battlefield. It will be on Capitol Hill.

Dollars drive defense

Defense spending looms over every operation.

Carter requested a \$583 billion annual budget this year that would have sailed through Congress a decade ago. But in the age of hyper-partisan politics and calls for increased spending at home, the next president and defense secretary might have to expend political capital quickly to fund military personnel and programs.

"Everyone would like to see a grand bargain, which is a governmentwide deal that tackles revenue, entitlements and discretionary spending" in the military, said Mark Cancian, a defense budget expert with CSIS. "And the beginning of an administration is the time to do it."

Cancian said the political climate points to a smaller bargain of two-year budget plans for 2018 and 2019, with the chance to strike longer-term bargains against domestic spending and the national debt. That tension has mounted since 2011 with the Budget Control Act, which aimed to cut nearly half a trillion



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Senior Airman Michael Van Deusen, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron quick reaction force, gets out of a mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle during patrol on Sept. 27 at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan. Freedom's Sentinel, the follow-on to Enduring Freedom, is the continuing U.S. effort to train, advise and assist Afghan security forces as well as conduct counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan.

dollars from defense spending through 2021.

While overseas operations are funded, training and mobilization efforts are impacted by budget cuts, Cancian said.

"Readiness is something you buy every year. It's perishable," he said. If there is an unexpected contingency, the Pentagon would be forced to deploy troops at a lower level of readiness than they would like, Cancian said.

Those contingencies are looking more likely every day.

"The U.S. military will fight very differently in coming years than we have in Iraq and Afghanistan or in the rest of the world's recent

memory," Carter said in February as he previewed the 2017 budget. "We will be prepared for a high-end enemy."

More than \$3 billion was requested in the 2017 budget to ramp up the European Reassurance Initiative — the Pentagon's mobilization effort of thousands of troops and warfighting equipment designed to dampen worries of NATO allies facing growing Russian aggression following incursions into Crimea and eastern Ukraine.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military has been under immense pressure to keep tensions with

China from escalating into conflict in the South China Sea, a territory where China bolsters its presence under condemnation from international courts.

Two Chinese jets intercepted a U.S. reconnaissance flight over international waters in May. The same month, a U.S. destroyer was confronted by warplanes as it

neared an island being developed for Chinese military operations, including runways and a port.

The next president will have to juggle those growing issues with the funds for ongoing operations against terrorist groups.

The budget laid out \$7.5 billion to fund missions to defeat the Islamic State group, nearly \$2 billion of which will restock 45,000 bombs dropped since August 2014.

About \$200 million will fund operations in Africa against Somalia-based terrorist group al-Shabaab, Stars and Stripes reported earlier this year.

"If the Pentagon wants to prepare for and fight these conflicts, they need more money, and they can't do it without the money and forces the budget allows," Cancian said.

An exhausted force

A doctrine of expanding forces is not as straightforward as producing more war machines. The Pentagon also needs the men and women who fly planes, command ships and maneuver tank battalions. That has proven to be difficult in an unprecedented era of operations tempo and a force stretched across the world.

"The U.S. military will fight very differently in coming years than we have in Iraq and Afghanistan or in the rest of the world's recent memory. We will be prepared for a high-end enemy."

Defense Secretary Ash Carter speaking in February as he previewed the 2017 budget



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Latin America will test the next president's security goals

By ALEX HORTON
Stars and Stripes

There is a microcosm of the world's security problems on the doorstep of the United States.

Islamic State fighters. Ramped-up aggression from China and Russia. Floods of migrants and refugees fleeing conflict. Sophisticated criminal networks undermining peace and stability.

These problems are typically spread across the planet. But they're also exerting pressure on one region in particular: Latin America.

But for one-sixth of the Earth's landmass, the area of operations for U.S. Southern Command can seem fairly quiet. There is no direct security threat, and the region tends to fall low on force priorities. Navy Admiral Kurt W. Tidd, the commander of Southern Command, said in a March statement to Congress.

While not as attention-grabbing as hot wars in the Middle East, Southern Command focuses on three objectives: disrupting transregional threats such as drug trafficking, responding to regional natural disasters and pushing out Russia and China to remain the partner of choice for the 31 Latin American nations.

The next president will inherit a host of global security problems, but few of them will come as close to home as ones in the Western Hemisphere.

Caribbean gains and concerns

President Barack Obama's administration has presided over such success in Latin America. The State Department resumed diplomatic ties with Cuba following decades of Cold War



COREY DICKSTEIN/Stars and Stripes

A soldier opens a gate outside Camp VI at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next president will be inheriting the headaches associated with the prison that has seen all but 61 detainees transferred off the installation under the Obama administration.

posturing as other nations in the region have strengthened their economies and gravitate toward democracy.

The result of those talks has important military consequences in the region. Cuba has close ties with Bolivia, which in August announced a "school of anti-imperialism" to counteract U.S.-led efforts to train militaries in Latin America, the BBC reported.

Normalizing relations with the Communist nation could make a harder case

for anti-U.S. sentiment in the region, where the long diplomatic deadlock with Cuba has been used as a reliable talking point for U.S. hostility to its neighbors.

The southern tip of the island is excluded from that progress, despite Obama's campaign promises to close the prison at Guantanamo Bay.

The military transferred 15 detainees there — a fifth of the prison population — to the United Arab Emirates, lowering the remaining count to 61 detainees, the

Pentagon said in May.

Obama took office in 2009 with 242 detainees there, according to The New York Times.

The next president will oversee operations there, and he or she will inherit the legal headaches of a prison rife with controversy of long jail sentences without trials and allegations of prisoner abuse since it became the main hub of alleged terrorists since Sept. 11, 2001.

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The Air Force — a critical component of the mostly air war against the Islamic State group — faces a significant plunge of fighter pilots in coming years, with a prediction of coming up short as many as 1,000 pilots.

"It is a crisis," Gen. David Goldfein, the new Air Force chief of staff, said in August about the problem.

Pilots stressed by too many missions and not enough time at home, or the budget and time to train, along with more attractive options in the private sector are to blame.

"The reality is, pilots who don't fly, maintainers who don't maintain, controllers who don't control are not going to stay with the company," Goldfein said.

The administration's reluctance to slash ground combat troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria translates into the same issues for special operations troops.

President Barack Obama has culled the numbers of conventional forces in Afghanistan to more than 8,000, down from 100,000 in 2010, with a focus on advisory

roles. Special operations troops have filled that vacuum and enbed with Afghan commandos for high-value target raids and assist in coordinating airstrikes on militant positions.

That role has taken a recent toll. All three U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan this year were special forces soldiers. And a 2014 report by The New York Times said 49 special operators killed themselves in the two previous years, which was more than the previous five, even as suicides overall in the force declined.

It is a culmination of a much-discussed issue in the special forces community: As conventional units are replaced by drones and small numbers of operators, how can their edge on the battlefield continue as their rest and stress increases?

The top commander of special operations has pointed to solutions. In his confirmation hearing with Congress in 2014, Gen. Joseph Votel said more predictability and increased rest time at home were key to retaining special operations troops.

If the Pentagon wants to contin-

ue the operations tempo, it must squeeze the issues of more time at home and mental health treatment for troops with the demand on special operators across a host of combat theaters. How the next president chooses to accelerate and prosecute those conflicts will have an impact on that dynamic.

A deadlier world

The next administration must also decide whether it will continue to incubate new ideas and concepts of how the U.S. military retains its dominance.

In 2014, then-Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel unveiled what he called the third offset: a Pentagon-wide focus on rolling back the erosion of military superiority against global competitors.

"While we spend over a decade focused on grinding stability operations, countries like Russia and China have been heavily investing in military modernization programs to blunt our military's technological edge, fielding advanced aircraft, submarines and both longer-range and more accurate missiles."

Hagel said at the Reagan National Defense Forum held in California. "They're also developing new anti-air and air-to-air missiles, counter-space, cyber, electronic warfare, undersea and air attack capabilities."

Since the end of World War II, the offset strategy was used successfully in the nuclear arms race with the Soviet Union. Once the Soviets were able to match the United States with their own nuclear arsenal, America led the development of precision weapons and battle networks to retain an advantage over a similarly armed foe through the end of the Cold War.

While not an official program, the third offset pulls together several priorities: investing in unmanned drones and ships, shielding networks from cyberattacks and modernizing the force to once again take on near-peer armies.

But an old problem has become new — how to protect forces from devastating munitions, said Shawn Brimley, a defense strategy expert at the Center for a New American Security think-

tank in Washington.

Writing at the military and defense strategy site War on the Rocks, Brimley and CNAS colleague Loren DeJonghe Schulman described the third offset as a strategy "to help ensure that U.S. military forces can successfully operate in a world of ubiquitous precision munitions."

The worldwide spread of precision munitions is not simply one issue the Pentagon looks to overcome.

"It drives everything," from the budget to what new weapons projects to undertake, Brimley said.

Pentagon defense strategists have followed the development of carrier-killing missiles with concern. A Chinese military parade last September flaunted the land-based DF-26 intermediate-range ballistic missile, and announcements made during the parade indicate a variant for anti-ship capabilities has been produced, according to IHS Janes Defense Weekly.

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But the message of terrorism is not isolated to the prison at Guantanamo. Tidd has also expressed concern about the Islamic State group's ability to remotely radicalize people in the region. "You want to spread an extremist message in the Caribbean and recruit fighters for [the Islamic State group]? We have a worrisome number of networks engaged in that," Tidd said in July at the Atlantic Council, a Washington think tank.

His predecessor, Marine Corps Gen. John Kelly, said in January that about 150 people from the Caribbean joined the fight with the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria. Both leaders pointed to poor intelligence-gathering capacity in the region, along with built-in illicit networks funneling drugs and smugglers, as reasons the area could be an attractive place for radical messages to spread.

Global adversaries in the region

The next administration must contend with how to keep the United States and its military the go-to force in the Western Hemisphere.

Southern Command lists the objective of remaining the "partner of choice" in Latin America among its three primary missions. The objective is as much about strengthening relationships with neighbors as it is dissuading them from partnering with China and Russia, who seek to expand influence in the region.

Russia has deployed four Naval intelligence missions in the region since December 2014. An agreement for port access with Nicaragua would give Russian warships a reliable station in the region. Russian government-backed television and radio stations stream propaganda to listeners in Ecuador, Venezuela and Argentina, spread doubt about U.S. interests, Tidd added.

China is deeply interested in economic growth in Latin America to expand its export base during an economic slump, Tidd said, but its military activity there will be closely watched by the next administration.

A Senate committee review of Chinese security published in 2015 detailed China's interest in providing Argentina with fighter jets, patrol boats and amphibious troop carriers. The sales could heighten tensions with the United Kingdom over the Falkland Islands ongoing territory dispute that led to a war in 1982, the review stated.

China will also fund two nuclear plants in Argentina and finish construction of a space imagery satellite in Patagonia next year. This will boost China's

U.S. Southern Command

The area of operations in the Western Hemisphere for U.S. Southern Command covers one-sixth of the Earth's landmass, including Central America, South America and the Caribbean. The area is 15.6 million square miles and includes 31 countries. Here are the places where Southern Command is located:



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ability to communicate with satellites and spacecraft, the review stated, though Chinese officials insist the facility will be staffed by civilian personnel.

Stalls in Colombia

In South America, a peace accord has recently unraveled, providing complications for peace that will test the new administration.

Colombia has "transformed from a near-failed state into a major regional player," with a premier security force, Tidd said, adding its outsized military competency allows the nation to assist neighbors in operations independent of the United States.

Southern Command spokesman Jose Ruiz said about 200 U.S. troops in Colombia are focused on providing assistance with missions such as humanitarian demining — remnants of the long jungle war there — as well as boosting logistical and communications gaps.

The close military relationship between the United States and Colombia was cemented in Plan Colombia, a multibyear aid initiative launched in 2000 that sent billions of dollars to the nation's war chest

to battle drug trafficking with the help of U.S. training and intelligence-gathering.

A major focus was the militant revolutionaries of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, whose forces were eroded by the government's collaborative effort. The United States ramped up efforts since 9/11, when the group's designation as a terrorist group boosted America intelligence resources in the country.

The resources and loosened restrictions on the use of intelligence helped Colombian troops target top commanders, said Arturo Munoz, a senior political scientist with the Rand Corp., a Washington think tank.

That was among several key factors that crippled FARC numbers in the following years, Munoz said. FARC came to the bargaining table to strike a peace accord and end the decades-long war with the government. But a stunning rejection of a peace referendum by the public this month has thrown the ceasefire and peace deal in doubt.

The peace rejection will likely frustrate the Colombian military and their U.S. partners. The deactivation of FARC

would have allowed renewed focus on the National Liberation Army, another militant group, and other organizations that traffic homegrown cocaine to the United States, disrupting the entire region engulfed in the drug trade.

Destabilization in Central America

Central America, veined with drug-smuggling routes along Mexico's southern border, remains a vital focus for Southern Command.

Operation Martillo, an anti-drug operation launched in 2012, has led to the seizure of 693 metric tons of cocaine, \$25 million in cash and the apprehension of nearly 2,000 detainees and 581 ships and aircraft, according to a Southern Command data page. Navy and Coast Guard ships assist in detection and interdiction among 14 other nations in the region.

But the seized drugs and cash represent only a fraction of what moves through the region as trafficking organizations often overpower ineffective military and police there.

San Pedro Sula in Honduras and San Salvador in El Salvador rank second and third in global homicide rates, according to the Mexico Citizens Council for Public Safety. That instability drives an intense focus for Southern Command to build capacity for local police and military units struggling to combat sophisticated criminal networks.

A group of about 300 Reserve Marines are spread across Honduras and Guatemala to build military proficiency and assist local forces with logistical hurdles, such as ferrying supplies and personnel through unforgiving jungle terrain, as well as humanitarian missions such as school and hospital construction, Ruiz said.

Violence in the region directly affects the United States. In 2014, more than 60,000 unaccompanied children, mostly Central Americans fleeing crime and murder, were apprehended at the border, overwhelming resources and spurring Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio to take in hundreds of children awaiting refugee status or deportation.

While the explosion in unaccompanied child apprehensions has dipped 50 percent, the episode illustrated how quickly domestic military operations are impacted by regional insecurity — an important lesson for the next president to grapple with as he or she decides how active in the Western Hemisphere should be managed.

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The system's 2,500-mile range means it can strike ground targets as far as Guam, according to a Pentagon assessment, and the anti-ship variant would create huge pockets of dangerous space in the Pacific Ocean if Navy commanders assess the risk is too great to not carry out the strikes. The range of the SM-6 ballistic anti-air missile for use on destroyers to attack other ships or land-based launch sites.

A larger bubble of hostile zones in the Pacific region has driven a similar mushrooming of missile technology for the United States. The Pentagon is testing its SM-6 ballistic anti-air missile for use on destroyers to attack other ships or land-based launch sites. The range of the SM-6 remains classified, but other developments point to a preference for long-range attacks.

Additionally, the Tomahawk missile — a reliable weapon

“While we spent over a decade focused on grinding stability operations, countries like Russia and China have been heavily investing in military modernization programs to blunt our military’s technological edge, fielding advanced aircraft, submarines and both longer-range and more accurate missiles.”

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel

against fixed sites like arms depots and communication nerve centers since the Gulf War — has been modified to track moving targets in a first for that platform. Unclassified video of a Navy demonstration last year showed a Tomahawk missile successfully punching a hole through a moving ship.

As developments continue, the missile's range of 1,000 nautical miles will give admirals more options on deterring Chinese

operations in the South China Sea without committing to close-range activity.

Upgrading munition capability will also partly solve a problem with budget constraints — how to better arm Navy ships in a cost-efficient way. The 2017 budget also mandates Virginia-class submarines nearly quadruple the number of Tomahawk missile tubes on board, Bryan McGrath wrote for War on the Rocks. That will greatly increase the strike capability of

individual submarines instead of developing and staffing additional ships.

A turning point

The next president's vision for how ground troops should be utilized will be a turning point in doctrine and technology development, where programs and ideas built for emerging threats could either get additional blessings or be removed under aggressive

budgetary scale-backs.

However those programs unfold, threats to ground-based troops from precision munitions will only grow. War planners at the Pentagon have watched conventional fights closely as guided rocket and mortar systems have become more prevalent in recent years, such as ones used by Russia-backed fighters in Ukraine, Brimley and Schulman wrote.

Ground troops in Iraq and Afghanistan faced sporadic indirect fire on its bases and rarely changed the operating theory of massing forces in one location. Commanders had few concerns of troops operating even a few hundred yards from the base of unguided and hastily prepared mortar tubes and jury-rigged rocket systems wielded by insurgents.

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Guided munitions change that picture against conventional threats, Brimley said, and even groups such as the Islamic State have the potential to acquire guided mortar systems and guided shoulder-fired rockets in the open arms bazaar of conflict-ridden Syria and Iraq.

Similar to the need to create standoff from naval threats, guided munitions have forced commanders to rethink how soldiers and Marines coalesce, mobilize and infiltrate in combat. Line items in the next budget will propel this idea forward with evolving technology, if the new administration continues the momentum.

Bell Helicopters is betting its next decade on the V-280 Valor, an aircraft it believes will replace the Army's stock of Apache and Blackhawk helicopters and solve the headaches of commanders and Pentagon accountants alike for decades: how to get troops to the fight faster from farther away, with a lower logistical hurdle.

The Pentagon has funded development of the Valor, including a prototype that is nearly 70 percent complete. Bell is confident it will fly next year, said Robert Hastings, the head of communications and government relations at Bell.

Hastings described the aircraft in a way that makes Pentagon budget analysts grin: It's designed with digital engineering for efficiency backed by 350,000 hours of experience with the V-22 Osprey, the Marine Corps' tilt-rotor workhorse. That wealth of research material has led Bell to leapfrog design challenges that meet most experimental programs.

The aircraft is the next generation of tilt-rotor aircraft, like the V-22 Osprey, that meld a helicopter's vertical take-off with the speed and range of fixed-wing planes.

The Valor is built around an Army infantry squad of up to 14 soldiers, Hastings said, constructed with the vision of swarms of aircraft assaulting the enemy.

What makes the Valor built for modern threats is its design, Hastings said.

The aircraft can fly twice as fast and go twice as far as any helicopter in the Army's inventory, and it can do so with less fuel — dramatically shortening the logistical presence that haunts military aviation units.

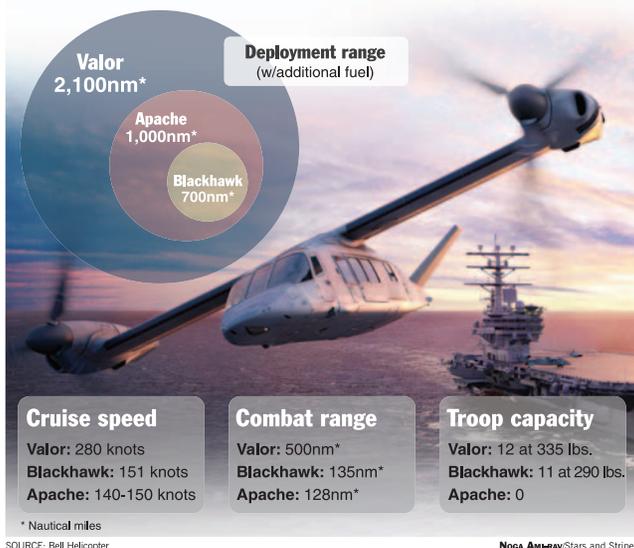
Hastings points to the Osprey's use in Afghanistan as a proof of concept for the Valor.

In that country, the Army relied on a network of nine medevac Blackhawks to cover the region to meet the standard of one hour from combat wounds to hospital care. The Marine Corps met that requirement with two Ospreys.

The Valor's expansion for the Army means the biggest service branch will face commanders a series of new options for how to flex assets at will, Hastings said. And its 2,100-nautical-mile range can keep troops safely away from

The Army's next-gen aircraft

The Army is betting Bell Helicopter's V-280 Valor tiltrotor aircraft will solve a logistical headache: how to get soldiers to the fight faster, from farther away and with less fuel. The Valor will double the speed of the Blackhawks and Apaches in its inventory. And its deployment range with auxiliary fuel is unprecedented. The Valor will fly 2,100 nautical miles — three times further than a Blackhawk and roughly the distance from Los Angeles to New York City. The doubling of speed and distance is vital when war planners must consider greater standoff from adversaries as precision munitions proliferate across the world, Bell plans to have a Valor prototype in the air by next year and put it into operational use by 2029.



most threats, with the Valor's speed neutralizing the problem with time getting to target while remaining a safe distance from an enemy force.

"Imagine a unit of the 82nd Airborne being told they need to get on the other side of the world," Hastings said, describing a scenario where paratroopers would self-deploy on a fleet of Valor aircraft. It could also be utilized for carriers in the Pacific and Indian oceans to deploy for missions ranging from disaster relief to pushing back on Chinese aggression.

The operational goal for the Valor is set for 2029, Hastings said, but development could be sped up to 2024.

That could make the Valor a very visible project when the prototype is ready for flight next year — just a few months into the next president's first year in office.

The survival of the third-offset philosophy will largely come down to the Pentagon managing budget and bureaucratic entanglements, Brimley and Schulman wrote.

"With so many competing priorities, many components in the building will not be inclined to lobby for sustainment and scaling of offset strategy efforts in the [2018] budget next spring, and the next administration may not be inclined to embrace the hard work currently underway,"

they wrote.

Much of the future of the strategy will fall onto elected leaders. "When you look at the success of the second offset in the 1970s, it was civilians in Congress driving change," Brimley said.

Imminent tests

Writing for the magazine Foreign Affairs in August, Vice President Joe Biden advised the upcoming administration to remain focused on a to-do list for the next commander in chief.

"The choices we make today will steer the future of our planet," Biden wrote. "In the face of enormous challenges and unprecedented opportunities, the world needs steady American leadership more than ever."

Biden understands the urgency to make good on campaign promises and to start a presidency strong after he or she takes the oath of office.

The opportunities are numerous.

Achieving early success will silence critics and create early momentum. But it is also a time with new leadership across the administration under the same pressure to perform amidst new job responsibilities.

The enemies and global competitors of the United States understand the first few months of the new administration as opportunities to exploit inexperience.

U.S. concerns in the Western Hemisphere

The Western Hemisphere is home to nations edging closer to democracy. But it's also the epicenter of the worldwide drug trade fueling conflicts across Central and South America. China and Russia have increased their presence in the backyard of the United States, and the Islamic State group has found some success in recruiting fighters in the Caribbean, where intelligence-gathering remains a weak point for developing nations. Responding to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and storms — such as Hurricane Matthew recently — puts additional pressure on U.S. forces vying for close relationships as nations in Latin America become bigger players on the world stage. Here's a breakdown of what's happening in the region:

Caribbean

An estimated 150 people from the Caribbean have joined the Islamic State group to fight in Iraq and Syria. The region has also been the site of intelligence-gathering from Russian Navy incursions.

Central America

Drug war fuel violence and instability. U.S. troops there, including a task force of 300 Marines, are focused on training military and police units and humanitarian aid missions.

Colombia

Roughly 200 U.S. troops are in Colombia to assist their military in demining operations and help bolster communication and logistical gaps.

Nicaragua

The Russian Navy is interested in port access on the small coastal nation and has recently dispatched a research ship here. Nicaragua has recently purchased 50 T-72 tanks from Russia.

Argentina

China has developed a satellite imagery station in Patagonia but insists it will be for civilian and not military use. It has also expressed interest in selling jets and troop carriers to Argentina to replace an aging defense fleet.

Ecuador

Russia-backed propaganda efforts on Ecuador, Venezuela and Argentina television and radio undermine and sow doubts about U.S. efforts in Latin America.

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OPINION

Vets not treated, discharged harmed twice

By REP. MIKE COFFMAN
Special to Stars and Stripes

Too many of our combat veterans return home to find themselves needing help, not just for their return. To make matters worse, nearly 22 veterans commit suicide every day — a number that is far too high. What should be a core competency of the Department of Veterans Affairs continually fails those who fought for us. As a Marine Corps combat veteran and the only member of Congress to serve in both Iraq wars, I've dedicated myself in Congress to ensuring all of our combat veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health challenges receive the help they need and deserve.

I know, firsthand, the difficulties combat veterans can experience when they try to reintegrate into civilian life too quickly. In the aftermath of Operation Desert Storm, a Navy psychologist visited our Marine Corps unit while we were in Kuwait. He warned us of the challenges we would likely face as soon as we were reunited with our families and were returned to civilian life.

He accurately described us as having become members of a highly interdependent combat team and, after having been together for months in a stressful environment, we had become emotionally bonded in ways that only combat veterans can comprehend.

The psychologist predicted that when we would be separated for the first time, some of us were likely to experience severe depression. I did find myself severely depressed with the abrupt transition back to civilian life, but the psychologist's warnings

helped me get through it by understanding what I was facing and why. Many combat veterans face the cold reality of isolation and depression after returning home.

Several years ago, I discovered a troubling trend: Many troops who performed admirably during their combat deployment were later administratively discharged from the military for relatively minor infractions. Frequently, this misconduct closely mirrors indicators of PTSD, such as angry outbursts, substance abuse or difficulty in completing tasks.

These same soldiers often receive "bad paper" or less-than-honorable discharges from the military. Adding insult to injury, after being stripped of their honor by military, they are denied access to vital VA mental health care and other benefits as a result of their discharge.

In other words, troops can develop PTSD while deployed in a combat zone and then get kicked out of the military as a result of combat-related PTSD. A 2012 article in the U.S. Army's Military Law Review went so far as to state, "enough data now exists to conclude that the military has essentially criminalized mental illness," and a very predictable type of military illness at that."

In response, I've worked in Congress to give these veterans a fair opportunity to upgrade their military discharges. In 2014, I put forward a legislative provision in the House of Representatives requiring the military's discharge review boards to include input from mental health professionals related to a combat veteran's PTSD or traumatic brain injury. Although this reform became law, many deserving veterans were still being denied a discharge upgrade and earned VA benefits.

Earlier this year, I introduced the Fairness for Veterans Act (H.R. 4683) with Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., and a dedicated group of other veterans serving in Congress. This bill would make it easier for veterans suffering from service-connected mental health problems tied to "less-than-honorable" discharges to challenge, and possibly upgrade, their discharges.

A few months later, I successfully pressed for the inclusion of similar language in the House Armed Services Committee's National Defense Authorization Act. The Senate's version of the NDA includes comparable language, so I am very confident that when we return to vote on the final version of the NDA, this provision will be signed into law.

While my colleagues and I in Congress worked to advance this legislation on Capitol Hill, veterans across the country also mobilized. A letter sent to Congress, jointly signed by over 40 veterans' organizations, urged adoption of the Fairness for Veterans Act reforms in the NDA. With so much support from those who have served this country in uniform, we are well positioned to send this reform to the president's desk.

Servicemembers who perform their duties in combat should have full access to vitally needed — and earned — benefits from the VA. Increasing access to mental health care is a critical step to combating the current veteran suicide epidemic — and in the case of veterans with combat-related mental health problems, access to these services will be life-saving.

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The most expensive drugs are the ones not taken

By WESLEY P. SMITH
Special to Stars and Stripes

News headlines remain dominated by conversations around drug pricing, from the controversy over Mylan's EpiPen and Hillary Clinton's proposed "Consumer Panel" in response to the inhibiting costs of hepatitis C medications that prevent patients from receiving the care they need.

What hasn't garnered the same level of attention is the fact that the most expensive medication is the one that the patient doesn't take. As a cardiothoracic first assistant and as a hepatitis C patient myself, I have a deep, personal and intimate understanding of the challenges associated with getting approval for high-cost but effective drug therapies that can combat such diseases. I also have firsthand experience with the challenges of staying on those therapies day after day, despite the highly toxic side effects that significantly impact quality of life.

I was a surgical technician in the Army during the Vietnam War. Since there was a shortage of surgeons, I was required to assist in highly complex procedures and, after leaving the military, I continued my education and became a cardiothoracic first assistant. In 1986 I was called in for an emergency procedure and was inadvertently splashed in the eye by the blood of a patient who was later confirmed to have hepatitis C. I was diagnosed with the disease a short time later.

With chronic diseases, you're always concerned about how long you'll live, what physical discomfort and pain you'll experience, and how much emotional distress you'll cause your family. I had a close friend who died suddenly from liver complications, which compounded my fear that I could die at any moment. For 20 years, I



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Kathleen Hallal and her son, Thomas, who relies on EpiPens for allergy emergencies, speak at a "Yes on Proposition 61" press conference on Oct. 10 in Santa Monica, Calif., to decry the price of EpiPens and support the November California ballot measure that would lower drug prices for many state programs.

lived in fear of just how long I would live. Finally, a treatment became available: three different drugs, all with severe side effects. During this regimen I had to take a total of 12 pills daily and an injection once

a week. I had to adhere to a strict time regimen for those medications, causing sleep deprivation and impeding my life. Most days, I didn't want to get out of bed. But because I am an intricate part of the patient's cardiac surgery I could not take any days off to recover. If I was not available, we would have to cancel a life-saving procedure.

Nonetheless, I persevered in extreme discomfort for six months. During this time, a friend began the same treatment for hepatitis C, but the side effects were so toxic that he nearly died, having to undergo a liver transplant.

So you can imagine my incredible disappointment in learning that the therapy had not been effective.

A year after my treatment, I heard about a new drug, Harvoni, which could be taken once a day with very few side effects. Hope for a cure returned, until my physician's office radio silence had to be my own advocate for my treatment. When they finally prescribed the therapy, my insurance company refused to pay for it.

That's when Avella Specialty Pharmacy stepped in. Suddenly, within 24 hours, I was approved. By coordinating between physician and patient, and overseeing the treatment, my specialty pharmacists stuck by my side throughout my treatment. They helped mitigate my side effects and minimized the out-of-pocket cost of the medication for me.

By ensuring patients are on the proper medication, specialty pharmacists help keep patients out of hospitals, thereby lowering overall health care costs.

This I won't know until November if this new drug was effective, I might still be waiting for access to therapy if it weren't for specialty pharmacy, which worked to ensure I received the medications I need.

OPINION

Not just 2 opposing views in US, 2 sets of facts

By PHILIP BUMP
The Washington Post

It is not true that the 2016 presidential election is being rigged in any meaningful sense of that word. If you extend a definition of “rigged” to include such loose concepts as “members of the political establishment helping outsiders are unsuccessful” or “campaign operations using common political practices to improve the chances of electoral success,” then, yes, that’s not the way that Donald Trump, the Republican nominee for president, meant it.

In Trump’s estimation, the campaign is rigged in the traditional sense of the expression: nefarious forces are seeking to commit voter fraud in Pennsylvania, the media is conspiring with a wealthy Mexican to make up lies about him, Hillary Clinton is doing the bidding of a cabal of international bankers. On Saturday, he implied that Clinton had been given the questions during the first debate, a laughable conspiracy theory that flourished briefly in the wake of her strong performance on the stage that night. But for Trump, sinking in the polls faster than Clinton is rising, any conspiracy theory that undercuts his opponent is one worth sharing.

His allies and supporters — like Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., and David Clarke, a member of law enforcement in Wisconsin — agree.

The accusations are false. In-person voter fraud is essentially nonexistent; the

idea that New York Times reporters are acting at the behest of a partial stakeholder in their employer is ridiculous; accusations that Clinton is seeking to undermine the United States to the benefit of international bankers is a strain of thought evolved from the worst anti-Semitic claims.

But many Trump supporters think I’m wrong — or intentionally lying as part of that same conspiracy. The beauty of a conspiracy theory is precisely that everything proves it: evidence and the lack of evidence, the latter proving the coverup. At a rally in Cincinnati, Trump fans told reporters from The Boston Globe that they were willing to stake out polling places to root out fraud, that the media was rotten, that the election was rigged.

It’s unclear whether Trump is reinforcing existing skepticism about institutions such as the media and the government or whether he’s creating new strains. It’s probably both. As The Washington Post’s Chris Ingraham noted Saturday, the lack of confidence in traditional institutions has spiked since 2008 — at least among Republicans.

Trump has repeatedly argued that facets of those institutions, like the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Federal Reserve, are part of the same broad-ranging effort to cause him to lose the election. A new survey from Marketplace and Edison Research indicates that a quarter of Americans agree with him. That’s split heavily along political lines, though. Only about 1 in 20 Clinton supporters distrust economic

data such as unemployment rates and jobs numbers. Almost half of Trump supporters distrust that data.

That dichotomy suggests that Americans live in worlds rooted in different core truths — and that’s what Americans believe is happening. Pew Research asked Clinton and Trump supporters whether they thought that the two political sides agreed generally on basic facts, disagreeing only on how to address the country’s problems, or whether each side relied on different basic facts entirely.

More than 80 percent of respondents said it was the latter.

That’s the gulf that Trump is both widening and exploiting. It’s not hard to figure out why he’s happily passing around bad information at this point: The media is reporting on a number of accusations that his 2005 hot-mic comments about groping women were a reflection of what he actually did and not just “locker room talk.” The best way to get people to ignore those accusations is to double down on their existing skepticism about the media and, ideally, to loop his opponent into that same grand conspiracy. It’s not clear how this is a scenario that will propel him to victory in November, but it is clearly a strategy that might, at least, allow him to save face.

The rift in the electorate, though, may end up being a much harder problem to plaster over.

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A supporter holds a sign before President Barack Obama speaks in support of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton on Friday in Cleveland.

New e-health record system to begin at Fairchild

By TOM PHILPOTT

Next February, two months past a deadline set by Congress, Department of Defense officials and industry partners will begin to field test a new military electronic health record system at a single site, the clinicized hospital on Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane, Wash.

Congressional overseers of this long-awaited capability aren’t upset by the missed December start at Fairchild, or by a rescheduling of e-health record launches at three larger base hospitals across the Pacific Northwest.

Credit that calm to a wellspring of optimism on Capitol Hill over the new e-health records system called MHS GENESIS. Its second test launch date is set for next right early moves to ensure a successful “wave” rollout of the \$4.3 billion project across the entire Military Healthcare System, including sickbays on ships at sea, by target year 2022.

Re-planning? The initial site deployments, starting last week by Stacy Cummings, program executive officer for the Defense Healthcare Management System, is drawing praise rather than sounding alarms.

“It’s very responsible,” said a congressional staff member who was briefed on changes for initial test dates. “We want a good system. They identified some process issues they’re working on. They’re taking the right amount of time. And instead of rolling out a broken system, they’re going to roll out a good system we have high hopes for. Everything we’re hearing about it is very promising.”

That was far from the prevailing view in Congress by May 2013 when then-Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel shifted responsibility for developing a single e-health record system from his health affairs office to Frank R. Miller, undersecretary of defense for acquisition. Hagel even halted solici-

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tion of bids from commercial e-record vendors, telling lawmakers, “I didn’t think we knew what the hell we were doing.”

Kendall quickly created the Department of Defense Healthcare Management System Modernization Program to oversee development of an e-health record that could handle military-unique needs, absorb data from several legacy systems and, most importantly, use off-the-shelf commercial software and technology.

The program team organized groups of military clinicians by specialty to review existing commercial software and agree on strategy and workflows across the health system, attacking the way-we’ve-always-done-it mindset of Army, Navy and Air Force medical departments. Kendall’s acquisition team appears to be succeeding where the health affairs office failed in part because it forced its client, the military health system, to set reasonable requirements rather than pile them on based on service-unique habits.

The effort was helped by the simultaneous creation of the Defense Health Agency, which set out to streamline health care delivery operations across separate Army, Navy and Air Force medical departments.

In July 2015, the program office awarded a \$4.3 billion, 10-year contract to Leidos Inc. and industry partners to deliver and support a modern interoperable electronic health record system for 9.4 million beneficiaries and 205,000 medical personnel and staff. The Leidos Partnership for Defense Health, as the vendor is called, will use two popular commercial systems — Cerner Millennium for medical records and Henry Schein’s Dextrix Enterprise for dental — modified to interface with data from DOD legacy systems. Those include the medical treatment records of ALHTA;

pharmacy, radiology and laboratory orders gathered by the Composite Health Care System and clinical information of Entellis as it was customized to support military inpatient care.

During a conference call with several news outlets Tuesday, Cummings explained why the initial simultaneous rollout of MHS GENESIS at Fairchild and Naval Hospital Oak Harbor at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Wash., wouldn’t occur this December. Fairchild will launch in February and Oak Harbor by June “to have the best possible user experience for clinicians and beneficiaries” and “for long-term program success.”

Deployment of the new e-health record at Madigan Army Medical Center on Joint Base Lewis-McChord and at Naval Hospital Bremerton will not begin in February as planned but by June, Cummings said. One payoff for the delays will be deployment of more robust initial capabilities at Oak Harbor, Bremerton and Madigan than originally planned.

The Defense Department’s inspector general issued a report last June that the rollout schedule for these Northwest facilities was at risk of being missed given remaining challenges to test how legacy systems interface with MHS GENESIS, to secure it against cyberattack and to ensure that the fielded system works correctly with all users properly trained.

Cummings conceded the initial schedule was “very aggressive” and that recent testing “identified issues that lead us to determine additional time was needed to ensure the system works correctly.”

Those delays won’t affect “the previously announced full deployment target of 2022,” Cummings added. “The time we invest ... now will help ensure success in the future, and provide the best possible user experience to our beneficiaries and health care providers.”

Providers will get a much simpler, easy-

to-use and common-sense e-health record system. Beneficiaries will be able to access health information easily and quickly, and the records should transfer to private-sector providers or into the Department of Veterans Affairs system smoothly.

Cummings said the DOD and the VA already transfer more health information between their systems, using a Joint Legacy Viewer, than any major health systems. Data transfer is robust enough that the departments certified to Congress last April the interoperability of current medical record systems.

Cummings and Dr. Paul Cordts, “functional champion” to the MHS GENESIS program for the Defense Health Agency, said providers and beneficiaries are going to see vast improvements. Patients will have a single medical record regardless of whether their episodes of care are as inpatients, outpatients, emergency care users or battlefield casualties, Cummings said.

“That means all of the data [will] be accessible to the medical professional when they need it, in a format that can use, to provide better care.” And by standardizing care, it will drive out variation in care delivery that can impact quality, Cummings added.

Cordts said MHS GENESIS will also allow military medicine to monitor adherence to clinical practice guidelines and look beyond “episodic health care” to spot trends or best practices that will result in healthier beneficiary populations.

The program office hasn’t released an MHS GENESIS deployment schedule beyond the four initial sites. Lessons learned there, and follow-on testing, will inform the full deployment schedule by region and target dates.

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Kansas Lottery 300

- NASCAR Xfinity Saturday**
At Kansas Speedway
Kansas City, Kan.
1.500 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)
 1. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200 laps, 150.0 rating, 0 points.
 2. (6) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 200, 116.36.
 3. (4) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 200, 113.3.
 4. (11) Joey Logano, Ford, 200, 109.5, 0.
 5. (3) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 200, 107.1, 0.
 6. (10) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 200, 102.62.
 7. (12) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 200, 90.3, 24.
 8. (14) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 200, 89.32.
 9. (9) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 200, 88.9, 3.
 10. (21) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 200, 80.2, 31.
 11. (13) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 200, 80.1.
 12. (7) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 84.9, 30.
 13. (20) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 200, 74.28.
 14. (5) Justin Algaier, Chevrolet, 199, 95.2, 27.
 15. (2) Erik Jones, Toyota, 199, 113.9.
 16. (22) Ryan Reed, Ford, 198, 63.1, 25.
 17. (6) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 197, 79.7, 0.
 18. (15) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 197, 60.0, 23.
 19. (23) Ray Black Jr., Chevrolet, 196, 61.5, 22.
 20. (16) Dakota Armstrong, Toyota, 196, 63.3, 21.
 21. (31) Jeff Green, Ford, 196, 55.5, 20.
 22. (30) Chase Briscoe, Toyota, 196, 55.5, 20.
 23. (30) Joey Gease, Chevrolet, 195, 46.3.
 24. (26) David Starr, Chevrolet, 195, 50.7, 17.
 25. (29) Brandon Brown, Chevrolet, 194, 49.8, 0.
 26. (40) Martin Roy, Chevrolet, 192, 40.7, 15.
 27. (38) Josh Reaume, Ford, 191, 39.2, 12.
 28. (27) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, engine, 190, 52.2, 13.
 29. (77) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Ford, 198, 33.5, 0.
 30. (39) Mike Harmon, Dodge, 188, 31.1.
 31. (18) Brandon Gaughan, Chevrolet, 182, 67, 0.
 32. (24) Ryan Prece, Chevrolet, 172, 57.7, 9.
 33. (15) Darrell Wallace Jr., Ford, accident, 165, 73.3, 9.
 34. (17) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, accident, 162, 59.8, 7.
 35. (30) Cole Custer, Chevrolet, accident, 159, 0, 0.
 36. (32) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, electric, 159, 0, 0.
 37. (35) Matt Walz, Chevrolet, electric, 159, 0, 0.
 38. (36) Derrick Coe, Chevrolet, transmission, 159, 0, 0.
 39. (40) Brandon Hightower, Toyota, transmission, 52, 30.8, 2.
 40. (20) Timmy Hill, Dodge, electrical, 11, 24.5, 0.

KEB Hana Bank Championship

- LPGA Tour Saturday**
At Incheon SK Course
Incheon, South Korea
Par: 72
Yardage: 6,344; Par: 72
Third Round
 Alison Lee 65-70-68-203-10
 Brittany Lincicome 69-72-206-10
 In-Yeung Kim 69-70-69-207-9
 Eun-Hee Ji 69-72-206-10
 Candie Kung 70-69-209-9
 Min-Sun Kim 72-67-206-9
 Amy Yang 71-72-209-7
 Shanshan Feng 72-69-210-6
 Sung Hyun Park 71-72-209-7
 Kyo Lee 70-72-210-6
 Kim Kaufman 74-69-211-5
 Ha Na Jung 71-70-211-5
 Jennifer Johnson 70-69-211-5
 Eun-Hee Ji 69-72-211-5
 Anna Norqvist 68-73-212-4
 Michelle Lee 69-70-212-4
 In Gee Chun 72-72-213-3
 Jodi Ewart Shadoff 71-71-213-3
 Scott Woolf 70-71-213-3
 Haru Nomura 69-71-213-3
 Jeong Min So 70-71-213-3
 Austin Ernst 71-75-214-2
 Seon Hui Lee 70-71-214-2
 Sei Young Kim 72-75-214-2
 Jessica Korda 74-70-214-2
 Danielle Kang 72-72-214-2
 Jennifer Song 72-71-214-2
 Sun Young Kim 74-74-214-2
 Eun Jeong Seong 70-71-214-2
 Sun On 75-71-215-1
 Azahara Munoz 75-71-215-1
 Ariya Mutaguchi 73-75-215-1
 Hoyu Jo Kim 73-75-215-1
 Alena Sharp 71-71-215-1
 Jacqui Concolino 71-71-215-1

College hockey

- Saturday's scores**
EA1E
 Union (N.Y.) 3, Maine 2, OT
 Quinnipiac 3, East 2
 New Hampshire 5, Clarkson 3
 Lawrence 4, Merrimack 1
 Holy Cross 2, Providence 1, OT
 UConn 1, RPI 1, OT
Midwest
 Lake Superior St. 3, Michigan St. 3
 Ala.-Huntsville 1, Michigan Tech 1
 Bemidji St. 2, N. Michigan 0
 Michigan 2, Ferris S. 1
 North Dakota 5, RPI 2
 Michigan State 2, Bowling Green 2
 Ohio St. 1, Miami (Ohio) 1, OT
 Minnesota St. 5, St. Cloud St. 4
 St. Cloud St. 1, Minn. Duluth 1
FAR WEST
 Alaska-Anchorage 1, Canisius 0
 Denver 3, Boston U. 1
 Mass.-Lowell 4, Colorado College 0
 Omaha 3, Alaska 1

Golf

Safeway Open

- PGA Tour Saturday**
At Silverado Resort, North Course
Napá, Calif.
Purse: \$6 million
Yardage: 7,456; Par: 72
Partial Third Round
 Michael Kim 205-11
 Brendan Steele 67-71-67-205-11
 Chee Kim 69-71-66-206-10
 Chris Reavie 69-69-69-207-9
 Phil Mickelson 69-69-69-207-9
 Mackenzie Hughes 69-69-69-207-9
 Justin Thomas 71-66-207-9
 Kevin Na 70-66-207-9
 Richy Wernicki 69-69-208-8
 Xander Schauffele 71-68-208-8
 Brian Raeburn 69-70-208-8
 Chris Kirk 73-65-208-8
 Ryan Blaum 69-69-208-8
 Harris English 72-68-209-7
 Kyle Stanley 69-71-209-7
 Luke List 70-68-211-5
 Tag Ridings 68-70-211-5
 Troy Mullinax 69-67-211-5
 Jon Rahm 66-71-212-4
 Jon Curran 68-72-210-6
 Cameron Smith 70-70-210-6
 Peter Malnati 67-72-211-5
 Tony Finay 70-69-211-5
 Emiliano Grillo 69-71-211-5
 Will Maxwell 70-69-211-5
 John Huh 70-68-72-210-6
 Seung-Yul Noh 70-69-211-5
 Morgan Hoffmann 72-69-211-5
 Brendon de Jonge 72-69-211-5
 John Senden 70-70-211-5
 Brandon Hagy 70-70-211-5
 Bud Cauley 72-67-211-5
 Seung-Yul Noh 70-69-211-5
 David Warner III 70-71-211-5
 Zach Blair 71-69-211-5
 Roberto Castro 70-72-210-6
 Chris Lowery 70-71-211-5
 Vaughn Taylor 70-67-211-5
 Willie Kim 70-70-211-5
Leaderboard at end of suspended play

NASCAR Xfinity Saturday

- At Prestonwood Country Club**
Cary, N.C.
Purse: \$2.1 million
Yardage: 7,082; Par: 72
Second Round
 Bernhard Langer 67-67-134-10
 Doug Garwood 70-71-136-8
 Larry Mize 67-69-136-8
 Jeff Sumrall 70-67-137-7
 Matt Kuchar 68-70-137-7
 Joe Durant 69-69-138-6
 Matt Jones 69-70-138-6
 Jesper Parnevik 71-68-139-5
 Dan Forsman 72-68-139-5
 Aron Simonsen 72-68-139-5
 Scott Dunlap 70-69-140-4
 Fredrik Johansson 70-70-140-4
 Steve Pate 71-70-140-4
 Matt Kuchar 70-70-140-4
 Tom Byrum 69-71-140-4
 Kevin Stange 70-71-141-3
 Kevin Sutherland 69-72-141-3
 Wes Short, Jr. 70-71-141-3
 Matt Fajkus 70-71-141-3
 Michael Bradley 68-73-141-3
 Matt Fajkus 70-71-141-3
 Michael Allen 70-71-142-2
 Fredrik Johansson 70-71-142-2
 Fred Funk 71-71-142-2
 Brian Reminger 70-71-142-2
 Kenny Perry 72-71-143-1
 Scott Hoch 72-71-143-1
 Jeff Hart 72-71-143-1
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 Matt Kuchar 70-71-143-1
 Mark Brooks 70-73-143-1
 Matt Jones 68-75-143-1
 Brandt Jobe 68-75-143-1
 P.J. Hogan III 72-72-144-2
 Scottie Scheffler 72-71-144-2
 Rod Spittle 73-71-144-2
 Gene Sauers 71-73-144-2
 Matt Jones 70-73-144-2
 Ian Woosnam 71-73-144-2
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 Loren Berntsen 70-73-144-2

British Masters

- At The Grove**
Chandler's Cross, England
Purse: \$68 million
Yardage: 7,121; Par: 71
Third Round
 Alex Norén, Sweden 67-65-65-197
 Richard Brand, England 67-64-69-200
 T. Fleetwood, England 66-67-68-201
 R. Sterne, South Africa 68-68-67-201
 G. Sjöland, Sweden 68-68-67-201
 Peter Hanson, Sweden 69-65-66-201
 Henrik Stenson, Sweden 68-67-67-201
 Lee Westwood, England 67-68-67-202
 Matt Jones, France 68-68-67-202
 P.J. Hogan III 72-72-144-2
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College hockey

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BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
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National Football League
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Pro football

NFL AMERICAN CONFERENCE		East		West		
W	L	Pct	PF	PA		
New England	4	1	0	800	114	74
Buffalo	3	2	0	800	117	87
N.Y. Jets	4	1	0	200	92	133
Miami	1	4	0	200	88	119
Houston	3	2	0	800	82	104
Indianapolis	2	3	0	200	92	133
Jacksonville	2	3	0	250	84	111
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	800	139	110
Detroit	2	3	0	200	92	133
Cincinnati	2	3	0	400	93	113
Cleveland	2	3	0	200	87	148
Oakland	4	0	0	800	142	137
Denver	4	0	0	667	140	108
Kansas City	2	4	0	200	92	133
Salt Lake	2	4	0	333	145	155

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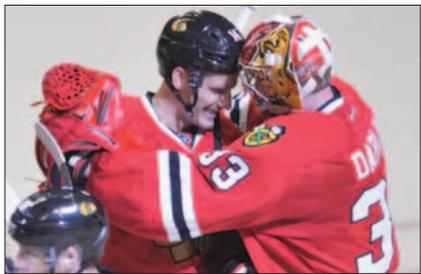
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Jacksonville	2	3	0	250	84	111
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	800	139	110
Detroit	2	3	0	200	92	133
Cincinnati	2	3	0	400	93	113
Cleveland	2	3	0	200	87	148
Oakland	4	0	0	800	142	137
Denver	4	0	0	667	140	108
Kansas City	2	4	0	200	92	133
Salt Lake	2	4	0	333	145	155

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Cary, N.C.
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Bernhard Langer	67-67-134-10
Doug Garwood	70-71-136-8
Larry Mize	67-69-136-8
Jeff Sumrall	70-67-137-7
Matt Kuchar	68-70-137-7
Joe Durant	69-69-138-6
Matt Jones	69-70-138-6
Jesper Parnevik	71-68-139-5
Dan Forsman	72-68-139-5
Aron Simonsen	72-68-139-5
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Kevin Sutherland	69-72-141-3
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Fred Funk	71-71-142-2
Brian Reminger	70-71-142-2
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Matt Jones	68-75-143-1
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Blackhawks goalie Scott Darling, right, celebrates with teammate Richard Panik after he completed a hat trick in Saturday's 5-3 victory over the Predators in Chicago.

Roundup

Panik's hat trick lifts Blackhawks

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Richard Panik came through big to help the Chicago Blackhawks get their first win of the season.

Panik scored three goals for his first NHL hat trick, Scott Darling was sharp in making 33 saves and Chicago hung on for a 5-3 victory over the Nashville Predators on Saturday night.

"[Panik] had a great game," coach Joel Quenneville said. "He did a lot of good things. ... He got ability offensively. He does some nice things with the puck. He's got some finnish."

Panik scored his first goal midway through the first period to cap a Blackhawks blitz that put them ahead 3-0. Then, he scored twice in the third period, each time after the Predators had closed to within a goal.

Quenneville believes Panik, acquired from Toronto last January, can give the Blackhawks a boost if "he can nail his consistency."

Chicago has a healthy dash of new, young faces in its lineup, and seemed out of sync in dropping its first two games this season.

Panik hopes he can help. "My biggest weakness was to stay consistent, so I'm trying to focus on that," Panik said. "Just bring it every night. For me, [hit-trick] gets me into the game."

Nick Schmaltz, one of four rookies in Chicago's lineup, scored his first NHL goal and Brent Seabrook added a power-play goal and an assist as the Blackhawks rebounded from a 3-2 loss at Nashville on Friday. Patrick Kane and Duncan Keith each had two assists.

Penguins 3, Ducks 2: Phil Kessel's power-play goal in the second period stood as the winner in host Pittsburgh's victory.

Capitals 2, Islanders 1: Fourth-line grinder Daniel Winnik scored two goals and Vezina Trophy winner Braden Holtby

made 21 saves as Washington beat New York in its home opener.

Sharks 3, Blue Jackets 2: Mikkel Boedker and Joel Ward scored for an early lead and Patrick Marleau had a power-play goal, leading San Jose over host Columbus.

Blues 3, Rangers 2: Vladimir Tarasenko had a goal and an assist and Carter Hutton stopped 33 shots as host St. Louis beat New York.

Panthers 4, Red Wings 1: Colton Scovieri scored his first goal for host Florida and Aleksander Barkov added his second of the season.

Avalanche 6, Stars 5: Joe Colborne scored his first NHL hat trick and Chastor Holoduk withstood a 6-on-4 opportunity over the final 46 seconds to hold off Dallas.

Maple Leafs 4, Bruins 1: Rookies Mitch Marner and Connor Brown scored, helping Toronto roll over visiting Boston for its first win of the season.

Lightning 3, Devils 2: Valteri Filppula scored the go-ahead goal on a nifty redirection early in the third period to lift host Tampa Bay over New Jersey.

Wild 4, Jets 3: Eric Staal and Chris Stewart each got their first goal with Minnesota since being acquired in the offseason, helping the host Wild overcome a two-goal deficit.

Coyotes 4, Flyers 3 (OT): Oliver Ekman-Larsson scored at 1:48 of overtime as host Arizona kicked off its 20th season in the desert with a win over Philadelphia.

Senators 4, Canadiens 3: Erik Karlsson scored the winner in the shootout to lift host Ottawa.

Canucks 2, Flames 1 (SO): Brandon Sutter scored the only goal of the shootout to give host Vancouver a victory.

Sutter beat Chad Johnson through the five-hole on the winner in the fourth round of the tiebreaker after Ryan Miller stopped the Flames' shooters.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference													
Atlantic Division					Metropolitan Division								
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	2	2	0	0	4	9	6	2	2	0	0	4	9
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	0	4	9	6	2	2	0	0	4	9
Ottawa	2	1	0	1	3	8	7	2	2	0	0	4	9
Toronto	2	1	0	1	3	8	7	2	2	0	0	4	9
Montreal	2	1	0	1	3	8	7	2	2	0	0	4	9
Washington	2	1	0	1	3	8	7	2	2	0	0	4	9
Buffalo	1	1	0	0	2	5	1	1	1	0	0	2	5
Carolina	1	1	0	0	2	5	1	1	1	0	0	2	5
N.Y. Islanders	2	0	2	0	0	4	7	2	0	2	0	0	5
Columbus	2	0	2	0	0	4	7	2	0	2	0	0	5

Western Conference													
Central Division					Pacific Division								
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	1	1	0	0	2	6	2	2	2	0	0	4	7
Colorado	1	1	0	0	2	6	2	2	2	0	0	4	7
San Jose	1	1	0	0	2	6	2	2	2	0	0	4	7
Minnesota	2	1	0	1	3	4	2	2	2	0	0	4	7
Winnipeg	2	1	0	1	3	4	2	2	2	0	0	4	7
Nashville	2	1	0	1	3	4	2	2	2	0	0	4	7
Chicago	2	1	0	1	3	4	2	2	2	0	0	4	7
Arizona	2	0	2	0	0	4	7	2	0	2	0	0	5
Edmonton	2	0	2	0	0	4	7	2	0	2	0	0	5
Calgary	2	0	2	0	0	4	7	2	0	2	0	0	5

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's games
Nashville 3, Chicago 2
Edmonton 5, Calgary 3
Philadelphia 4, Los Angeles 2

Saturday games
Toronto 4, Boston 1
San Jose 4, Colorado 2
Minnesota 4, Winnipeg 3
Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 2
Ottawa 4, Montreal 3
Washington 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
St. Louis 4, Anaheim 2
Florida 4, Detroit 3
St. Louis 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3
Colorado 2, Dallas 5
Arizona 4, Philadelphia 3
Vancouver 2, Calgary 1, SO
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First Period—1. Arizona, Dooan 1 (Golligorski, Dvorak), 8:49. 2. Philadelphia, Raffi (Schultz, Manning), 12:31. 3. Arizona, Hanzal 1 (Dooan, Chortuk), 14:17.

Second Period—4. Arizona, Richardson 1 (Manning), 8:17. 5. Philadelphia, Simmons 1 (Giroux), 6:16.

Third Period—1. Philadelphia, Read 1 (Manning, Koehn), 4:36.

Overtime—7. Arizona, Ekman-Larsson 1 (Hanzal, Vrana), 18:55.

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 13-7-13—25. Arizona 10-11-45—30.

Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 4; Arizona 10.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Mason 0-0 (33 shots-31 saves); Arizona, Smith 1-0 (30-27).

A-17,125 (17,125). T-2:39.

Blackhawks 5, Predators 3
Nashville 1 1 1-3
Chicago 2 0 2-5

First Period—1. Chicago, Schmaltz 1 (Mottet), 6:36. 2. Chicago, Seabrook 1 (Kane, Keith), 8:1

SPORTS BRIEFS/NFL



Ed Zurga/AP

NASCAR driver Kyle Busch catches the checkered flag after winning an Xfinity series race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., on Saturday.

Briefly

Kyle Busch wins Xfinity race

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Kyle Busch continued his dominance of the Xfinity Series at Kansas Speedway on Saturday.

Elliott Sadler and Daniel Suarez continued their chase for a title.

Pulling double-duty this weekend, Busch led 150 of the 200 laps in a thoroughly dominant performance for his ninth series win of the season. It was also his third straight Xfinity win at Kansas, where he won in his Sprint Cup car for the first time this spring.

"There were a lot of things trying to work against us toward the end, but we just persevered," said Busch, who at one point was a lap down. "We had great speed. I think we showed it all weekend. It was just a matter of putting it all together and ending up in victory lane, where we deserved to be."

Sadler finished second and Suarez finished third to give the Chase contenders a nice start to the three-race round of eight, which now takes a two-week break before continuing at Texas.

"Everyone is starting off square," Sadler said, "so you're trying to get a point here and get a point there. Now everybody will have different strategies as we go to Texas and Phoenix."

Two more Sprint Cup regulars, Joey Logano and Kyle Larson, waged an entertaining duel to round out the top five. But it was some drama around them in the closing laps that shook up the title chase.

Justin Allgaier and Darrell Wallace Jr. were involved in a late wreck, though Allgaier's partially destroyed car was able

to finish a lap down in 14th. Wallace wound up 33rd and now has a massive deficit to make up the next two races if he wants to avoid elimination.

"Pretty hard hit. Just unfortunate," said Wallace, who was blinking away some pain when he took off his helmet. "We were making some good calls and running our own race and that's part of it."

"I think we could have gotten a top-10 if we hit our restarts right, but just not our day."

Nor was it Brendan Gaughan's day. He went slip-sliding through the grass on the front stretch late in the race and wound up 31st — though he did provide some comic relief when he sprinted from the infield care center back to his car in an attempt to squeeze a few more laps in before the finish.

It wound up having no bearing on his result.

Murray wins sixth title of the year

SHANGHAI — Andy Murray defeated Roberto Bautista Agut 7-6 (1), 6-1 to win the Shanghai Masters on Sunday, his second title in as many weeks and the sixth overall in what is shaping up to be his most successful season on tour.

Bautista Agut challenged Murray with his powerful forehands and sharp angles in the first set, keeping the second-seeded Scot on the defensive and forcing him to commit errors.

Serving for the set at 5-4, Murray appeared distracted by movement in the crowd and wasted three set points before

Bautista Agut broke back to level the match. Murray settled down in the tiebreaker, however, and closed out the second set in just 31 minutes.

He had 16 unforced errors in the opening set, but only three after that.

Bautista Agut, the 15th-seeded Spaniard, upset No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the semifinals, but faced an uphill task to capture the title: No player outside the top 10 had beaten the top two ranked players in the same tournament since David Nalbandian beat Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal to win the Paris Masters in 2007.

Wagner leads soggy Safeway Open

NAPA, Calif. — Johnson Wagner chipped in for birdie, and wound up taking a one-shot lead in the Safeway Open by keeping bogeys off his card as the rain began to pound Silverado on Saturday.

Wagner was at 15-under par through 15 holes when the third round was halted by the wet conditions. The course was playing so long and tough at that point that Wagner hit a driver and a fairway metal and still had a 9-iron for his third shot.

In other golf news:

Alison Lee took a three-stroke lead in the LPGA KEBHanaBank Championship, putting the 21-year-old UCLA student in position for her first victory.

Bernhard Langer birdied the final four holes for his second straight 5-under 67 and a two-stroke lead in the PGA Tour Champions' SAS Championship.

Ex-NFL DL Byrd dies in car crash

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.
Associated Press

Dennis Byrd was an inspiration for far more than anything he ever accomplished on a football field.

He was able to walk again. And with each step he took toward recovery from paralysis while guided by his always-present faith, Byrd defied doctors' grim predictions and became a symbol of perseverance and hope.

On Saturday, the former NFL defensive lineman whose career was ended by a neck injury was killed in a car accident.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Byrd, 50, died in a two-vehicle collision.

The Tulsa World first reported Byrd's death. He starred at Mustang High School outside Oklahoma City and then at the University of Tulsa before playing for the New York Jets.

"We extend our sincere condolences to Dennis' wife, Angela, their children and the entire Byrd family," said Dr. Derrick Gragg, Tulsa's athletic director. "Dennis exemplified true determination, tremendous heart and humility throughout his life. He had a tremendous playing career at TU and professionally with the New York Jets. He overcame great personal adversity after a life-altering injury on the football field."

"We know that Dennis touched numerous lives and will be missed by many."

The Oologah-Talala Emergency Medical Services said the crash happened at about 11 a.m. between Oologah and Claremore. It said a 17-year-old Claremore youth driving a 2000 Ford Explorer northbound on Oklahoma 88 veered into the oncoming lane, striking the 2004 Hummer H2 that Byrd was driving.

Byrd, who had returned to his

home in Talala in recent years, was pronounced dead at the scene, and the 17-year-old driver and a 12-year-old passenger in Byrd's vehicle were taken to the hospital in critical condition.

The 6-foot-5, 270-pound Byrd was a second-round draft pick of the Jets in 1989 and quickly became a fan favorite for his intensity on the field as much as his humble, soft-spoken approach off it. He was considered one of the NFL's promising young defensive ends during his first three seasons, racking up 27 sacks — a mark that only two players in franchise history surpassed: Mark Gastineau with 33½ from 1979-81 and John Abraham with 27½ from 2000-02.

Byrd had one sack midway through his fourth season when his life was changed during a game on Nov. 29, 1992, against Kansas City.

He broke his neck after slamming headfirst into the chest of teammate Scott Mersereau as Chiefs quarterback David Krieg stepped forward to avoid a sack. The impact broke the C-5 vertebra in Byrd's neck, leaving him briefly paralyzed, although doctors were uncertain if Byrd would ever be able to walk again.

After a vigorous rehabilitation, Byrd returned to the Meadowlands for the Jets' opening game the following season and walked — gingerly but unaided — to midfield as an honorary captain.

He never fully recovered from the injury, walking with some difficulty and going through continuous rehabilitation during the years since. But Byrd, a devout Christian, wrote a book in 1993 called "Rise and Walk: The Trial and Triumph of Dennis Byrd," which detailed how he relied on his faith and family to push through his injury to recover and serve an inspiration to others.

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HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA EUROPE

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

BFA, Brussels impress in volleyball action

Stars and Stripes

The teams all started with 'B' at a four-school volleyball gathering Saturday at Spangdahlem, Germany, but two of them brought their 'A' games.

Black Forest Academy and Brussels outperformed Bitburg and Baumholder, with the Falcons oggunning the Big-ands in straight sets, 25-14, 25-13, 25-6 in the tournament's final match.

That match was the tournament's de facto title game, with both BFA and Brussels going 1-0 on the day up to that point.

The Falcons showed depth and talent and look like they are more than capable of a deep Division II European run, though due partly to a scheduling quirk, they still don't have a victory at that level this season. BFA's only D-II match so far was a loss to AFNORTH.

BFA captain Erin Fortune, in particular, was impressive, dominating the net on both offense and defense. She was ably assisted by teammates Jesse Campbell, Leah Kennedy and Kendra Jolley in a relatively deep rotation.

Jolley got 10 aces against Brussels, following from Division III.

Host Bitburg, the other Division II school in the event and celebrating its homecoming, split two games, overcoming Baumholder with relative ease in three sets, 25-13, 25-22, 25-19, before playing an epic second match against Brussels later in the day.

That match went the full five sets, with Brussels winning each of the first two sets narrowly 25-23 before Bitburg responded behind captain Elise Rasmussen and outside hitter Triana Hampton to win the next two 25-11 and 25-19. In the decisive fifth set, Brussels recovered to win 15-13.

AFNORTH: Another season of merged AFNORTH/Brussels football ended Saturday with a 42-22 loss to International School of Brussels. Quarterback Tim McDaniel played well in defeat, completing 14 passes for 147 yards.

Alconbury: The Dragons play host to a four-team girls volleyball meet this weekend. Division I squads Lakenheath and Kaiserslautern and Division II AFNORTH are scheduled to visit.

American Overseas School of Rome: The Falcons recovered from a straight-set boys volleyball loss to Vicenza on Friday with a win in the next day's rematch. AOSR's redemption came in the form of a 25-18, 20-25, 25-20, 25-22 defeat of the Cougars.

Ansbach: The Cougars picked up a convincing girls volleyball victory Saturday with a 25-18, 25-12, 25-13 sweep of Hohenfels. Ansbach picked up an early win against Signonella and host Aviano in a small-school showcase next weekend.

Aviano: The Saints get a rare look at Division II girls volleyball competition this weekend as German divisional rival Hohenfels pays a visit as part of a four-team meet. Aviano owns a 2-2 record against Division II opponents this season.



DAN STOUTAMIRE/Stars and Stripes

Elise Rasmussen of Bitburg spikes the ball against Gloria Hernandez of Brussels during their match Saturday at Spangdahlem, Germany. Rasmussen, a senior, was crucial as Bitburg fought back from a two-set deficit to take the match to a fifth set.

Hohenfels: Cross country ace Jeremias Serrano-Velez posted a remarkable margin of victory at Saturday's cross country meet at Viseck. His time of 16:48 was more than two minutes better than his nearest competitor.

International School of Brussels: The Raiders scored a Division II football playoff spot Friday, improving to 3-2 and locking up third place in the North region with a 42-22 win over AFNORTH/Brussels.

Kaiserslautern: The Raiders have one last chance at 2016 football victory in their Friday night finale this week. Archrival Ramstein is the visitor.

Lakenheath: The Lancers are headed back to the Division I football semifinals. Lakenheath improved to 3-1 in conference play with a 51-14 thrashing of Kaiserslautern on Saturday, locking in a winning regular season and another trip to the playoffs.

Marymount: The Royals took down boys volleyball rival Florence on Saturday in a 25-15, 24-26, 18-25, 25-20, 15-13 win. MML concludes its regular season schedule next weekend against visiting AOSR.

Naples: The Wildcats took a pair of girls volleyball matches from Aviano over the weekend, winning Friday in three sets and Saturday in four. Marissa Dye totaled 13 aces and 28 assists.

Ramstein: Royal runners set a pair of new course records Saturday at their home course of Seewog, Colin McLaren posted a time of 16:11, while Katelyn Schultz set a new girls standard at 19:05.

Rota: The Admirals completed a second straight undefeated Division II football season Saturday with a 49-16 drubbing of SHAPE. DeOntae Bradley compiled 184 rushing yards and two touchdowns in the victory.

SHAPE: The Spartans dismantled Belgian rival Brussels on the tennis courts Friday. Both the SHAPE boys and girls won 9-0, paced respectively by aces Sharnus Phelan and Evelyn Brunelle.

Signonella: The Jaguars enjoyed a successful weekend of girls volleyball with a Friday defeat of Marymount and a Saturday win over Florence. Korley Jones totaled 16 kills in the wins.

Stuttgart: The Panthers remain the last unbeaten team in Division I girls volleyball after dispatching Viseck 25-13, 25-20, 25-20 on Saturday. Reigning Stars and Stripes girls volleyball Athlete of the Year Janey Greenberg had 20 digs.

Vicenza: Girls volleyball standout Adriana Lovelace was dominant in Friday and Saturday wins over visiting AOSR. Lovelace totaled 29 kills and 11 blocks over the two matches.

Viseck: The Falcons' annual tough luck on the football gridiron is being replaced by pure toughness this fall. Viseck claimed a gritty 14-7 win over Wiesbaden on Saturday that put the Falcons squarely in the mix for the playoff berth that eluded them a year ago.

Wiesbaden: The Warriors test themselves against two of their biggest Division I volleyball rivals this Saturday. Defending Division I champion Stuttgart and perennial power Ramstein make the trip for the postseason preview.

— Gregory Broome



MICHAEL B. KELLER/Stars and Stripes

Ramstein's Trevor Miller presses the ball under pressure on Saturday. Ramstein defeated Stuttgart 29-0.

HIGH SCHOOL

NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE WEEKEND

Football playoff berths still up for grabs

Stars and Stripes

It's become quite elementary for the six teams that remain in the hunt for berths in their respective Far East divisional title games: Win and you're in. Lose and go home.

That's the scenario for American School in Japan, Kubasaki, Kinnick and two-time defending champion Kadena in the chase for Division I title-game space, and for Perry and Yokota, hoping to host the Division II final.

ASJ downed Kadena 34-20, while Kinnick routed Seoul American 63-0 on Saturday, leaving the Mustangs, Panthers and Red Devils each with the equivalent of two wins and one loss in D-I, along with Kubasaki. ASJ visits Kubasaki on Friday and Kinnick is at Kadena on Saturday; the winners play for the D-I title on Nov. 12.

"It's wide open," said John Seewers, in his 40th year with the Mustangs program. ASJ is in its second year of D-I-title eligibility.

"Everyone controls their own destiny," Red Devils coach Daniel Joley said. "It's all about whatever happens next Saturday. It's kind of cool. Parity is fun. There's a lot of great football being played now."

"We live to fight another day," Kadena coach Sergio Mendoza said.

Division II is the same story for the Samurai and Panthers. The two teams were victorious — and on the road, too — over the weekend by wide margins, Perry 38-7 at Zama and Yokota 49-0 at Edgren on Friday evening.

Now, the Panthers visit Perry for a 10 a.m. kickoff Saturday at Samurai field, Yokota seeking a repeat D-II title-game berth, while Perry is vying for a second final berth in three seasons.

"We're hungry," coach Frank Macias of the Samurai said. "We have some unfinished business Saturday. You want the banner, you have to take it from Yokota."

"We're playing at their place, that makes it doubly tough for us," Yokota coach Tim Pujol said. "It will be a challenge for us."

It's Japan's turn to host the D-II final; Humphreys earned the visitor's berth out of Korea by defeating three-time defending Far East champion Daegu 17-14 in overtime.

Kinnick: Andrew Urette rushed for 118 yards and two touchdowns and had 5½ tackles and a fumble recovery for the Red Devils. Kacey Walker had 125 yards total offense and three TDs, and Chauncey Jamerson, Dwayne Lyon, Bryan Hunt and Brad Deibel each rushed for scores.

Seoul American: The Falcons are the only D-I team not still in the hunt for a spot in the final. ... Josh Nixon had nine kills in a four-game season as Falcons boys volleyball lost to Taejon Christian International in three sets Friday.

Kadena: The Panthers led 14-7 late in the first half, but ASJ responded with 19 straight points, three TDs coming after interceptions. Cody Sego threw for a touchdown and had 141 yards total offense, while Jericho Williams had 135 all-purpose yards and a TD.



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

American School in Japan quarterback Jack Ambrosino looks to run out of danger as Kadena defender Tyler Lewis gives chase on Saturday. The Mustangs topped the Panthers setting up a weekend of playoff-determining games.

Yokota: Shomari Tindal rushed for 95 yards and three touchdowns, four other Panthers also scored and Yokota's defense recorded four interceptions. Even special teams shined, as Dylan Grimes went 7-for-7 on PATs.

Perry: The Samurai endured their fourth lengthy road trip in five weeks and finished the swing 3-1. Caeleb Ricafrente added to his Pacific touchdown lead with a pair of rushing scores, and the Samurai scored 30 unanswered points and ran 77 plays to 31 for the Trojans.

King: Marcus Schrader, Jonathan Lee and Akira Goodman won their singles tennis round-robin series, leading the Cobras past Edgren 4-0 and to a 3-3 draw with Perry.

Zama: Nick Canada was an offensive bright spot for the Trojans, throwing for 132 yards, including a 50-yard TD pass to Don McNeal Jr.

Osan: Cougars boys volleyball appeared to have beaten its chief rival, Seoul Foreign, having taken the first two sets in Saturday's home match. But the Crusaders rallied and took the match in five sets, winning the fifth set 15-12. Osan's girls fell in straight sets.

Humphreys: Trey Schreurs won the game on the Blackhawks' lone overtime possession, booting a 24-yard field goal. Bryce Bulotovich compiled 156 yards total offense with a touchdown pass to Nate Hellams, and David Key ran 2 yards for a score.

Guam: Reigning island champions Alyssa Tatum and Isaac Ventura each placed in the top five, second and fifth, in the Asia-Pacific Invitational cross-country run. ... Juan King, Solomon White and Avery Fernandez combined for six TDs as the Panthers blanked Tiam 52-0 to reach the island football semifinals.

Daegu: It was the "hardest we've played all year," Warriors coach Blake Sims said. Humphreys led most of the way, but the Warriors answered with a 5-yard Jacob Litton TD run and Javeon Bell's 75-yard interception-return touchdown that tied it.

Edgren: Eagles football appears to be on the ropes again; four players got injured in the loss to Yokota. ... Jun Royster (fourth) and MacKenzie Jordan (eighth) led all Eagles runners in the DODEA-Japan cross-country finals at Misawa's Citizens' Forestry Park.

Kubasaki: Indoors on the volleyball court, the defending champion Dragons won every match except the final in the ASUJ-YUJO tournament, falling in five sets to the host Mustangs after taking the first two sets of Saturday's final. Mimi Larry had 42 assists for Kubasaki. — Dave Ornauer



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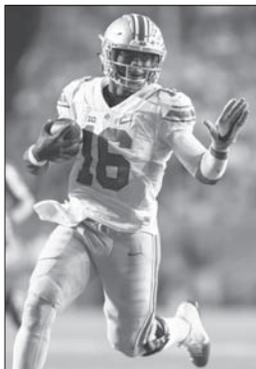
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett's touchdown throw in overtime gave him his 89th career touchdown passing or rushing, breaking the school record previously held by QB Braxton Miller.

No. 2 Buckeyes top Wisconsin in OT thriller

By GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — J.T. Barrett escaped Wisconsin's pressure and shook off a mistake.

Ohio State's do-it-all quarterback proved his mettle after halftime in the toughest of road environments, accounting for three touchdowns and setting a school record in the process.

Barrett threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to leading receiver Noah Brown in overtime, and the second-ranked Buckeyes finished off the eighth-ranked Badgers with a sack on fourth-and-goal from the 4 for a 30-23 win on Saturday night.

Barrett also ran for two touchdowns for the Buckeyes (6-0, 3-0 Big Ten) in a contest that had the intensity of a championship heavyweight bout.

"That was just two good teams going at each other," Ohio State coach Urban Meyer said.

He had the best player on the field on his side.

The touchdown throw in overtime gave Barrett his 89th career touchdown passing or rushing, breaking the school record previously held by quarterback Braxton Miller.

The Buckeyes rushed the field after defensive end Tyquan Lewis sacked quarterback Alex Hornibrook to end the thriller. Just in time too, after school officials warned fans that severe weather was rolling through the area right before the final play.

Ohio State got the ball first in overtime, with Barrett ending the possession with the pass to Brown for the go-ahead score.

Barrett finished 17-for-29 for 226 yards with one interception, and ran for 92 yards on 21 carries.

"We grew up even more this week," Barrett said.

Coley Clement ran for 164 yards on 25 carries for Wisconsin (4-2, 1-2) and its revived rushing attack.

"This one is tough ... because we didn't come into this one hoping to keep it close," Badgers coach Paul Chryst said. "This one hurts tonight."

No. 1 Bama trounces Tennessee

Rivalry sees most one-sided win by either side since 1906

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Alabama wouldn't allow Tennessee to produce another comeback.

Jalen Hurts and Bo Scarbrough each rushed for over 100 yards Saturday and No. 1 Alabama again got points from its defense and special teams in a 49-10 blowout of No. 9 Tennessee.

It was the most lopsided victory by either team in this rivalry since a 51-0 Alabama victory in 1906.

"This is as proud of our team as I've been all year long in terms of playing a complete game against a very good team, especially in a tough environment," Alabama coach Nick Saban said.

Tennessee (5-2, 2-2 SEC) had erased double-digit deficits in five of its first six games — including a 45-38 loss at Texas A&M last week in which it fought overtime after trailing 28-7 — but the Volunteers couldn't deliver a similar rally this time.

Alabama (7-0, 4-0) instead had college football's cardiac kids dead and buried by the end of the third quarter. The Crimson Tide capitalized on the injury issues that have decimated Tennessee's depth chart.

"That was our goal coming in, to score fast and get them tired," Alabama tight end O.J. Howard. "I think it worked."

Alabama earned its 19th straight victory overall and its 10th consecutive win in this annual series. Tennessee has lost its last 13 games against Southeastern Conference Western Division schools.



WADE PAYNE/AP

Alabama running back Bo Scarbrough, top, is tackled by Tennessee linebacker Colton Jumper during Saturday's game in Knoxville, Tenn. The Crimson Tide won 49-10.

Hurts, the Crimson Tide's freshman quarterback, ran for 132 yards and three touchdowns as Alabama outtrushed Tennessee 438-32. Scarbrough rushed for 109 yards on just five carries, including an 85-yard touchdown.

Alabama posted its highest single-game rushing total since running for 451 yards in a 56-28 victory over Tennessee in 1986.

"They did an exceptional job tonight," Tennessee safety Todd Kelly Jr. said. "They executed and we didn't, at the end of the day."

Tennessee was playing a ranked opponent for the fourth straight week, a stretch that has taken a physical toll.

Injuries limited the Vols' defense to such an extent that linebacker Elliott Berry,

cornerback Baylen Buchanan and defensive tackle Kahlil McKenzie made their first career starts. McKenzie left in the first quarter after he appeared to hurt his shoulder.

On offense, injuries sidelined guard Jason Robertson and center Dylan Wiesman for the entire game and knocked out Brett Kendrick in the first quarter. The only starting lineman from last week's loss to Texas A&M who played the majority of Saturday's game was right guard Jack Jones.

"Usually when you have a run on injuries, it usually affects one position group, two position groups," Tennessee coach Butch Jones said. "It's affected every position group."

No. 3 Clemson survives NC State

By PETE IACOBELLI
Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Dabo Swinney rolled forward out of his crouch, exhaled deeply and slapped the ground. The Clemson coach knew how fortunate his Tigers were to escape with their latest victory.

"There's something to be said for finding a way to win," Swinney said. "And there's something to be said for knowing how to win."

A little luck doesn't hurt either. The third-ranked Tigers (7-0, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) needed all of it to squeak past North Carolina State 24-17 in overtime Saturday.

The Wolfpack (4-2, 1-1) were a 33-yard field goal away at the end of regulation from quashing Clemson's perfect start. Instead, Kyle Bambarid pushed the kick right and sent most of the 82,104 at Death Valley into hysterics.

"I kind of looked up and I saw it started to sail, then I closed my eyes because I couldn't believe it was actually happening," Clemson defensive end Christian Wilkins said. "I waited for the crowd to cheer. They messed up because they gave us another chance."

Given new life, Clemson responded like defending ACC champions. The Tigers converted a fourth-and-1 to keep their overtime drive going, and then Deshaun Watson connected with Artavis Scott on a go-ahead 10-yard TD pass. Marcus Edmond intercepted Wolfpack quarterback Ryan Finley's deep throw into the end zone to keep the Tigers undefeated and on track for the league title game and the College Football Playoff.

It wasn't the prettiest effort for Clemson,



RICHARD SHIRO/AP

Clemson's Mike Williams slips through the tackle attempt of North Carolina State's Josh Jones, right, and Shawn Boone during the second half of Saturday's game in Clemson, S.C. The Tigers won 24-17 in overtime.

which gave up 397 yards and turned it over four times — including Watson's first-ever pick six — to the Wolfpack. But it made it two straight heart-stopping home games for the Tigers, who trailed 36-28 to Louisville before rallying with two touchdowns in the final eight minutes to take that show-

down victory. "It's about faith and belief," said Watson, who finished 39 of 52 for 378 yards and two touchdowns. "It's what we had to do to get the W."

Bambarid was 1-for-4 on field-goal attempts.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



DAVID DERNER/AP

Western Michigan running back Jarvion Franklin runs in the fourth quarter Saturday against Akron in Akron, Ohio. Franklin rushed for a school-record 281 yards and a score in a 41-0 victory.

Saturday's stars

- Jarvion Franklin, Western Michigan, rushed for a school-record 281 yards and a TD as the No. 24 Broncos beat Akron 41-0.
- Travis Rudolph, Florida State, had a career-high 13 receptions for 238 yards as the No. 14 Seminoles defeated Wake Forest 17-6.
- Sam Darnold, USC, threw for five touchdowns — three to Juju Smith-Schuster — to lead the Trojans to a 48-14 rout of Arizona.
- Dede Westbrook, Oklahoma State, had nine receptions for 184 yards and three scores to help the No. 19 Cowboys beat Kansas State 38-17.
- Eric Dungey, Syracuse, accounted for 417 yards and two TDs to help the Orange beat No. 17 Virginia Tech 31-17.
- Justin Jackson, Northwestern, rushed for 188 yards and two TDs in a 54-0 win over Michigan State.
- Phillip Lindsay, Colorado, rushed for 219 yards and three TDs to lead the Buffaloes over Arizona State 40-16.
- Carlos Henderson, Louisiana Tech, had 12 catches for 326 yards and five TDs in a 56-28 win over UMass.
- James Gilbert, Ball State, ran for 264 yards and two TDs in a 31-21 win over Buffalo.
- Matt Linehan, Idaho, threw for 476 yards and accounted for five TDs in a 55-23 win over New Mexico State.
- Devlin Hodges, Samford, tied a career high with five TD passes and threw for 435 yards in a 55-21 win over VMI.
- Mike White, Marist, passed for 377 yards and five TDs in a 44-41 win over Morehead State.

How the AP Top 25 fared

- 1 Alabama (7-0) beat No. 9 Tennessee 49-10.** At Knoxville, Tenn., Jalen Hurts and Bo Scarborough each ran for more than 100 yards and Alabama again got points from its defense and special teams. It was the most lopsided victory by either team in the rivalry since a 51-0 Alabama victory in 1906.
See story on 28.
Next: vs. No. 6 Texas A&M, Saturday.
- 2 Ohio State (6-0) beat No. 8 Wisconsin 30-23, OT.** At Madison, Wis., J.T. Barrett threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to leading receiver Noah Brown in overtime, and Ohio State finished off Wisconsin with a sack on fourth-and-goal from the 4.
See story on 28.
Next: at Penn State, Saturday.
- 3 No. 3 Clemson (7-0) beat NC State 24-17, OT.** At Clemson, S.C., Deshaun Watson threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jarvis Scott in overtime and Marcus Edmond followed with an interception to give Clemson the victory after looking all but done in regulation.
See story on 28.
Next: at No. 14 Florida State, Saturday, Oct. 29.
- 4 Michigan (6-0) did not play.** The Wolverines had a week off after a 78-0 rout of Rutgers when Jabrill Peppers ran for a career high two touchdowns.
Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
- 5 Washington (6-0) did not play.** The past six weeks have vaulted Washington from a preseason conference contender to a legitimate part of the playoff discussion. If Washington's 44-6 dismantling of Stanford didn't prove the Huskies' legitimacy, then the 70-21 beating placed on Oregon certainly did.
Next: vs. Oregon State, Saturday.
- 6 Texas A&M (6-0) did not play.** The Aggies had the week off after outlasting Tennessee 45-38 in double overtime last week to improve to 6-0 for the first time since 1994.
Next: at No. 1 Alabama, Saturday.
- 7 Louisville (5-1) beat Duke 24-14, Friday.** A second straight defeat looked possible against Duke until a late penalty by the Blue Devils allowed quarterback Lamar Jackson to seal a shaky win for the host Cardinals.
Next: vs. NC State, Saturday.
- 8 Wisconsin (4-2) lost to No. 2 Ohio State 30-23, OT.** Corey Clement ran for 164 yards on 25 carries for Wisconsin and its revived rushing attack. The Badgers gained chunks of yards in the first half on the Buckeyes' vaunted defense, but often had to settle for field goals. They led 16-6 at halftime.
See story on 28.
Next: at Iowa, Saturday.
- 9 Tennessee (5-2) lost to No. 1 Alabama 49-10.** Tennessee had ended double-digit deficits in five of its first six games — including a 45-38 loss at Texas A&M last week in which it forced overtime after trailing 28-7 — but the Volunteers couldn't deliver a similar rally this time.
See story on 28.
Next: at South Carolina, Saturday, Oct. 29.
- 10 Nebraska (6-0) beat Indiana 28-22.** At Bloomington, Ind., Terrell Newby ran for one score and Tommy Armstrong Jr. hooked up with Stanley Morgan Jr. on a 72-yard touchdown pass with 9:57 left to play for Nebraska.
Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.

- 11 Baylor (6-0) beat Kansas 49-7.** At Waco, Texas, Seth Russell threw two touchdown passes and ran for two scores playing only the first half, and Ryan Reid returned the first of his two interceptions for a score for Baylor.
Next: at Texas, Saturday, Oct. 29.
- 12 Mississippi (3-3) lost to No. 22 Arkansas 34-30.** At Fayetteville, Ark., Jared Cornelius scored on a 6-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter and Arkansas outlasted Mississippi. Austin Allen was 19-of-32 passing for 229 yards and three touchdowns for Arkansas, giving the junior an SEC-best 18 touchdown passes for the season.
Next: at LSU, Saturday.
- 13 Houston (6-1) beat Tulsa 38-31.** At Houston, Emek Egbule returned a fumble 24 yards for a touchdown with 1:21 remaining to lift Houston. It was a close call for the Cougars a week after Navy beat them 46-40 for their first loss of the season after a 5-0 start.
Next: at SMU, Saturday.
- 14 Florida State (5-2) beat Wake Forest 17-6.** At Tallahassee, Fla., Travis Rudolph had a career-high 13 receptions for 238 yards and Florida State overcame three turnovers.
Next: vs. No. 3 Clemson, Saturday, Oct. 29.
- 15 Boise State (6-0) beat Colorado State 28-23.** At Boise, Idaho, Jeremy McNichols ran for 217 yards and two touchdowns and Boise State withstood Colorado State's late rally.
Next: vs. BYU, Thursday.
- 16 Miami (4-2) lost to North Carolina 20-13.** Malik Carney knocked the ball out of quarterback Brad Kaaya's hand to snuff out the final Miami possession, and North Carolina ran out the clock to beat the Hurricanes and move into first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference's Coastal Division.
Next: at No. 17 Virginia Tech, Thursday.
- 17 Virginia Tech (4-2) lost to Syracuse 31-17.** At Syracuse, N.Y., Eric Dungey accounted for 417 yards and two touchdowns and Syracuse beat a ranked opponent for the first time since 2012. The Hokies, ranked second nationally and first in the ACC in pass defense at 132.2 yards a game, yielded 310 yards passing in the first 30 minutes and 405 for the game.
Next: vs. No. 16 Miami, Thursday.

- 18 Florida (5-1) beat Missouri 40-14.** At Gainesville, Fla., Jalen Taylor and Quincy Wilson returned interceptions for touchdowns, helping Florida move into first place in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division.
Next: vs. Georgia at Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday, Oct. 29.
- 19 Oklahoma (4-2) beat Kansas State 38-17.** At Norman, Okla., Baker Mayfield was 25-for-31 for 346 yards and four touchdowns, and Dede Westbrook had nine receptions for 184 yards and three scores for Oklahoma.
Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday.
- 20 West Virginia (5-0) beat Texas Tech 48-17.** Skyler Howard ran for two touchdowns and threw for another for visiting West Virginia.
Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
- 21 Utah (6-1) beat Oregon State 19-14.** At Corvallis, Ore., Joe Williams came out of retirement and ran for a 5-yard first-quarter touchdown and Utah beat Oregon State in wet and windy conditions. Williams, who had left the team because of injuries following the second game of the season, finished with 179 yards rushing on 34 carries.
Next: at UCLA, Saturday.
- 22 Arkansas (5-2) beat No. 12 Mississippi 34-30.** Chad Kelly accounted for 342 yards of total offense for Ole Miss, throwing for 253 yards and rushing for 89 more. The senior also threw for a touchdown and ran for two more.
Next: at No. 23 Auburn, Saturday.
- 23 Auburn (4-2) did not play.** Defense had kept the Tigers in every game this season even before a current three-game winning streak.
Next: vs. No. 22 Arkansas, Saturday.
- 24 Western Michigan (7-0) beat Akron 41-0.** At Akron, Ohio, Jarvion Franklin ran for a school-record 281 yards and Zach Terrell threw for two scores and ran for two more for the Broncos, ranked in the Top 25 for the first time.
Next: vs. Eastern Michigan, Saturday.
- 25 Navy (4-1) did not play.** Navy's game at East Carolina on Thursday night was postponed to Nov. 19 because of expected flooding from Hurricane Matthew. It would have marked the Midshipmen's debut in the Top 25.
Next: vs. Memphis, Saturday.



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Syracuse quarterback Eric Dungey (2) celebrates after scoring a touchdown during the second half Saturday against No. 17 Virginia Tech. Syracuse won 31-17.

MLB PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

Division Series (Best-of-five)

American League
 Toronto 3, Texas 9
 Toronto 10, Texas 1
 Toronto 5, Texas 3
 Toronto 7, Texas 10 (inning 10)
Cleveland 3, Boston 1
 Cleveland 6, Boston 0
 Cleveland 4, Boston 3

National League
Chicago 3, San Francisco 1
 Chicago 1, San Francisco 5
 Chicago 5, San Francisco 2
 San Francisco 6, Chicago 5, 13 innings
 Chicago 6, San Francisco 5
Los Angeles 3, Washington 1
 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 0
 Cleveland 2, Toronto 1
Saturday, Cleveland 2, Toronto 1
Monday, Oct. 17, at Toronto
Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Toronto
x-Wednesday, Oct. 19, at Toronto
x-Friday, Oct. 21, at Cleveland
x-Saturday, Oct. 22, at Cleveland

National League
Chicago 1, Los Angeles 0
 Saturday, Chicago 5, Los Angeles 4
Sunday, Oct. 18, at Los Angeles
Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Los Angeles
x-Thursday, Oct. 20, at Los Angeles
x-Saturday, Oct. 22, at Chicago
x-Sunday, Oct. 23, at Chicago

Saturday
Indians 2, Blue Jays 1

Toronto		Cleveland		ab r h bi	
Carrera lf	4 0 0 0	Ra.Davis cf	4 1 0 0		
Dionisio 2b	1 1 1 1	Kipnis 2b	4 0 0 0		
Encrison lb	3 0 0 0	Lindor ss	4 0 2 1		
Butts Jr pf	3 0 0 0	Napoli 1b	3 0 0 0		
Tiwari ss	0 0 0 0	C.Gratz dh	2 1 1 1		
Ru.Mrtnc	3 0 1 0	Jose.Pm 3b	3 0 0 0		
Sanders dh	0 0 0 0	Guyler rf	2 0 0 0		
Milpton-dh1	0 0 0 0	Chishill rf	3 0 1 0		
Pillar c	3 0 0 0	R.Perez c	2 0 0 0		
Barney 2b	3 1 1 0				
Totals	30 1 3 1	Totals	28 2 4 2		
Cleveland	011 000 000-1	Toronto	001 000 000-1		
Cleveland	011 000 000-2	Toronto	011 000 000-2		

E—Happ (1), LOB—Toronto 4, Cleveland 4. 2B—Donaldson (6), HR—C.Santana (1), SB—Ra.Davis (1).

Toronto		Cleveland		IP H R ER BB SO		
Happ L1.1	5	4	2	2	1	4
Biagini	2	0	0	0	1	2
Osuna	1	0	0	0	1	2

Cleveland
 Tomlin W2.0
 Adams H2
 Miller H.2
 Allen S.4.4
 WP—Happ. T—2:44. A—37,870 (38,000).
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Cubs 8, Dodgers 4

Los Angeles		Chicago		ab r h bi	
Kendrick lf	3 0 0 0	Fowler cf	5 2 2 1		
Utey ph-2b	1 1 0 0	Bryant 3b	4 0 2 1		
Ju.Tstr 3b	4 0 1 0	Rizzo lb	0 0 0 0		
C.Sager ss	4 0 1 0	Zobrist lf	3 1 1 0		
Luigs 2b	0 0 0 0	Russell ss	4 0 0 0		
Blanton p	0 0 0 0	Heyward rf	3 2 1 0		
Dayton p	0 0 0 0	J.Baez 2b	4 1 2 1		
Ad.Gonz lf	0 2 2 2	D.Ross c	3 0 0 0		
C.Ruiz c	2 0 0 0	Coghlan ph	0 1 0 0		
Grandal ph	0 0 0 0	Dotson dh	0 0 0 0		
E.Frendt 2b-rf	0 0 0 0	Lester p	0 0 0 0		
Pleasant cf	4 1 1 0	Soler ph	1 0 0 0		
P.Baez p	0 0 0 0	T.Wood p	0 0 0 0		
Maez lf	1 0 1 0	Edwards p	0 0 0 0		
Ethier ph	1 1 1 1	Mintzberg p	0 0 0 0		
Stripling p	0 0 0 0	Strop p	0 0 0 0		
Toles ph-1f	2 1 2 1	A.Chpmn p	0 0 0 0		
		M.Mendoza 1b	1 1 4		
		H.Rondon p	0 0 0 0		
Totals	34 4 9 4	Totals	33 8 9 8		

Chicago
 DIF—Chicago 1. LOB—Los Angeles 6
 Chicago 7. 2B—Toles (1), Bryant 2 (4), Zobrist (3), J.Baez 2 (2), SB—Heyward (1), HR—Ethier (1), Fowler (1), M.Montero (1), SB—Ad.Gonzalez (1), J.Baez (1).

Los Angeles		Chicago		IP H R ER BB SO	
Maez	4	4	3	3	2
Baez	2	1	0	0	1
Stripling	1	0	0	0	0
Blanton L1.1	3/4	4	5	5	2
Dayton	1/3	0	0	0	0

Chicago
 Lester
 Wood H.2
 Edwards H.2
 Montgomery H.2
 Strop
 Chapman W1-0BS2.1
 Rondon
 H.Rondon pitched to 1 batter in the 8th
 Strop pitched to 2 batters in the 8th
 WP—Maez. T—3:37. A—42,376 (41,072).

Tribe: Cleveland takes first two games of ALCS

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The lanky left-hander struck out the side in the seventh, two more in the eighth and has 10 strikeouts in 3 1/3 innings in the series. He has not allowed a run in 16 career postseason innings. "He's one of the best I've ever seen," said closer Cody Allen, who worked the ninth to close the three-hitter for his second straight save. "He goes out there for two innings, shuts them down and gets a lot of swings and misses. Whenever you get to come in behind a guy like that, you're in a pretty good spot."

So are the Indians, who had never been up 2-0 in four previous ALCS trips. Miller has been the difference so far, blowing through the Blue Jays. Before getting a groundout in the eighth, he struck out seven straight over two games.

"There's a reason we gave up what we did for him," said Franco, referring to the four top prospects the Indians sent to the Yankees in July. "We thought that he could be a guy that we could leverage in situations like we have. And it would make our bullpen that much better and give us a chance to keep playing. And that's exactly what he's doing."

After bludgeoning Texas in the ALDS by hitting eight homers and scoring 22 runs, Toronto has one run and 10 hits — eight singles and a pair of doubles — in two games against the Indians.

Jose Bautista is 0-for-6 in the series with five strikeouts and in a 0-for-14 postseason tailspin. The only bat flipping Joey Bats has done is back into the rack.

"We didn't get destroyed or anything in these two games, but we've got our work cut out for us," Jays catcher Russell Martin said. "History shows we can hit the ball. We're going to have the opportunity to do that at home."



NATHAN DENETTE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Indians shortstop Francisco Lindor, left, and center fielder Rajai Davis celebrate their 2-1 win against the Toronto Blue Jays in Game 2 of the American League Championship Series in Cleveland on Saturday.

Montero's grand slam lifts Cubs past Dodgers

BY JAY COHEN
 Associated Press

CHICAGO — Miguel Montero delivered one memorable swing, Javier Baez stole home with a daring dash down the line and Jon Lester turned in another steady performance. Business as usual this year for the Cubs, who are off and running in the Major League Baseball NL Championship Series.

Montero snapped an eighth-inning tie with the third pinch-hit grand slam in postseason history, and Chicago beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-4 in Game 1 on Saturday, moving the Cubs a step closer to their first National League championship in 71 years. LA's Japanese starter Kenta Maeda lasted just four innings in his fourth straight shaky outing dating to the regular season. The Cubs jumped on him for three runs in the first two innings.

Lester pitched six effective innings, and Dexter Fowler homered after making two diving

catches in center field — breaking his belt on the second bag. Left fielder Ben Zobrist threw out Adrian Gonzalez at the plate, helping Chicago win its first NLCS game in 13 years. The Cubs were swept in four games by the New York Mets in last year's NLCS.

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Cubs manager Joe Maddon sent up Montero, who drove an 0-2 slider from loser Joe Blanton halfway up the right-field bleachers for his first hit of the playoffs. "I trust Joe. I've trusted him all year long, he's been great for us," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "Left a pitch up. ... It just didn't work out."



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The Cubs' Miguel Montero, right, watches his grand slam during the eighth inning of Game 1 of the National League Championship Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Saturday in Chicago.

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ALCS: GAME 2



Tough Tribe

Indians in control as series heads north to Toronto

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

They don't have a true superstar, an embarrassment of All-Stars or a celebrity following. That's the NBA champion Cavaliers, who play next door.

The Indians, though, have depth, chemistry, one of baseball's best managers and quite possibly the most dominant bullpen weapon in the game.

Andrew Miller has Cleveland two wins from the World Series — and Toronto batters flailing.

'He's one of the best I've ever seen.'

Cody Allen
Indians closer,
on lefty reliever
Andrew Miller

Josh Tomlin baffled Blue Jays batters for nearly six innings and Miller, acquired just ahead of the trade deadline for exactly these pressure-packed October moments, blew them away as Cleveland edged Toronto 2-1 on Saturday to take 2-0 lead in the AL Championship Series.

Carlos Santana homered off 20-game winner J.A. Happ, and Francisco Lindor had an RBI single for the Indians. They won the second straight tense game in this series and have won five straight postseason games for the first time in their 116-year history.

An afterthought in August, Tomlin has emerged as an unlikely October star for the Indians. He allowed one run and three hits in 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings for his second win of the postseason — he won the Game 3 Division Series clincher in Boston — before Cleveland manager Terry Francona handed the ball to the magnificent Miller, who is making the Blue Jays look like Little Leaguers.

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The Indians' Francisco Lindor celebrates after an RBI-single off Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher J.A. Happ during the third inning in Game 2 of the American League Championship Series in Cleveland on Saturday.

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